

'Junction' features cookoff

Maturango Junction Day of 1988, set for Saturday (tomorrow) will get off to a fine start with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Kiwanis Club at the Kern Desert Regional Park next to the Maturango Museum. Breakfast will be from 7 to 11 a.m. The price will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

At 9 a.m. the annual Chili Cookoff will begin. In past years, it has been obvious that the "red hot honchos"

from the Naval Weapons Center's Fire Department has what it takes. This year, Gene Younkin and Paul Colter, co-chairmen for this year's event, think that the honchos will be adequately challenged in tomorrow's competition at Kern Desert Regional Park. The judging and sale of samples of the chili will begin about 1 p.m.

The opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. by Fred Sweet, master of ceremonies, and his "Sound Machine."

At 10 a.m., the High Desert Fast Draw Championship will begin in the museum's parking lot area.

Tickets for the grand prize drawing will be on sale throughout the day. The grand-prize winner will be announced at 4:45 p.m.

Five o'clock marks the official end of Maturango Junction Day of 1988.

For more information about the events and times, call the museum at 375-6900.



CHILI TEST—Maturango Mat checks on chili quality while Carroll Evans, Pat Rogers and Bud Jungclas look on. Mat is one of the official chili tasters for the Maturango Museum's Maturango Junction celebration tomorrow.

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Community Events

Billie Stone, chairman of the Master Gardeners of Indian Wells Valley, will give a speech entitled "Plant Daffodils Now!" for the next meeting of the Desert Planters, scheduled for Oct. 26. The 7 p.m. meeting will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridgecrest. The public, environmentalists and dirt gardeners are welcome at all Desert Planters' meetings. For more information, call Alice Hirsch, president, at 375-2107.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, the Evangelical Gospel Women's Council (EGWC) will host a Prayer Breakfast from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the NWC Commissioned Officers' Mess. The guest speaker, Brenda Taylor of North Hollywood, Calif., will speak on "The Power of Prayer." Everyone is invited to attend. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. For reservations, call Vera Vega at 375-3863 or Linda Roether at 375-3772.

Gems and minerals will be the featured performers of the 32nd annual Gem and Mineral Show on Nov. 5 & 6 at the corner of South Hussey and Ellis at the Naval Weapons Center. Sponsored by the Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, admission to the show is free. It will feature demonstrations, refreshments, exhibits, geodes and door prizes. On Sat., Nov. 5, the show will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sun., Nov. 6, the show will continue from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lillian Coons, a western artist, will exhibit paintings at The Art Buffet, an arts gallery located in the lobby of the Heritage Inn on Oct. 20-22. A reception for Coons will be held Oct. 20 from 5-9 p.m. Coons will be in the gallery Oct. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tickets for the annual Indian Wells Valley Humane Society Fall Raffle are now available. The winner will be announced at the close of the Maturango Junction on Oct. 22.

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'Mojave Blue' designed for attack training

Attack pilots in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps may get more training at a lower cost thanks to the Naval Weapons Center's development of an inexpensive new training round.

Fairchild-Weston System, Inc., has delivered an engineering model of the newly-developed Laser-Guided Training Round (LGTR), whose popular name is "Mojave Blue", to NWC Attack Weapons Department.

The Center signed a contract for full-scale engineering development (FSED) of the LGTR with Fairchild in May. The significant contract will contribute to the development of a low-cost, mass-producible training round.

Performance of this new training round will match the performance of the unpropelled Paveway II laser-guided bomb (LGB), but at approximately one tenth the cost of current

laser-guided bombs.

A preplanned product improvement program beginning in 1990 will result in an LGTR with performance matching the propelled Skipper (AGM-123) laser-guided weapon.

Both the Paveway and the Skipper are central to the Navy/Marine air-to-ground attack role. Both employ precision laser designation, are extremely accurate and have proven

effective in combat.

But, their effectiveness is directly related to training. This need for adequate training, coupled with weapon-cost considerations, prompted the development of the Mojave Blue. As the LGTR Operational Requirement notes, effective use of laser-guided weapons "...requires close coordination between the delivery aircrew and laser designator, which is optimized

through dedicated training.

"Additionally, development of delivery options and multi-aircraft tactics requires extensive training with real-time, valid feedback."

