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Reserve members provide valuable support

Small team of sailors assists NWC's Weapons Control Branch with projects



OPTICAL TARGET—Sailors for NWC Reserve Support Unit 0176 put the finishing touches on an optical target they built for the Weapons Control Branch. Photo by FCC Art Allington

Thanks to an assist from members of the Naval Air Reserves, one Naval Weapons Center (NWC) project stayed on schedule early this month.

Three sailors of NWC Support Unit 0176 took part in their two-weeks Active Duty for Training (ACDUTRA) to design, construct, paint and mount an optical target board for the branch.

Led by Chief Petty Officer Art Allington, the team, which included FC1 Harold Lloyd and ET1 Mark Mahoney, accomplished this task in just three days.

"The quick reaction on the part of these Reserve sailors put the project ahead of schedule," commented John Ayers, who heads Code 3921's electronics section. "They used innovative approaches in the design of the target by utilizing materials on hand here and saving time by minimizing materials acquisition requirements," added Ayers.

Cooperation from NWC's Public

Works Department was also essential to this effort. "They supported by providing a fork lift and anchoring the guy wires. A lot of digging was avoided thanks to the guys from PW," added Ayers.

In addition to the optical target board, reserve sailors assisted the Weapons Control Branch in setting up an instrumentation van.

Petty Officer Hoffman noted the van would be used at remote sites in support of development of fiber optics technology for missile applications. "The van," said Hoffman, "will be fitted with telemetry receivers, an oscilloscope and strip chart recorders. We have designed the interior to accept various kinds of equipment for multi-purpose field uses."

"These men have helped us a lot," concluded Ayers. "We are happy to give them the opportunity to get the training they need here at Weapons Control."

By JOC Carolyn Dettling

Ceremony today for Coso expansion

Groundbreaking ceremonies this morning (Friday) at the Coso Geothermal Resource Area marked another step in the grand experiment of energy production on board the Naval Weapons Center.

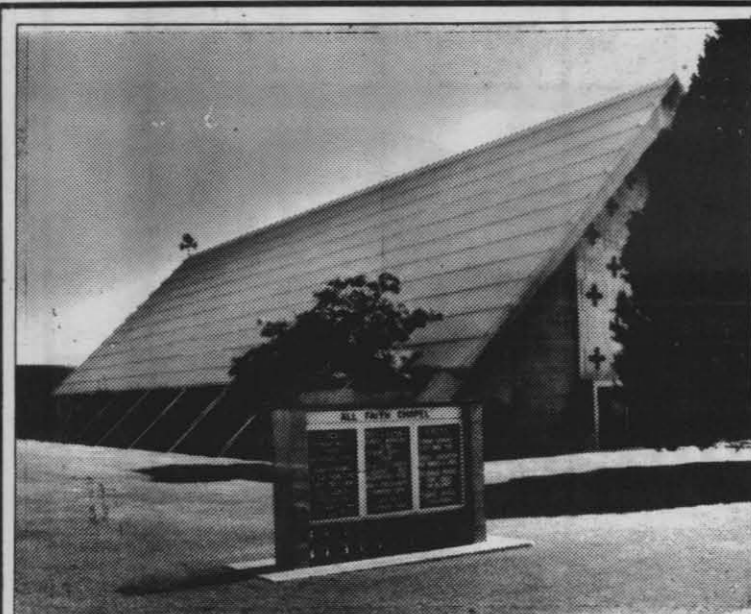
Officials from the Bureau of Land Management, NWC and California Energy Co. were among those taking part as ground was broken for two turbines in the first geothermal energy plant being built on a BLM leasehold. Dr. Carl Austin, who heads NWC's Geothermal Program Office called this "a major milestone in development of the Coso area."

In March of this year, ground was broken for the final two units at Navy Geothermal Plant One at Coso. Today's events were an extension of the geothermal

exploration and development begun, under Dr. Austin's leadership, more than 20 years ago.

Development of this alternative energy resource has been conducted with no adverse impact on the Center's mission capability for the Department of Defense. The first plant, now on line and generating power from the first turbine for several months, will have a generating capacity of 80 megawatts when all three turbines are on line.

Construction of geothermal power plants has resulted major economic boom for southern Inyo County and the Ridgecrest area in Kern County. There are at least seven drilling rigs now operating in the Coso area. Add the drilling operations to current construction of geothermal plants and the employment figures runs between 850 and 1,000 persons.



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NWC's Wellness Corner

Wellness Program offers activities for a new you

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Below is a list of next week's (May 23-27) activities.

May 23 SEVEN WARNING SIGNS OF CANCER: Sue Hammon, Occupational Health Officer. Early warning signs, recognition and self exams will be discussed. (Training Center, walk in)

May 24 ENJOYING THE SIERRA NEVADAS SAFELY: Bob Rockwell, China Lake Mountain Rescue Group. Mountaineering and mountain hiking, even a casual weekend variety, can improve your body and refresh your mind. But there are hazards, too. This presentation, with slides, will provide an overview of how to get started and how to minimize the risks. The talk will be illustrated by a review of some past CLMRG search and rescue operations — what went wrong and how it might have been avoided. (Michelson Lab, Room 1000D, walk in)

KEEPING FIT AT THE OFFICE: Chuck Whillite, Kinesiotherapist. Many of us have desk jobs which, by their nature, mean that we do little in the way of exercise during the work day. You will get some hints on how to keep fit at the office as well as some simple exercises you can perform. (Training Center, walk in)

DIETARY CONTROL OF CHOLESTEROL: Ann Kapernick, Public Health Nurse. Either of these two half-day seminars provides a comprehensive review of how the diet can be used to lower blood lipids as an endeavor to prevent or control coronary artery disease. Although not a requirement for enrollment, attendees should bring their status reports from the Wellness Program assessments, blood analysis, a calculator (a must), and a one-day diet history. (Submit a training request to Code 094)

NUTRITION AND YOUR HEART: Jennifer Mitchell, R.D. An introduction, or a refresher course, on the basics of good eating. Will cover incorporating all the basic food groups into a well balanced diet. Emphasis will be on planning your diet so that you incorporate "heart healthy" cuisine. (Reserve your space via coupon submitted to Code 094)

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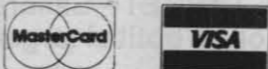


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The Skipper Sez...

QUESTION

Military personnel—My question is with the new shopping center behind Capehart housing. Would it be possible to have that gate extended to be open for a longer period of time for easier access to the shopping center for the people living in the Capehart area?

ANSWER

Current gate policy is to have the Knox Gate (Capehart area) open to facilitate vehicular traffic on and off Center during weekday rush hours (5 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and also as a convenience to the students and parents of Burroughs High School.

The Main Gate is open 24 hours, seven days a week, and Richmond Gate is open Sunday through Thursday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

These hours and gate control policy are periodically reevaluated and adjusted. However, the critical factor is often that few would benefit from extended hours versus the increase in costs for providing the service.

QUESTION

I am calling in regards to how they have the road laid out at the last curve entering the airfield by the guard shack. The way the double yellow lines are laid out makes the road narrow considerably. Recently, I got a ticket for going over those double yellow lines. I would certainly appreciate some comment on how these lines will lead and if there is going to be anything done about making it more safe to travel. I know it isn't any excuse, but everybody crosses those double yellow lines at the curve in order not to go off the road. I would certainly appreciate some kind of answer. Thank you very much.

ANSWER

The striping along this curve was laid out to provide channelization for the left turn lane onto Easy Road, and for the acceleration lane for traffic coming out from Easy Road onto Sandquist Road eastbound. I agree that the radius is tight if you exceed the 25 miles per hour speed limit along this curved section, even though the road is at the standard 12-foot width. However, to accommodate an easier transition through this area, the yellow striping for the eastbound lane will be moved two feet to the north.

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.

House panel backs SNORT

Calling the Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT) at the Naval Weapons Center "crucial to the Department of Defense," Congressman Bill Thomas recently praised the facility in an address to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The statement followed a decision of the House Armed Services Committee to keep the SNORT facility open. Language for continued SNORT operations was included in the committee report accompanying the Fiscal Year (FY) 1989 Defense Authorization Bill.

Rep. Thomas said, "I want to commend the Armed Services Committee's judgement in resolving an issue affecting my constituents at the Naval Weapons Center. . . After carefully reviewing the evidence I presented and information presented by the Department of Defense, the committee has concluded that the Center's supersonic sled tracks should remain open."

The report, "states the Committee's intent that both the NWC and Holloman Air Force Base sled tracks should continue operations. The language goes a long way toward ending a dispute that has been going on since 1985 and which, as a result of last year's defense authorization process, could have resulted in a potentially costly closure of China Lake facilities during the coming year," added Thomas.



Congressman Bill Thomas

"Instead of saving money, as a 1985 report from the Department's Office of the Inspector General suggested, new information clearly shows that consolidating the Center's Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track with Holloman facilities would increase testing costs for the Department. Although the Air Force has revised some of its estimates, the costs of consolidation clearly weigh against closing the Center's facilities at this time.

"Closure of any portion of the Center's sled track facilities would reduce testing capability at a time when budget constraints clearly call for the most effective use of defense dollars," concluded Congressman Thomas.

EAP offered to employees

Obviously, life's difficulties don't add up to happiness. What's more, a personal or job-related problem may impair job performance at the Naval Weapons Center (NWC). The best solution from both points of view — personal and the Navy's — is an effective counseling program to help individuals with trouble of any sort.

