

Kindergarten registration starts Ap.18

Registration for children in the local area is scheduled April 18 through May 2 in Ridgecrest and May 3 in Inyokern.

Parents may register their children by appointment only by calling the Sierra Sands Unified School District, 446-7633. Immunization information will be needed from the parent at this time, as well as at the actual registration. Immunizations must be current and up-to-date in order to make an appointment.

Kindergarten students who have not pre-registered will not be registered at the school sites until August 17, at their home schools. If students

are not registered by the first day of school, they may not register until 1 p.m. of the first day.

Children must be five years of age on or before December 1 to be eligible for entrance into kindergarten for the 1988-9 school year. Proof of age must be presented at the time of registration. Recognized proof of age can be a birth certificate, a baptismal certificate duly attested, a passport or a legally executed affidavit by the parent, guardian or custodian of the child. Affidavit forms are available at the District Office, 113 Felspar, and may be obtained prior to registration.

The district nurses will be available to check your child's vision and hearing.

The State of California requires children entering kindergarten to have a series of immunizations. They are:

- Polio — three doses, another dose will be necessary if the third dose was given before the second birthday.
- DPT — four doses, another dose will be necessary if the fourth dose was given before the second birthday.
- Measles, Rubella and Mumps — One dose each, which will have to be repeated for any received before the first birthday.

A written immunization record must be presented at the time of registration. No child can be registered for kindergarten if he/she is not up-to-date on immunizations or has a written exemption from a physician. Parents are being advised to see their private physician or to call the Kern County Health Department to obtain complete copies prior to kindergarten registration.

All students should have a physical examination six months prior to entering kindergarten. Students will be expected to have the physical examination completed before entering first

grade.

The Public Health Department, 250 West Ridgecrest Blvd., 375-5157, will hold its next immunization clinic on April 4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. (no appointment needed). The Public Health Department physician also will give pre-school physicals to children by appointment only.

If a parent or guardian requests exemption from the required immunization and/or physical examination for reasons of a personal belief, this statement may be signed on a form provided at registration. A statement of medical exemption to the immunizations must be signed by a physician.

Any volunteers?

Community Connection for Child Care needs volunteers to man the lines to Phone Friend, a community service project sponsored by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

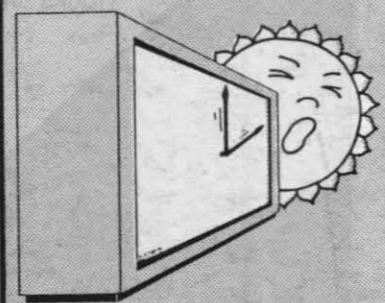
Phone Friend, 375-1222, provides a point of contact for children to reach for information and/or support when they are at home without adult supervision during after-school hours; however, this project is for all children, whether they are at home with parents, siblings or by themselves. It is in operation from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during scheduled school vacations, except public holidays.

The Phone Friend office is equipped with an activity and referral booklet. All volunteers are trained in communication skills (being supportive and comforting) and handling emergency situations.

While volunteers are trained to deal with various situations, experience in other similar programs indicates their main role will be to listen and give support to children. Most children seem to be able to deal with their concerns when they have a supportive listener.

For further information about volunteering, please call Community Connection for Child Care at 375-0446 or 375-3234.

Set clocks ahead



Thanks to changes enacted into law by Congress, daylight savings time will begin on Sunday, April 3, rather than the last Sunday of April. At 1 a.m. Sunday morning, advance all clocks to 2 a.m.

Those who aren't eager to stay up to do this can move their clocks one hour ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

Heat tips

As the warm weather is rapidly coming upon us and many of us eagerly await the arrival of the Blue Angels, it is important to remember the potential dangers of sun and heat: from mild sunburn to heat cramping, heat exhaustion to heat stroke.

We recommend wearing proper clothing, eye-wear, and sun screen. Drink lots of fluids.

Also remember that the very young and elderly are especially susceptible to these possible dangers.

Have fun, but come prepared!
— Branch Medical Clinic

Annual meeting

On Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m., the fifth annual Child Abuse Prevention



	Max	Min	Peak Gusts
Thurs.	82	40	12 knots
Fri.	86	38	14 knots
Sat.	90	42	16 knots
Sun.	87	58	25 knots
Mon.	70	37	16 knots
Tues.	72	34	22 knots
Wed.	69	46	19 knots

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.

Council Community Meeting will be held at the Heritage Inn Flight Deck, 1050 North Norma, Ridgecrest.

People attending this meeting will learn about the Council's support of children and see awards given for outstanding work on behalf of children.

Dr. Ray E. Liles, Children's Network director will be the speaker. Dr. Liles co-founded the innovative "Children's Network" program in San Bernardino County. This program coordinates agencies that serve trouble children.

The public is invited to attend this informative meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Community Events

At 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, all local children are invited to come to the Kern Regional Park across from the fire station in Ridgecrest and look for the eggs that the Easter bunny has hidden there. (Parents are advised to get to the park a little early because the hunt begins at 7:30 promptly and lasts only a short time.)

The Easter bunny, in this case, has been assisted by the Breakfast and Noon Exchange Clubs and the Exchangeettes, along with many local merchants who have donated a wide range of prizes. The prizes can be claimed by youngsters who find specially marked eggs.

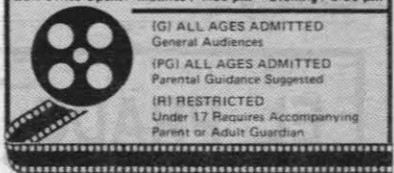
Joining the children in the park will be Admiral Bird from the Center's Recreational Services Department; Woodsy Owl, Sparkey and Smokey Bear, invited by the China Lake Fire Division; Dog McGruff and Puff the Magic Dragon from the Ridgecrest Police Department; and Little Chick, a 6-foot-tall duck and a rooster, courtesy of Donna's Shirt Tales; and, of course, the Easter bunny.

Ranney Adams, a member of the Antelope Valley Astronomy Club, will share his memories of working at Palomar Observatory with members and guests of the China Lake Astronomical Society on Monday evening (April 4). The regular meeting of CLAS will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Kern County Library at 131 East Las Flores in Ridgecrest.

Movies

- FRI., SAT. APR. 1, 2
"THE PICKUP ARTIST"
Starring Molly R. Gwlad and Robert Downey (Comedy/Drama, rated PG-13, 82 min.)
- SUN. APR. 3
"THE TRIP TO THE BOUNTIFUL"
Starring Geri' dino Page and John Heard (Drama, rated PG, 108 min.)
- FRI. APR. 8
"SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME"
Starring Tom Berenger and Mimi Rogers (Thriller, rated R, 107 min.)

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



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Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California 93555-6001

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Balloon pilots get lots of flight training

Training of balloon pilots for the Center's hot air and helium balloons is essential and on-going. These balloons are used extensively for both NWC and triservice programs.

Each of the balloonists who fly either the hot air or helium balloons for project work needs to have a commercial license, Duane Powers, the Center's chief balloonist believes, in order to be qualified to deal with any emergencies that may arise.

Although both kinds of balloons are tethered for most project work, tethers can break when winds suddenly arise. In fact, in case of sudden winds, it's sometimes necessary to cut the tether on the hot air balloon for

safety if the gondola is being swung from side to side so that the propane burners won't scorch the canopy. Once a tether is severed, a qualified pilot has to be on board to fly and land the balloon safely.

"Considering not only safety factors but also the value of the equipment on board used for various tests," Powers notes, "I feel it's essential that there be a pilot with a commercial license on any Center balloon at all times."

He, Milt Caves and Art Hickel currently are the only commercially licensed balloonists at NWC, and may be the only commercially licensed balloonists working for the

Navy. To ensure that there'll always be enough qualified balloonists to handle test schedules, Powers is training additional pilots when weather, time and funding permit.

To qualify as a commercial balloon pilot, it's necessary to pass an FAA written test. Pilots must also certify that they have no physical condition that would prevent their flying safely.

A private balloonist's license requires a minimum of 10 hours of flying time, with at least one solo flight. The balloonist must have flown above 3,000 feet, and must have six flights under instruction.

A commercial license for helium and hot air requires 35 hours of flight,

a minimum of 2 helium balloon flights, and two solo flights. In addition, since the commercial license also qualifies a balloonist to teach students, he or she must demonstrate to the FAA examiner that he or she can do so.

Since it's not feasible to train students over the Center's ranges, training flights ordinarily take place near California City (for hot air) and at various meets for the helium flights. (Training near a meet is a financial boon because the helium can be purchased at a considerable savings.)

When the weather and test schedules permit, the crew rolls out of the Center's main gate an hour before the

sun comes up so that operations can start as soon as enough light is available. Winds are usually the calmest in the very early morning hours; to launch hot air balloons, winds should be no more than 7 miles per hour.

Once at the site for flying, the canopy is spread out on the desert floor and inspected to ensure that all is well and that it's straight; the gondola is attached. A giant fan then is used to inflate the balloon and the propane burners take over.

The crew climbs aboard, one of the two burners is switched on and about a minute later, the balloon starts to ascend.

