



Final performances of The Players set

	Max	Min	Gusts
Thurs.	86	53	13 knots
Fri.	92	53	11 knots
Sat.	92	55	17 knots
Sun.	91	54	16 knots
Mon.	94	58	15 knots
Tues.	95	51	10 knots
Wed.	96	56	14 knots

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.

This is the final weekend for *The Players: An Original Showcase*. Performed at the Murray Jr. High School Cafetorium, the curtain time will be at 7:30. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors, enlisted military, and children up to 16 years. Tonight and tomorrow night are the final performances.

The first of the two plays, *The*

Masque by Gene Guilmette, tells the story of one young man striving to find his individuality and freedom in an oppressive society. The second play, *Three Passes in Time* by Dan Jeffers, follows a woman who has been driven by her loneliness to attempt suicide only to be saved by the appearance of a "vision" from the future.



Automobile hobbyists can take advantage of an auto body and paint seminar on Wednesday sponsored by the Moral Welfare and Recreation Division's Auto Hobby Center and Big "A" Auto Parts. This introductory seminar will focus on the principles of automotive body work and painting. This session is set for 7 p.m. in the Naval Weapons Center's Gym Annex. Admission is free.

Members of the China Lake Astronomical Society will meet in the Maturango Museum on Monday at 7:30 p.m. Edwin L. Aguirre and Imelda B. Joson of the Philippine Astronomical Society will present a talk and slide show on the March 18, 1988 total eclipse of the sun.

LL & Co tryouts set

Tryouts for Linda Lou Crosby's new melodrama, "Remember the Bessie Brady," will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridgecrest on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. LL & Company's new show takes place in the Owens Valley in the late 1800s, when the Cerro Gordo mine produced a lot of silver and the "Bessie Brady" took the silver across Owen's Lake from Swansea to Cartago.

Available parts include a sea captain, villain, dancers, Molly Stevens (Bessie's rival) and an interesting sort that might very well have been found hanging around the mining towns of the Old West. Anyone interested in trying out should call Linda Lou at 619-372-4342.

Doll class starts

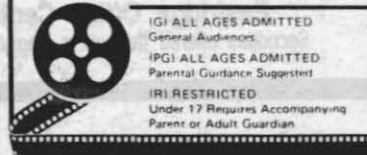
Mary Burchett will teach a porcelain doll class beginning Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This class will continue for the following two Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Students must attend all classes.

Students are responsible for their own materials, which are available at the Craft/Hobby Center.

Deadline for registration is Oct. 3. For further information, please contact the Craft/Hobby Center at NWC ext. 3252.

Movies

FRI., SAT.	SEPT. 30-Oct. 1
"RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD II"	
Starring	
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(Horror/Comedy, rated R, 89 min.)	
SUNDAY	OCT. 2
"BENJI THE HUNTED"	
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(Adventure, rated G, 90 min.)	
WED.	OCT. 5
"AMERICAN NINJA II, THE CONFRONTATION"	
Starring	
Michael Dudikoff and Steve James	
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FRIDAY	OCT. 7
"APPRENTICE TO MURDER"	
Starring	
Donald Sutherland and Chad Lowe	
(Suspense, rated PG-13, 93 min.)	
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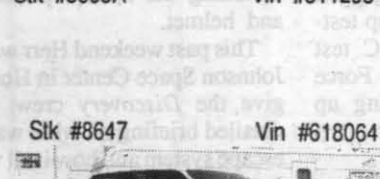
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F/AATD work brings recognition to Ditzler

"I can only accept this award on behalf of the team," said Rodney Ditzler as he received the Naval Weapons Center's Technical Direc-

tor's Award from Gerry Schiefer on Sept. 19.

Ditzler, honored for his contributions in the fields of multisensor

tracking (MST) and multisensor correlation on the Fighter/Attack Avionics Targeting Demonstration (F/AATD) project, said it was a real

team effort. "It took a lot of people to make F/AATD work," he added. In making the presentation Schiefer said Ditzler had done some

really outstanding work. He noted this project was undertaken with the idea of giving fleet pilots and air- (Continued on Page 10)

Shuttle system Aerosystems team aids in crew escape

Nearly two years have gone by since the Naval Weapons Center's Aerosystems Department was asked by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to join the effort of developing a crew escape system for the space shuttle.

In that time a cadre of engineers, technicians, clerical personnel, contractors and Navy test parachutists became deeply involved in the ambitious project.

Headed by Russ Bates, manager of the Shuttle Crew Escape Program, and Mike Herr, system project engineer, this team was responsible for designing and fabricating a totally new, and technically superior, parachute escape system. The group also tested two escape methods and, overall, was a vital part of the successful launch of the shuttle *Discovery* yesterday.

The escape system calls for a telescoping 12-foot-long pole to be deployed through the main hatch, with crew members sliding down it to give them a trajectory designed to keep them away from the wing and fuselage of the orbiter vehicle itself. Bates likened the system to sliding down a fireman's pole. Once the crew member hooks up and leaves the shuttle, everything is automatic, including opening of the parachute and inflation of a one-person life raft.

Aerosystems personnel had to design a parachute system that was both lightweight and capable of high-altitude, high-speed opening. The performance requirements exceeded those of any parachute currently in use. The parachute system includes both manual and automatic modes.

To pass muster, the escape system, which includes numerous components, had to be capable of performing at altitudes between 30,000 and 5,000 feet and at air speeds of up to 200 knots. More than 100 tests were conducted with the parachute system, including a series of jumps

at various altitudes and air speeds by Navy parachutists from NWC's Parachute Test Operations Branch before it was certified for use on shuttle missions.

Last week the final tests were completed at NWC using a modified C-141 Starlifter on loan from the Air Force and two articulated dummies equipped with parachute systems and harnesses identical to those now on board the shuttle.

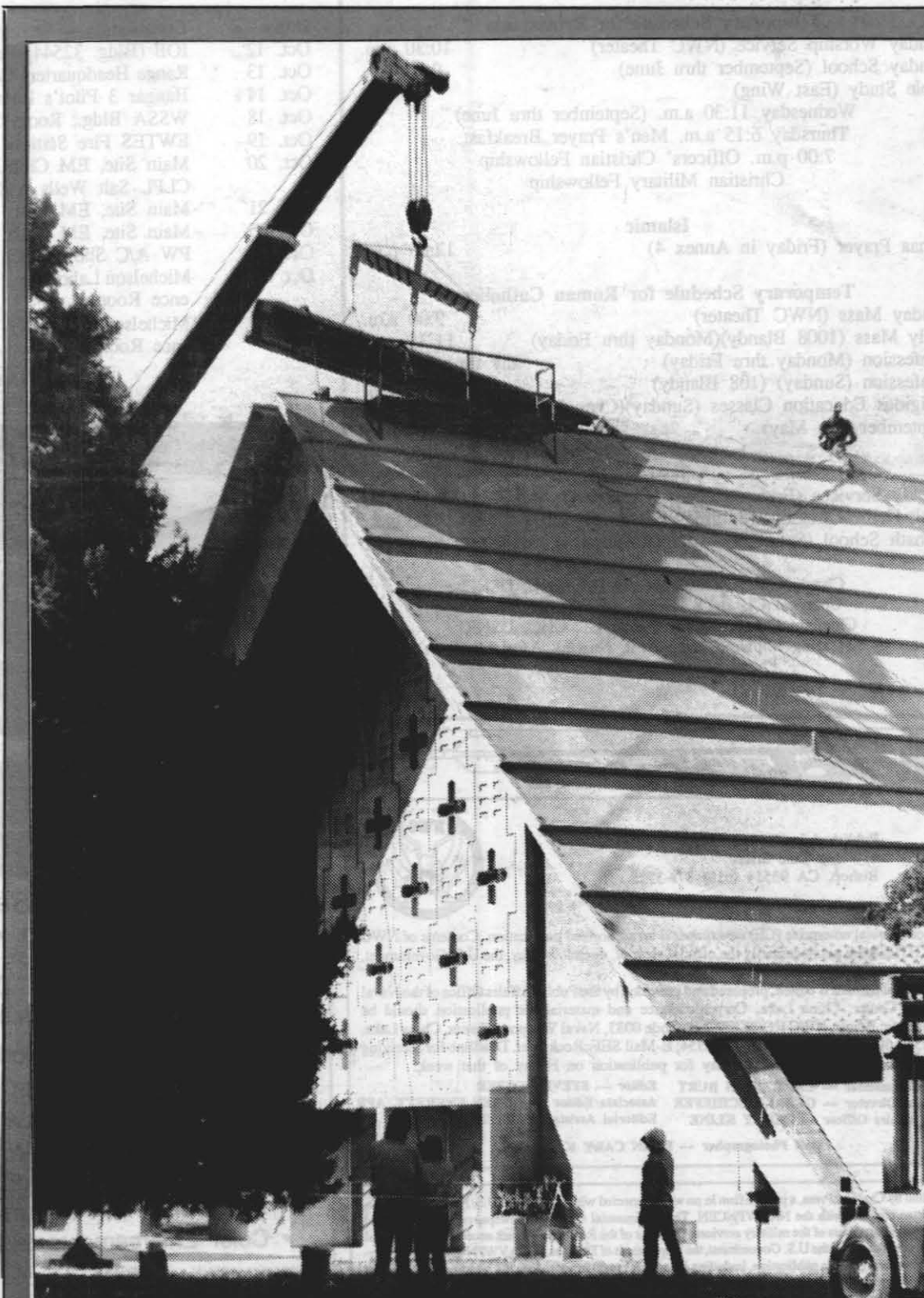
Mike Herr stressed that this escape system is designed for a specific set of emergencies. It is not, for example, designed to perform under the circumstances of the *Challenger* tragedy in 1986.

The escape pole is designed for use in a controlled situation should the shuttle either fail to achieve orbit or if on reentry it becomes apparent the shuttle can not make a safe landing. "It is," noted Herr, "a ditching avoidance system" in case the shuttle would have to come down in the ocean or rough terrain. Experts say the shuttle crew most likely would not survive those kinds of landings in the orbiter.

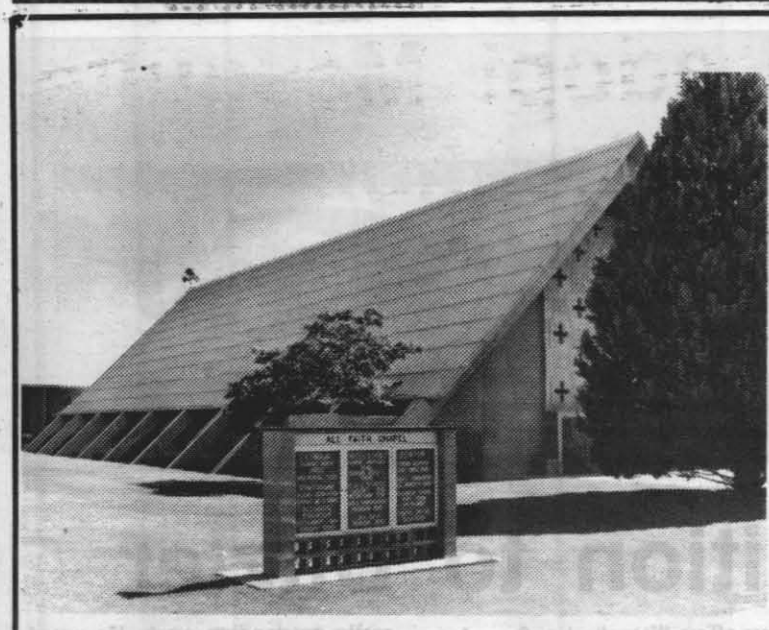
In this and future missions, astronauts will wear partial pressure suits and the parachute system during launch and reentry. In addition, the escape pole is positioned for quick use at that time. While in orbit, the crew does not wear the pressure suits and the pole is stowed out of the way.

If it were necessary to use the escape system, the shuttle crew would be in their pressure suits allowing depressurization of the crew cabin at about 40,000 feet. The crew member closest to the main hatch would jetison the hatch, deploy the telescoping pole and be the first to hook onto the escape pole.