The first version of the Mojave Blue will be nearly identical in operation to the Paveway II LGB. Although its physical configuration is significantly different from that of the Paveway II (the LGTR weighs (Continued on Page 4)



WELCOMING MOJAVE BLUE—Bob Reid, Gary Ozunas (Oz), and Bill Nevins work on the new engineering model of the NWC-developed Laser-Guided Training Round (LGTR). The new round will be affectionately known as "Mojave Blue".

RM2 Smith cops SOQ recognition

Technical knowledge, aggressive-ness and dedication to duty were attributes RM2 Jeffrey S. Smith used to become the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) Sailor of the Quarter.

Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, commended Petty Officer Smith saying, "Your superior technical and professional expertise combine to make you the cornerstone of the Military Administration Department and an extremely valuable asset to the command. Your unselfish team member concept has not gone unnoticed."

Petty Officer Smith has been in the Navy since October of 1981 and a China Laker since April of this year. He is a graduate of Carlson High School in Gibraltar, Mich.

The new Sailor of the Quarter is a watch supervisor at NWC's communications center, responsible for

incoming and outgoing message traffic during his eight-hour shift. He also serves as the administrative assistant in the communications center.

He praised the professionalism of the sailors assigned to the communications center saying they were all "true professionals."

RM2 Smith chose a Navy career for education and travel opportunities and hasn't been disappointed with either. He spent three years onboard a ship and made one Western Pacific deployment. He also served two tours of duty in Alaska, reporting to NWC from the Naval Facility, Adak, Alaska.

NWC's top sailor has plans to continue his Navy career. When he leaves China Lake Petty Officer (Continued on Page 7)

Two states held the key to ratification

(Since 1988 marks the Bicentennial year for the U.S. Constitution, *The Rocketeer* is starting a series of articles on ratification of this vital document and important events surrounding the Constitution itself.)

On June 21, 1788 New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify, thus legally putting the constitution into effect. However, as a practical matter, had Virginia not ratified four

days later and New York voted approval in July, the Constitution would have never taken hold and remained the law of the land for the next two hundred years.

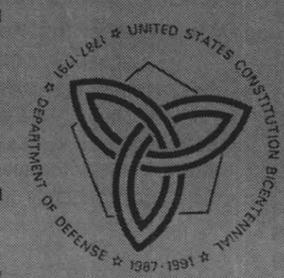
It was during this time in 1788 that George Washington was on the road to becoming the first president of the United States. After the ratification by New Hampshire, New York and Virginia, the last Confederation Congress decided the new

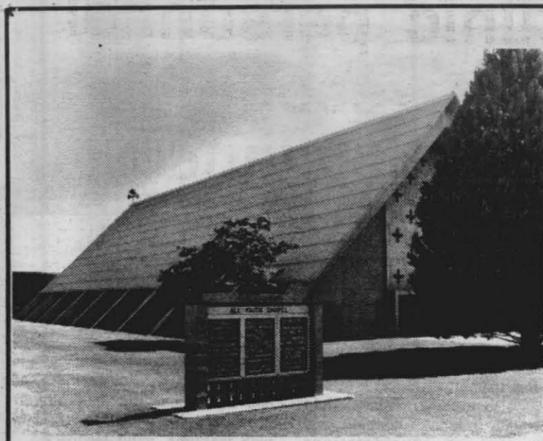
government's capital would be New York City. Since this was before the days of direct election of the president, Congress set Jan. 7, 1789 as the date for appointing presidential electors and Feb. 4, 1789 as the date for the electoral college to meet and cast its ballots.

The new Congress was to meet on March 4 and count the electoral ballots. But due to a lack of a quorum, it wasn't until April 1 that the House of

Representatives elected a Speaker and April 6 before the ballots were counted and Washington declared elected. It took a week to get the official word to Washington and he was inaugurated as this nation's first president on April 30, 1789.

Constitution Question: What was the last of the original 13 States to ratify the Constitution? Answer next week.





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By Betty Miller
Wellness Program Coordinator

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS
 Medically, anxiety is defined as a state of apprehension, fear or uneasiness about some impending or anticipated event. It is a specific emotional reaction, which may be accompanied by a variety of physical symptoms, such as difficulty in swallowing, diarrhea, muscle tension or irregular heartbeats.

Anxiety is one of the most common of all emotions. In some situations such as one involving physical danger, anxiety is an appropriate response. In others, either the degree of anxiety or the apprehensive response itself is not warranted by the situation.