If a problem gets big enough to affect a person's job performance, it might be too big. This is where the NWC Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can help.

Bernard A. Maki, a Employee

Assistance Program specialist and a substance abuse counselor at the Desert Counseling Clinic, Inc., recently joined Joanne Rice in working for the NWC EAP. Maki has managed Driving While Intoxicated programs, was director of training for the U.S. Navy Alcoholism Prevention Program in San Diego and was the founder and director of the Occupational Health Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

In addition to holding a B.S. degree from Michigan State University and an M.A. degree from Western Michigan University, Maki is a graduate of

Senior Line Manager Institute (Navy) and a master's level alcoholism-addiction intern program at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo.

EAP offers any NWC employee (civilian or military) a place to go for confidential advice and assistance. Individuals can participate in the program with confidence that both their privacy and dignity will be respected.

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TRAINING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

MONDAY JUNE 6TH

0900-1100 VIDEO "A CLASS DIVIDED" (ANN KUROTORI FACILITATOR)*
1400-1600 VIDEO "A CLASS DIVIDED" (ANN KUROTORI FACILITATOR)*

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8TH

0900-1500 IMAGES TAUGHT BY STEVE HANAMURA
0800-1600 GOALS AND BALANCE TAUGHT BY DR. SUZANNE HARD

THURSDAY JUNE 9TH

0800-1600 WORKING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT TAUGHT BY STEVE HANAMURA
0800-1600 HOW WOMEN'S ROLES AFFECT THEIR CAREER CHOICES TAUGHT BY DR. SUZANNE HARD

FRIDAY JUNE 10TH

0800-1130 AMERICAN INDIAN EXPERIENCES TAUGHT BY DR. SUZANNE HARD
1230-1600 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED -- A COMMUNITY RESOURCE TAUGHT BY DR. SUZANNE HARD

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Workshop for sitters on May 18

Community Connection for Child Care will be offering a free babysitting workshop designed for young people ages 10 thru 18. This workshop is Red Cross approved, and is based on the Red Cross Supersitter Course.

Held Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the workshop will cover such topics as "Babysitting as a Job - Responsibilities of Parents and Sitters," "Child Development - Ages and Stages," "Health Care" and "Safety - How to Handle Emergencies."

Participants will be asked to bring their own sack lunch. Those completing the course will receive a Red Cross Supersitter Certificate.

Reservations are required since space is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 375-3234.



VTC PROGRESS—A milestone in construction of the Naval Weapons Center's (NWC) Video Teleconferencing Center (VTC) arrived recently when the exterior walls were completed. Chris Lucas, VTC site manager for the Information Systems Group, said the structure is expected to be completed this summer. Then the system integration contractor (AT&T) will start installation and test of the teleconferencing equipment. Project completion is expected early in 1989. When on line, the VTC will give NWC departments the capability of video teleconferencing with Naval Air Systems Command headquarters, Pacific Missile Test Center and more. Details on video teleconferencing are available from Lucas at NWC ext. 3712. TID Photo

Transfer program for leave

Employees at the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) are now eligible to participate in a trial Leave Transfer Program. NWC Chief Staff Officer, Capt. Paul Valovich signed NAVWPNCEN Notice 12630 on May 11, just 14 days after the Navy approved its guidance allowing activities to participate in the program.

Under this program, employees may donate their annual leave to other NWC employees who have exhausted their leave and are experiencing a hardship.

In order to be considered as a leave recipient, an employee must be affected by an emergency which will cause the employee to be in a non-pay status for at least 10 workdays. If approved, the employee's case will be published in the *Rocketeer* and in the *NWC Announcements* so interested employees can request to donate their annual leave to the individuals in need.

An employee may donate no more than half the annual leave they would accrue in the year to a leave recipient unless the recipient is the donor's supervisor. If the leave donor is in a use-or-lose leave situation, no more use-or-lose leave may be donated (Continued on Page 10)

RCTV Program Guide
Ridgecrest Television
(Desert Cable-Channel 3)
FRIDAY, MAY 20

5:00 pm—Consumer Access
6:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report
Local News starring Kevin McKay & Craig Fox
7:00 pm—The Navy News
7:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report

SUNDAY, MAY 22
12:30 pm—Services from St. Michael's Episcopal Church

MONDAY, MAY 23

5:00 pm—Heartbeat
5:30 pm—Balloon Journey
6:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report
7:00 pm—America's Defense Monitor-The Spread of Nuclear Weapons
7:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report

TUESDAY, MAY 24

5:00 pm—Heartbeat
5:30 pm—An Open Window
6:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report
7:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

5:00 pm—Heartbeat
5:30 pm—Mosaic
6:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report
7:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report

THURSDAY, MAY 26

5:00 pm—Heartbeat
5:30 pm—An Open Window
6:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report
7:30 pm—The Ridgecrest Report
8:00 pm—Stock car races from Pearsonville starring Dave Grayson and Donna Lingle

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HAIRSPRAY
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Youth Club events

Youth Activities is selling Youth Club memberships to youth ages 6 to 17. Youth Club members receive advance notice of all upcoming events, are able to pre-register for some programs, receive discounts to most Youth Activity sponsored events and free admittance to all open hours at the Youth Center. Memberships are available at the Youth Center Mondays through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The membership fees are prorated based upon the fiscal year. If purchased in June, memberships are \$9 each for active duty military dependents, \$12 for DOD civilian dependents and \$15 for others. In July, the prices will be \$5.50 each for active duty military dependents, \$8 for DOD civilian dependents and \$10.50 for others. August fees are \$2 for active duty, \$4 for DOD and \$6 for others.

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309 Lost and Found

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313 Personals

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HEY KIDS! Hear a free bible story. Call 375-5381. Story changes every Friday.

Is a friend or loved one's drinking or drug use affecting your life? Making you crazy? Call AL-ANON, 375-3251.

OVEREATERS Anonymous has meetings on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Please join us. For more information call 446-5898.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Come join us at our new location - 803 Ellis or call Lynne at 375-7593. Meetings start at 8 a.m. every Wednesday.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly - is having a membership drive. Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 803 Ellis or call Lynne, 375-7593.

WANTED: All late model Mustang GT's for Ridgcrest Mustang GT Club. Call 446-2743 after 4 p.m.

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341 Appliances

NICE dishwasher, like new \$125. Call 446-6918.

349 Livestock

1979 CHAMPION goseneck horse trailer, 7 x 18, asking \$3,500. 619-878-2015 (Independence)

353 Miscellaneous For Sale

10 SPEED Mountain Bike, almost new, great condition, hasn't been used since December 1987, \$100. Call 375-3157, Bought in Sept. 1987.

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353 Miscellaneous For Sale

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No more white gloves

For those of us who have lived in Navy housing, we all remember the dreaded last few weeks, days and finally hours prior to packing the kids up in the ole jalopy and striking out for a new assignment or into a new home out in town. The very thought of the scheduled "white-glove" quarters inspection made our palms sweat, the wife irritable and caused the midnight oil to burn. We toiled long hours over housecleaning chores which we were sure wouldn't pass the dust and speck seeking eye of the housing inspector.

Remember disassembling the kitchen stove and taking it out back for cleaning? Remember scrubbing and waxing floors you knew were scheduled for resurfacing? And what about the cleaning of the old refrigerator that would be replaced with a new one for the next tenant?

Well, the cleaning of quarters by exiting tenants will never be a hassle again. This less than popular chore has been MIP'd. The Naval Weapons Center, along with other Navy MIP activities, has successfully tested contract cleaning of government quarters and, as a result, the Secretary of Defense has adopted the change for all of Department of Defense. The new and simple rules say: If tenants take reasonable care of their home, they face only a couple of hours of light cleaning once your household goods are gone. After the exiting tenant has been released by the Housing Office, contracted maintenance crews complete their assigned refurbishment work and then finish their work by sprucing the house up for the new occupant. Neat, huh!?

Each new arrival now starts with freshly cleaned quarters, plus the knowledge that they won't be hassled when departing the installation. The caveat, is of course, that they take reasonable care of their new home. China Lake tenants occupying military housing no longer have to endure the "white glove" inspection, thanks to MIP-063-87.

As this week's parting remark from the MIP office; the authority for this MIP's implementation was sought, not by an irritated housing tenant, but by our own NWC Housing Officer, Syble Cope. Thanks for MIP'n with us, Syble. By the MIP Office



Kerr-McGee offers drug education line

Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation is helping youngsters in the Ridgcrest and Trona areas say no to drugs by providing a drug education program with the Community Messenger System, a simple, single call to (800) 648-5475.

The Oklahoma-based firm is sponsoring the program that provides accurate, up-to-date information on a variety of subjects from saying no to drugs to alcohol facts for young people and from information on AIDS to drug abuse information for parents.

The Community Messenger System is comprised of two parts. The first is a set of cassette tapes which will hold 58 prerecorded messages containing information on drugs, alcohol, AIDS and more. The second component is a computer which delivers the information over the

phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Rolf Chase, vice president of Kerr-McGee and Jim Smith, community relations manager, presented the system to Gloria Delgado, executive director of the Council on Substance Abuse Awareness (COSAA).

The system, which will be housed and maintained by COSAA, will provide ongoing information to people in the Ridgcrest and Trona communities. Many of the messages are targeted at children ages seven to fourteen, but some are also geared for young adults and parents. The message menu also lists all agencies in the area where people can go for counseling.