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GETTING SET — After the canopy is partially inflated by using the big fan, seen at right, it gets a visual check before the propane burners in the gondola finish the job of getting the balloon airborne.

Two power plants begun

Formal groundbreaking ceremonies recently marked the start of an intense construction period for units two and three of the Navy's Geothermal Plant One at the Coso Geothermal Site on board the Naval Weapons Center.

These are the final units of Plant One.

Capt. Ken Kelley, NWC Public Works Officer, who represented the Naval Weapons Center Command, said this was another step in China Lake's "grand experiment" in multiple uses of its ranges.

Representing California Energy Co., was Charles Condy, the firm's chairman and chief executive officer. He noted this was a major first step in the construction of these two units. In addition, he noted, it was a rededication of California Energy's commitment to geothermal development at Coso.

Coso Finance Partners is the prime contractor for geothermal development at China Lake. This is a general partnership comprised of subsidiaries of California Energy, Caithness Corp., and Florida Power and Light.

Several speakers noted the ability of the geothermal development to co-exist with the Navy's use of the north ranges without adverse impact on the Naval Weapons Center's mission needs.

Construction of the two turbine units will be done by Mission Power Engineering Co. of Irvine, Calif. The turbines for these units are on order from Fuji Industries of Japan.

Jack Adrian, CEO for Mission Power, called the groundbreaking a very important step. He added these

China Lake nominee

AT3 Egge goes to CMAC

Aviation Electronics Technician Third Class Michael T. Egge from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five is the China Lake nominee for High Desert Military Person of the Year in the annual Civilian/Military Affairs Council competition.

The winner of the competition will be selected tomorrow evening at a banquet held at the Holiday Inn in Victorville. Honored guest speaker for the dinner will be Dr. David J. Armor, Principal Deputy Assist Sec-

retary of Defense.

AT3 Egge will be competing against Airman First Class Melissa A. Bigham from Edwards Air Force Base; Airman First Class Cheryl M. Harris, George Air Force Base; Corporal Richard D. Johnson, Fort Irwin; and Corporal Edward W. Bligh, Marine Corps Logistic Base, Barstow.

Petty Officer Egge, 26, is a native of Winona, Minnesota. He enlisted in the Navy in 1980, serving on numerous deployments before transferring

to VX-5 in July 1985.

Since reporting to VX-5, he is credited with setting a performance standard for junior personnel. Because of his hustle and attention to detail, he was transferred to the Troubleshooter Branch of the Line Division in December 1986. Since that time, his ability to "get the job done" and his depth of knowledge of the aircraft has enabled him to be instrumental in the squadron's timely completion of

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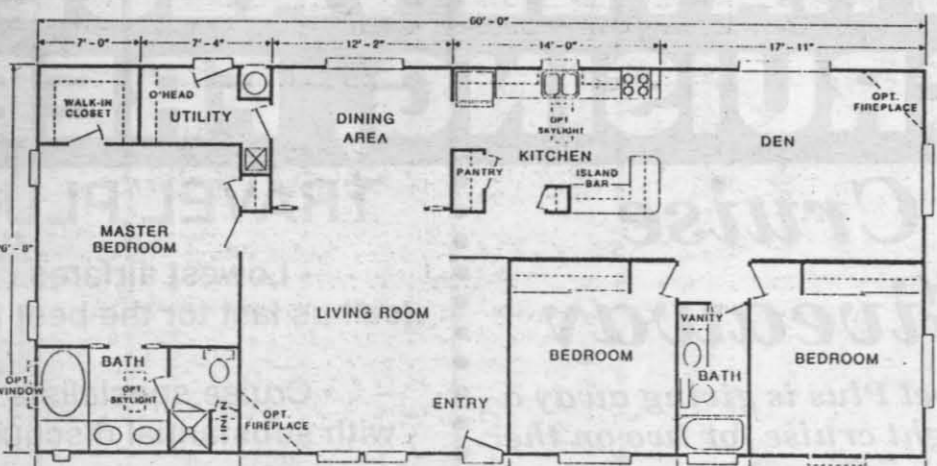
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The Skipper Sez...

QUESTION

A while back I saw this ad in the Blue Sheet concerning a number for recycling; it is a 375-number. Is this a civilian enterprise, or is it a government contract and just what status does this recycling enterprise have? One thing that concerns me is perhaps documents of a sensitive nature could be disposed of in this manner — that may not be too good. I would like a clarification on that, if you would, Sir. Thank you.

ANSWER

In 1974 a Community Recycling Center was established on the Naval Weapons Center to recycle newspaper, glass, aluminum cans and other materials. It was operated through the China Lake Community Council until the council was abolished in December of 1976. RAdm. Freeman, by his letter ser 7342 of 24 Nov 1976 to the President, China Lake Community Council, assigned the responsibility of operation and administration of the "Glass Recycling Facility" to the Employee Services Board. The "Glass Recycling Facility" was the original title of what is now known as the "Recycling Center."

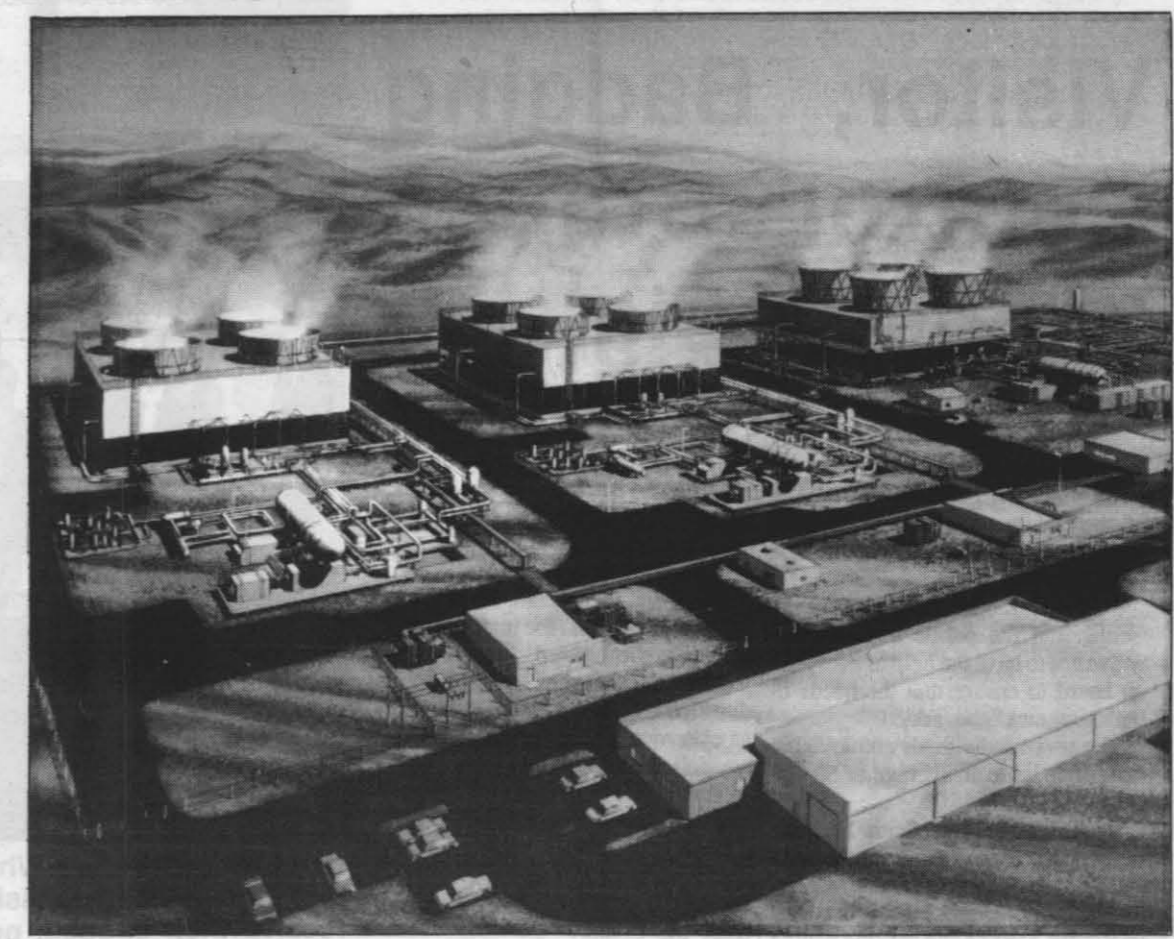
It was agreed between the Defense Property Disposal Office, Public Works Department and the Chairman of the Employee Services Board that Employee Services would be granted the charter to recycle paper. By the time Public Works would schedule a pick up of the paper from the codes, deliver the paper to disposal, have disposal sort the paper, bail it on pallets, advertise the paper for sale, and then conduct a public sale, it was costing more than the paper was worth. Employee Services Board could contract for the same services provided and make a five percent profit. It was determined that the DOD instruction allowed this recycling activity if it proved to be more economical to the Government.

At NWC the ESB is the authorized representative of the civilian employees. Any revenues occurring are to be used primarily to improve the services and further to assist the morale, welfare and recreation programs for civilian employees.