At about 22,000 feet the crew begins to bailout. Astronauts kneel in the hatch opening and just roll out. The 12-foot-long pole controls their trajectory for the first critical sec- (Continued on Page 15)



THERE IT GOES — A few construction workers watch while the big crane removes a section of the All Faith Chapel's roof. The roof is being removed a section at a time and replaced with a sturdier roof that should be able to withstand an earthquake. (See schedule change on Page 2). Photo by PHAN Cary Brady



Divine Services

Temporary Schedule for Protestants
 Sunday Worship Service (NWC Theater) 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School (September thru June) 9:00 a.m.
 Bible Study (East Wing)
 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. (September thru June)
 Thursday 6:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 7:00 p.m. Officers' Christian Fellowship
 Christian Military Fellowship

Islamic
 Jumaa Prayer (Friday in Annex 4) 12:00 p.m.

Temporary Schedule for Roman Catholics
 Sunday Mass (NWC Theater) 9:00 a.m.
 Daily Mass (1008 Blandy)(Monday thru Friday) 11:35 a.m.
 Confession (Monday thru Friday) any time by appt.
 Confession (Sunday) (108 Blandy) 7:30-7:50 a.m.
 Religious Education Classes (Sunday)(Chapel Annexes) 10:30 a.m. (September thru May)

Jewish
 Weekly Services (Friday - Chapel Annex 4) 7:30 p.m.
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NWC's Wellness Corner

Blood draw schedules

Beginning Oct. 12, the Naval Weapons Center's Wellness Program will be offering a low-cost blood analysis to all Center employees and active duty military personnel.

The blood test analysis will include counts for total cholesterol, high density lipoproteins, low density lipoproteins, total cholesterol/HDL risk ratio, triglycerides and glucose. This way, employees will have a chance to compare blood values with their previous test or to see what their blood values are for the first time.

The same laboratory that was used

last spring will again be doing the analyses.

Cost for the analysis is \$14 and must be paid at the time of the draw. Checks should be made out to MWR (Morale, Welfare & Recreation Department).

People wishing to make an appointment for a specific time should call NWC ext. 2548 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. This number is only for people wishing to make appointments.

Anyone with further questions should call Betty Miller, Wellness Program manager, at NWC ext. 3162.

People having their blood drawn should not eat any food or drink anything other than water for 12 hours before the blood draw.

The draws will be from 7 to 10 a.m. on the dates and at the locations listed below.

The NWC Wellness Program is in the process of developing a walking club. We are in need of a name. We could use NWC Walking Club, but with all of the creative people out there, we figured that you could think of a clever name. Please submit your suggestions to Betty Miller, Code 09. Thanks.

Dates	Locations	
Oct. 12	IOB (Bldg. 32544) Conference Room	Nov. 1
Oct. 13	Range Headquarters Conference Room	Nov. 2
Oct. 14	Hangar 3 Pilot's Lounge	
Oct. 18	WSSA Bldg., Room 223	Nov. 3
Oct. 19	EWTES Fire Station	
Oct. 20	Main Site, EM Club	Nov. 4
	CLPL Salt Wells Aid Station	
Oct. 21	Main Site, EM Club	
Oct. 25	Main Site, EM Club	
Oct. 26	PW A/C Shop Lunch Room	
Oct. 27	Michelson Laboratory, Little D Conference Room	
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NWC team boosts space shuttle safety effort

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onds. A drogue chute opens to keep the crew member stabilized until reaching 14,000 feet when a barometric pressure device triggers the main parachute.

Navy Lieutenant Commander Mario Runco assigned to the astronaut program as a mission specialist, said NASA expects the five-person shuttle crew could get out in about two minutes while the orbiter is in controlled descent.

Free seminar set

A free rape prevention and women's self-defense seminar will be held at the Heritage Inn Flight Deck tomorrow (Oct. 1). Two sessions, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. will be held. Sponsors are the Ridgecrest Academy of Martial Arts, The Ridgecrest Police Department and the City of Ridgecrest.

Runco, who said he didn't expect to be assigned to fly any time soon, noted the crew of *Discovery* had the partial pressure suits and parachute systems for the practice launch in August. Those systems had been packed by Aerosystems Department personnel and flown from NWC to Cape Canaveral in time for the

practice.

Shuttle crews have not made actual parachute jumps with the new system, nor have they made jumps from aircraft using the telescoping pole.

An extensive series of jump testing was conducted by NWC test parachutists at Edwards Air Force Base and NWC. In wrapping up

those tests earlier this year PRCM Robert Hudson and PR1 Stephen Sotaski made jumps from the C-141 wearing the full escape system including the NASA pressure suit and helmet.

This past weekend Herr was at the Johnson Space Center in Houston to give the *Discovery* crew a final, detailed briefing on what was in the escape system and how it all worked.

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ESCAPE TEAM — Members of the Space Shuttle Crew Escape System Program team gather around the escape pole mounted in an Air Force C-141 Starlifter. This team was responsible for the success of the final round of escape system testing last week at the Naval Weapons Center. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Radar sites announced says CLPD

Motorists on board the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) are reminded that China Lake Police Division (CLPD) officers enforce state and NWC traffic regulations.

According to Kerry B. Swiggum, traffic manager, CLPD Operations Branch, areas of concentration for radar traffic enforcement for next week are listed below.

- Monday — Randsburg Wash Road.
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NWC reports on 1988 Civilian Employee Attitude Survey

Now in its eighth year of use, the Civilian Employee Attitude Survey was begun to gather information. The information measures the work climate and organizational health of NWC and evaluates the Demonstration Project. The response rate for the survey was 57 percent (over 3000 employees).

As in all previous surveys, individual responses have been held in strictest confidence. The Resource Analysis Branch (Code 0834) is responsible for administering and analyzing the survey. Only the Code 0834 analysts working on the survey have access to the questionnaire and the answer sheets are destroyed once the raw data have been obtained.

Survey results have been analyzed in terms of NWC as a whole, looking at the responses of all

employees. The data are also evaluated in terms of the responses of employees in various employee groups, such as occupational categories, as well as in particular organizations; i.e., directorates and departments.

A detailed analysis of the survey has been given to top Center management. Department and directorate heads have also been briefed on the results for their particular organizations.

This year's survey contained 58 questions. Each question was scored by subtracting the percent of negative responses from the percent of

positive responses, resulting in a net positive (or negative) score. To help summarize the data, similar questions were then grouped into categories and the scores were averaged to give a final score for each category. For instance, in the "Employee-Supervisor Relations" category listed in the table below, the 1988 score of 47 indicates that 47 percent more respondents answered questions positively in that category than answered negatively.

It is important to note that the category scores should be used as indicators only. The relative positiveness of a category may be more a

function of the number and type of questions than the subject heading itself. Consequently, it can't be assumed that employees at NWC feel more positive about the general management than they do about the climate. Survey results are indicators of how respondents currently

feel about particular categories compared to how they felt about them in 1986 and 1985. (No survey was distributed in 1987.)

This year, more than 800 comment sheets were turned in by respondents. The topics discussed included: management and supervisors, failure to link pay to performance, limited incentive increases, spending limitations, interference of MTP constraints, the Demonstration Project, and questions and comments about the questionnaire itself. These comments were summarized and given to management.

In general, category scores are somewhat lower than in 1986 but in many cases, slightly higher than in 1985. Specific questions within categories showed that Center respondents were generally satisfied with NWC. Examples: Ninety-two percent of the respondents like working at NWC, and 91 percent indicated doing their jobs well gives them a feeling that they have accomplished something worthwhile.

A published report will be distributed to departments. If you wish to obtain a copy or would like more information, please call Vivian Ryno at NWC ext. 3526.

NWC Survey Scores

	1985	1986	1988
Organizational Climate (morale, sense of importance)	41	41	39
Dealing with Marginal Employees	0	11	-8
Trust of Supervisors and Management	36	43	41
Employee-Supervisor Relations	50	54	47
General Management	42	52	46
Classifications & Performance Evaluation System	28	32	30
Fairness of Recognition	5	11	6
Demonstration Project	11	29	27



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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.

Housing area residents must register all pets

Housing says... All Center residents will be receiving a letter and a Pet Registration Record form through the mail. NAVWPNCEN Instruction 5820.31 states that all pets must be registered with the Housing Office.

We urge you to please fill out and return this form to us, whether you do or do not have pets. Anyone who does

not return a Pet Registration Record form will be contacted by Housing to do so.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Amy Mansfield at NWC ext. 3411/324.

Navy Relief Office hours announced

Don't forget, the Navy Relief organization is available for your assistance on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

China Lake military payday set tomorrow

Lt. Arlene Thompson, officer-in-charge, Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PSD) at China Lake, states, "The military payday will be tomorrow, October 1. Command representatives may pick up checks at PSD between 7:30 and 10:00 a.m." All military personnel should see their supervisor for individual check pick-up. Naval Weapons Center military personnel should contact IC2 Arnold, NWC ext. 5222 for more information.

All Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) military personnel will be able to pick up their paychecks at the duty office from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. tomorrow and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Checks will also be available on Monday morning at the duty office.

The end-of-the-month payday for September had been set as Oct. 3 by the Navy Accounting and Finance Center (NAFC), but NAFC has authorized commands to conduct payday on Saturday, Oct. 1. Financial institutions will have direct deposit and electronic fund transfer payment data available prior to Oct. 1. NAFC has asked that these institutions credit accounts on Oct. 1 so service members may access the funds. The Navy

Federal Credit Union has agreed to credit accounts as requested. The Naval Weapons Center Federal Credit Union has said that they will make every attempt to do so, but it will depend upon when they receive the payment data. "If we receive the tapes (data) early enough on Friday, Sept. 30, then members will have the funds credited to their accounts as early as Friday evening," said Sue Green, senior accountant. "If we receive the information late, the accounts may not be credited until Monday, Oct. 3. Members are encouraged to use our Automatic Dial In number (446-7973) to determine if their funds have been credited." This number must be used from a touchtone phone.

Service members with direct deposit are urged to verify how their pay will be handled and confirm their account balances before withdrawing funds.

Normally, the Navy would simply adjust the pay schedule to allow payment on the Friday before the payday, but Sept. 30 is the last day of the fiscal year. By law, only 12 monthly paychecks may be issued in a fiscal year, which means that checks must be dated Oct. 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Vampires adopt Mesquite to further education goals

Pursuing the highest level of education possible is a goal shared by two diverse Ridgecrest groups—members of the Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) and the students at Ridgecrest's alternative school, Mesquite High.

These two groups are joining forces to further each other's goals. VX-5 officially "adopted" Mesquite High School on Sept. 19. "We plan to get involved in Mesquite High's events and hope the students learn more about VX-5 and who we are and what we do," said BT2 Jim Garcia, VX-5's Education Petty Officer. "Together our goals are to achieve more chances to get into learning and to achieve high educational goals."