The number again is (800)-648-6475.

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A-7E makes final trip at Center

When the first A-7E Corsair II rolled off the assembly line in the late 1960s, it was destined for a lifetime of service at China Lake. First assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) and then to the Naval Weapons Center (NWC), its active life ended with retirement, but part of it lives on in other aircraft. This particular A-7E is expected to become a static display aircraft.

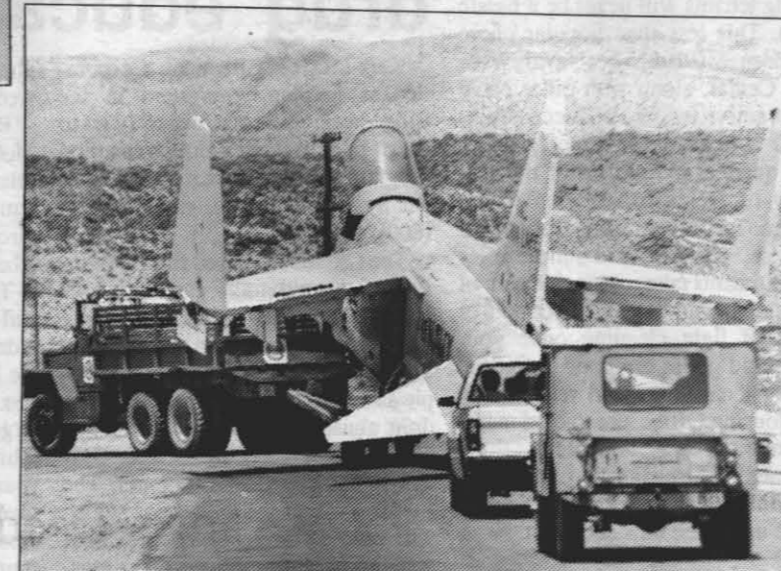
Eight reserve sailors from NWC Support Unit 0176 spent much of their recent two-week active duty period stripping this aircraft of its electronics and hydraulics, then installing the scavenged equipment in another Corsair II, also retired from flying status, but slated to spend its final days as a test bed aircraft for the Aircraft Battle Damage Repair School held at the Fuze and Sensors' Department's Aircraft Survivability Range.

When they completed the installation of this scavenged equipment, the team towed the new A-7E test bed aircraft to the survivability range.

Taking part in the effort were AMS1 Matt Matthews, AO1 Glenn Risely, AD1 Ron Mortimer, AE1 Steve Rainey, AE3 Marty Chilton and Airman Mike Gomez.

While only four members of the team could devote full time to this project, all modifications were completed ahead of schedule.

FINAL HOME—The convoy of vehicles used to get the A-7E Corsair II from Armitage Field to the Aircraft Survivability Range nears the end of the line.



LAST TRIP—This A-7E Corsair II will spend the rest of its days as a test bed for the Aircraft Battle Damage School at NWC.

Photos by PHAN Cary Brady

Military News

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NRS drawing Monday

Eighteen lucky tickets for the 1988 Navy Relief Society Fund Drive will be drawn by Capt. John Burt, Naval Weapons Center (NWC) Commander on Monday afternoon.

The Skipper will do the drawing honors at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Navy Exchange.

Tickets are still available from all department representatives, or by calling Lt. James Krise at NWC ext. 5190.

Support of the NRS drive provides funds for assisting sailors, Marines and their dependents in times of need.

Top prize this year is a personal computer, donated by UNISYS, while Bob Foster's Super Cycles will be the source of the second prize, the winner's choice of a jet ski or a motorcycle. Jack Fry Travel, Loewens, T. J. Frisbee, Ferris', The Sizzler, Carriage Inn and Denny's will also provide prizes for the 1988 NRS fund raising push.

Merchant crews get discharge

More than 20,000 World War II merchant seamen have applied for discharge certificates since the Department of Defense approved them for Veterans Administration benefits in mid-January.

"We have 20,000 applications opened and sorted, and there are several boxes of unopened mail," according to a spokeswoman for the Coast Guard's Merchant Vessel Personnel (Continued on Page 7)

Community Events

Weather Report

On Saturday, May 21, the Black Original Social Society (BOSS) will hold its Seventh Annual Scholarship Award and Installation Ball at the Carriage Inn. This black tie affair is open to the public. A social hour will begin the evening at 7:30 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from Catherine Rogers, NWC ext. 2348.

Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 95, recently announced the names of the speakers for the Memorial Day services to be held at the Desert Memorial Park on Monday, May 31, at 10 a.m. The speakers will be Mike Kinne of Murray Jr. High School and David Trotman of James Monroe School.

Sky divers will open and close the annual Spring Festival sponsored by the Knights of Columbus this Memorial Day Weekend at the Desert Empire Fair grounds. Coordinating their opening day jump with the Vietnam Veterans Association's flag raising ceremony, the five-person team is expected to jump at about 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 25. Scheduled jumpers are Bob Kizer, Mike Hastings, M.E. McCloud, Dan Price and Carol Knemeyer. Moors Aeroservice of Inyokern is providing the jump vehicle.

Ceramics lessons are offered every Monday night at the Craft/Hobby Center operated by the Naval Weapons Center's Recreational Services Department. Students have to provide their own supplies, but learn the basics of ceramics and are exposed to more complicated techniques. Students must be at least 16 years old. Classes meet from 5 to 8 p.m.

After a sell-out season at the McGinnis Opera House in Randsburg, LL & Company will wind up their spring season with two performances of "The Miner Incident" at the Naval Weapons Center's Commissioned Officers Mess on June 3 & 4. It will be an outdoor barbecue dinner theatre on the lanai, with lots of popcorn to throw at the villains. Will Sweet Daisy finally have her own way? Will the villains get their desserts? Attend and find out. Tickets are \$13 for COM members and \$15 per person for non-members.

Festival tickets available

Ride tickets for the 28th Annual Spring Festival, being held May 25-29, are still on sale at the Information, Ticket & Tour (ITT) Office. The price is \$5 for a strip of seven tickets, good for any ride at one ticket per person, per ride. Discount tickets will not be sold after Wednesday, May 25.

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Picnic set by NOTS commitee

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Haskel Wilson, former Technical Director of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, his wife Jane and the committee who plans this yearly get-together of old friends, hope to see many faces from the Indian Wells Valley area at this annual event.

Instructions for getting to the Kit Carson Park are:

From I-15 North, take Via Rancho Parkway Offramp. Proceed east on the Parkway to the third traffic light and turn left into Kit Carson Park. From I-15 South, take Via Rancho Parkway Offramp, proceed east on the Parkway to the fifth traffic light and turn left into the park.

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Thomas R. Boyd — Visual Information Specialist, Code 3414. Boyd has undergone extensive abdominal surgeries and has been off of work since February. He has exhausted all

of his annual leave, sick leave and 240 hours of sick leave advanced to him. It is anticipated that Boyd will be able to return to work after June 2. **Shirley L. Cox** — Secretary, Code 365. Cox has chronic Epstein Barr Viral Syndrome which has totally incapacitated her from work since mid March. Her physicians are sure she will eventually overcome this illness, but they are uncertain as to when she will be able to return to work. Cox has exhausted all her annual and sick leave, and has been in a non-pay status since mid April. She has applied for temporary disability retirement, but until that is approved by the Office of Personnel Management, Cox will remain in a non-pay status.

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Full and part-time openings are available this summer for children two to five years of age during the daytime hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, at Cerro Coso Community College Child Development Center.

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• Copies of the applicant's scores on the American College Test (ACT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or other entrance examination scores as applicable.

• The federal employee sponsor's most recent Standard Form 50 (available at personnel office).

All FEEA programs are made possible with donations from federal employees in the Combined Federal Campaign. Federal employees can also give directly to FEEA by sending checks to FEEA; 513 C St., N.E.; Washington, D.C. 20002.

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Merchant seamen discharge

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Members of the U.S. Merchant Marine in ocean-going service and civil service crew members aboard U.S. Army Transport Service and Naval Transportation Service vessels in ocean-going service or foreign waters are eligible for discharge certificates if they served between Dec. 7, 1941, and Aug. 15, 1945.

"When we receive their DD Form 2168, we alphabetize them by date of arrival. We're sending acknowledgment cards to those individuals to let them know we've received their forms," the spokeswoman said.

A spokeswoman for the Maritime Administration said, "There are roughly 90,000 merchant seamen who may be alive today and are eligible for VA benefits. Usually, about a third of eligible veterans apply for benefits, according to what VA tells us. That's about 30,000 of the 90,000, and we've already got 20,000 applicants, so we're right on target.

"The Coast Guard is processing the applications because they have records of those who served and on what ships," she continued. "People who were in the Army transportation service have to apply to the Army for their certificates." Navy counterparts must apply through their service.

The former seamen are eligible for all benefits currently available to other World War II veterans. These include service-related disability compensation, pension, medical care, certain survivors' benefits and VA-guaranteed home loan and burial benefits.

However, they are not eligible for education benefits, since they expired for World War II veterans several years ago. But they are eligible for certain vocational rehabilitation assistance.