The 375-0901 number is for a beeper that the concessionaire has rented at her own expense to be able to receive and respond to recycle messages immediately.

"Burn Boxes" are never handled by the Recycle Concessionaire, and certainly, NWC employees should know enough to put sensitive or classified documents into appropriate disposal!

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. John Burt. 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.



FUTURE PLANS — An artist's conception shows how the three geothermal power plants will look when all three are on-line and functioning.

Ground broken. . .

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units should provide reliable power sources for years to come.

Also taking part in the groundbreaking were Jim Moore of California Energy and Assemblyman Phil Wyman.

LCdr. Keith Haan of NWC's

Geothermal Program Office said the units are expected to be on-line, producing power by the end of this year.

Each unit has a 27-megawatt generating capacity and will bring Plant One to a full 80 megawatts of capacity.

During the construction phase,

which during the summer will be a two-shift operation, a peak of 600 jobs are expected to be created.

During last week's ceremonies, Dr. Carl Austin, who heads the Geothermal Program Office, was praised for his long-term commitment to developing this special resource.

Brown given 40-year pin NESS RFP released

Just a week short of his April 1 retirement, Billy G. Brown received his 40-year federal service pin in Captain John Burt's office. Looking on

were Brown's wife, Claudia, and some of his co-workers. Brown began working at what was then the Naval Ordnance Test Station



PLEASANT TALK — Claudia Brown, wife of Billy Brown (center), and Capt. John Burt enjoy a comment made by Brown after he just received a 40-year federal service pin from the Skipper. — Photo by Mickey Strang

in 1947 as a General Helper in the Explosives Department. He worked with munitions and ordnance until he entered the U. S. Army in 1953 as an Artillery Repairman.

After two years of military service, Brown returned to NOTS as an Inspector (Ammunition) A in the Propellants and Explosives Department, where he worked until he moved to the Research department in 1962.

While in the Research Department, he was promoted to Physical Science Technician, and remained in that department until 1976, when he moved to the Test and Evaluation Department as an Engineering Technician.

In 1985, Brown was reassigned as a Supervisory Engineering Technician, filling the position of Section Head, Operations Section, Ground Operations Branch in the Range Operations Division of the Range Department. He has held this job until his retirement.

The Browns expect to do some traveling, but to remain in the local area.

Another major milestone has been reached by the Information Systems Group in their responsibility to develop a corporate communication capability for Center computer users by the release to industry of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Center-wide contract for Network Engineering Support Services (NESS).

According to Scott Lucas, Networking Project Engineer in the ICS Projects Office, this delivery order type contract will be for three years. Scott stated that it will provide a means for individual codes to obtain data and video networking-related equipment and services, including network requirements analysis; network designs; equipment implementation and integration; networking equipment; site preparation; testing;

operations and maintenance; configuration management and quality assurance; and documentation services.

The synopsis for the NESS solicitation was issued on Jan. 4, 1988, by the Navy Regional Contracting Center Detachment, Long Beach. Prospective offerors had until March 18 to submit their names. The RFP was released on March 24 and will be followed by a preproposal conference/site visit to be held at NWC on April 8.

The RFP is scheduled to be on the street in 45 days, after which formal source selection will begin. Contract award is anticipated sometime in the August/September timeframe, but will be no later than Sept. 30.

Sorry, we goofed!

Gremlins that plague newspaper offices have been busy again: inadvertently in last week's Rocketeer we listed that the XD Ada demonstration would be held on Monday, April 6. Obviously (for anyone looking at a

1988 calendar), April 6 is a Wednesday, and that's when the technical presentation on XD Ada will be held at 10 a.m. in Room 1000D of Michelson Laboratory. The staff regrets the error.

Visitor, Badging Control Branch handles big job

Good service to the NWC family and to their visitors is the goal of the Visitor and Badging Control Branch of the Safety and Security Department, says Will Jenkins, new branch head for that group.

"We've got both the interest of the Center and the public at heart, but we've got to have the help of everyone on board to ensure that the needs of both are met," he added.

The seven individuals employed in that office issue an average of 50,000 badges annually.

The Employee and Visitor Badging Branch is located just outside the main gate (Bldg. 1487), but can be reached by Center personnel by driving west on Bowen Avenue and parking behind the old visitor center. Since the group is responsible for badging official visitors, foreign visitors, Center civilian and military personnel, contractors, and for sending outgoing clearances for Center personnel who travel, many Center personnel find they need to visit the office personally as well as telephoning for assistance.

Many of the questions Center personnel may have about how to fill out forms or procedures for clearances and travel requests are readily answered in the Secretarial Manual. Additionally, procedures and reasons for such procedures are covered in two classes conducted for clerks and supervisors by Code 24.

"Anyone who'll be preparing a lot of travel orders, or who expects a lot of official visitors, could gain much by taking these classes," notes Jenkins.

Jenkins is very enthusiastic about his staff and their desire to be helpful while ensuring that the interests of the Center are protected.

"Security requires certain procedures be followed," he says, "and it's to everyone's best interest that they are followed."

The further in advance the Employee and Visitor Badging Branch is notified of either official visitors or foreign visitors, the less time the visitor is apt to spend waiting for a badge to enter the Center.

For instance, in the case of foreign visitors, the Navy Office of Technology Transfer and Security Assistance in Washington, D.C., approves foreign clearances and notifies the Center, where the clearance information is entered into the computer pending a visit request from a sponsor.

When a sponsor waits until the arrival of the foreign visitor to notify Employee and Visitor Badging, the visitor could incur an indefinite wait. If no word has been received from Washington, the Center must back-track to get authorization, which is never easy. However, when the sponsor notifies Employee and Visitor Badging at least a week in advance,



BULGING WALLS — When official visitors arrive at the Visitor Center to receive their badges, permitting them aboard NWC, they are apt to arrive in large groups. If arrangements are made ahead of time by their Center sponsors, the badges can be ready, cutting waiting time to a minimum.

instances such as these can be cleared up before the arrival of the visitor.

"This example is typical of an area that requires close cooperation and coordination in reaching an acceptable outcome," comments Jenkins.

The Travel Clearance section handles Center personnel traveling within this county. A telephone call is usually the beginning of a chain of necessary events.

The respective branch secretaries can send the information needed to Code 2433 by guard mail. They must include employee's social security number which will be entered into the computer data base. The clearance is mailed to the facility the employee plans to visit. Clearances are never hand-carried.

Official visitors to the Center should arrange in advance to have their security clearances sent. When the local sponsor informs Code 243

that a visitor is scheduled, the data base can be checked to ensure clearances are on file. The sponsor needs to advise what area accesses are needed so that the appropriate badge can be made up.

"We try to have all badges made up and ready," says Roxanne DeLory, who is the Supervisory Security Assistant, "so that the visitor will not need to wait unnecessarily, but we need advance notice to do so, especially since many of the official visitors arrive at the same time. Monday and Tuesday mornings are peak times for incoming visitors; have badges ready for them helps everyone."

Contractor badges and community passes are also issued by Code 2433. Contractor badges are normally issued for one year and are renewable for the length of the contract. Changes in contract length or in vendors must be conveyed to Code 2433 as prompt-

ly as possible to ensure proper control and base/area access. Contractors or vendors must report badge losses immediately in keeping with accountability procedures.

Community passes are issued to those with a need for base access when an NWC person or organization is the sponsor. For example, non-NWC civilians attending an NWC recreation function would be eligible for access as would a baby-sitter employed by a base resident. The sponsor assumes responsibility for the guest while the pass is in effect. Community passes are also issued to dependents (minor) of NWC civilian employees residing on the Center.

The branch handles badging for all Center military and civilian personnel, both Civil Service and Non-appropriated Funds. This means not only those who are new on board, but also those who have a change in security clearance level or in area access requirements. Some areas require special signatures; having all paperwork complete with proper signatures helps speed the process when the employee

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June 2 - July 29; Thursdays, 1430-1700 and Fridays, 0730-1000; Training Center. By Professor Prabhakar, CSUN, (818) 885-3609.

Prerequisite: Engr. 25: Electrical Circuits or equivalent.

Scope: A systematic development of linear system response models in both the time and frequency domains. Concentrates on continuous system models. Techniques developed include Laplace transform, Fourier analysis, impulse response, convolution, and state variables for continu-

ous linear systems.
Text: *Linear Systems: Time Domain and Transform Analysis.* O'Flynn and Moriarty. Harper and Row, 1987.

Note: This is a core course in the BSEE program. The course is a foundation requirement for the MSEE program.

EE 465B: Pulse and Digital Circuits (4 units)

June 2 - July 29; Lecture on Thursdays, 1500-1800 and Fridays, 1030-1230; Training Center. Laboratory on Thursdays, 1900-2200; Cerro Coso Community College. By Professor Robert Burger, CSUN, (818) 885-3891.

Prerequisite: EE 355: Theory of Digital Systems, EE 360A: Linear Systems I and EE 365: Electronics I, equivalent, or consent of instructor.