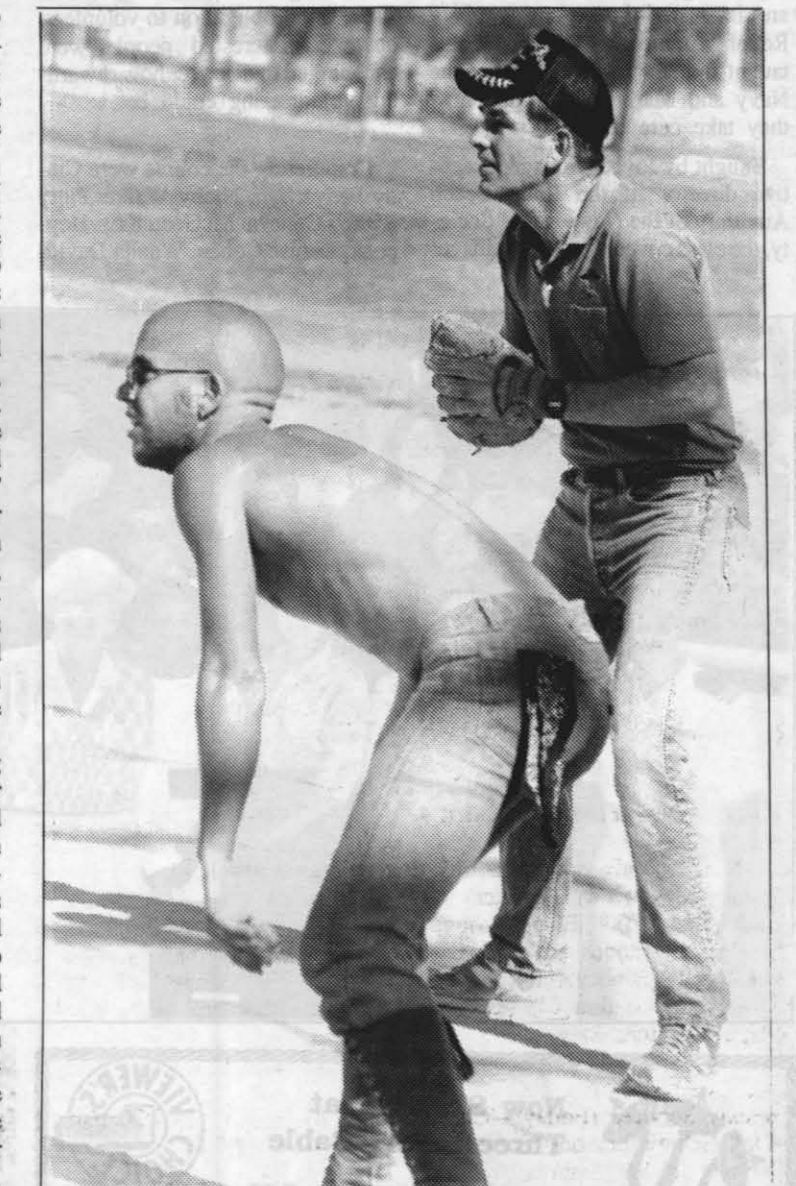
The two groups kicked off their partnership with a softball game on Sept. 23. VX-5 won the game 22-11, but both groups walked away as victors. "That game helped the students to get to know us as people," said Garcia. "We had a lot of informal fun and it helped break the ice for future shared events."

Mesquite High School is assisting some VX-5 members achieve their high school diplomas via classes held at the hangar after work. Dr. Ken Biba, Mesquite principal, coordinated these adult evening classes through the Sierra Sands Unified School District and works with two local teachers who instruct the needed classes. Two Vampires have earned their high school diplomas through the program and 16 persons are currently enrolled. While the classes are held in the VX-5 hangar, they are open to all adults wishing to earn their diplomas.

"Learning and a good education are the strongest strengths known to man," said Garcia. "We would like to see more China Lakers involved in these evening classes. We're real proud of those currently enrolled and expect to see many more graduate from the program." Call BT2 Jim Garcia, NWC ext. 5695 or GMGC Goins, NWC's education service officer at 5222 for more information.

VX-5 joins MHS team

BATS CHALLENGE MESQUITE—David Truesdale, left, anticipates trying to score while Capt. Eric Vanderpool watches the action. The VX-5 softball team challenged the Mesquite High School students to a softball match on Sept. 23 to "get the ball rolling" towards a successful partnership.



Crackerjacks

Enlisted women get new uniform

Washington (NNS) — The Chief of Naval Operations has approved the jumper-styled service dress white uniform (crackerjacks) for enlisted women E-1 through E-6 in response to the overwhelmingly positive reaction of women sailors who tested it.

Tests in 1980 and 1985 of alternatives to women's uniform styles showed 73 percent of the test participants preferred the "crackerjacks" because they were washable, cool, comfortable and easily stored aboard ship. As one woman put it, "It made me feel like I belong in the Navy."

Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility will design the final look of the uniform. The uniform is scheduled to be issued to recruits in late 1992, but the Navy is trying to find a way to provide the uniform sooner.

The jumper-styled uniform has been part of the Navy seabag in one version or another since 1825. The term "crackerjack" was "borrowed" from the name of a popcorn candy, whose box logo featured a man in the jumper uniform. The first version of the uniform was a white jumper with

a blue collar. Because sailors in those days put grease in their hair to keep it out of their eyes while working aloft,

a flap was added to keep the grease from getting on the shirt. The jumper remained part of the sailor's seabag

until 1972, when E-6 and below enlisted men shifted to the double-breasted coat worn by officers and chief petty officers. The jumper reappeared in 1977 after 86 percent of sailors surveyed preferred a return to the traditional uniform.

Ten complete Navy Relief class

Ten volunteers completed the Navy Relief Training course last Friday. Designed to benefit those who are interested in becoming Navy Relief volunteers, the course also taught the students more about the Navy and Marine Corps and how they take care of their own.

Taught by Joyce Dinnage, executive director of the Long Beach Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society, the class covered money manage-

ment and military pay and allowances, as well as volunteer opportunities during the five morning classes. There is no obligation to volunteer, however, interested people were encouraged to discover how rewarding volunteering could be.

Completing the course were Cindy Fedyschyn, Nicky Walker, Patty Rizzo, Geneva McGee, Kris Hoppock, Denise Cohen, Wanda David-

son, Marnie Vanderpoel, Donna McGahee, and Connie Barr.

Several volunteers were honored at the graduation luncheon. Priscilla Dropp received her 1500 Hours of Service pin; Sally Henry received her 1000 Hours of Service pin; Molly McGee and Mary Stites each received a 300 Hours of Service pin; and Joyce Guttenger and Kris Hoppock received their 100 Hours of Service pin.



Somewhere over the rainbow.

From time to time, through the magic of television, a teenaged Judy Garland can still be seen plaintively crooning the lyrics to the ever-popular "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" shortly before setting out on an unplanned, if not haphazard, visit to the colorful Land of Oz, which can be found where the title of the song suggests. Bored with the rustic character of her Kansas home, she initially wishes for an opportunity to journey to a "better place" (over the rainbow), but, arriving within Oz's unpredictable and danger-filled boundaries, she quickly comes to the realization that "there's no place like home."

With few exceptions, moviegoers since the original screening of the "Wizard of Oz" have been drawn by the story's heartwarming outcome to a silent assent to Dorothy's discovery: It was all there back in Kansas to begin with, but it just needed to be looked at more closely and appreciated.

How often do we ourselves mistakenly think that the "grass is greener" on the other side of the fence? Bored with what we judge to be life's dull, "black-and-white" routine, we can easily nourish a profound, unhealthy dissatisfaction with ourselves, our jobs and those around us with the result that we "desensitize" ourselves to the color of our surroundings.

I suppose that a certain amount of dissatisfaction with the "status quo" is necessary, even healthy, to the growth that every mature person is expected to experience. It is precisely the recognition of areas that need change, of habits that should be dis-

carded or cultivated, and goals that should be pursued that keeps us ever-striving to improve ourselves, and this is good.

The "profound dissatisfaction" of what I speak cuts more deeply at the root of our existence and makes progress toward any recognized good impossible. This kind of attitude sees everything around it as a drudgery, uninspiring, hum-drum and colorless. Life becomes something to be endured, instead of something to be enjoyed; people become obstacles; work becomes almost intolerable; outlooks become more pessimistic; and motivation is almost non-existent. Indeed, the only relief from such a situation can be found "over the rainbow," certainly not in the here and now.

Jesus tells us that children, in their simplistic wonder over the ordinary things of creation, possess an attitude that opens them to an appreciation of God's hand in the universe. Their curiosity and interest in the commonplace are not cluttered by the unrealistic concerns and disillusionments that one gradually acquires with age. "Unless you become like little children," the Savior says, "you will not enter the Kingdom of God." (Matt. 18:3). The problem is that we fail to realize that the Kingdom of God has already begun here and now: It is not "over the rainbow," existing as a land for which we unrealistically pine.

As Christians, we are citizens of a present and future kingdom with the task of transforming the common and ordinary into moments of wonder and awe. Do we see the handiwork of God in every aspect of our lives? If it is ultimately true that "there is no place like home," then it is equally true that "home is where the heart is," and the heart of the Christian sees the wonder of creation in everything.

By LCdr. S. A. Casimano, CHC, USN
Command Chaplain

Applefest celebration

Tehachapi, a normally quiet, small community nestled in the Tehachapi mountains, is busy preparing for its Third Annual Applefest at Nunes Ranch scheduled for tomorrow and Sunday. Activities call for live entertainment, Indian dancers, a Classic car show, arts and crafts, and more. Expect apple turnovers, apple pie and cake, apple sundaes, caramelized apples and apple cider. Located 70 miles southwest off Hwy 58, The Applefest is suited for family entertainment. Call the Ranch at (805) 822-5547.

Center firefighters seeking prevention help

Firefighters at the Naval Weapons Center's Fire Division, in conjunction with the High Desert Fire Prevention Association (Kern County Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation Fire Department and the San Bernardino County Fire Agency at Trona), invite all area residents to join in the observance of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15.

Fire Prevention Week marks the anniversary of one of America's worst conflagrations, the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. On Oct. 9, of that year, fire killed 250 persons and destroyed 17,430 buildings in Chicago at a cost of \$168,000,000. In commemoration of the date, Fire Prevention Week is always the Sunday-through-Sunday period which includes Oct. 9.

The High Desert Fire Prevention Association (HDFPA) has made plans for every preschool through sixth grade student to either attend a fire prevention show at the Station Theater or have the fire prevention officers visit their school and classroom.

Elementary school children (grades kindergarten through sixth) in the Indian Wells, Kern and Searles valleys have been preparing their entries in the annual Poster and Essay Contest. Awards of \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds for the best essay and poster in each grade level will be given during the Fire Prevention Week shows.

The HDFPA will assist Sparky the Fire Dog, Smokey the Bear and Woodsey the Owl on stage in putting on a three-act play for the children. Parents are welcome to attend the shows. Master of Ceremony duties this year will be shared by Forest Service Fire Prevention Officer Mike Smith and "Alf!" The children will see a short movie, sing songs and listen to presentations on the theme "A Sound You Can Live With... Test Your Smoke Detectors."

According to Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Johnson, HDFPA chairman, "The main objective of the association is to reach the children in their forma-

tive years with the 'Learn Not to Burn' messages.' During the past 10 years, fires started by children in the Indian Wells Valley have been reduced by over 40 percent."

The one hour Fire Prevention show will be held at:

- Inyokern Elementary School — Oct. 11, 9 a.m.
- NWC Station Theater — Oct. 12-14, 10 a.m.
- Trona Elementary School — Oct. 17, 9 and 10:15 a.m.
- South Fork — Oct. 18, 9 a.m.
- Kernville Elementary School — Oct. 18, 1 p.m.
- Woodrow Wallace — Oct. 19, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

At the conclusion of the skits, winners of the poster and essay contest will be announced. Winners will be brought onto the stage for a group picture with Smokey, Woodsey, Sparky and "Alf!". The savings bonds have been provided by the High Desert Junior Women's Club, Ridgecrest BPO Elks Lodge 1913, Knights of Columbus Council 3199, Monument National Bank and various small businesses and community clubs.

Throughout Fire Prevention Week, the welcome mat will be out at NWC's Fire Station No. 1, located at the corner of Lauritsen and Inyokern roads. Families and groups are encouraged to visit between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. to see the Navy's newest Tele-Squirt fire truck and various types of fire fighting and emergency medical equipment. Fire Station No. 3 at Armitage Airfield can be visited by making special advanced arrangements.

From Oct. 24-28, teams from China Lake and Kern County Fire departments will visit all pre-schools, day care centers, nursery schools and kindergarten classes in the Indian Wells Valley to show an animated film and to distribute Junior Fire Marshal hats and materials keyed to the "Learn Not to Burn" message. The youngsters will also be able to meet either Smokey, Woodsey or Sparky and see a fire engine close up.



FIRE PREVENTION —
Members of the China Lake Fire Division join Sparky the Fire Dog in getting ready for Fire Prevention Week in the area. During the week Sparky will be joined by Smokey the Bear and Alf in pitching fire prevention to school students. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

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Children explore their world through programs at NWC Child Care Centers

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Center runs concurrent with the Sierra Sands Unified School District schedule.

"Many of the same programs and activities are used at the full-time Children's Center," said Oliver. "They all go on field trips and participate in similar developmental activities. This program is structured over a half-day."