Those interested in receiving an Armed Forces Discharge Certificate must fill out a DD Form 2168, which is available at any VA regional office or Merchant Marine organization. They should send the completed form to their service as follows:

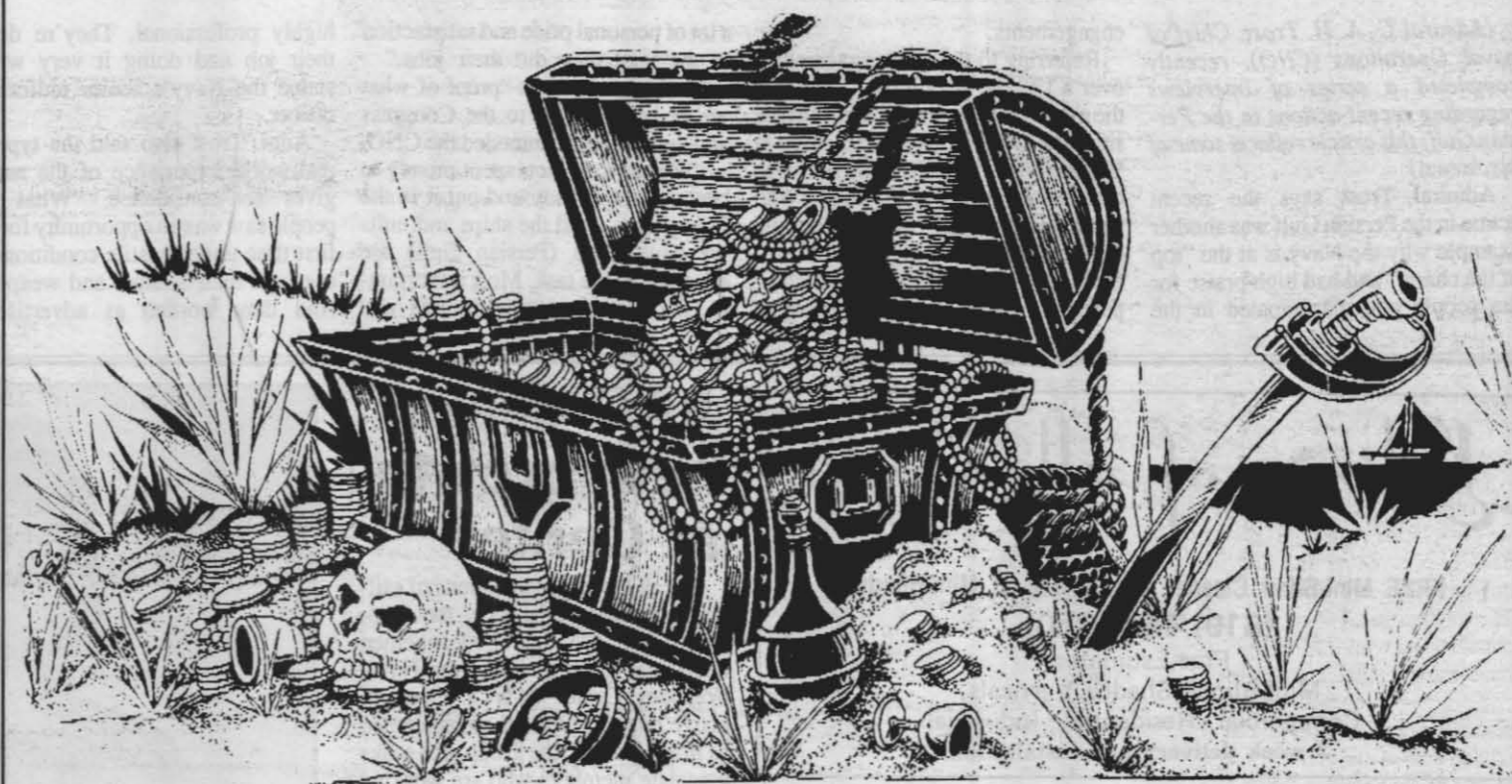
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CNO discusses action in the Gulf

(Admiral C. A. H. Trost, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), recently completed a series of interviews regarding recent actions in the Persian Gulf; this article reflects some of his views.)

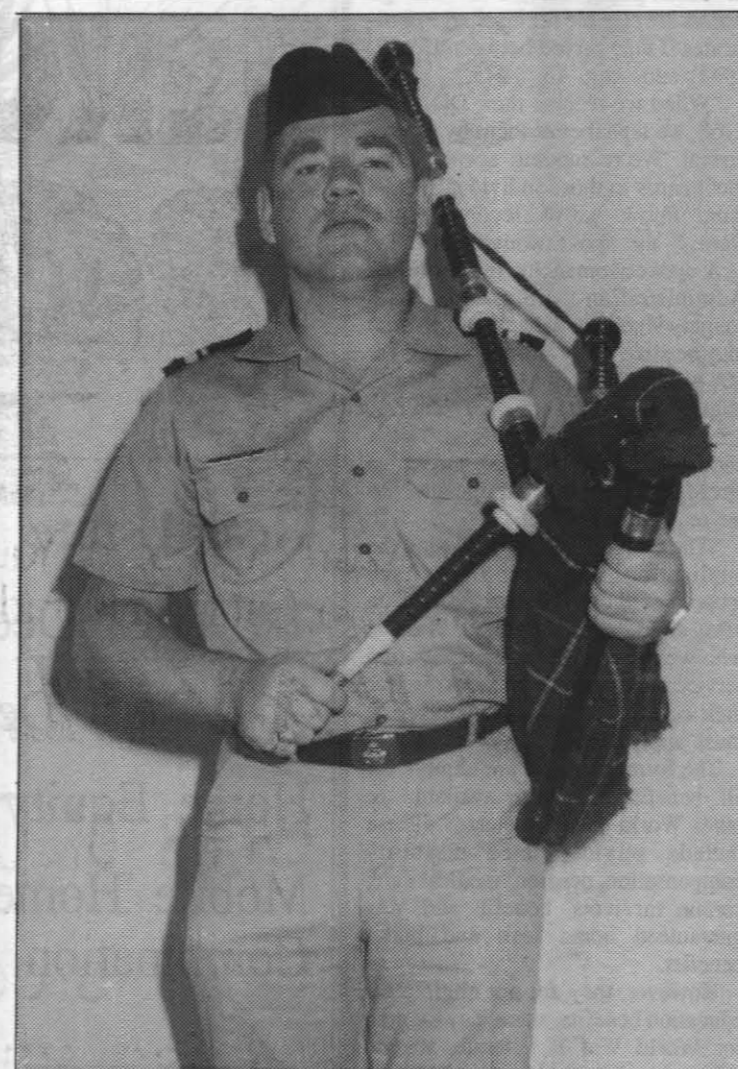
Admiral Trost says the recent action in the Persian Gulf was another example why the Navy is at the "top of the charts" and had high praise for the people who participated in the

engagements. Referring to the nine engagements over a 13-hour period on April 18 as the most intensely fought action at sea since the 1945 Okinawa Campaign in World War II, CNO said he was extremely proud of all the people who participated. "All of our people demonstrated a very high level of professionalism, coordination and competence. I can offer the observation of

a lot of personal pride and satisfaction in the way they did their jobs." The operation was "proof of what we've been saying to the Congress and the people," contended the CNO. "We have, in fact, spent money to become more ready and put it in the right places. And the ships and units we have there (Persian Gulf) are adequate to the task. Most importantly, the crews are well-trained and

highly professional. They're doing their job and doing it very well," stated the Navy's senior uniformed officer. Adm. Trost also said the type of real-world experience of the action gives self-confidence. "What our people saw was an opportunity for the first time under hostile conditions to use both their sensors and weapons. And they worked as advertised,"

CNO said. Adm. Trost added that the weapons worked better than most critics would have anticipated. "That's confidence that adds to the knowledge that our people are well-trained and it says: 'Yes. We really do have that capability.' That gives our people greater confidence and makes them a better deterrent force for the future," Adm. Trost concluded.



AAO seeks new growth at Center

One of the few associations of sailors recognized by the Navy, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAO), is again active at the Naval Weapons Center (NWC). Open to active duty and retired ordnancemen as full members, the group also seeks associate members who are working on the design, procurement or repair of weapons systems.

AO3 Lance Yohe, current secretary-treasurer, said the association meets the third Thursday of each month at the Enlisted Mess.

According to Petty Officer Yohe, the members serve as a link between the weapons designers and the fleet sailors who handle the final product on a regular basis. The association seeks to provide technical support to designers and fleet sailors and to promote the professionalism of the aviation ordnanceman rate.

The NWC chapter, inactive for several years, is now back in the national fold with AOC Roger Anderick as president and John Vick as vice president.

As part of the national organization, the local chapter will take part in the AAO annual convention, set for June 14-19 in Reno this year.

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CSUB counselors to be onboard June 10

Academic counselors of Cal-State Bakersfield will be on-Center June 10 to advise current and prospective students in the external degree programs offered by that school. External degree programs offered at the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) by Bakersfield include a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in administration. Bakersfield also provides math courses in other external degree programs at NWC. Those who wish to see one of the academic counselors are asked to make an appointment by telephoning Cyndi Jones at NWC ext. 2648.