Scope: Models of electronic nonlinear devices and their analysis. Design of waveshaping circuits. Design of logic gates and multivibrator circuits; astables, monostables,

and bi-stables. Design of analog-digital circuit interfaces. Study of integrated circuits, devices and their properties: DTL, TTL, CMOS, ECL, IIL and others. MSI and LSI technologies.

Text: *Pulse, Digital and Switching Waveforms.* Millman and Taub. McGraw-Hill, 1965.

Note: This course is a senior elective in the BSEE program.

ME 472: Thermal Power Systems (3 units)

May 31 - July 26; Mondays, 1530-1830 and Tuesdays, 1030-1230; Training Center. By Professor Tim Fox, CSUN, (818) 885-2187.

Prerequisite: ME 390: Fluid Mechanics or ME 470: Thermodynamics II, equivalent, or consent of instructor.

Scope: An analysis of propulsion systems, spark-ignition, compression-ignition, gas turbine engines, ram-jets and rockets. Thermodynamic cycle and combustion system analysis. Consideration will be given to environmental pollution effects of combustion engine cycles.

Text: *Mechanics and Thermodynamics and Propulsions.* Hill and Peterson. Addison-Wesley, first edition.

Note: This is a core course in the BSEE program. This is a foundation course for the MS program in mechanical engineering and applied mechanics.

Math 477: Numerical Analysis (5 quarter units)

June 16 - August 5; Thursdays, 1700-1930 and Fridays, 1000-1200; Training Center. By Professor Mohamed El Ansary, CSB.

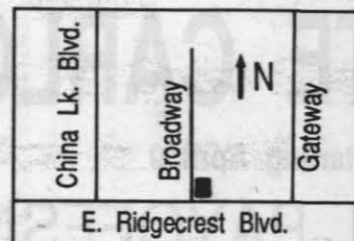
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Such is the case with two MIPIs that sought waivers to allow employees to donate leave to one another. MIPI 204A requested authority (in cases where both husband and wife work for the Center) to allow the higher paid spouses to transfer leave to their husband or wife. The benefit for the employees would be to allow them more control of their annual leave balances and, in the case of families with children, assure that one parent wouldn't be left without leave due to care of sick children. The Navy would benefit since leave donated in this program would be used at a lesser salary rate.

The second MIPI, 215A, sought to

establish an employee "leave bank" for employees who faced loss of salary because of catastrophic illness. Employees would be able to donate annual and sick leave as well as compensatory time to the "bank" for eligible employees to draw upon when they had exhausted their own leave balances.

Both of these MIPIs were submitted at a time when the issues of leave sharing have been "hot" items in Congress. Public Law 99-500 was passed in October 1986. It provided for three individual experimental cases to test the idea of leave donations.

In March of this year, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a new regulation, 5CFR Part 630, based on enabling legislation contained in Public Law 100-202. This new regulation provides the framework for an expanded leave sharing experiment. From now until September 30, 1988, all agencies will be authorized to establish procedures and implement temporary leave transfer programs.

The Navy Office of Civilian Personnel Management is working on

this right now and the specifics should be out shortly. Application for this new leave will be based on personal emergencies that have occurred on or after Dec. 22, 1987. Only annual leave may be transferred under this authority and the donating employees may not donate more than one half of what they expect to accrue during this year. There are other stipulations to the program but the specifics are still being worked out and the results will be publicized when available.

Clearly, both of these waiver request MIPIs will be overtaken by this new, larger experiment, and, while the specifics are not exactly the same, much of what the submitting employees hoped to gain will be accommodated by the experiment. The real point here is that even though you may have heard that "action is being taken" on an idea you want to explore with a MIPI, don't let it stop you. MIPI it! If it is overtaken by events, no harm is done, your idea is covered. If outside action doesn't happen, your idea will be in the works, and you won't have lost any time. Keep those MIPIs coming in.

Badging office...

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arrives for a change in badging. Anyone losing a badge needs to report the loss to Code 241 (China Lake Police Division). Generally, a temporary badge is issued for one week in case the missing badge turns up. If it does not, a new badge is issued. A record is kept of lost badges, and anyone finding a badge, no matter how outdated it may seem to be, is asked to send it to Code 2433 so that records can be cleared.

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Egge picked...

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Finished applications and supplements should be turned in at Bldg. 1041 no later than April 29.

The following classes are being offered this summer for the Cal-State Chico Computer Science Program (bachelor's and master's degrees). To enroll in these classes, submit a Training Request & Authorization Form (NAVWPNCEN 12410/73) via department channels to Code 094. Registration will be held in class at the first class meeting. Deadline for enrolling is 10 calendar days before the starting date of the class.

CSCI 171: Computer Architecture (3 units)

June 12 - August 5; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 1130-1320; Training Center. By Professor John Zenor, CSUC.

Prerequisite: Assembly Language Programming.

Scope: Internal Processor architectures, basic combinational and sequential logic, codes, instruction sets and instruction decoding, memories and memory operation, arithmetic units and stack structures.

Text: TBA.

Note: This is a core course for all BSCS options and a required foundation course for the MSCS degree program.

CSCI 172: Systems Architecture (3 units)

June 14 - August 4; Tuesdays and Thursdays; 1610-1850; Training Center. By Professor John Zenor, CSUC.

Prerequisite: CSCI 151: Algorithms and Data Structures and CSCI 171: Computer Architecture, or equivalent. Those taking the course to satisfy BSCS requirements must have passed the Writing Effectiveness Screening Test (WEST).

Scope: This course is designed to provide the student with a working understanding of the architectural elements of computer systems and their relationships to the performance of

Other courses being offered are: EE 569B — Optimal Control; ME 580 — Flight Vehicle Performance; AM 575 — Theoretical Mechanics; EE 355 — Theory of Digital Systems; IE 427 — Mechanical Properties of Materials; EE 459 — Microprocessor Systems; IE 405 — Engineering Decision/Risk Analysis; and IE 501 — Engineering Statistics.

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both the systems and applications software. Topics include the design environment; the architecture of central processors, channels and peripherals as it relates to the total system structure; the impact of problem definition on system hardware, software and application; bandwidth computations, performance evaluation, system trade-offs and alternative architectures.

Text: TBA.

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CSCI 270: Systems Design (3 units)

June 13 - August 3; Mondays and Wednesdays; 1610-1850; Training Center. By Professor John Zenor, CSUC.

Prerequisite: CSCI 172: Systems Architecture or equivalent.

Scope: This course covers the special problems encountered in the development of large software projects. Systems development life cycle, requirements analysis, feasibility studies, cost benefit analysis, architectural design, system hardware and software specifications. Team organization, information gathering techniques, analysis techniques, project inspections and reviews.

Text: TBA.

General Comments

1. Textbooks are available at bookstores locally.

2. Job-related courses other than those listed above or those offered under contract with Cal-State Chico or Cal-State Bakersfield, must be approved on an off-Center Training Request (DD Form 1556) before registration if NWC is expected to pay for the training.

For more information about any of these programs or classes, contact Cecil Webb at NWC ext. 2648.

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Students who were selected last fall for the program have been working at NWC under the guidance of technical personnel on a variety of challenging projects to prepare them for eventual employment at NWC as technicians, scientists or engineers.

Although most students of the program are from Burroughs and Trona High Schools, pupils from Mesquite, Immanuel Christian and Calvary Chapel High Schools are eligible and encouraged to apply.

The purpose of the Technical Mentor Program is to provide students interested in science and engineering an opportunity to gain work experience under the guidance of a professional employee. This work experience will give students a first hand understanding of scientific methods and a chance to work in a professional atmosphere in order that they may develop and nurture their personal interests. These assignments could include routine operation of laboratory equipment, scientific measure-

ments and data reduction, instrument maintenance, computer operations, or field surveys.

To qualify, a student must demonstrate mathematical or scientific aptitude or interest. Minority, disadvantage and female high school students are especially encouraged to apply. Sons and daughters of NWC employees may be appointed to the program only if there are no other eligible and available candidates.

While details of the training are flexible, junior students could expect to spend four to six hours per week in unpaid work experience during their first semester in the program and eight to 10 hours per week during their second semester. The summer between the junior and senior year will be spent in full or part-time paid employment at NWC. During the senior year, students will work 10 hours per week and receive both pay and work experience credit for that time. Upon graduation, students may continue working throughout their college years under the same appointing authority, or they may be eligible for NWC's two or four-year cooperative education training programs. The ultimate goal of the program is placement of qualified individuals in scientific, engineering or technician positions at NWC.

This program is administered by the Personnel Department. Heading the program is Judi Farmer of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office. Students who are interested in the program should notify their school's student advisor.