APPROPRIATE AND INAPPROPRIATE ANXIETY
 Anxiety is a natural response to something that threatens health or well being. Throughout life, most of us are subjected to many stressful situations that provoke anxiety. However, if the degree of anxiety is inappropriate to its cause, is exaggerated beyond reason or is brought on by unlikely events, the response is usually considered abnormal and may require treatment.

Appropriate anxiety is chiefly characterized by worry. For example, if your job is threatened, you might be constantly thinking of where else you might find employment and be planning steps for obtaining a new position. In this situation, the anxiety serves a useful purpose: It causes enough stress to send you in search of a constructive solution to the problem.

If, however, the dread of job loss is not realistic, then the anxiety breeds more anxiety. This type of anxiousness that has no identifiable cause very often impairs the individual's ability to function.

The origins of such internal emotional problems are still not fully understood. In some instances, they may be traced to childhood experiences. This is often true of phobias, such as a fear of dogs that can be traced to a childhood dog bite. Another common example of a phobia is agoraphobia (fear

of open spaces), in which anxiety is aroused when a person tries to leave the familiar setting of the home. Outside the home—in crowded shops, subways or theaters—anxiety is heightened; the person usually hovers near a door in order to get away if necessary. Since the painful anxiety is diminished when fear-producing situations are avoided, withdrawal to familiar surroundings is reinforced and, in severe cases, the person may become completely housebound. Certain organic illnesses, such as low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), also may produce feelings of anxiety. In about half of all cases of clinical anxiety, however, there is no discernible cause.

ANXIETY STATES
 In most people, anxiety is a temporary feeling. In some, however, anxious feelings and thoughts are almost constantly present in what is called an anxiety state. This chronic state occasionally peaks in a "panic attack," which can occur without any apparent reason at any time. The physical symptoms of fear increase to such a frightening extent that the victim may, in fact, think that he or she is suffering a heart attack. Hyperventilation, or overbreathing, is common during panic attacks and may lead to light-headedness and even to fainting.

SUMMING UP
 Most anxiety is normal and most emotional conflicts can be discussed with family or friends with good results. However, if these usual means of dealing with problems do not prove adequate, and if anxiety produces undue distress, professional help is advisable. A number of effective treatments, which may include the use of tranquilizing drugs, can help those who suffer anxiety to live more comfortable and productive lives. Remember, no one is immune from anxiety. The important thing is to recognize anxiety as a medical problem, and to work with your doctor or counselor to relieve it entirely or, at best, to reduce it to manageable levels.

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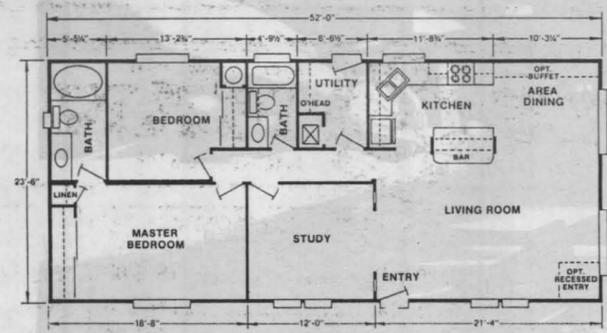


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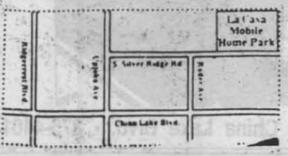


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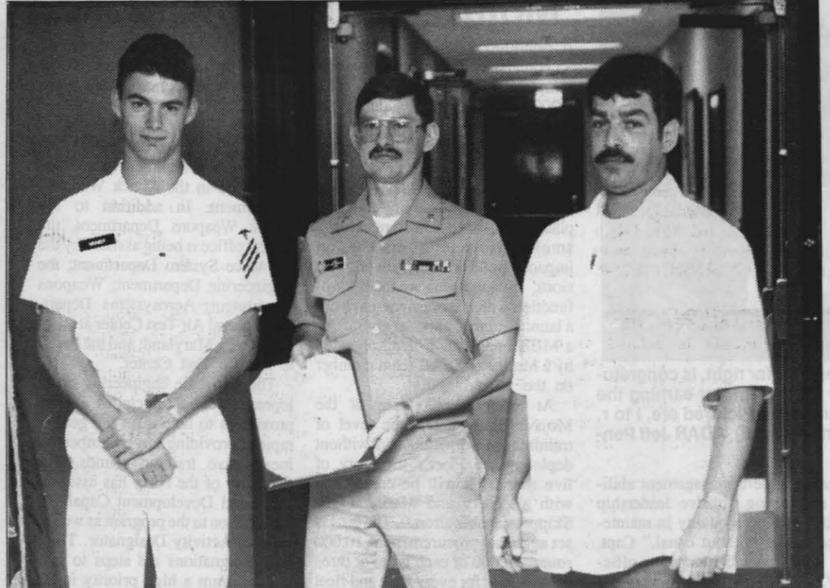
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APPRECIATION—HMC Roddy Peterslie (center) shows off the letter of appreciation the Branch Medical Clinic received for support of the Aerosystems Department. Looking on are HM Sean Wagner(left) and HM2 Nathan Cohen.