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(Continued from Page 16) spouse's benefits in effect in January 1977. At that time, a divorced woman's marriage must have lasted at least 20 years rather than 10 years as required today. And a husband or widower must have received at least one-half support from his wife. Even if you do not meet the above criteria, you still may be exempt from the offset beginning with Social Security benefits payable December 1982 if both of these requirements are met: (1) You received or were eligible to receive your Civil Service annuity before July 1, 1983, and (2) You were receiving at least one-half support from your spouse. This provision applies to men and women. In addition to the above exemptions, the offset will not apply if: (1) The government job your Civil Service annuity is based on is covered under Social Security on the last day of employment, or (2) You are entitled to Social Security

benefits as a spouse or surviving spouse based on an application filed before December 1977, or (3) The Civil Service annuity you are receiving is not based on your own earnings. **How It Works** To get an idea of how this offset works, consider Mary Johnson who has a Civil Service job not covered by Social Security and who will be age 65 in August 1987. She plans to retire then and hopes to get a Civil Service annuity of about \$700 per month. In addition, she is counting on a wife's benefit of roughly \$200 a month on the Social Security record of her husband who plans to retire then; that amount is 50% of the \$400 he expects. He is working for a private employer in work covered by Social Security. If Mary was at least eligible for her Civil Service annuity before December 1982, she will get the full amount of both benefits. In other words, she met the age and length-of-service

requirements before that time but delayed her retirement until 1987. However, if Mary first became eligible for her Civil Service annuity in December 1982 through June 1983, the offset applies unless she was dependent on her husband for at least one-half of her support. And, if Mary is first eligible for the Civil Service annuity in July 1983 or later, the offset applies even if she was dependent. If Mary is subject to the offset, she will not be eligible for Social Security as a wife on her husband's account, but may still be eligible on her own Social Security account for retirement benefits. If Mary transfers to and retires under FERS, the offset will not apply as she would have retired from a job covered by Social Security. If you need more information about the Government Pension Offset, contact the Ridgecrest Social Security office. The People there will be glad to help you.

Use revised training form

Naval Weapons Center (NAVWP-NCEN) Form 12410/73 (Rev 12-87), "Request for On-Center Training," replaces all other On-Center training request forms. The new revisions are available from TELMART.



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within the prescribed time limit (December 31, 1987). This would include, for example, cases where employees were not aware of the last-minute Congressional action that let employees electing FERS avoid the Public Pension Offset (PPO). The PPO reduces spousal Social Security benefits by two-

thirds of a retiree's Federal annuity, and that usually eliminates the spousal Social Security benefits. (See article on the PPO located in this section.)

Belated transfers to FERS will not be retroactive, but will be effective at the start of the first pay

period after the election form is received in the Personnel Office.

Individuals interested in transferring to FERS under the belated transfer provisions should contact their Personnel Management Advisor immediately, but no later than June 30.

Pension offset

The "Government Pension Offset" may reduce the amount of your Social Security benefits as a *spouse or surviving spouse*. This provision does not affect Social Security benefits which you receive on your own Social Security earnings record for retirement or disability. This offset is entirely separate from the "Elimination of Windfall Benefits."

Under the Government Pension Offset provisions, the amount of your government pension is used to offset the amount you could receive from your *spouse's or surviving spouse's* benefits. The amount of the offset will depend on when you first become eligible for the pension, not when you actually apply for it.

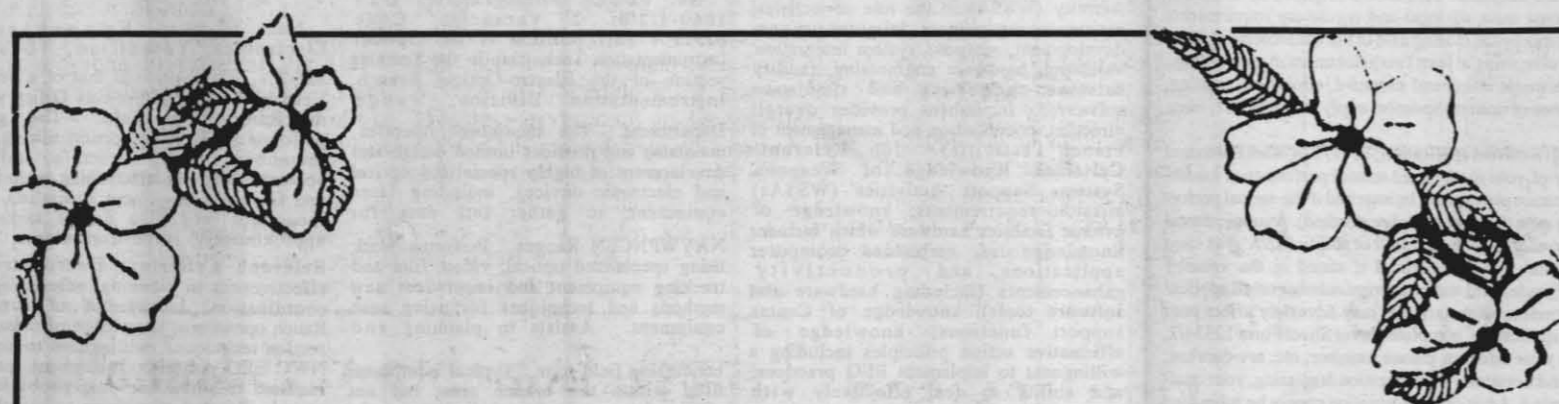
•Before July 1983 — All of your pension will be used for any benefits payable for months before December 1984. Effective with December 1984, the offset amount is two-thirds of your pension.

•July 1983 or later — Two-thirds of your pension will be used.

You may be exempt from the pension offset if both of the following conditions are met:

(1) You began to receive or were eligible to receive your Civil Service annuity before December 1982. This means you must have met the age and length-of-service requirements for your pension before December 1982 even though you did not apply for your pension before then.

(2) You meet all requirements for Social Security spouse's or surviving (Continued on Page 17)



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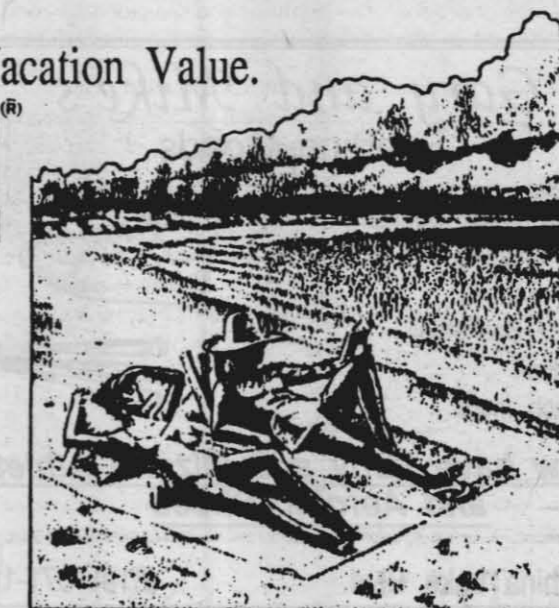
Motorcyclists Guide to California Vehicle Code Laws — covers the laws affecting motorcyclists in California.
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Chilies, peppers and corn

(This is another in a series of articles on the heritage of foods in the United States. This series has been prepared to lead China Laker into the 1988 observance of American Heritage Week, June 6-10.)

Did you know the Medieval quest for the black pepper of India led to the discovery of the Americas and a whole new world of foods -- chilies, peppers and corn?

The peppers found thriving in the Americas bore no relation to India's peppercorns. All Western Hemisphere peppers are members of the capsicum family and include sweet red and green bell peppers, long yellow banana peppers, pimientos and fiery chilis -- of which there are many varieties. The word used by Spanish-speaking Mexicans for capsicum, pimento, is the Spanish word for allspice. Pimientos are sweet red peppers (brought to Europe from the Americas) developed in Europe. Paprika is a variety of sweet red pepper developed in Hungary and Austria.

However, the food that in the beginning made the American eating experience unlike any in the world was corn. When the first vessels landed at Jamestown, Cape Cod and Quebec, or when the Conquistadores moved through the arid Southwest in search of El Dorado, the chief thing of value to be found was Indian maize.

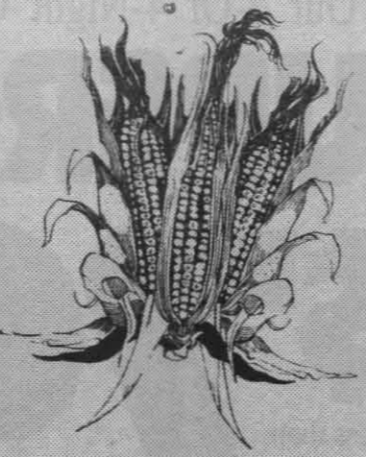
For new settlers, ground corn often took the place of wheat flour and other grains. The New England settlers learned how to combine fresh beans with fresh kernels of corn in the class dish called succotash, still served at traditional Yankee Thanksgiving dinners.

In the Southwest, Europeans who had settled were taught to make pancakes of cornmeal, as a result, stuffed griddle cakes known as tacos, with meat, chilies, vegetables, cheese or sour cream.

Corn was universally used by American Indians.

There are many delicious ways of cooking corn. For example, cornbread or Johnny Cake, as it is called in several regions; and crispy fried cornmeal mush with maple syrup, a traditional breakfast served in the south. But, nothing compares to the all-American tradition of corn-on-the-cob, or "roastin' ears" -- smothered with butter, salt and pepper! Buen apetito!