For more information on the Enrichment Center, contact Debra Oliver, NWC ext. 2735 or Linda Eberhart, supervisor of the Enrich-

ment Center, NWC ext. 2093. Other child care programs offered through MWR include: Part-Time Center, a developmental program for four-week-old infants to 3 1/2-year-olds; Infant/Toddler Center, full-time care for four-week-old infants to 2 1/2-year-olds; the School Age Center, a part-time center for pre-kindergartners; the Pre-School Center, a full-time developmental program for 2 1/2-year-olds to five-year-olds and the kindergarten class with transportation to and from local kindereartens.



Photos by PHAN Cary Brady

ENRICHING CHILDREN is the goal at the Enrichment Center. Above Theresa Castillo, teacher, gathers with a group of four-year-olds to examine a project. Scenes like the one to the left demonstrate interaction between children. This fosters an understanding of cooperation and teamwork.



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GEICO begins awards program

William B. Snyder, chairman of Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO) has announced the initiation of the GEICO Military Services Awards Program. The program will honor an enlisted member from each of the military services for outstanding service in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse prevention, fire protection and fire safety, and traffic safety and accident prevention.

"We're initiating the GEICO Military Services Awards to honor those dedicated men and women in the enlisted ranks whose outstanding service too often goes unnoticed. By selecting one award winner from each branch of the services, we seek to honor all those who serve our nation," he said.

Individual military units worldwide will nominate candidates for the awards according to each military service's procedure. Each service branch will be asked to submit one nominee in each category to GEICO no later than January 1.

GEICO Military Services Award winners will be honored at a special ceremony held in Washington, D.C. Transportation to Washington and lodging will be provided for winners and their spouses. Each winner will receive a plaque to commemorate his or her achievements as well as a cash honorarium of \$2,500.

Those wanting more information on the GEICO Military Services Awards Program may write Sam Parish, Director of Military Services, GEICO, GEICO Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20076, or call (301) 986-3906.

Garcia selected as VX-5 Vampire of the Month

Vampire of the Month honors for August 1988 went to BT2 Jim Garcia of VX-5. "Petty Officer Garcia consistently demonstrated the maturity, dedication and professionalism found only in top performers," said Capt. Eric Vanderpoel, commanding officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five. "He made the necessary arrangements to provide outstanding opportunities for squadron personnel to further their education. His contributions have aided greatly in the squadron's ability to carry out its mission."

As educational petty officer, Garcia was instrumental in implementing the Adult Evening Classes at Armitage Field. Working with Sierra Sands School District, Garcia coordinated high school classes for military personnel needing to complete their high school diplomas.

Two students have earned their diplomas and 16 students are currently enrolled. The classes are open to all adults wishing to complete their high school education and are held at the VX-5 hangar.

Garcia has been assigned to VX-5 for one year. Before reporting to VX-5, Petty Officer Garcia served on board the USS Missouri BB-63 in Long Beach, where he was part of the



GARCIA HONORED--BT2 Jim Garcia receives congratulations from NCCM (SW) Schultz, left, and Capt. Eric Vanderpoel, commanding officer of VX-5. Garcia was the Vampire of the Month for August. Photo by PH Robert C. Foster Jr.

team which put the ship in tip top form and recommissioned her. Prior to the Missouri, he served aboard the USS Monticello LSD-35 for 4 1/2

years where he picked up his skills as a top notch boiler technician. He and his wife, Lisa Cristine, live onboard the Center.

CFC Campaign announces theme

"Make a Difference" will be the theme and the goal of this year's Combined Federal Campaign. Mark your calendars for the kickoff event on Oct. 14 and be prepared to meet the challenge of Making a Difference to fellow citizens in the Indian Wells Valley and around the world.

Each department has assigned one person to serve as the CFC "Point of Contact (POC)." All POC's are currently receiving training and becoming

acquainted with campaign literature and procedures.

Administered by the United Way of Indian Wells Valley, the CFC campaign this year is focusing on increased participation. "Last year's goal was \$200,000 and we actually received \$216,000. With increased participation, we know we can do even better this year," said Loretta King, Co-Chairman, Public Affairs. Each of us can "Make a Differ-

ence" in many ways, but contributing to the Combined Federal Campaign is a great way to start.

If you can't drive carefully, don't drive.



Bonus checks will arrive by mail

The check is in the mail.

Yes, it really will be. Honest. The Demonstration Program Bonus checks are going to be sent by mail this year rather than delivered at the work site in a test resulting from MIPi No. 093-87.

A NAVCOMPT rule requires all cash award checks be hand delivered to each employee. Normally, it is no problem for the disbursing staff to pull the award checks from out-going mail and forward them to the departments. Because the bonus checks come all at once each year as the result of the annual performance appraisal process, however, the dis-

bursing staff was left with a sizable sorting task each October. More than 2,000 checks had to be sorted by hand and forwarded to the work sites. The process took more than 40 hours of overtime the week the checks came out, not to mention the staff time the departments had to devote to the NAVCOMPT dictated delivery process for government checks.

To alleviate the problem, the disbursing office submitted a MIPi last year requesting a "Me Too" of a waiver already approved at another Navy activity. The approval came too late for implementation in 1987, so in 1988 it's going to be the first test of "The Check is in the Mail." Unlike the old joke, however, it really will be in the mail and should be in the mailbox on Oct. 28.

If you have encountered a process or rule that causes more work than seems to make sense, let us know. Call, write, "E" mail or drop by the MIPi office and let's see if we can't arrange a waiver to test out your idea on how to do things better.

Ball cancelled

Due to lack of reservations, the 1988 Retirees Day Annual Ball (scheduled for Oct. 1) has been cancelled.

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NAVY MEDAL—Larry Warkentin displays the Navy Achievement Medal he received for his work in Korea this summer. A Navy reserve lieutenant, Warkentin was honored for intelligence efforts he undertook while on his annual two weeks of active duty for training. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

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Group forming; needs members

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Korean work brings honor

Navy Achievement medals are not usually awarded for completing two and a half weeks active duty training with the Naval Reserves. But Larry Warkentin's contributions in Korea this summer earned him that special recognition.

A lieutenant in the Fleet Intelligence Rapid Support Team Pacific 1287 (FIRST PAC 1287) in Alameda, Calif., Warkentin was honored for his outstanding performance while

assigned as an analyst with Combined Battle Staff Intelligence at the Tactical Operations Center, Command Post Tango, Seoul, in support of Exercise ULCHI FOCUS LENS 88 in July.

When not on reserve duty, Warkentin is a physicist in the Integrated Electronic Warfare System (INEWS) Technical Management Office, Warkentin has been at the Naval Weapons Center since January 1986.

In recommending Warkentin for the award, Capt. W. F. Bronaugh, COS, said, "He (Warkentin) independently developed a process of coordinating bi-direction flow of information regarding naval activities to reinforce flow of naval intelligence and ensured coordination continued. . . He diligently and with keen insight, monitored ground/air threats and engagements to permit active input to join staff deliberations.

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Attend Grad luncheon Oct. 6

On Oct. 6, a graduation luncheon will be held to acknowledge graduates from the Naval Weapons Center sponsored academic programs (cooperative education, degree and fellowship programs). The luncheon will be held at the NWC Enlisted Mess with presentations from 11 a.m. to noon.

Friends, supervisors, co-workers and instructors of the graduates are invited to attend. Anyone wishing to attend the luncheon must call NWC ext. 1387 no later than Mon. Oct. 3, to make reservations.

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NWC Enrichment Center offers developmental programs leading to sense of self-worth for each child

While acting out the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" is child's play, it is serious business to the program coordinators at the Enrichment Center Program offered through the Naval Weapons Center's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department.

"We don't stress a formal academic program in our three-year-old or four-year-old class," said Debra Oliver, acting director, Children's Center. "Our programs are designed to meet the developmental needs of the total child including aspects of social, intellectual, emotional and physical development. Acting out songs enriches the child's development while the child enjoys the fun game."

The ultimate goal is to help each child to develop a solid sense of self-worth and be ready for the challenges of entering public school. Open to all military and DOD civilian employees of the Naval Weapons Center, fees are set on a sliding scale. Children can enroll in a two-day, three-day, or five-day program. The class meets from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

While there is a short waiting list for the three-year-old class, there are several openings in the four-year-old class. Children must turn three or four by Dec. 1, 1988 to enroll.

Children can choose from a variety of activities in the Enrichment Center. For example, the Home Living Area includes a fully-equipped kitchen. Inside the refrigerator are small replicas of ordinary items such as butter, milk, and hot dogs. Under each item is a label containing the same shape and color as the item, so that youngsters can return the items to the correct spot.

Responsibility is a key value learned at the Center. Children prepare, serve and clean up their own snacks. They look after the resident fish and hamsters.

They work on developing hand/eye skills in the Variety Room. There they can use a screwdriver, hammer, saw and more at a work bench. Or they can experiment with the lock box

with six different locking mechanisms. Once they get inside the box, they can find objects little hands love to explore.

In the Science Area, the focus

changes frequently depending upon the program's curriculum. In the Fall, it can feature items related to the season—for example, Indian corn, squash, gourds and seeds.

Art projects to encourage creativity are ongoing; and quiet areas for reading or getting away from the group are provided. Parents are encouraged to spend time in the Center and to discuss their children's progress with the staff.

"One father spent a morning at his child's class and took fingerpainting quite seriously," said Oliver. "Learning these skills is a child's 'job'"

Located in a duplex across from the Training Center, the Enrichment (Continued on Page 12)



EYE-HAND COORDINATION is reinforced at the Center. Thomas Holmes, left, concentrates on his masterpiece, while Jessica Clark and Supervisor Linda Eberhart, above, work on a dinosaur puzzle.

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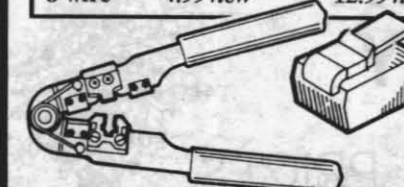
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A shocking two-thirds of working age Americans with disabilities are out of the job market, although many of them desperately want to work. Job discrimination, inadequate transportation systems, physical and communications barriers, a shortage of opportunities to gain job skills, and insufficient awareness of their abilities still prevent people with disabilities from securing employment in far too many instances.

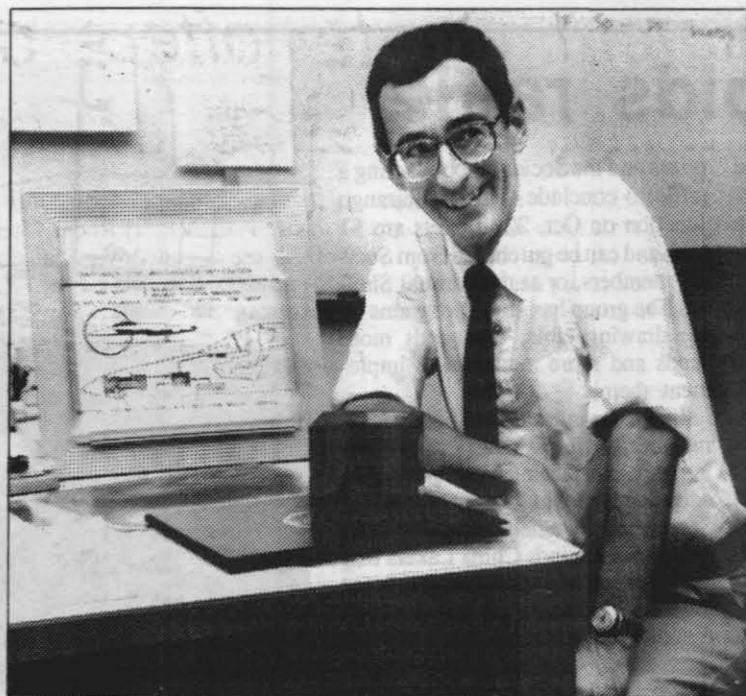
As a Nation, we cannot afford to ignore this enormous waste of human potential. Employers especially cannot afford to overlook people with disabilities as potential employees at a time when increasing labor shortages are predicted into the 21st Century.

I urge all of you to take this opportunity to give special recognition to employers, professionals, and others who have distinguished themselves by providing opportunities for people with disabilities to work. Applaud and publicize, too, those outstanding employees with disabilities. Use this opportunity to launch ongoing programs that will speed our progress toward equal opportunity and full employment for people with disabilities.