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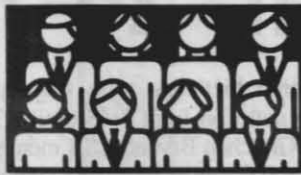
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Personnel News & Notes

Promotional opportunities

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HOW TO APPLY: Submit the following: a current application, SF-171 or other Personnel Department pre-approved form; and a copy of your most recent annual performance assessment narrative (note: a copy of your performance plan should be attached if the annual performance narrative description does not clearly state the tasks/duties performed). A supplemental narrative which relates your qualifications to each knowledge, skill or ability (KSA's) as cited in the advertisement is always desirable and may be required if stated in the vacancy announcement. Write the title, series, level (grade), and announcement number on all application materials. Not submitting the annual performance narrative may adversely affect your evaluation scores. Prior to submitting your application, complete Cover Sheet Form 12334/2, available at the reception desk. Make sure your address, phone number, etc. are current, correct and that all forms are complete and accurate. If information is missing, your qualifications may not be fully and completely rated. Additional information cannot be submitted after the closing date of the announcement. A current date and an original signature in ink on the last page completes the application. Civilian Spousal Program Eligibles must submit a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders with each application.

Application materials are accepted, and blank forms are available, at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Personnel Department, 505 Blandy. Announcements close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, one week after the opening date of the announcement, unless otherwise specified. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered. Applications are retained in an announcement file and cannot be returned or filed in personnel folders. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any non-merit reason.

No. 08-015, Computer Scientist, DP-1550-2, Code 08432. This position is located in the Central Staff, Financial Information Systems Division, Computing Systems Branch, Systems Programming Section. The incumbent performs system manager functions for VAX computer systems (models 8600, 785,780,730) operated by the Computing Systems Branch. Currently, these tasks are performed primarily in support of STAFS implementation. The duties of the incumbent include installation of application and systems software, performance measurement and system tuning, development of computer operational procedures, and facility planning for computer hardware. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of system management for VAX computer systems via hands-on experience and formal training; ability to organize and plan data processing efforts; ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Promotion potential to DP-3.

No. 08-016, Payroll Clerk, DG-544-1/2, Code 0853. This position is located in the Payroll Branch of the Customer Services Division, Central Staff. The

incumbent performs routine research of payroll records to correct leave data; prepares changes to employee earnings, deductions and leave records; prepares report of leave and earnings data. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to perform payroll operations; ability to do work of payroll clerk without more than normal supervision; ability to work rapidly and accurately with numbers, names, codes, and symbols. Promotion potential to DG-2.

No. 09-004, Clerk-Typist/Personnel Clerk (Typing), DG-322/203-A/1, Code 096/097. This is a part-time position, 16 to 32 hours per week. Incumbent performs the following duties for a major department(s): processes all actions affecting appointments, pay setting, separations, conversions of appointment, etc; performs competitive and noncompetitive qualification ratings; performs ranking and may conduct ranking/selection panels; and drafts vacancy announcements for recruitment. At the higher levels, incumbent advises and recommends to supervisors and managers recruitment options for certain occupations (e.g. clerical); participates in various phases of crediting plan development. **Job Relevant**

Criteria: Knowledge of personnel policies and procedures related to staffing; ability to plan, organize, and accomplish work independently; ability to perform a variety of clerical/technical functions; ability to research, comprehend, and apply complex regulatory information. Promotion potential to DG-3. Status eligibles may apply.

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 four 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. 31-015, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 3196. Provides secretarial and administrative support to the systems analysis branch. Experience on PCs desirable, but will train. Promotion potential to DG-2. This announcement will close 4/15/88.

Copier/duplicator operator needed

Applications are now being accepted by the Navy Publishing and Printing Service, Code 8300 for the following position.

EASF-88-302(EM), Copier/Duplicator Equipment Operator, GS-350-03 or 04, Navy Publishing and Printing Service, Code 8300 — Duties: Sets up, adjusts, monitors and

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NEX news

For everyone who still needs something special for Easter (and whose budget is tight), the Navy Exchange will hold a sidewalk sale tomorrow (April 2) from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Nope, no sidewalks will be sold, but there'll be a lot of NEX top-quality merchandise available from 25 to 50 percent off the already low prices.

Other up-coming sales (for those who hoard their pennies and plan) will be a Super Sunday sale on Sunday, April 10, and Buyers' Specials running from April 12 through 17.

Whether buyers plan to take advantage of special sales or not, they've got loads of high fashion merchandise to choose in the retail store — along with new spring fashions in clothing in all the latest colors, there are also those essentials for hot summers in the desert and on the beach: the new bathing suits.

Since spring and summer involve a lot of driving, now is also the time to take advantage of low NEX prices to get a smog check done at the service garage.

Special buys:
Camera of the month is the Minolta Freedom 100 camera. It comes with lens, care kit, mini photo album, FR-100 focus free camera, Kodak photo book and a camera bag. (There'll also be a demonstration of the Minolta camera at the NEX on Thursday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Appliance of the month is the Remington Vic Vac. Special wine of the week next week is Bolla Bardolino, an Italian dry red wine, in the 750 ml size.

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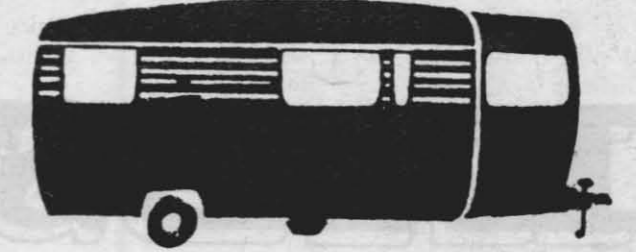
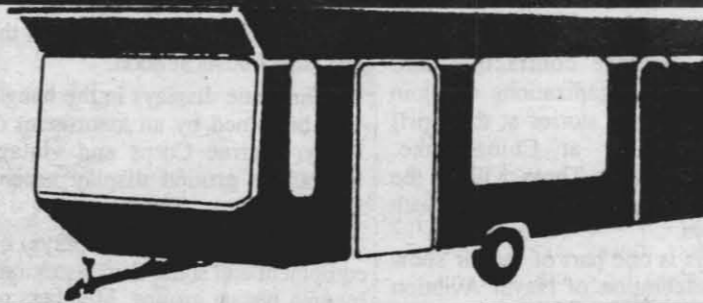
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Recreation Dept. looking for summer help

Applications are now being accepted by the Naval Weapons Center's Recreation Department for life-guards, recreation aides, recreation assistants, child care attendants and child development program assistants for the summer months, May 21 through September 5.

These are NOT Civil Service positions. People interested in applying for these jobs should submit their SF-171 and DD 398-2 to the Civilian Personnel Office, in Room 100 or Room 121. There is no deadline for filing applications; selections will be made on an on-going basis.

Below is the job description of the positions needing to be filled.
Lifeguard, PS-189-3/4, \$4.71/\$5.03 per hour. Positions are located at the Indoor Pool and the pools at the Enlisted Mess, Chief Petty Officers' Mess, and Commissioned Officers' Mess. Duties include monitoring in and around pool activity, enforcing rules and regulations, providing assistance and first aid as required, maintaining swimming pool and all associated areas, performing routine checks on all aquatic related equipment and maintaining daily attendance log book. Applicants must possess current Advanced Lifesaving, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Multi-media First Aid Certificates. **Water Safety Instructors' Certi-**

ificate is required at the PS-4 level. An Advanced Lifesaving Class is scheduled to begin on April 11. For additional information, please call Mike Slobodnik at the Sports Branch, Center Gymnasium, NWC ext. 2571.

Recreation Aide, PS-189-4, \$5.03 per hour. Positions are located at the Youth Center for the Before and After School Program/Day Camp. Incumbent directs and supervises play and eating time. Applicants must possess a current First Aid and CPR certificate, or be able to obtain one during the first month of employment.

Recreation Assistant, PS-189-5, \$5.34 per hour. Positions are located at the Youth Center, for the Before and After School Program/Day Camp. Incumbent provides guidance, care and development experiences and plans daily activity. Applicants must possess at least 12 college units of Child Development classes, or have one year of experience working with children under the guidance of a qualified supervisor at the grade school level. Applicants must possess a current First Aid and CPR certificate, or be able to obtain one during the first month of employment.

Recreation Assistant, PS-189-7, \$5.92 per hour. Position is located at the Youth Center. Incumbent will plan, organize and conduct tennis les-



\$4.35 per hour. Position is located at the Children's Centers. Incumbent will assist in providing developmental activities for children ages 4 weeks through 6 years. Duties include maintaining a safe and cheerful environment and monitoring playgrounds and classrooms. Applicants must have a High School diploma, or the equivalent, and possess a current CPR and First Aid Card, or be willing to obtain one during the first month of employment.

Child Development Program Assistant, PS-1702-4, \$5.03 per hour. Position is located at the Children's Centers. Incumbent will plan and provide age appropriate activities for children age 4 weeks through six years. Duties include being the primary caregiver responsible for the well being of a group of 5 to 15 children, depending on age. Applicants must have 12 college units in Child Development or Early Childhood Education or the equivalent of two years experience working with children under a qualified supervisor. Applicants must possess current CPR and First Aid Card, or be willing to obtain one within the first month of employment.

For more information concerning positions in the Children's Centers, contact Camie Fielder at NWC ext. 3913.

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Air show slated April 16

Naval Weapons Center departments, defense contractors and community organizations will join in telling their stories at the April 16 Air Show at China Lake. NWC's Hangar Three will be the focal point for a wide array of such displays.