AG2 Persiani gains honor

Forecasting the correct weather conditions is a critical ingredient in the success of many Naval Weapons Center (NWC) missions.

AG2 (AW) Danny Persiani, a member of the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, was recognized for his contributions in this area by being named Sailor of the Quarter for the Detachment for the period of July 1 through Sept. 30.

Persiani has been assigned to the

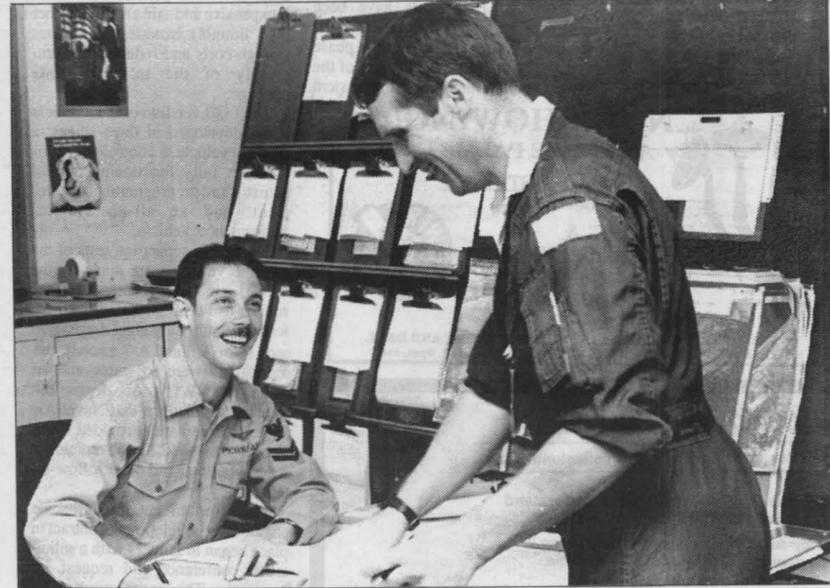
Center as a weather forecaster for the past year and a half.

AGCS (SW/AW) G.A. Dille, chief petty officer in charge of the command, attributed the award to Persiani's "sustained superior performance and accomplishments." He has attended the Leadership and Management Educational Training and the Ship Hangar and Flight Deck Firefighting schools; received the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist

designation in September; and completed the SAT (Standard Achievement Tests) to pursue the Enlisted Education Advancement Program.

Prior to China Lake, he served two years as a forecaster in Naples, Italy. He was assigned to the Naval Air Station Jacksonville detachment in Pine Castle, Florida, at the electronic warfare range, following basic training.

Originally from Roanoke, Va., he and his wife, Veda, have one nine-year-old son, Jason.



WEATHER SOQ—AG2 Danny Persiani gives LCdr. J.D. Reece, head of the Airfield Operations Division, the latest weather information. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Clinic personnel earn recognition for assistance

Hospital corpsmen from the Branch Medical Clinic received a letter of appreciation from Capt. John Burt, Naval Weapons Center Commander, for their assistance to the Center's Aerosystems Department this summer.

The letter notes that the Branch Medical Clinic provided medical support when Aerosystems Department test parachutists conducted live parachute test operations at Edwards Air Force Base in support of space shuttle escape system development work during June and July. The Skipper said, "Since it became necessary to continually revise test schedules to deal with circumstances beyond anyone's control, many hours were given

unselfishly given up by your (Clinic) personnel after the normal workday and on weekends to make the program a success."

HM2 Nathan Cohen, HM Sean Wagner and HMC Roddy S. Peterslie helped make it possible to complete all tests as scheduled. Capt. Burt thanked the Clinic staffers for "providing necessary drop zone medical support and the many times they volunteered to assist in accomplishing additional job assignments after their work had been completed.