Let's make the first National Disability Employment Awareness Month a great one. By working together, each of us doing our part, we can make a greater difference this year than ever before. Building upon the good work that many of you have done in the past, we can make October 1988 the springboard to a new and higher plane of accomplishment. We owe it to ourselves, to Americans with disabilities, and to our country.

By Harold Russell

Chairman: President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped



AWARD WINNER— Rodney Ditzler was honored with the NWC Technical director's Award for his work on the F/AATD project. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

JP counseling is set

Providing new professionals with information about themselves to help them plan their careers at the Naval Weapons Center is the purpose of the Junior Professional (JP) Career Guidance and Counseling Program. This program includes eight hours of tests and a feedback session with a professional counselor. The next testing will be held Nov. 9 and 10 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Training Center. Counseling sessions will be held at a later date. If you want to be included in the November testing, contact Michelle Clark, NWC ext. 2648. Some questions to be answered during this program are:

- Do you now have essentially technical or managerial (or both) capabilities? What are your prospects for future development?
 - What are your major values and priorities for personal and career development?
 - What are your major strengths and weaknesses in dealing with others?
 - With what size group would you work best?
 - What additional training (technical, academic, or other) do you need for further development?
- Please remember, test results and any related information are kept confidential.

R. Ditzler honored

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crews some more assistance in a hostile environment.

The letter nominating Ditzler for the award said the "driving force behind this project is that the future air combat environment... will be characterized by multiple targets, jamming, deceptive tactics, emission controls and adverse weather. No single sensor system will be able to provide the aircrew with adequate data for targeting, and the task of combining and correlating separate data from multiple sensors will create an unacceptable workload."

F/AATD was developed and tested as part of a multi-year special focus exploratory program with a goal of demonstrating multisensor targeting algorithms for air-to-air applications.

Ditzler is the MST algorithm development engineer and is recognized as an expert in data fusion and sensor correlation technology. He developed the MST algorithm used in the F/AATD. The letter noted he "developed this unique technology in a very short time period and determined the unique fighter aircraft requirements and algorithm capabilities.... He is regarded as the Navy's technical expert in MST for fighter/attack aircraft."

The letter, from Nick Schneider, acting head, Aircraft Weapons Integration Department, concludes by noting Ditzler's efforts are not only applicable to the Navy's Fleet Air Defense, "but will also impact the Navy and Marine Corps requirements for the integration of air-to-ground target sensors."

Energy slogans wanted

Consumption of energy is a vital factor in performing the mission of the Naval Weapons Center (NWC); however, the cost of energy is increasing at a much faster rate than the annual operating budget.

This winter we must all do our part to help conserve energy. This means turn portable heaters down and turn furnace thermostats down.

October is Energy Awareness Month for the Naval Weapons Center and the rest of the United States. This year NWC is sponsoring an "Energy Slogan Contest." Just jot down any energy conservation thoughts you might have, along with your name and code, and guardmail them to Energy Management Branch, Code 2638. People with questions about the contest should call Tami Maxwell at NWC ext. 3411/440. Recognition for the best slogan will be given to the originator, and the slogan will be used for Fiscal Year 1989's energy theme. By the Energy Management Branch

Procurement safeguards proposed

William L. Ball III, Secretary of the Navy, in a letter written this summer, reinforces the need to safeguard information in program management and acquisition. The letter from Secretary Ball follows:

"The current investigation of possible misconduct by certain individuals in the Department (of the Navy) has yet to run its course. However, whatever the final outcome, the nature of the allegations warrants our immediate and renewed attention to the necessity for managing and executing our programs properly and safeguarding sensitive acquisition information.

No amount of reform and regulation can eliminate entirely opportunities that can be exploited by unscrupulous people. But we must recognize the possibility that the increased level of competition we have developed over the past several years in Navy acquisition may place extraordinary pressure on the integrity of our competitive process.

Accordingly, we will participate fully in the Secretary of Defense's Task Force to examine whether existing statutes and regulations are adequate to the needs of today's competitive environment. The Secretary of Defense has also directed that DOD components undertake programs to ensure that our personnel are familiar with all rules governing acquisition procedures.

Therefore, I have asked the Under Secretary to undertake a detailed assessment of our training and (Continued on Page 8)

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Concert scheduled

Everyone in the community is invited to receive a free gift of music tomorrow from the Desert Community Orchestra (DCO). A Pops concert will be performed at 7:00 p.m. (Note: the DCO has moved the concert up 30 minutes from the previously scheduled 7:30 start).

Held at the lanai area behind the Naval Weapons Center's Officer's Club, the concert is free and will include a Strauss waltz, marches by Sousa and Von Suppe, "Send in the Clowns" by Sondheim and other selections.

A picnic supper will be offered for \$3.75 per person. Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, salad bar and trimmings beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tables and chairs will be provided and families are also encouraged to bring blankets and folding chairs and picnic in the grassy area. The outside entrance to the lanai area behind the Club will be open.

The concert is co-sponsored by Cerro Coso Community College where the Orchestra is re-affiliating as a class instructed by Conductor Ron Burdick.

Arrangements for this annual performance are being coordinated by Stan Ricker, Pops Concert manager, and his assistant, Marianne Kistler.



IMPROVING THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE was the theme of the Military Officers' Wives Club meeting on Sept. 27. Held at Farris' Restaurant at Heritage Inn, Lani Misner, Mary Kay consultant, discussed how to use colors to one's advantage through the use of accessories and make-up shades. The Club will host a luncheon meeting in November at Two Sisters' Restaurant in Inyokern.

Disneyland tickets now on sale

Tickets are now on sale at the Information, Ticket and Tour (ITT) Office for the 20th Annual Federal Employees Party at Disneyland, on Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sponsored by American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) affiliated Los Angeles locals and AFL-CIO affiliates, this party is

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Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. The discount tickets will not be available at Disneyland.

For additional information, call the ITT Office at 2010.

Procurement

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familiarization procedures procedures within the Department of the Navy. Through these complementary efforts, we will ensure that rules regarding sensitive acquisition information are understood and enforced throughout the organization.

Over the past seven years, the Navy has investigated hundreds of cases of procurement fraud, and the record and tenacity of the Naval Investigative Service have become well established and respected in this particular area. In addition, the Inspector General and the Auditor General have added considerable talent to the ongoing effort of identifying and combating fraudulent activity wherever it occurs.

I enjoin all of you to continue cooperation with these offices. It is especially important that you devote time and attention to the reports produced in the course of previous investigations and that you avail yourselves of the capabilities which they can provide when and as required.

Finally, it is inevitable that in the weeks to come there will be much said by some public figures about what is wrong with the way in which we manage and invest the taxpayers' money. To the thousands of people who work within our Department and do their job with competence and integrity and who have earned the public trust, this will be frustrating to hear.

But, as we allow justice to take its course with respect to any who may have abused that trust, it behooves us all to keep uppermost in mind how far we have come in restoring our naval strength and what we must do to preserve that advantage. Right now, our biggest single advantage is in our people, who throughout our forces are better prepared and motivated than at any time in recent memory. Retaining their confidence is essential to our everyday readiness, just as retaining the confidence of Congress and the public at large is central to our future success and preparedness.

To these ends, we must do everything we can to adhere to those standards of performance and integrity that down through history have been the mainstays of naval service in our country."

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Shelter holds raffle

Finding the right homes for the right pets and preventing homeless pets are two primary goals for the Indian Wells Valley Humane Society. Led by NWC employee Samantha Parson, president, the group volunteers at the Animal Shelter on County Line Rd.

"As volunteers, we are only responsible for assisting people looking for pets. The Shelter is managed by the City. We are raising funds to help new pet owners pay for the necessary spaying and neutering surgery required by the Shelter," she said.

Local merchants have donated

prizes and the Society is conducting a raffle to conclude at the Maturango Junction on Oct. 22. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from Society members, or at the Animal Shelter. The group has many programs on the drawing table, but needs more funds and more members to implement them.

If you are interested in becoming a member, buying a raffle ticket, adopting a pet or placing your pet on an adoption matching list, contact the Society at the Shelter at 375-9302.

Parsons reminds China Lakers that there are lots of animals available for love at the Shelter including one nice female Bassett Hound.

Contaminated clams

Lake Isabella bivalves not fit to eat now

Eating clams harvested from Lake Isabella may be unsafe this season, advises the State Health Department. Recent laboratory analysis confirms abnormally high levels of bacteria in the clam meats. A combination of factors, such as high temperatures, low-lake level and accelerated clam die-off at the receding water's edge may have contributed to the clam problem.

Under normal conditions, Lake Isabella provides the only safe commercial fresh water clam harvest in the entire state of California. Thousands of pounds of the small bivalves

make their way to market, where they are prized as a complement to oriental cuisine. The State Department of Health Services has notified commercial clambers to discontinue harvesting until the clams test safe for human consumption. Bait clams are not considered a health hazard as they are not sold as food for human consumption.

The public is hereby cautioned not to eat fresh-water clams from the lake until the advisory is lifted. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Kern County Health Department at (805) 861-3636.

BLM tours this weekend

This weekend marks the start of winter interpretive hikes conducted by personnel from the Ridgecrest Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Tomorrow (Saturday) BLM staffers will lead a hike through the Trona Pinnacles. Visitors should meet at the BLM office, 112 E. Dolphin in Ridgecrest, at 1 p.m. and provide their own transportation to the pinnacles for a tour of the tufa formations. Sunday at 1 p.m. visitors should meet at the BLM office to caravan to Fossil Falls parking lot for a tour of the falls and other lava formations. Later this year tours will be offered of the Eureka Dunes complex as well. For more information call Fred Coe at 375-7125.

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The citation, which accompanied the medal said, in part, "His aggressive, enthusiastic pursuit of naval intelligence data to support tactical engagements, combined naval interaction issues, dynamically enhanced the naval conduct of this exercise. . . His discerning analysis of enemy naval vulnerabilities was crucial to the decision-making process related to the exercise battle scenario. Lt. Warkentin's exceptional professional expertise, initiative, and loyal dedication to duty throughout reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." The citation was signed by RAdm. W. T. Pendley for the Secretary of the Navy.

Warkentin received his bachelor of science in physics from the California State University in Hayward, where he also minored in math. He is currently working on his master's in electrical engineering through the external degree program offered at NWC.

A civilian pilot, Warkentin flies to Alameda for his monthly weekend drill. "When I don't fly, I need to take time off from work," Warkentin said. "It's only a three-hour flight, compared to an eight-hour drive."

Warkentin lives in Inyokern with his wife, Jeannie, and children, R. Allen, Justina Amber, Twila Michelle, Marissa Jean, K. Ryan and Liesl Marie. Another child is due in a few months.



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Woolbert at museum

Katherine Park Woolbert, sculptor and graphic artist, will be the featured exhibitor at the Sylvia Winslow Gallery of the Maturango Museum beginning Sept. 30 and continuing through Oct. 26. A reception in honor of the Johannesburg, Calif., resident will be held in the gallery on Sun., Oct. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. The show, entitled "Celebration of the Feminine," will include colored pencil drawings and works of sculpture in bronze, wood, metals, stone and clay.

Computer conference

On Oct. 4, "The Interdisciplinary World of Computing" will be shown by satellite at the Heritage Inn in Ridgecrest. Co-sponsored by the Computer Society Technical Activities Board and the Educational Activities Board of IEEE, the videoconference will be shown from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For further information, call Jack Moore at 446-7661 or Dave Koelsch at NWC ext. 1974 or 1961.

Register for Girl Scouts

Registration for Girl Scouts has begun for girls aged 5-17 and will continue throughout September. Interested girls and their parents are invited to attend information meetings at neighborhood schools. For more information about the Girl Scout program, call the Ridgecrest Girl Scout contact, Jenni Brewer, 375-8816.