This is one part of the air show and celebration of Naval Aviation planned for the day.

Highlighting the day-long event will be an air show which includes NWC test parachutists, civilians flying aerobatic demonstrations and full-blown demonstrations of aircraft capabilities by men and machines from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five along with the U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the famed "Blue Angels."

Gates to NWC open at 9:30 a.m.

and air show action begins with the test parachutists at noon.

The static displays in the hangar will be joined by an assortment of Navy, Marine Corps and vintage aircraft on ground display around Hangar Two and Three.

Included will be displays of equipment and some demonstrations by area rescue groups. Members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group will have mountaineering rescue displays and people available to explain the equipment. In addition, personnel from the Indian Wells Valley Search and Rescue Team will display and demonstrate gear used in mine rescue and searches in the desert.

NWC's Aerosystems Department plans a display of equipment from

its Parachute Test Operations Branch and the Aircraft Department is expected to have a display of Full Scale Aerial Targets (FSATs) in the hangar.

Ford Aerospace is exhibiting a Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) pod for the F/A-18 and a Sidewinder missile.

A Phoenix missile is part of the Hughes Aircraft display and Unisys will have a display that includes its top of the line personal computer donated to the China Lake Navy Relief Society.

Other static displays will be presented by General Dynamics, Boeing Aircraft, Texas Instruments, Computer Technology Associates, Inc., Federal Express and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

FRA picks officers Mon.

Election of officers will highlight the meeting of China Lake Branch 95 of the Fleet Reserve Association on Monday (April 4) at 7:30 p.m. at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess.

Nominees include: Robert J. Schwaiger, president; Honor Fulks and John M. McInnis, vice president; W. E. (Wally) Baker, secretary/

treasurer; and Verne C. Tracey, Arthur L. Trent, Opel Anders, Jeffery C. Hathorn, Roddy S. Peterslie, Leonard T. Lesniak, John M. McInnis, and Honor Fulks for board of directors (five to be chosen).

Additional nominations can be made at the meeting prior to election. Other business to be discussed

includes final plans for the food booth at the air show on April 16, and arrangements for the installation of the newly elected officers to be held on May 14.

All active duty and retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel are invited to attend this meeting.

Disneyland to honor military

April 8 is Military Night at Disneyland. All active duty, reserves, and retired military personnel are being honored that night and allowed to enjoy all the attractions at Disneyland

for only \$13 per adult, and \$10 per child (3-11 years of age). Regular cost is \$21.50 and \$16.50. The special priced tickets are good from 5 p.m. until the park closes at 1 a.m.

Military and Department of Defense (DOD) personnel interested in taking advantage of this special night should get their tickets at NWC's Information, Ticket & Tour (ITT) Office in the Bennington Plaza.

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Secretaries plan programs for April 25-7

April 25 through April 27 is an important time for the Center. It is a time to honor those people without whom the Center could not function, the secretaries.

A series of activities are planned for National Secretaries' Week at the Naval Weapons Center. The Corporate Secretaries Board (CSB), which planned the activities, hopes supervisors will allow their secretaries to attend as many of the following events as possible.

Deanna Johnson, Vice-Chair (Acting) CSB, will kick off the events honoring the secretaries with a welcome at the Commissioned Officers' Mess at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 25. Next, an introduction of Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander; Gerry Schiefer, Technical Director; Roger Kirkham, Kick-off speaker; honored guests, directorate heads, department heads and CSB members will be made.

In order to make it possible for all the secretaries to hear him, Kirkham, president of the American Training Alliance, will give his talk "Achieving Excellence," twice. The first time will be 9 until 11 a.m., with the second time being from 2 until 4 p.m., at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Shot clinic slated on Monday

Monthly immunization clinics are held throughout the county by the Kern County Health Department.

Both children and adults can receive immunizations at these clinics; a parent or guardian must accompany anyone under the age of 18 to sign consent forms.

Currently, the immunizations required for school entry and the vaccine to prevent meningitis and pneumonia caused by *Haemophilus influenzae* type b cost \$3 each, with a maximum of \$5 charged per family per visit. Credit cards, large bills, or insurance forms will not be honored, but Medi-Cal stickers will be honored for Child Health and Disability Prevention Program eligible children.

The next clinic scheduled at the Health Department Office, 250 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard in Ridgecrest, will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday (April 4).

Then, on Tuesday, April 26, Susan Read, a CSB member in Code 33, will introduce Ms. Stanlee Phelps, a known author, public speaker, trainer and consultant. Ms. Phelps will give two presentations of "I'm Not Just A Secretary, I'm Great," which focuses on self-esteem in a secretarial position. The talks will be held in Room 1000D, Michelson Laboratory from 9

until 11 a.m. and from 2 until 4 p.m. Following Ms. Phelps' morning talk will be a luncheon fashion show at 11:30. The Masters of Ceremonies will be Sandy Joyal (Code 25) and Rosemary Langley (Code 32). Fashion shows from the Boston Store, J.C. Penney's, K-Mart, Main Street and McNeil's will be shown by secretaries from across the Center. Lunch

choices will be a chef's salad or stuffed tomato with fruit (\$4.50 each). The luncheon fashion show is expected to end by 1:30 p.m.

On National Secretaries' Day, Wednesday, April 27, a variety of events is planned in the Management Center at Michelson Lab. Jeanne Thatcher, CSB member (Code 14), will introduce Jennifer Mitchell, a



registered dietician, who will talk about nutrition from 7:45 until 8:30 a.m. Gretchen Bryant, CSB member (Code 02), will introduce Janette Roberts, director of Community Connection for Child Care. Ms. Roberts will discuss child care options from 8:45 until 9:30 a.m. Beverley Wood, CSB member (Code 36), will introduce Charla Green, a management analyst. Ms. Green's talk will be on financial management from 9:45 until 10:30 a.m.

The Secretaries' Day luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess with Martha Harrington, CSB Co-Chair (Code 00), introducing Donna Eller-Jones, a management consultant. Ms. Eller-Jones talk is entitled "Men and Women Working Together: Do We Speak The Same Language?" Following Ms. Eller-Jones' talk will be a luncheon of a salad bar for \$3.85 or the hot buffet for \$5.50.

At 1 p.m. Fran Rugg, CSB Co-Chair (Code 01) will introduce Len Lertz, consultant, who will talk about "Power and Influence," until 4 p.m.

All functions will require a ticket for admittance. The only tickets costing money will be for the two luncheons. Tickets may now be purchased from the department secretaries.

Activities planned

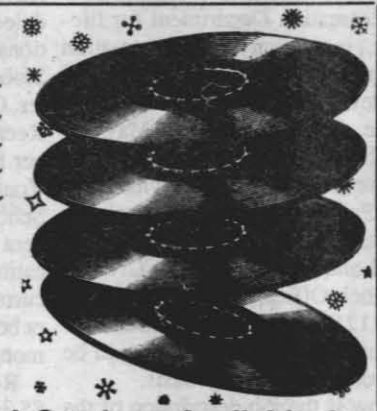
April has been designated as the Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month Of The Young Child.

Many activities have been planned to celebrate these two events. A schedule of the coming events for next week is listed below. Be sure to check next week's *Rocketeer* for other events.

April 7 — Parent Meeting: What is

Montessori Education? This will be held at Heritage Montessori from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

April 8 — High Desert Child Abuse Prevention Council annual meeting. Dr. Ray Liles of San Bernardino Children's Network will be guest speaker. The meeting will be held at Heritage Flight Deck beginning at 7 p.m.



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Want to contribute? Memorial established

Tax-deductible contributions are still being accepted by St. Ann's School for the forthcoming Yard Sale, April 9. Anyone with items to donate can call 375-6704 to leave a message for pickup of items. Or they can call 375-8585 between 8 and 11 a.m. or 377-5728 from 1 to 4 p.m. No soiled or broken items please.

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Honoring the late Lorraine Ila McClung, a memorial is being established by the Board of Trustees of the Maturango Museum.

Mrs. McClung and her husband Rod came to the Indian Wells Valley originally to work at what was then the Naval Ordnance Test Station. When she terminated her employment with the Navy in order to be home with the children that were born to her and her husband, she became active in a wide range of community affairs.

She was a founder of the Desert Art League and remained active with it, served as president of the Maturango Museum Board of Trustees, treasurer of the Desert Community Orchestra Board, was active both with the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess and the League of Women Voters, was president of the High Desert Council for the Arts, president of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, a member of the American Association of University Women, and served as editor of the AAUW Indian Wells Valley handbook, and was a columnist and reviewer for the *News-Review*.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the memorial should send a check to the Maturango Museum identified as "for the Art Fund in memory of Lorraine I. McClung," or any other person or persons as appropriate.

The Board of Trustees hopes to establish a permanent art collection over the next several years that will focus on art of the upper Mojave Desert, particularly that of local artists.

Capital purchases will be authorized by the Board of Trustees and the Director in accordance with the By-laws of the Maturango Museum.