From the NWC American Heritage Week Committee

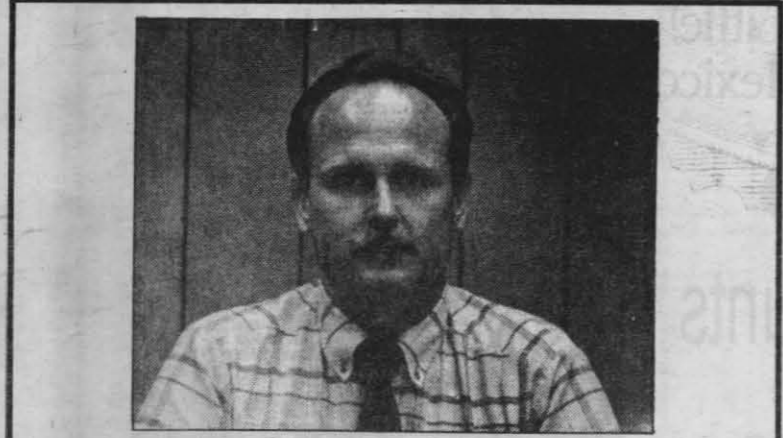


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Leave transfer program

Naval Weapons Center Notice implements new policy

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than the employee could use in the remainder of the year.

This new Leave Transfer Program is a result of Public Law 100-202, which expanded, to all federal agencies, an existing limited leave transfer experiment.

This law calls for the program to end on Sept. 30 this year. Employees who are affected by an emergency from the date the law was passed (Dec. 22, 1987) until the Sept. 30

ending date may be considered as leave recipients.

NWC management acted quickly to implement this new policy once Navy approval had been obtained, because of a high degree of interest by several Center employees.

The first China Lake leave recipient is Tom Boyd, a 20-year employee in the Technical Information Department. He has undergone extensive surgery and has been off work since February. As of early May he had run out of advanced sick leave

and annual leave.

Through the Leave Transfer Program, his friends and co-workers have donated enough leave to repay his advanced sick leave and allow him to be in a pay status until he is able to return to work next month.

Employees who are interested in becoming a leave recipient or a leave donor should get a copy of NAVWPCEN Notice 12630. Any questions about this new program should be directed to the employees' personnel management advisor.

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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 12334Z, 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 Blandly. 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. 08-018, ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN, DG-525-11/2/3, CODE 08633- This position is located in the Government Accounting Branch of the Accounting Division of Central Staff. Incumbent will serve as an Accounting Technician in the Control and Maintenance of Cost Accounting Records and Subsidiary Ledgers for the Government Accounting Area. Duties include the review and processing of the material in transit file; depot level repairable items; end use items; reconciling subsidiary ledger accounts; extracting necessary information from source documents; collating the data and preparing forms to enter the data into the automated system; auditing computer outputs for accuracy; validating historical costs and transactions; and researching aged financial information to clear accounts. Incumbent has extensive contact with NWC project, budget and supply personnel and provides information on various vendor inquiries. **JOB RELEVANT CRITERIA:** Knowledge of integrated disbursing and accounting system; knowledge of Document Entry System; knowledge of NWC accounting system; knowledge of NAVCOMPT regulations; ability to work accurately with figures; ability to meet financial work deadlines; ability to deal effectively with people. Promotion potential to DG-3.

No. 12-011, Security Clerk, DG-303-1/2, Code 1205 - This position is located in the Special Security Office of the Plans and Evaluation Department, Code 12. The incumbent provides detailed security administrative support to the Project Manager. Some travel will be required. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of security procedures and requirements; skill in written and verbal communication; ability to maintain a document control program; ability to deal with personnel at all levels; ability to work under pressure; skill on the Macintosh Computer is desirable but not required; and ability to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance. Promotion potential to DG-2.

No. 12-012, Security Specialist, DA-080-1/2/3, Code 1205 - (3 vacancies) These positions are located in the Special Security Office of the Plans and Evaluation Department, Code 12. The incumbent provides detailed and comprehensive security administration support to Program Managers. Some travel will be required. **Job Relevant**

Criteria: Knowledge of security procedures and requirements; skill in written and oral communication; ability to interpret and implement higher level security instructions; ability to monitor facility security requirements; ability to deal with personnel at all levels; ability to work under pressure; ability to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance. Promotion potential to DA-3.

No. 31-019, Computer Specialist/Computer Systems Analyst/Computer Programmer / Computer Programmer Analyst, DS-334-2/3, Code 3108 - This position is located in the Weapons Systems Software Office. The incumbent will support the AV-8B Weapon System Support Activity. Duties of the incumbent will include witnessing software/systems testing, reviewing documentation, planning and conducting audits, participating in technical reviews and walk-throughs, verifying compliance with standards and policies, and certifying software media for release. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of modern software engineering practices; knowledge of DOD-STD-2167 or DOD-STD-1679A; ability to perform software design thru test; ability to perform documentation review. Promotion potential DS-3. Previous applicants need not apply.

No. 31-029, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General Engineer/ Electronics Engineer/ Physicist/ Mathematician / Computer Scientist), DP-801/855/1310/1520/1550-3, Code 3112 - This position is that of branch head, A-6/A-7 Facility Branch. The branch develops, maintains, and operates simulation/integration facilities to support the A-6 and A-7 Weapons System Support Activity (WSSA) in the role of technical assistance, requirement definition, system development, weapons system integration, validation hardware engineering, facility software engineering and simulation software. Incumbent provides overall direction, coordination and management of branch activities. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of Weapons Systems Support Activities (WSSAs) mission requirements; knowledge of avionics facilities hardware which includes knowledge of embedded computer applications and productivity enhancements (including hardware and software tools); knowledge of Center

support functions; knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices; and ability to deal effectively with personnel. A one year supervisory probationary period may be required. Promotion to DP-4, but not guaranteed.

No. 31-030, Supervisory Engineering / Electronics Technician, DP-802/856-3, Code 3112 - This position is that of branch head, A-6/A-7 Facility Branch. The branch develops, maintains, and operates simulation/integration facilities to support the A-6 and A-7 Weapons System Support Activity (WSSA) in the role of technical assistance, requirement definition, system development, weapons system integration, validation hardware engineering, facility software engineering and simulation software. Incumbent provides overall direction, coordination and management of branch activities. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of Weapons Systems Support Activities (WSSAs) mission requirements; knowledge of avionics facilities hardware which includes knowledge of embedded computer applications and productivity enhancements (including hardware and software tools); knowledge of Center support functions; knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices; and ability to deal effectively with personnel. A one year supervisory probationary period may be required. Promotion to DP-4, but not guaranteed.

No. 34-002, Photographer (Television), DT-1060-1, Code 3441 - Area of Consideration: Career and career-conditional employees of the Technical Information Department. This position is located in the Film and Video Projects Branch, Technical Information Department. The branch is responsible for the preparation of technical and management information film and video presentations to sponsors and NAVWPNCEN employees, video analysis and video equipment recommendations. The incumbent is responsible for the operation of a variety of professional color video cameras, recorders and related equipment. Video taping performed will be primarily in the field, from backseat of aircraft, aboard helicopters as well as in a studio environment using lighting and sound equipment. Incumbent will be responsible to and work with senior photographers and television production specialists. Must perform quality tape duplication, film and 35mm slide transfers to video tape. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Skill in working with professional video camera; ability in photo documentation of test and evaluation programs. Promotion potential DT-3. 5/20/88 thru 5/27/88

No. 62-011, Engineering Technician, DT-802-2/3, Code 62223 - This is a position as Range Engineer in the Track Operations Branch of the Range Department. It is at the SNORT facility and provides for the application of both leadership and technical abilities. The successful candidate will lead a highly skilled team in the execution of a variety of dynamic, high priority assignments. Personal interfaces with contractors and interfaces with contractors and military personnel are routine. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of ordnance and ordinance handling equipment; knowledge of fundamentals of electricity and photography; ability to work effectively with personnel at all levels; ability to communicate both orally and in writing. Promotion potential to DT-3. 5/20/88-5/27/88

No. 62-012, Engineering / Electronics Technician, DT-802/856-1/2/3, 2 Vacancies, Code 62311 - This position is an Optical Instrumentation Technician in the Tracking section of the Electro-Optical Branch, Instrumentation Division, Range Department. The incumbent operates, maintains and provides limited design and development of highly specialized optical and electronic devices, including laser equipment. Assists in planning and conducting field tests. Typical equipment used within the branch area, but not restricted to: various tracking instruments, such as Cine Sextants, Cine Theodolites, Contraves, Askania (MCMs), M-45's,

medium and high speed cameras, specialized shuttered video cameras, recorders and other related equipment. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Skill in operating photo-optical/electro-optical equipment; ability to perform as a member of a technical team; knowledge of field instrumentation technology; knowledge of how photo-optical and electro-optical systems are used for gathering field test data. Status eligibles may apply. Promotion potential DT-3. 5/20/88 - 5/27/88

No. 62-013, Photographer, DT-1060-1/2/3, 2 Vacancies, Code 62311 - This position is an Optical Instrumentation Technician in the Tracking section of the Electro-Optical Branch, Instrumentation Division, Range Department. The incumbent operates, maintains and provides limited design and development of highly specialized optical and electronic devices, including laser equipment. Assists in planning and conducting field tests. Typical equipment used within the branch area, but not restricted to: various tracking instruments, such as Cine Sextants, Cine Theodolites, Contraves, Askania (MCMs), M-45's,

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No. 62-014, Supervisory Electronics Technician, DT/DP-856-3 - This position is that of a Section Head in the Special Projects Office within the Range Department. The group performs radar cross section testing, the incumbent will direct a staff of approximately six electronics technicians and facility management specialists. The incumbent will also define tasks for approximately three contractors. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Demonstrated effectiveness in planning, scheduling and coordination; knowledge of Junction Ranch operations; knowledge of radar cross section techniques; willingness to support NWC EEO policies. Incumbent may be required to serve one year probationary period. Because of management to payroll, the area of consideration will be the Range Department Employees. 5/20/88 - 5/27/88

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No. 31-020, Interdisciplinary (Computer Scientist / Physicist/ Mathematician/Electronics Engineer), DP-1550/1310/1520/855-1/2, Code 3108 - This position is located in the Weapons Systems Software Office. The incumbent will support the AV-8B Weapon System Support Activity. The incumbent's duties will include the review and analysis of plans, procedures, and software design documentation. Previous applicants need not apply.