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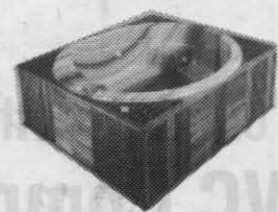
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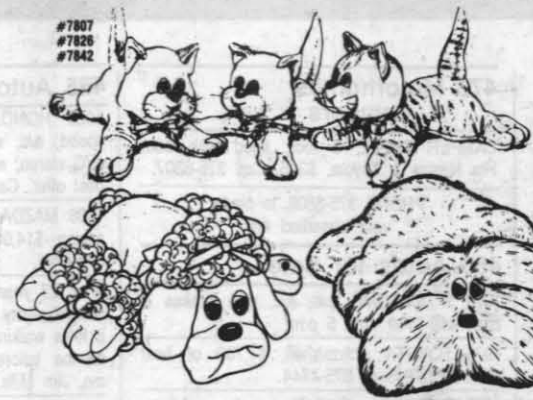


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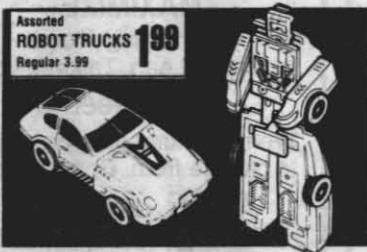
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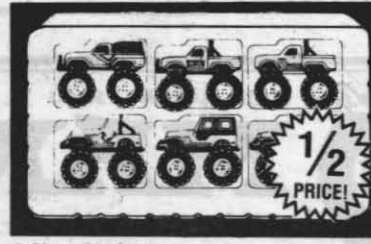
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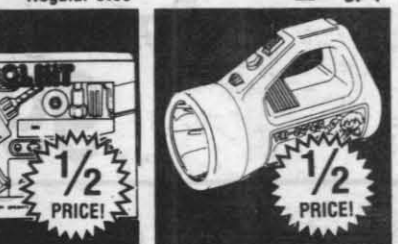
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Filing ahead of time gives the applicant time to resolve any problems that may crop up, officials state. Such problems may range from a discrepancy in the available proofs of age to inability to establish the relationship of spouse and children.

A person applying for retirement benefits must be able to establish that he or she will be at least 62 years old when benefits are to start. If a spouse and children are also involved, the applicant will need a marriage license and birth certificates to establish the relationships. Other proofs may be needed if there have been previous marriages, or if there are minor children outside the present marriage.

The preferred proof of age is an official birth certificate or a baptismal certificate issued before age 5. If these are not available, a combination

of other evidence may be acceptable. The Social Security office will help a person secure any necessary proofs not immediately available.

A person may file a claim for retirement benefits at any Social Security office. A claim may be filed by phone or mail as well as in person. In addition, a person may call and make an appointment to apply for benefits at his or her convenience.

In any case, it's best to call first. The telephone number is 446-2050.

By John Powers
Social Security Representative

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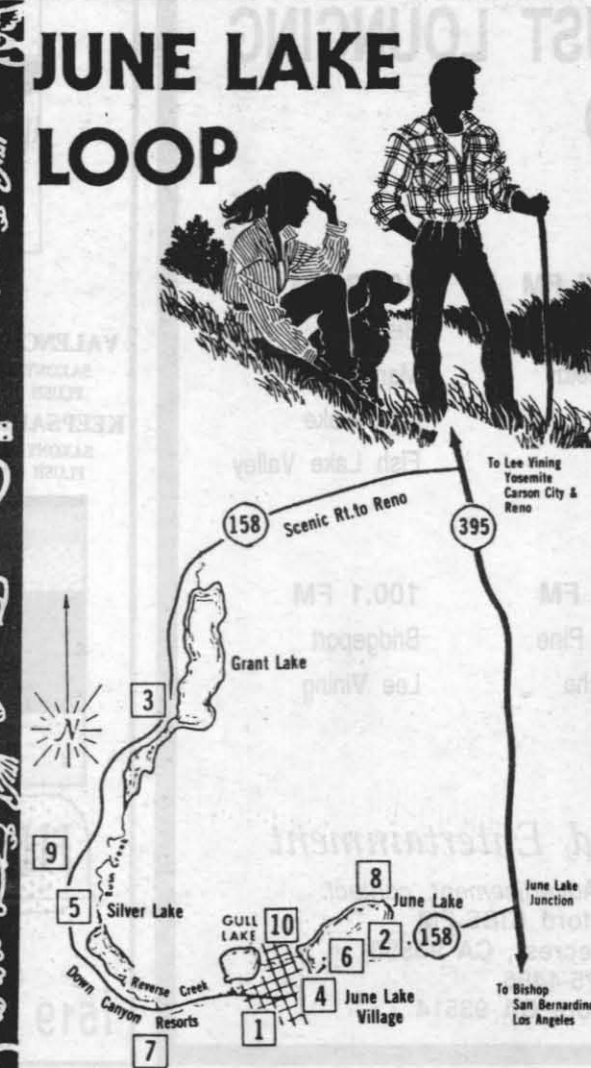
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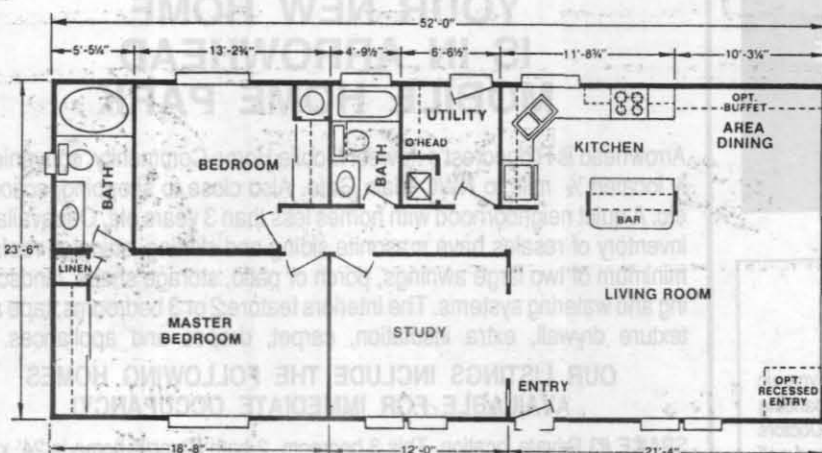
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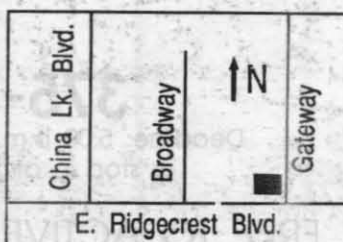
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Temps don't deter anglers

Fall has arrived and the last month of the general trout season begins tomorrow in the eastern Sierra region. Fall temperatures haven't deterred anglers who want to take home a nice string of trout, it just makes them more aware of weather conditions.

Streams in Mono and Inyo counties are still being planted with catchable-sized rainbow trout. Fishing is rated as well to good for most areas.

The best fish of the week was a five-pound brown trout taken from Crowley Lake's Magee Bay.

Lone Pine area streams are being stocked on a regular basis. Pan-size rainbows and brookies are being taken on eggs and marshmallows, worms and small lures such as Panther Martins and Super Dupers.

Owens River fishing in the Big Pine area is picking up for planted rainbows and brook trout. Night-crawlers, salmon eggs and small lures are recommended by area experts. In Big Pine Creek, fishing is still fair to good despite a falling water level. Try an egg and marshmallow combination.

Reports to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce indicate South Lake,

North Lake, Lake Sabrina and Intake Two, all west of Bishop are giving up limits to experienced anglers. The fly and bubble combination is recommended for North Lake or Intake Two, while salmon eggs and marshmallows is the best bet in Sabrina. Best fishing in all these areas is at the inlets.

Pleasant Valley Reservoir is giving up lots of kamloops trout, 12-13 inches long. Use of floating cheese bait or lures is recommended.

Fishing in the Owens River, between the Pleasant Valley campground and Five Bridges is improving. Worms and crickets are good for rainbow or browns up to a pound in size. Also, flies such as the elk hare caddis and small Adams are bringing good results.

Anglers can take limits of rainbows from Rock Creek Lake using almost any kind of bait, but power bait was the hot item last week. California Fish and Game officials are putting extra fish in upper Rock Creek now that some of the campgrounds have closed for the season. Super Duper and Panther Martin lures or flies are recommended in the creek.

Convict Lake and area streams

have been heavily stocked in the past weeks. Fishing is good with rainbows up to 14 inches being taken on worms and salmon eggs.

Anglers fishing the deep holes of the upper Owens River are having good luck using shrimp scented salmon eggs, hornberg and olive matuka flies. Also, the rooster tail or Panther Martin lures have been bringing good luck.

In the Mammoth Lakes area, the lakes are getting better with lots of stocked rainbows being caught. Zekes floating bait or power bait have been bringing the best results in the lakes. Trollers are five colors down with lead core line using Needlefish, frog patterns or pearl bikini lures.

June and Gull lakes are the hottest of the June Lake Loop waters. At June, fishing is best toward the beach end using worms, nightcrawlers or power bait. Trolling is the ticket at Gull Lake for anglers who are two colors down on lead core line with a Needlefish. Reverse Creek and Rush Creek fishing is good on salmon eggs.

Twin Lakes and Virginia Lakes are the best roadside fishing in the (Continued on Page 20)

Menu item too hot to handle

Three Livermore, Calif., men found a spicy after hours menu item a little too hot for their tastes: poached elk.

Acting on an anonymous CalTip phone call, California Department of Fish and Game officials recently responded to a reported poaching of a seven point tule elk near the East Bay community of Livermore. The animal was part of a small herd transplanted from the Owens River Valley area to Mount Hamilton in Santa Clara County during the late 1970s. The department's goal is to re-establish elk in their historic ranges, where thousands once roamed. Currently, elk in this herd are not scheduled for one of the eight limited elk hunts being offered to sportsmen this year.

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Team needs swimmers

Indian Wells Valley's (IWV) chapter of the local United States Swimming (USS) team, is continuing its recruiting and registration for the '88-'89 season at the indoor pool at the Naval Weapons Center on Oct. 4 and Oct. 6 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. USS is the national governing body of amateur competitive swimming in the United States. USS age group swimming, as available locally with IWV, is the first step in the feeder system leading to the U.S. Olympic Team and other U.S. national teams.

Swimmers from five years and up who can swim two strokes, each the width of the pool, are invited to try out. The program runs on a 47-week season with five weeks off throughout the year.

IWV is excited to have started its season on Sept. 12 with a full-time head coach. Darek Hahn has competed in recreational, AAU, USS

and collegiate programs and comes to us with USS age-group coaching experience.

IWV is a self-supported non-profit organization with goals to provide the opportunity for swimmers to develop to their desired and/or fullest potential. IWV strives to promote an interest in swimming excellence, develop a spirit of good sportsmanship, cooperation and team loyalty. The parent-run board operates on the premise that fund raising activities will subsidize the difference between expenses and dues.

Should swimmers and/or parents desire more information, they can call Tom, 446-6277 or Sharon, 446-2744, after 6 p.m. Parents are requested to accompany their swimmers to the tryouts on Tuesday or Thursday evening from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

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Fishing. . .

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Bridgeport area. Lower Twin has been the most productive, giving up limits of rainbows to trollers with lead core line six to eight colors down. Three pounders are not rare in this lake. Stream fishing in Green and Robinson creeks is fair to good using small grasshopper pattern flies, yellow humpies and mosquito

pattern flies. The West Walker River is good with mosquito pattern flies.

Anglers looking for trophies or the unusual, should hike into Kirman, Roosevelt or Lane Poore Lakes

for small big brookies or cut-throat trout. Lobell Lake has grayling, a fighting member of the white fish family.



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Under-19 team upsets Bakersfield team 4-1

Last Saturday, the Scorpions Under-19 Soccer Club increased its record to 3-0 with a 4-1 victory over the Bakersfield Bears. The game was characterized by two distinctly different halves.

In the first half, the Scorpions' defensive play was very poor and the Bears took advantage. Five minutes into the game, the Bears took the lead. Tom Caves and Matt Mechtenberg, however, did not let up defensively, and prevented the Bears from scoring more than one goal. Goal tender Jeremy Osburn, also stopped numerous shots throughout the first half.

Armando Valdivia tied the game

1-1 with his goal.

In the second half, the Scorpions' defense tightened. Matt Ziegler pushed the Scorpions' ahead ten minutes into the second half. Valdivia scored his second goal of the day following a feed from Chris Johnson. Johnson also put the ball in the net, giving the Scorpions a 4-1 lead. Renewed vigor on defense held the Bears scoreless during the second half.

The Scorpions continue play this Saturday at Murray Junior High. Games start at 9 a.m. with the Under-19, Under 16 and Under14 teams all playing.