Soccer scores Track meet scheduled

Play was fast and furious in the second week of play for NWC's Recreational Services Department Youth Soccer teams. All players are busy learning new skills and the fundamentals of the game.

Division I
Eagles 3, Apollos 1
David Turner, Rory L'Hommedieu, Christi Olive and Rodney Downs had good ball control for the Eagles. Jonathan Ford made two goals and Jim Orozco kicked in one goal in the win. Aggressive play by Earl Shiflett and Sam Elson, and a goal by Pete Greedy, wasn't enough in the loss.

Express 1, Owls 0
A goal in the first half by Chris Peters, and good play by Justin Nelson, Nathan Mickelsen and Josh Carlson, won the game. Forward Irene Stevens tried, but couldn't stop the win.

Division II
Jets 3, Roughnecks 0
With Nicholas Ford assisting on all goals, Jason Ford scoring one goal and Eric Stevert knocking in two goals, and good defense by Brian Satterthwaite, the Jets came out on top. Jeff Bailey, Galen Hollins, Billy Nelson, Jimmy Runyon and Mike Wessman kept the Jets on their toes.

Kicks 5, Rockets 1
Three goals by Neil Covington and two by Chris Potten secured the win. Sean Glasco, Joey Melton, Jeb Pershing and Chris Kajiwaru made strong defensive plays in the win. Moves by Ross Edwards and Brian McKune, and a goal by Aaron Knecht, weren't enough in the loss.

Sounders 3, Tornados 1
With Cheryl Wiegert scoring in the first half, Jason Bowling scoring twice in the second, and saves by goalie Randy Martin, the Sounders beat the Tornados. Good defense by Josh and Dan Behr, assists by Crim Piper and Jenny Rhodes and a goal by Joey Aguilar, kept the Sounders working.

Whitecaps 5, Bullets 1
Whitecaps' goals by Andy Dubois (1), Chris Maki (1), Dan Hartley (1) and Glenn Conrad (2), and good moves by Christina Davis, Glenn Conrad and Terrace Canterbury, resulted in victory. Irene Aguilar, Jimmy Powers, Bill Yeager, Margaret Frisbee, and a lone goal by Mitchell Tims, couldn't stop the loss.

Division III
Stings 4, Earthquakes 0
Good hustle by Matt Hill, Mike

Eberhart and Elliot Borden, along with two goals by Ryan Lilly and one goal each by Joe Mechtenberg and Hayden Wilson, made an easy win. Techniques by Richard Jones and Shawn McKune, and blocks by goalie Mike Schulman kept the Stings to four.

Sockers 4, Strikers 2
Damon Kelling led the win with all four goals. Brian Lee and Donnie Goeppinger helped keep the Strikers to only two goals. Mark Trinh made both goals for the Strikers and Miles Ross, Becky Rogers and Luke Woydziak made the Sockers work for their win.

Division IV
Rogues 2, Fury 0
Goalie Steven Sticht held the Fury and Tommy Watt, assisted by David Harrington, David Shiflett and John Haynes, guaranteed the win with their goals. Mike Graves, Matt Thatcher, Fletcher Nelson, Alex Valdivia gave it their all, but couldn't stop the Rogues.

Whitecaps 0, Rogues 0
Despite good play by John Keller and Beau Arnold, the Whitecaps couldn't score. Good rushing and passing by David Harrington and Larry Flores and excellent moves by Brendan Weimholt weren't enough in this tied game.

Whitecaps 2, Fury 1
With Charles Eberhart's two goals and well executed moves by Ashley Fortune, the Whitecaps won. Marcus Lupez and Tim Seufert couldn't overcome the Whitecaps. Cash Benton scored the only Fury goal.

The following scores only had one score sheet turned in, or the score sheet had no information on it.

Cobras 3, Coyotes 0
Diplomats 4, Cougars 0
Lancers 14, Drillers 1



Men's and women's track and field championships in the Southern Pacific Sports Conference will be held at the Naval Station Athletic Complex and the track south of the Field House at the Naval Base, San Diego on April 16.

The following events will be held: javelin, high jump (s), 100 meter (s) (w), 1500 meter (s) (w), 400 meter (w), shot put (w), long jump (s) (w).

400 meter relay (4 x 100) (w), triple jump, discus (w), 800 meter (s) (w), 200 meter (s) (w), 5000 meter (3-mile) (s) (w), 1600 meter relay (4 x 400). Events marked (s) have a senior division and events marked (w) have a women's division. All events will offer an open division.

To be eligible for senior division events, competitors must be 30 years of age or over. All military personnel

ordered to active duty for more than 90 days for other than training purposes are eligible to participate.

Submit entries (or a memo stating name, rank, station, and events to be entered) to Command (Code N4), Naval Base, San Diego CA 92132-5100, with a copy to Recreation Services Director, Naval Station San Diego, CA 92136-5015, prior to April 11.

Bass fishing now best

Bass fishing is currently the best bet for anglers, both at Lake Isabella and in the Owens Valley. Some anglers at Isabella have been pulling out bass weighing from 10 to 12 pounds. The bass caught in the Owens Valley (from Black Rock south) don't weigh as much, but provide fishing that's just as much fun. Crappie are beginning to bite now

at Isabella. Best bet is from Rocky Point down the tree line to the Isabella Marina.

(The best fishing for bass at Isabella is also along the tree line and around the sunken areas. The lake is down to 129,000 acre feet, with lots of the lakebed now exposed. The water is expected to rise until June and then to drop again until next year's run-off.)

Catfish are being caught all around the lake. Despite the new bait laws, mackerel is still serving as the best bait for the cats, with night crawlers close behind.

Fishing for trout in the Owens Valley has not been particularly good this past week either, in part because of winds.

Anglers are reminded that the early season opener covers streams from Independence Creek south and the creeks to the north of Independence will not open until the end of April. Also open (year-round) are the Owens River from Pleasant Valley Reservoir south to Owens Lake, and Lake Diaz. All other waters are off limits until the general Sierra fishing season begins.

Softball openings

Bobbysox is not just for girls! While it is not too late for girls to register, boys are still needed to fill out the boys' teams.

The boys' T-Ball division needs kids six to nine years of age and the boys' Fast Pitch Softball division needs kids nine to 13 years of age.

Anyone wishing to join softball, boys or girls, should go to the Murray Softball Fields, Monday through Thursday, from 5 to 6 p.m.

Parent volunteers, umpires and sponsors are also needed. Opening day activities will be April 23, so don't miss out on the fun!

For further information call Irene Wagner, Player-Agent at 375-3412 or Marge Schaefer at 446-2271.



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Balloon training.

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Altitude of the hot air balloon is controlled entirely by the bursts of propane; how evenly the altitude can be maintained depends entirely on the skill of the pilot.

Powers, for instance, likes to get his students trained well enough so that they can move across the desert at an altitude of five feet. Since the balloon takes about 55 seconds to respond to propane bursts, this can take a great deal of skill and training.

Directional control is even more difficult. The balloon will go where the wind is — but winds at different elevations vary and a skilled balloonist can take advantage of the different wind directions to have a modicum of control over the direction of the balloon.

In addition, there's a vent that can be used to dump some of the hot air to help control the altitude of the balloon. The vent, however, doesn't necessarily close after such venting, so fuel consumption will increase as more propane needs to be burned to keep the canopy full of hot air.

Should all the hot air be dumped for any reason, a tear in the balloon for instance, the canopy serves as a giant parachute to lower the gondola and its passengers to earth safely.