Secretarial opportunities

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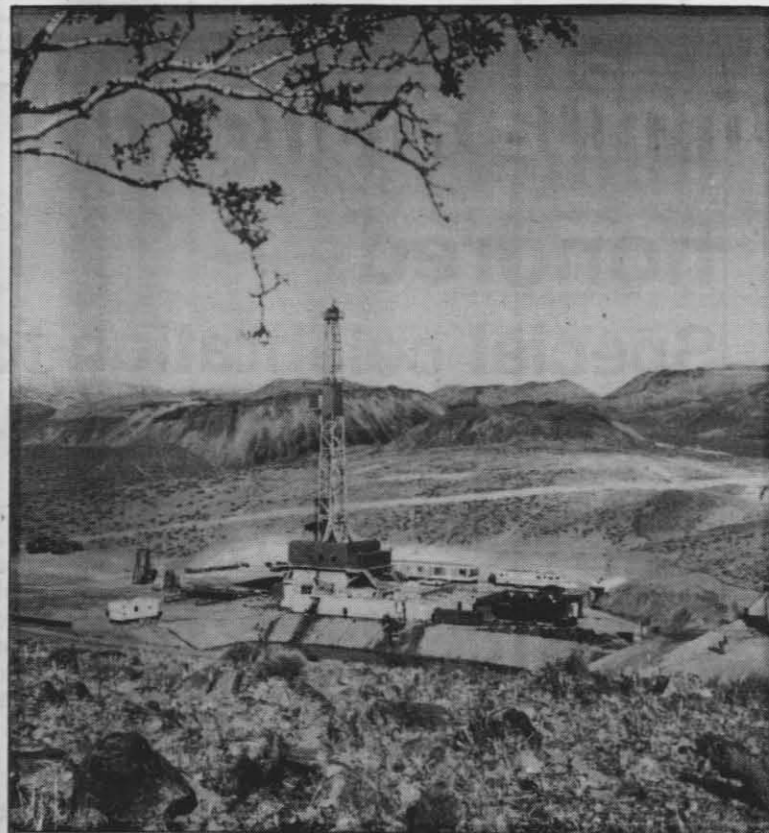
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DRILLING OPERATIONS—Development of the Coso Known Geothermal Resource Area (CKGRA) requires a great deal of drilling to harness the geothermal energy. At least seven drilling rigs similar to this one are now operating in the Coso area of the Naval Weapons Center.

Military families use WIC

No one knows exactly how many military families use food vouchers for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children. But statistics show that more than 3.5 million people nationwide received assistance last year.

What is known is that Army and Marine Corps commissary shoppers used nearly \$1.8 million worth of the vouchers during fiscal 1987. Dollar figures for vouchers redeemed at Air Force and Navy commissaries, which total thousands of dollars more, are not available since individual commissaries maintain those totals.

The supplemental food program serves more than one million infants, or about one out of every four babies born in the United States. The supplement foods and special nutrition services have also helped several thousand women and children. Officials think many more military families qualify for the program based on income, but are either unaware of it or don't apply because they think it is an offshoot of a welfare program.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people don't apply for WIC because of pride," said Rhonda Rhoda of the Department of Agriculture's Supplemental Food Programs Division. "But WIC is different from a welfare program; it's a health prevention program that provides food assistance for women and infants before they're born and children up to five years old. So the pregnant woman who enrolls in WIC is not only doing herself a favor, but she's protecting the health of her unborn child."

Rhoda's boss, Ronald J. Vogel, director of the Food Programs Division, said, "One of the division's

objectives is to improve the WIC program's accessibility to dependents of military personnel nationwide. It's important that military personnel know the program exists. WIC serves low-income, pregnant, breast-feeding and postpartum women, infants and children below the age of five who have a nutrition-related health problem. Participants are provided with nutrition education, a monthly supplemental food package and health care referrals."

There are more than 8,000 clinics throughout the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. State health departments and Indian tribal organizations serve as the 87 agencies that oversee about 1,700 local agencies that operate the clinics. Military applicants are referred to these clinics by medical facilities and community and family support organizations.

"WIC is not available outside the United States and its territories," Vogel emphasized.

The program was established more than 14 years ago to help women, infants and children with medical or dietary nutritional problems. When interest in participating in the program is greater than the resources available, a priority system is used to serve persons at greater nutrition risk first.

For example, those who are anemic, are underweight, have a history of pregnancy complications or had poor pregnancy outcomes receive first consideration for caseload vacancies. Women, infants and children with poor dietary patterns represent lower priority candidates for assistance. A physician, nutritionist, nurse or other health official screens applicants for eligibility.

In the program's nutrition education component, participants are taught the relationship between proper nutrition and good health, given tips about developing better food habits and shown ways to use their supplemental and other foods.

They're given vouchers to redeem for specific foods at grocery stores approved by the state health agency administering the program. In some states, the foods are delivered to the participant's home or can be picked up at a warehouse. Participants receive a monthly food package that's high in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C to supplement their diets. This includes iron-fortified cereals for infants and adults, vitamin C-rich fruit or vegetable juices, eggs, special formulas, milk, cheese and either dried beans and peas or peanut butter.

Iron-fortified formula is provided for infants up to three months old. Those between four and 12 months old are also given formula, iron-fortified infant cereal and fruit juices high in vitamin C. Infants with certain medical conditions are given special therapeutic formulas.

Women and children receive milk and/or cheese, eggs, hot or cold cereals high in iron, fruit and vegetable juices high in vitamin C and either peanut butter or dry beans and peas. A special food package is available for women and children with special dietary needs.

Military personnel and their dependents interested in applying for the program should contact their base hospital, clinic, local obstetrics and gynecology clinic, health department or community and family support center.

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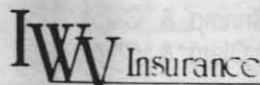
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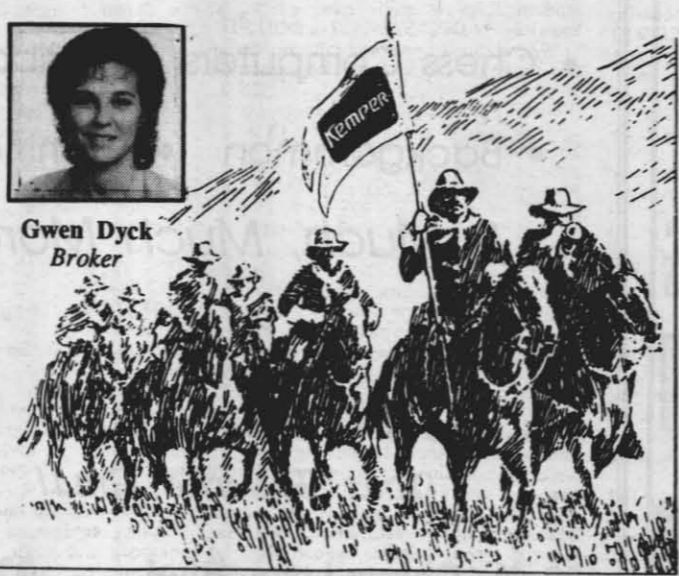
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AHW set for June

Part of the American Heritage Week celebration will be the third annual Equal Opportunity Awards ceremony. The event is scheduled on June 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Enlisted Mess. There will be entertainment by the Son Shine Singers, as well as a no-host cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres. A keynote speech by management consultant Steve Hanamura will follow the cocktail hour and then the presentation of various awards. Tickets are \$5 and are available through department offices and the Equal Opportunity Office through May 27; after that date they may be purchased at the Enlisted Mess.

More than one half of all pedestrian traffic fatalities occur during hours of darkness, although pedestrian and vehicle traffic is significantly less at night.

AIDS:

Government rules protect employees who have disease

Under a new government policy, DOD civilians and other federal workers can be disciplined by their supervisors if they refuse to work with an AIDS-infected colleague.

In a memorandum to agency and department heads outlining the new regulations, Constance Horner, director of the Office of Personnel Management, said, "The federal government, as an enlightened and compassionate employer concerned with the health and welfare of its employees, has an obligation to show the way in addressing the realities of the AIDS epidemic."

Thomas Garnett, director of workforce relations training and staffing policy in DOD's Office of Civilian Personnel Policy, said the new Office of Personnel Management guidelines are consistent with DOD policies regarding AIDS.

The guidelines say: "Employees infected with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS) should be allowed to continue working as long as they are able to maintain acceptable performance and don't pose a health or safety threat to themselves or others in the workplace."

"HIV-infected employees should be treated in the same way as employees who suffer from other serious illnesses."