Fly fishing taught Oct. 6

Starting Thursday, Oct. 6, the Aguabonita Flyfishers are offering their fall fly fishing class. This class is open to all interested parties.

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Evening lap swim offered

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Judging is done by a panel of experts in the field of wildlife-related photography. Panelists are selected by the department. Contest winners will have their photographs displayed in a special edition of the department's bi-monthly, full color publication, *Outdoor California*.

New for this year is a category called "Outdoor Recreation," portraying the various ways — hiking, camping, boating, fishing, hunting and others — California's bountiful natural resources benefit the public.

For more information on the contest, contact the nearest DFG Regional Office or the DFG Conservation Education Office in Sacramento at (916) 445-7613.

Meeting set

On Thurs., Oct. 13, an organizational meeting for intramural basketball will be held at the Naval Weapons Center's (NWC) gymnasium. League rules and roster requirements will be discussed at this 4:30 p.m. meeting.

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THE ALBUM

Times & Tales of Inyo-Mono



The fourth issue of 'The Album, Times and Tales of Inyo Mono,' the new Chalfant Press collectible, will be available in mid-October. The quarterly publication recounts first-hand recollections, family histories, grand old campfire stories and legends, as well as the history and natural history of the region.

The first three issues of 'The Album' featured a photo essay on the restoration of the famed Cerro Gordo mining town in southern Inyo County, a never-before published journal telling what it was like to come to the Owens Valley in the early 1900s, and the story of the two Bentons in Mono County.

Some of the stories in the October issue will be 'Here My People Lived,' a surprising weather anomaly, a little celebration of Inyo County Free Library's 75th anniversary, and a fascinating documentation of the last days of freighting by horse team, written for his family by John Schober.

Available in local stores, museums, visitor centers and Chalfant Press at \$2, \$3 by mail, \$12 (4 issues) subscription.



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VAX UTILITIES AND COMMANDS (32 hours)

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Prerequisite: Knowledge of computer systems, six months of programming experience.

Intended Audience: Computer programmers on VAX systems, or persons who need the prerequisite for "VAX System Manager."

Scope: In this course you should learn to:

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- Write, debug and execute command procedures for the control of interactive and batch jobs.

Presentation Methods: Workshop.

Note: Departmental priority for programmers and system managers on installed VAX systems must be stated on Form 12410/73.

Deadline: October 7.

CSUC announces new class

Cal-State Chico (CSUC) Computer Science Program is offering the following course. To enroll in this course, please submit a Training Request and Authorization Form (NAVWPNCEN 12410/73) via department channels to Code 094 by Oct. 21.

CSCI 227: DISCRETE SIMULATION SYSTEMS (3 units)

November 5-6, Dec. 3-4 and Jan. 7-8; Saturdays and Sundays; 0800-1600; Training Center. By

Professor Ralph Huntsinger, CSUC.

Prerequisite: CSCI 151: Algorithms and Data Structures or equivalent or consent of instructor.

Scope: Principles of system modeling, simulation models and languages, discrete systems, industrial dynamics, use of probability concepts, queuing patterns and case studies.

The text will be announced at a later date.

Soldering news

Four 40-hour high-reliability soldering courses will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 543 Graaf Street. Two of the courses will be held Oct. 17-21 and the other two courses will be held Oct. 31 through Nov. 4. These courses are for government personnel needing certification to DOD-2000 as inspectors or operators.

In addition, four 24-hour high-reliability soldering courses will be held from Oct. 12 through 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 543 Graaf Street. These courses are for government personnel needing recertification to WS-6536.

The requirements for both type of courses are (1) previous soldering experience and (2) a current eye examination.

To be scheduled into a class, contact Soldering Technology Training, Code 36812, 446-5571.

Hriber advises NWC students

Electrical engineering students please note — Professor Hriber of Cal-State University Northridge (CSUN) will be on-Center Oct. 17 to advise current and prospective students in the master's and bachelor's degree programs in electrical engineering offered by the school.

Those who wish to see Professor Hriber are asked to make an appointment by telephoning Michelle Clark at NWC ext. 2648.

Hours. . .

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still under the care of a physician and his condition is still unstable at this time; however, he has been working three to four hours a day, as he can. Both sick and annual leave have been exhausted. Boyd is hoping his condition will improve soon so he will be able to return to full-time work.

PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT III

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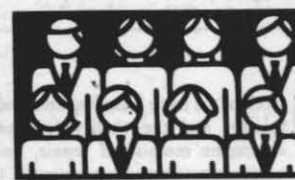
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Promotional opportunities

Applications for positions listed below are being accepted from Department of Navy personnel currently working at NWC and from eligible employees of attached activities who are permanently assigned to NWC. This group includes employees with career or career conditional appointments; employees with permanent Veterans Readjustment Act (VRA) appointments; temporary employees with reinstatement eligibility; and handicapped employees with Sch.(A) continuing appointments (who may be referred separately when they apply). Also included are spouses, with competitive status, of civilian sponsors hired by a DOD activity within NWC's commuting area. Applications from other groups will be accepted when specified in an advertisement. Vacancies are subject to restrictions imposed by the DOD Priority Placement Program. Applicants must meet all legal and regulatory requirements including minimum qualifications requirements by the closing date of the advertisement. Evaluation of applicant's qualifications will involve using at least two assessment measures (e.g., work experience, annual performance assessment rating and narrative, education, training, performance assessment and awards). Spouses of military sponsors apply at Room 231, same address as shown below.

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. 08-039, Accounting Technician (multiple vacancies), DG-525-1/2, Code 08621 - This position is located in the Cost 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 Commercial Orders Section. Duties include the review of incoming purchase orders and purchase order amendments for accuracy and completeness; 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 NAVCOMPT regulations; ability to work accurately with figures; ability to meet financial work deadlines. Promotion potential to DG-2.

No. 14-013, Computer Specialist/Communications Specialist DS-334/393-2/3, Code 141A - This position is located in the Personal Computing And Networking Office. The incumbent is responsible for providing assistance to other codes in the area of Local Area Network (LAN) analysis and design, and for supporting the overall corporate development of the Integrated Communications System (ICS). **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of data communications theories and principles; Knowledge of LANs, such as Ethernet, Appletalk, TCP/IP; knowledge of various data communications test equipment and methods of troubleshooting network problems; ability to configure, operate, and test modems, multiplexers, bridges, repeaters, and other data communications test equipment; capability of directing efforts that include installation, troubleshooting and maintenance of communications equipment; ability to document activities and procedures with clear writing and graphics. Promotion potential to the DP-3 level.

No. 22-8837, Lifeguard, PS 189-3, \$4,80-\$5,61 ph, multiple vacancies. Part Time Code 2226 - (early morning and noon hour shifts). Potential for full time during summer. This position is located at the Sports Branch, MWR Activity, China Lake, CA. Incumbent monitors activities and maintains order in and around pool area; provides assistance to patrons and necessary first aid; maintains pool areas; and completes logs and reports as required. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Candidates must possess current Advanced Red Cross Lifesaving Certificate; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and First Aid Certificate.

No. 24-012, Security Specialist, DA/DP-080-3, Code 2408 - This position is located in the Operations Security Office, Safety and Security Department. Incumbent assists in the development and implementation of an operations security plan for the Naval Weapons Center. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to communicate in writing; ability to communicate orally; ability to interpret and implement written instructions; knowledge of operation security procedures. Promotion potential DP-3.

No. 24-014, Police Officer, GS-083-3/4/5, Code 2413 - This position is located in the Patrol Branch of the Police Division, Safety and Security Department. The incumbent performs basic law enforcement duties under the direction of field training officer or a police supervisor. Routine cases, traffic control, traffic citations and investigation of NWC administrative violations may be handled independently. Incumbents must successfully complete a 19 week police academy as a condition of employment. Incumbent must be willing to work any one of three shifts. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to correctly interpret Federal, State, local, and County laws and regulations; ability to communicate orally. Promotion potential GS-5. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

No. 24-013, Firefighter, GS-081-3/4, Code 242 - This position is located in the Fire Division of the Safety and Security Department. The incumbent performs the basic tasks required to carry out the fire protection and prevention programs at NWC. The incumbent will be trained to meet and combat a variety of fires which includes structural, aircraft, explosives, fuels and propellants. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to use and maintain firefighting equipment; knowledge of basic firefighting techniques; ability to work under strenuous conditions including heavy physical exertion, extreme heat, smoke and dust, high and enclosed places, smoke filled spaces and in all conditions of weather. Promotion potential GS-5, but not guaranteed. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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No. 32-017, Explosives Test Operator Foreman, WS-6517-10, Code 32723, Closes 14 Oct 88 - This position is located in the Processing Section of the Propellant Branch. Incumbent supervises 7 to 10 employees in the following following classifications: explosives operator; explosives test operator; explosives test operator leader; and machinist. The work supervised includes: fabrication, modification, and installation of plastic parts; preparation, modification, and fabrication of ordnance test items; and numerous other operations vital to the processing of experimental and developmental propellants, explosives, and propulsion systems. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of equipment assembly and installation involved in propellant/explosives/ordnance testing and propulsion systems processing operations; knowledge of the technical practices involved in ordnance processing; knowledge of hazardous materials; ability to use measuring instruments; ability to interpret instructions, specifications, etc.; dexterity and safety; ability to lead. Supplemental qualifications statement is required and is available in the reception area, Rm. 100, of the Personnel Building.

No. 32-019, Interdisciplinary (Mechanical/Electrical/Aerospace Engineer/Physicist), DP-830/850/861/1310-3/4, Code 3203 - This position is the Project Manager for the Catapult Launched Fuel Air Explosive (CATFAE). The Project Office, located in the Ordnance Systems Department, has the total development responsibility for the CATFAE round. This program, which is under the sponsorship of the Marine Corps, will transition to the Engineering Department in FY89 and employs about 25 to 30 people at the Center. The incumbent will head the Project Office and will be responsible for the management of weapons development and testing. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of the management of weapons development and testing; Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; ability to interact directly with local or headquarters sponsors, contractors, and other government organizations for planning, reporting and exchanging technical information. Promotion potential to DP-4.

No. 35-012, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (Electronics/Aerospace Engineer), DP-855/861-3/4, Code 35 - This position is located in the Attack Weapons Department, Code 35. The incumbent will fill the role of Deputy Technical Manager on a variety of technical projects. Responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, the following: as full Deputy, supervise various sizeable groups of engineering support personnel through subordinate supervisors or team leaders; conceive, organize, plan, and guide daily technical activities; interface, control, direct, coordinate, plan, and schedule across broad organizational lines; monitor technical progress of technical projects; analyze and evaluate technical achievements, status, or deficiencies; and apply tailored requirements of Navy development and acquisition systems. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of hardware and software aspects of weapon and/or avionic systems and subsystems; General knowledge of electronic and mechanical systems, systems integration, development testing; Ability to plan, schedule, coordinate, and monitor technical support activities; Ability to interact with personnel across a broad spectrum of technical disciplines; Ability to communicate clearly, both orally and in writing, and to deal effectively with all levels of management and engineering personnel; Knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices. Incumbent may have to serve a one year probationary period. Promotion potential to DP-4, but not guaranteed. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 35-016, Administrative Assistant, DA-341-1/2, Code 359 - This position is located in the Missile Airframe Division. The incumbent provides the full range of administrative support services for the division. Duties include responsibility for direct/overhead financial management, personnel management, facilities, and procurement. Ability to use a desk top computer is desirable. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of administrative support services for the division; Ability to plan, schedule, coordinate, and monitor technical support activities; Ability to interact with personnel across a broad spectrum of technical disciplines; Ability to communicate clearly, both orally and in writing, and to deal effectively with all levels of management and engineering personnel; Knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices. Incumbent may have to serve a one year probationary period. Promotion potential to DP-4, but not guaranteed. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 32-016, Explosives Test Operator Leader, WS-6517-10, Code 32723 - Incumbent responsible for direction of 5 to 10 employees in the following classifications: explosive test operator, explosive operator, explosive worker, and machinist. Required to perform as well as lead others in all phases of experimental propellant and explosives work, give detailed instructions to assigned subordinates, check operations for adherence to schedules and safety standards, and plan work assignments within the guidelines established by the supervisor. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of equipment assembly and installation involved in propellant/explosives/ordnance testing and propulsion systems processing operations;

knowledge of the technical practices involved in ordnance processing; knowledge of hazardous materials; ability to use measuring instruments; ability to interpret instructions, specifications, etc.; dexterity and safety; ability to lead. Supplemental qualifications statement is required and is available in the reception area, Rm. 100, of the Personnel Building.