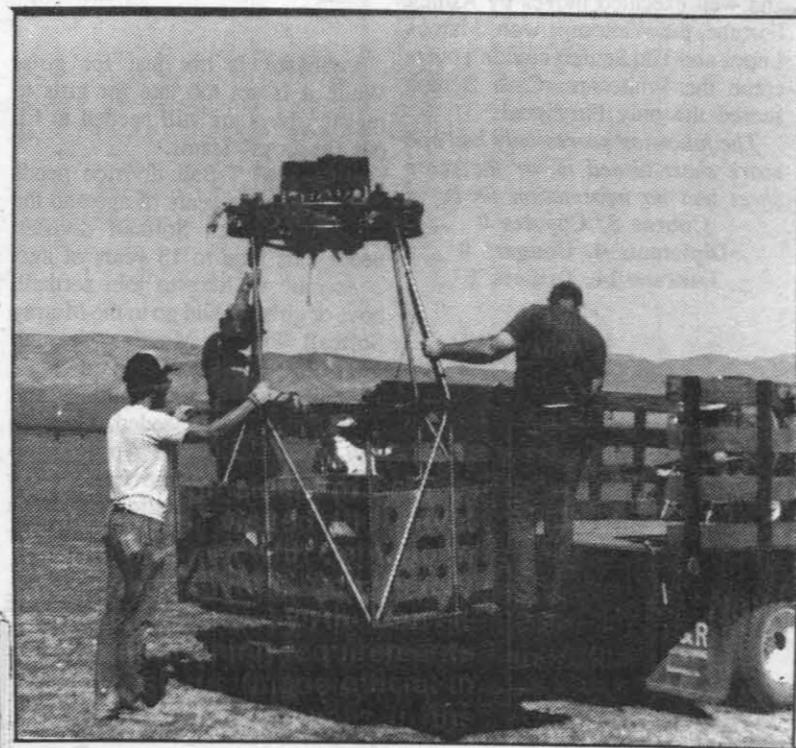
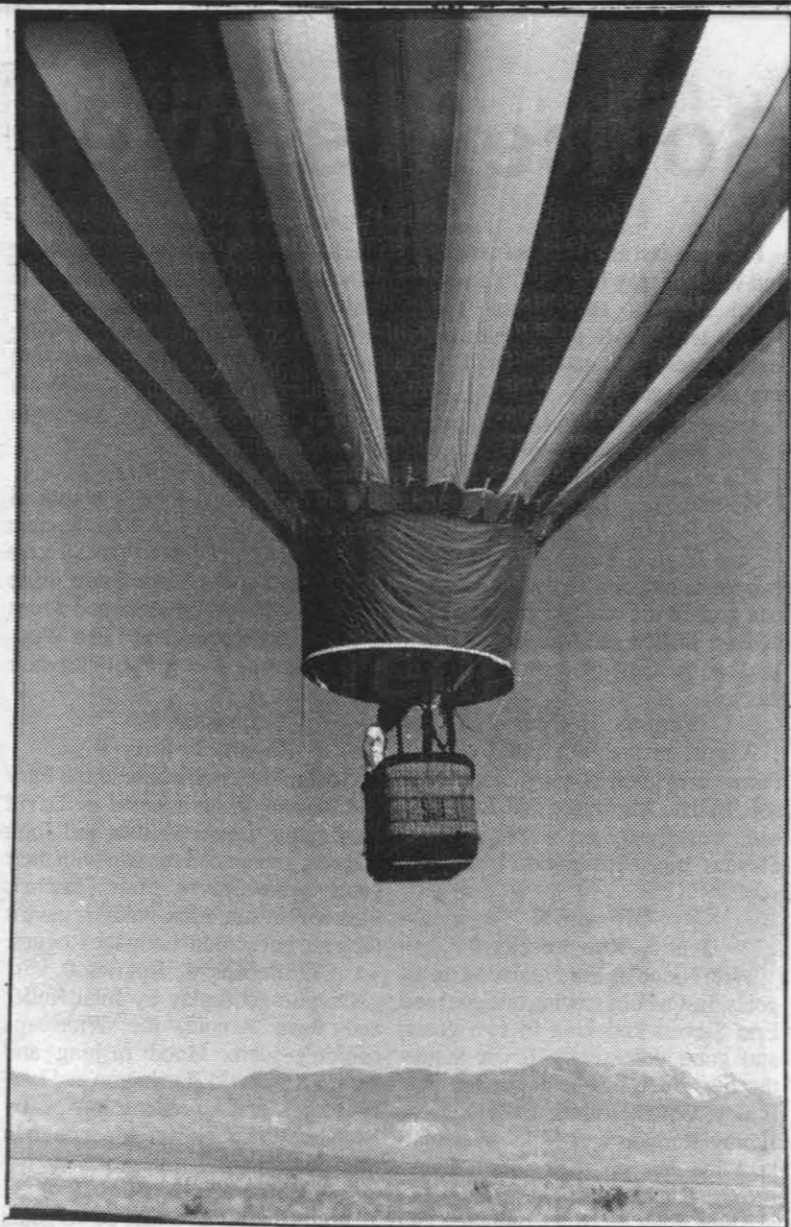
Helium balloons share this characteristic; if the helium escapes, the balloon becomes a giant parachute.

With word spreading of the capabilities of the Center's balloons, Powers finds that he is spending an increasing amount of his time consulting with project personnel to help

them determine if they can use the balloons for tests, especially tests requiring a stable platform above the ground. Neither fixed wing aircraft nor helicopters can provide as stable a platform nor the continuous control of altitude possible with a balloon.

Anyone with questions about the capabilities of the hot air or helium balloons is invited to telephone Powers at NWC extension 5223.

HARD AT WORK — Two of the Center's hot air balloons can be easily transported in the back of a stake truck. The hoist on the truck makes loading and unloading the equipment easy. This gondola has been specially built for a variety of project work. In the other picture, Rich Perrine, one of the students working on a commercial balloonist's license, adjusts the propane burner to keep the balloon at the same elevation above the desert floor.



Scholar sought by BOSS

Applications are now being accepted by the Black Original Social Society (BOSS) for the Max Donald Scholarship Award. Applicants need to be students who are graduating from Indian Wells Valley High Schools, Cerro Coso Community College or from a vocational school.

Applications can be obtained from Burroughs High School, Cerro Coso Community College, or by writing to: BOSS, P. O. Box 1840, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

The application show indicate financial need and acceptable scholastic achievement.

Applications will be reviewed on an equal opportunity basis. They must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, April 20.

The award will be presented at the seventh annual BOSS Scholarship/Installation Ball on Saturday, May 21, at the Carriage Inn.

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Warm weather brings out rattlesnakes

Warm weather and spring days send lots of folks out to sun themselves. Also enjoying the warm weather are those shy denizens of the desert, the rattlesnake and the sidewinder.

And shy is the word for these natives that unfortunately terrify a lot of people. These reptiles are more hesitant to be around people than people are to be near them.

The best way to deal with the two snakes is not to startle them or interfere with them. Given any sort of

warning, they'll slither off rather than confront a person, which could be damaging to both person and snake.

First, don't ever put a hand or foot any place without looking at the spot first. (Actually, this will also help prevent bites of black widow spiders, whose venom can be especially nasty.)

Watch out for bushes when hiking in the desert because snakes seek shelter in their shade. And when climbing rocks, look before putting a

hand on a rock surface. Snakes like to sun themselves on rocks or seek shelter from too hot sun in small caves or hollows.

If going out of doors at night, be sure to wear shoes since snakes are apt during hot weather to enjoy the warmth of asphalt or to crawl into yards in a populated area. Stepping on a snake while wearing shoes is less of a shock to the person than stepping on a snake barefoot. (It's harder on the snake, however.)

The snakes perform a vital role in the ecology of the desert in that they help control the population of rodents. When snakes are eliminated from an area, the number of rodents rises rapidly — and so does the incidence of disease for which rodents and the ticks, lice, and other bugs they carry are vectors.

If, despite all care, a snakebite does occur, of vital importance is not to panic. Take the victim to the nearest emergency room and, if possible, kill

the snake and bring its head along for identification to ensure that proper treatment is given for the snakebite. (Emergency room personnel note that some of the snakebites turn out not to be from rattlers or sidewinders but from harmless snakes misidentified by victims or their panicked friends and relatives.)

More people in this country each year die from bee stings than from rattlesnake bites, poor consolation to the victim in either case.



THE NEW U—Tomas Arceneiga, president of California State University Bakersfield, visited the Naval Weapons Center last month and met with Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, and several department heads. The CSB president discussed ways the university could assist NWC with its training requirements and what the new university status (made official in February) would mean to Center employees in the CSB external degree programs. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

New retiree directory out

Last week's mail deliveries in the Indian Wells Valley and surrounding areas included a mass mailing of the second update of a directory listing the names and addresses of retired Naval Weapons Center civilian employees and military personnel.

Purpose of the NWC/NOTS Military and Civilian Retirees' Directory is to enable the recipients — all those who have sent in their names and addresses to the volunteer committee working on this project — to remain in contact with their friends and associates at China Lake.

The January 1988 edition of the directory has grown to include more than 660 names and addresses. This is an increase of 170 since the last time the directory was published.

Because of the many requests for the directory, the committee agreed to enter the name, address, and other information on any NWC/NOTS military or civilian retiree regardless of their present address. When the first two editions to the directory were compiled, its circulation was limited to retirees who lived within a 100-mile radius of the Indian Wells Valley.

Of the 170 newly added to the directory, nearly three-fourths retired before 1987. Half of them had between 30 and 35 years of federal service and there are five who contributed 40 years of military and federal civilian service.

Information obtained from the respondents to inquiries about NWC/NOTS civilian and military retirees reveals that 66 percent are no longer working, while 25 percent are employed full time and the balance are working part time. Leisure-time activities of those no longer working range from travel, fishing and hunting, to golf, arts and crafts, and participation in a wide variety of community service programs.

With the second update of the NWC/NOTS Military and Civilian Retirees' Directory off the press, information continues to be gathered from other retirees (no matter where they are now living) who wish to be included in the next update.

Interested persons should send a postcard to any of the committee members who are working on the directory. Included on the postcard should be the individual's name,

address, telephone number, spouse's name, the year retired, and the number of years logged as a federal civilian employee or a military man or woman.

Send postcards to any of the following Ridgecrest residents: W. E. Davis, 235 Apache Lane; John DiPol, 836 W. Howell St.; Bob McKenzie, 620 Sylvia St.; Jean Rollingson, 131 Silver Ridge Drive; or Don Yockey, 222 N. Peg St. Postcards can also be sent to Louise Mitchell, P. O. Box 2076, Inyokern, CA 93527.

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