"Employees' concerns about AIDS in the workplace should be taken seriously and addressed with appropriate education and counseling."

"If education is unsuccessful and managers determine that an employee's unwarranted threat or refusal to work with an infected employee is impeding or disrupting the organization's work, management should consider appropriate action against the threatening or disruptive employees, including dismissal."

According to Air Force Dr. (Lt. Col.) Michael R. Peterson, senior policy analyst for health promotion in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the kind of contact that generally occurs among workers and clients or consumers in the workplace does not pose a risk for transmission of AIDS.

The OPM directive stresses the need to educate federal employees to increase their understanding of AIDS. Agencies should train managers and supervisors of the medical and personal dimensions of AIDS so that they properly can handle personnel situations where AIDS is a factor.

The directive also says agencies should grant leave to HIV-infected employees in the same manner as they would grant leave to employees with other medical conditions. Similarly, employees' assignments or schedules should be changed under the same policies used for other medical conditions.

American Forces Information Service

CLMRG offers summer class

Members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (CLMRG) will teach basic mountaineering and mountaineering safety for six weeks starting Tuesday, June 4.

Lecture sessions will be held Tues-

days, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Naval Weapons Center's Training Center. Practice sessions are scheduled on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. until dark.

This class is limited to 50 students who must be at least 16 years age and

physically able to take the class. There is no fee, but some equipment will be required. Interested students must register in advance.

To register, anyone interested should send their name, address, prior

experience (if any) and a list of reasons for taking the class, to CLMRG, attn: Andrew Mitchell, P.O. Box 2037, Ridgecrest. Potential students should also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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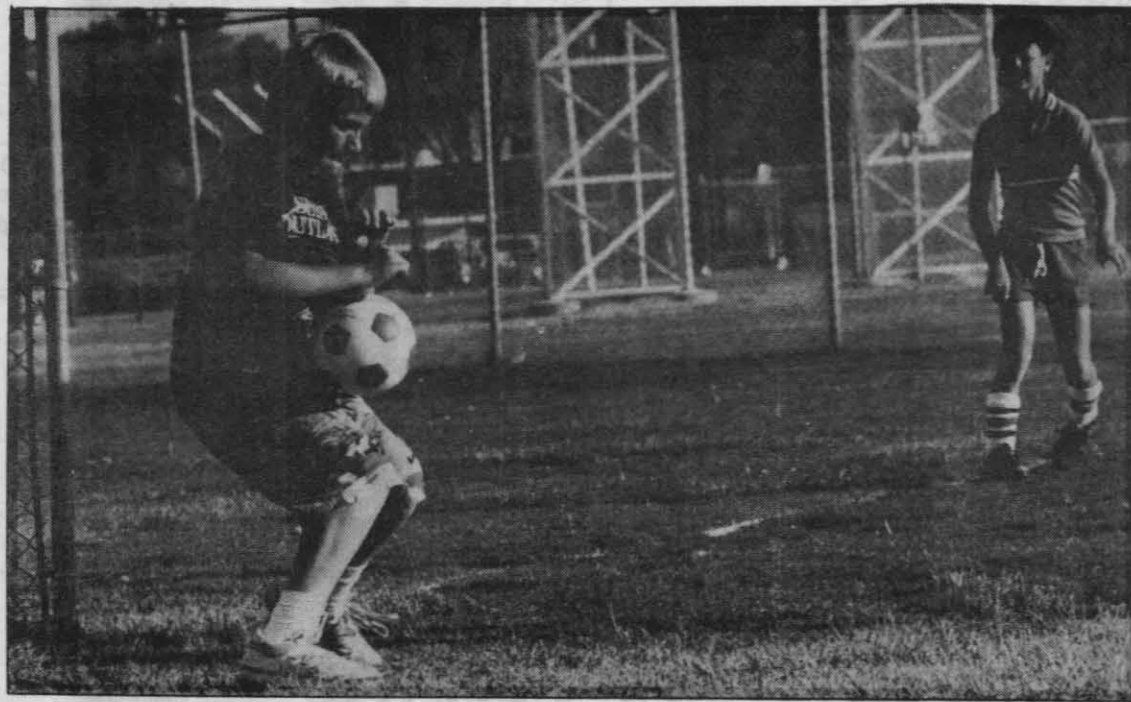
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GET THE BALL — NWC's Recreational Services Department Youth Soccer ended play for Divisions 1 and 4 last Saturday.

Two divisions finish youth soccer play, rest finish tomorrow

Last week ended play for Divisions 1 and 4 of the Naval Weapons Center Recreational Services Department Youth Soccer. Divisions 2 and 3 will finish their season tomorrow, May 21.

Division 1
Express 2, Cobras 1
In the win, Chris Peters booted in

both goals, and Nathan Mickelsen and Josh Carson were credited with being outstanding players. Teamwork, a goal by Robert Hoffman, and great plays by Steven Schultz, Jason Belter, Josh Chambers and Garrett Beck weren't enough against the Express.

Apollos 0, Owls 0

Excitement and suspense were in evidence as defensive moves by Beth Behe, Scott Sievert, Sam Elson and Kevin Tosti from the Apollos, and Josh Roberts and Irene Stevens from the Owls, kept the game scoreless.

Eagles 3, Coyotes 1

Good ball handling and passing by the team, two goals by Jonathan Ford and one goal by Brett Tomsen resulted in victory. A score by Patrick Coughlin and hard play by Jose Tovar and Tammy Yeager weren't enough for the Coyotes.

Whitecaps 1, Sounders 1
Passes by Derek Hills, blocks by Mike Murray and a lone goal by Danny Hartley made this a tense game for the Whitecaps. Team effort, good hustle by Justin Agee and Dan McKensie and a goal by James Heumann enabled the Sounders to tie the game.

Jets 2, Kicks 1
With goals by Doug Speigle and Jason Ford, and good defense by the team, the Jets squeaked in the win. Neil Covington knocked in the lone goal for the Kicks.

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Division 2
Cougars 1, Tornados 0
In a hard fought game, the Cougars triumphed with a goal by Robby Tomlinson and excellent defensive moves by Kevin Nowicki and Nic Charlton. Aggressive plays by Joey Aguilar and Crim Piper weren't enough in the loss.

Strikers 1, Earthquakes 1
Hard play by Miles Ross, Becky Rogers, Mark Trinh and Travis Cad-dell made the Strikers a formidable opponent. Ben Friedman was credited with the Strikers' lone goal. The Earthquakes' Joe Ernest and Richard Jones showed good form during the game. Nathan Arnold kicked in the only goal for the Earthquakes.

Whitecaps 1, Rogues 0
John Keller and Dean Barnet played well in defense and Loren Letsche was an effective forward for the Whitecaps. Beau Arnold scored the winning goal. The Rogues did not turn in a score sheet.

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FISHING—Gull Lake is still a hot spot for eastern Sierra anglers.

Anglers reporting fair-to-good fishing in eastern Sierra region

Anglers fishing the eastern Sierra region are reporting fair to good fishing from Bishop to Twin Lakes near Bridgeport.

Limits of pan-sized rainbow trout are being caught at Gull Lake, but only near the condos and Aspen trees. Trollers are doing their best in front of the breakwater with catches of two- to three-pound fish being common. Baits having the best results are Red eggs, marshmallows and cheese.

Fishing elsewhere on the June Lake Loop is generally good with some limits of rainbows averaging 10- to 13-inches. Trolling with Rap-

las and black Rooster Tails is the best way to go.

At Crowley Lake, trollers are having best luck fishing for Sacramento perch. Still-fishing from boats is fair to good for trout, while shore fishing is slow.

Stream fishing is good for small browns and rainbows at Rock Creek Lake.

Pleasant Valley Reservoir is good for kamloops to 12-inches. Standard baits are working the best.

Limits and near limits of pan-sized

browns and rainbows are being caught at Bishop Creek (South Fork). Remember though, the road to South Lake is closed.

The upper end of Lake Sabrina is the best area for browns and rainbows. One fisherman caught an almost four-pound brown trout on a night crawler.

Bubble-and-fly rigs are working the best at Intake II and North Lake. There is a road closure to North Lake, resulting in a mile-long walk being the only access.

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Military, DOD honored— Special celebration to be held at water park

Wet 'n Wild, the popular Las Vegas water park, will honor all military and DOD personnel and their families with a special celebration on Sunday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to midnight.

Military and DOD personnel, and their dependents, will mix in with the general public from 10 a.m., but will have exclusive use of the park from 8 p.m. until midnight. Many activities have been planned during the exclusive hours, including the Aqualympics and dancing.

The special price of \$9.75 includes admission, use of all park facilities, slides, free soft drinks all day and night and other discounts.

The 26-acre water park has a variety of attractions for every age group. The new Blue Niagra, a

two-tubed, twisting slide which starts from the Der Stuka tower, is one of the exciting new features this season. From the relaxation of the Lazy River, to the excitement of the Der Stuka and White Water Rapids, and the uniqueness of the Children's Water Playground, Wet 'n Wild is a welcome addition to the Las Vegas scene.

Invited guests are invited to bring their own picnic supplies, but glass containers of any type are not allowed in the park for safety reasons. Wet 'n Wild offers ample food offerings, including a pizza stand, ice cream stand and a large snack bar with an extensive menu.

Tickets are now on sale at the Information, Ticket & Tour Office located in the Bennington Plaza, NWC ext. 2010.

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