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No. 35-015, Supervisory Computer Systems Analyst, DP-334-3/4, Code 35 - This position is located in the Attack Weapons Department, Code 35. The incumbent will fill the role of Deputy Technical Manager on a variety of technical projects. Responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, the following: as full Deputy, supervise various sizeable groups of engineering support personnel through subordinate supervisors or team leaders; conceive, organize, plan, and guide daily technical activities; interface, control, direct, coordinate, plan, and schedule across broad organizational lines; monitor technical progress of technical projects; analyze and evaluate technical achievements, status, or deficiencies; and apply tailored requirements of Navy development and acquisition systems. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of hardware and software aspects of weapon and/or avionic systems and subsystems; General knowledge of electronic and mechanical systems, systems integration, development testing; Ability to plan, schedule, coordinate, and monitor technical support activities; Ability to interact with personnel across a broad spectrum of technical disciplines; Ability to communicate clearly, both orally and in writing, and to deal effectively with all levels of management and engineering personnel; Knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices. Incumbent may have to serve a one year probationary period. Promotion potential to DP-4, but not guaranteed. Previous applicants need not reapply.

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Personnel News and Notes

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Relevant Criteria: Through knowledge of NWC financial and program management procedures, accounting systems, and financial terminology; ability to meet financial deadlines; knowledge of personnel management; ability to collect and analyze data. Promotion potential DA-3.

No. 36-148, **Quality Assurance Specialist, DS-1910-3, Code 3682** - Incumbent is involved in the implementation of quality assurance and quality control practices, principles, methods, techniques and disciplines during the planning, design, fabrication, testing and production of weapon systems, related equipment and components. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of quality assurance techniques; knowledge of acquisition processes; knowledge of inspection techniques and manufacturing processes; ability to communicate effectively. Promotion potential is DS-3. Status eligibles may apply.

No. 36-151, **Supervisory Engineering Technician, DT/DP-802-3, Code 3644** - This position is located in the Central Model Shop Branch, Production Processes and Engineering Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent is the Branch Head and supervises an organizational unit which is predominantly technical in nature. The Branch Head will direct and actively participate in the technical tasks of the personnel being supervised. Incumbent is responsible for the administration and technical management of sections responsible for CAM and conventional machining. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of fabrication and manufacturing techniques; knowledge of safety practices; ability to supervise both wage grade

and demonstration project personnel; knowledge of NWC personnel policies and procedures and a willingness to support NWC EEO policies and goals. Incumbent may be required to serve a one-year probationary period. Promotion potential to DP-3.

No. 36-149, **Materials Engineering Technician, DT-802-3, Code 3645** - This position is located in the Materials Processing and Evaluation Branch, Production Processes and Engineering Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent will be responsible for nondestructive evaluation of materials, equipment, and fabricated hardware of weapons systems. He will act as an assistant in the nondestructive testing lab developing methods and techniques for the use of the equipment under the cognizant of a senior technician. The incumbent will have the ability to evaluate and analyze test results. Formal inspection reports and memos are required as a result of the incumbent's duties. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of quality control procedures and policies; knowledge of job related safety practices; ability to use nondestructive evaluation equipment and methods; ability to evaluate results and prepare reports for work performed; ability to work with a minimum of supervision; ability to communicate in writing and orally. Promotion potential to DT-3.

No. 36-140, **Supervisory Interdisciplinary, General/Electronics/Industrial Engineer/Physicist, DP-801/855/896/1310-3, Code 36221** - This position is head of the Electronics Section located in the Systems Electronics Branch of the Systems Engineering Division of the Engineering Department. This section is responsible for analysis, test, evaluation,

and production support. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of analog and digital circuit design and analysis techniques; knowledge of and willingness to support NWC EEO program goals and objectives; ability to plan and schedule work as a key team member; ability to communicate with technical and management personnel. The incumbent may be required to serve a one-year supervisory probationary period. Promotion potential DP-3. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 36-144, **Supervisory Quality Assurance Specialist, DS/DP-1910-3, Code 36821** - Incumbent will assist in the implementation of quality assurance and quality control practices, principles, methods, techniques and disciplines during the planning, design, fabrication, testing and production of weapon systems, related equipment and components. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of quality assurance techniques; knowledge of acquisition processes; knowledge of inspection techniques and manufacturing processes; ability to interface effectively with program personnel. Syscom personnel, contractor personnel as well as section personnel; ability to apply quality assurance specifications and instructions to government contracts; knowledge of and willingness to support NWC EEO program goals and objectives. The incumbent may be required to serve a one-year supervisory probationary period. Promotion potential to DP-3. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 39-019, **Interdisciplinary (Physicist, Mathematician; Electronic, General, Aerospace or Mechanical Engineer), DP 1310/ 1520/ 855/ 801/ 861/ 830-3/4, Code 39B5**.

The position is located in the AAAM/OABM Project Office, Intercept Weapons Department, Code 39B5. The incumbent will build and develop a technical team at NWC supporting the Center's Phoenix AIRTASK; program direction will be given by Code 3609. The primary initial area of effort will be to monitor and critique the prime contractor's effort on the Phoenix AIM-54C upgrade program, including development of necessary laboratory and simulation capability. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of RF missile seeker engineering with emphasis on antenna and transmitter design; experience in missile ECCM, missile software and missile control systems; knowledge of the FSED process, including the system engineering disciplines; ability to build and lead a technical team performing project technical support; knowledge of NAVAIR/OPNAV headquarters program and funding procedures. Promotion potential to DP 4.

No. 62-030, **Ordnance Equipment Mechanic, WG-6641-8/10, Code 62322** - This position is located in the Ordnance Section of the Ground Operations Branch within the Range Department. The incumbent will assemble, disassemble, modify, adjust, repair, service and operate specialized ordnance equipment used in experimental testing of rockets, missiles, projectiles and high explosive items. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision; knowledge of equipment assembly, installation, repair; ability to use and maintain tools and equipment; ability to use measuring instruments appropriate to the line of work; ability to interpret, understand and apply information or instructions used in the trade; ability to do the theoretical, precise

work of the trade including knowledge of trade theory, and the ability to find trouble, determine method of repair, and use test equipment. Promotion potential to WG-10. Status eligibles may apply. **Ordnance equipment supplemental must accompany the SF-171 and is available in room 100 of the Personnel building.**

No. 35-017, **Clerk-Typist, DG-322-1, Code 35**. Incumbent provides clerical and typing support to the department secretary and department staff. Position also includes duties in the area of personnel and facilities planning. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of NWC instructions and procedures for correspondence, filing, time cards, travel orders; Ability to: perform receptionist and telephone duties; to review, control, screen and distribute mail; to type letters, memoranda, reports and forms from rough drafts or notes utilizing correct grammar, punctuation and spelling; to work effectively in several subject matter areas at one time prioritizing work; to use word processing/computer equipment. Status eligibles may apply.

Reassignment opportunities

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

No. 36-150, **Interdisciplinary (Electronics, General, Mechanical, Aerospace Engineer/Physicist), DP-855/801/830/861/1310-3/4, Code 36017** - This position is head of the Engineering Services Contract Coordination Office. The incumbent will be the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative on the engineering support services contract. Incumbent works with the technical coordinators to furnish specific technical instructions to the contractor, as well as milestones necessary to perform the work specified in the contract. The incumbent serves as a contact through whom the contractor can relay his questions and (Continued on Page 23)

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problems of a technical nature to the Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) via the Ordering Officer. The incumbent is also responsible for all Government technical interface concerning the contract or order and brings to the PCO's attention those problems or questions concerning the contract or order for which resolution cannot be achieved on a routine basis.

No. 64-005, **Electronics Engineer, DP-855-3, Code 64242** - This position is located in the Telemetry Systems Branch, Telemetry Division which is involved in the design and testing of telemetry systems for missiles and aircraft. Incumbent will have responsibility for design and development of airborne telemetry systems for branch programs. Areas of support will include component testing, development of test procedures, specification and drawing support for competitive procurement packages, integration testing, captive and live firing test support. Experience in analog and digital circuit design is required, as well as some electronic system design experience. Knowledge of design, development, test and analysis of electronic circuitry and components; ability to communicate both orally and in writing. To apply, send current SF-171 to Larry Harlan, Code 6424, NWC ext. 6017.

Secretarial opportunities

This column is used to announce secretary 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 secretary 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 1/2/3/4/5/8/9; Program Office secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/5/8/9; and department secretary applicants will be rated on elements 4/7/8/9. A SUPPLEMENTAL FORM IS REQUIRED AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN ROOM 100 OF THE PERSONNEL BUILDING.

No. 32-018, **Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1, Code 3254** - Provides secretarial support to the Process Engineering Branch in the Process Systems Division. Knowledge and working skill on the Xerox 6085 is desirable. Position is at the full performance level.

No. 39-018, **Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 3954** - Incumbent will provide secretarial support to the RF Guidance Technology Branch, RF Division, Weapons Department. Promotion potential to DG-2.

NWC employees in need of leave hours

Employees indicated below have been approved to become leave recipients under the Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted annual and/or sick leave because of personal emergencies and will be in a non-pay status for at least ten days. Employees who wish to help a leave recipient may donate annual leave to the employee. NAVWPNCEN 12630 provides specific information regarding how to donate annual leave.

Eleanor L. Semore, Senior Purchasing Agent, Code 25222 — has been diagnosed as having a cardiovascular disease. She was hospitalized for surgery and was off work from Nov. 18 until July 25. The loss of income is a severe hardship for her and her family. She has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Kathy Culberson, Computer

Systems Analyst, Code 3623 — has been diagnosed as having sarcoidosis which keeps her immune system weak. She is currently under doctor's orders not to return to work. Culberson is a single parent and sole supporter of her family. She has exhausted all sick and annual leave.

George Stillwell, Physicist, Code 3917 — has been diagnosed as having common variable hypogammaglobulinemia. Because of this illness, Stillwell has exhausted his sick and annual leave. His wife, who is a recipient, has also exhausted all her leave.

Stanford S. Foster, Industrial Equipment Mechanic, Code 26 — is still experiencing numbness in left leg and foot due to pinched nerves caused by two ruptured discs in his lower back. He will have to undergo surgery. He is the only source of

income for his family and his illness creates a severe hardship. He has exhausted all sick and annual leave.

Glen L. Linden, Facilities Management Specialist, Code 2634 — is presently still off work and his return date is still unknown. He was hospitalized in June and has exhausted all sick and annual leave. The loss of income is a severe hardship for his spouse and family since he is the primary source of income.

Trudy A. Martinez, Purchasing Agent, Code 25224 — is presently in remission from cataract extraction with intraocular lens implant in both eyes. This illness exhausted all her sick and annual leave. Martinez is now back at work and planning to continue with her job.

Thomas A. Boyd, Visual Information Specialist, Code 3414 — is (Continued on Page 24)

Insurance rates increase

Federal employees and retirees will see an increase in the cost of health insurance for the second straight year.

According to figures released by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), health insurance rates will rise an average of 26 percent in 1989.

Open Season, when employees and retirees can make changes in their insurance coverage, will run from Nov. 14 to Dec. 9. Compari-

son charts, showing changes in coverage and cost, will be distributed to all employees as soon as they are received from OPM.

Several of the insurance carriers will be at NWC for a health fair on Nov. 10. Watch the *Rocketeer* for additional information.

Following is a rundown on the new biweekly rates for the four top carriers in the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan:

	1988	1989
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD		
high self	\$ 50.84	\$ 84.48
high family	105.35	174.77
standard self	13.73	15.10
standard family	26.58	31.74
AETNA		
high self	61.31	77.84
high family	103.42	147.09
standard self	16.42	30.48
standard family	39.95	71.08
GEHA		
high self	16.51	17.82
high family	32.58	33.69
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standard family	15.20	25.08

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