"The feeling of accomplishment achieved in providing a fully qualified emergency escape system on board the orbiter can proudly be shared by all of those who supported this most worthwhile program.

Navy Exchange sets Sidewalk Sale dates

In addition to the Weekend Sale scheduled for Oct. 22 through 23, the Navy Exchange at China Lake will also have a Sidewalk Sale tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday. Be sure to stop buy and check out the great bargains.

The October Home sale started

today, Oct. 21, and will continue through the 30th. Save money while getting the house in great shape!

Don't forget the Navy Exchange while shopping for those last Halloween items. Candy, customs, masks and make-up are now on sale.

Military history time

A good place to explore military history is in U.S. Government Printing Office publications. More than 100 books on military history and related subjects are available by mail or at the 26 Government Printing Office bookstores located around the country.

If you're just getting interested in the topic, an important reference is *A Guide to the Study and Use of Military History*. This 524-page book presents a series of essays on military history, identifies domestic and international sources for its study and outlines the kinds of literature available. It's a useful companion to another Government Printing Office publication, *American Military History*.

In addition to overviews and general treatment, there are dozens of specialized books, such as *U.S. Revenue Cutters in the Civil War*, *A historical Perspective on Light Infantry* and *A history of the Women Marines, 1946-1977*.

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VX-5 taps Gregorio for honor

October has been a good month for Petty Officer Eugenio Gregorio—he's received orders for Hawaii and the Supervisor of the Quarter award from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five.

AD1 Gregorio works in the Power Plants branch at the squadron and said he was pleased with the recognition. "I've enjoyed my tour with VX-5; it's been interesting working on so many different aircraft," he said.

Nominated by ADC Snoko, Power Plants Branch CPO, AD1 Gregorio earned the award for "technical



GREGORIO HONORED—Eugenio Gregorio, far right, is congratulated by members of the VX-5 Power Plant Dept. for earning the squadron's Supervisor of the Quarter award. Pictured are, l to r, ADC Snoko, CPO, ADAN Charles Payne (in back), ADAN Jeff Pennell, and AD2 Gary Lackey.

'Mojave Blue' developed

(Continued from Page 1) 85 pounds, while the three Paveway weapons weigh approximately 500, 1,000, and 2,000 pounds), the LGTR will closely simulate the guidance and flight characteristics of the LGB.

The Mojave Blue will have provisions for four laser-training codes. In place of a warhead, it releases a smoke/pyrotechnic marker on impact. Both training round versions, like the real weapons, will function with laser designation from a launch aircraft, a spotter aircraft, or a MULE designator being operated by a Marine or SEAL-team member on the ground.

At the reduced prices of the Mojave Blues, a realistic level of training can be maintained without depleting the Fleet's inventory of live rounds. It will be compatible with all Navy and Marine LGB/Skipper-capable aircraft. The goal is set at annual procurement of 10,000 rounds (5,000 of each type) or three of each type for every fleet and fleet readiness squadron attack pilot.

The LGB version of the LGTR is scheduled to be introduced to the fleet on A-6 and A-7 aircraft in 1990. While that version is being fielded, work will begin on the preplanned product improvement program whose goal is to develop an LGTR with performance matching the propelled Skipper laser-guided missile.

The primary change will be the addition of a rocket motor and motor-fire circuitry that includes a gyro. Prototypes of the low cost (\$150 in production) gyro from three companies have been successfully tested. Both versions of the Mojave Blue will be carrier certified and qualified for the F/A 18, AV-8B, and A-4M. The second version will be introduced to the fleet in 1992. Tests are now completed at NWC with the control-test vehicle. Four scheduled flight tests have been completed with such success that the remaining two flights in this package have been canceled. Delivery of the engineering model of the system

"The success of this project must be attributed to many departments throughout China Lake," said a Mojave Blue team member.

The Secretary of the Navy has also directed that commercially available components be used in the LGTR as much as possible, consistent with safety. This provision allows trade-offs in reliability and quality to help achieve satisfactory cost levels.

One example of exercising this option is the decision that the unpowered LGTR have a 2-year shelf life. This permits the use of inexpensive and safe alkaline (rather than lithium) batteries, minimizes storage costs and reduces the complexity of the technical data package.

The LGB version of the LGTR is being developed in three stages: a ballistic vehicle, a control-test vehicle with fully functioning control actuator and preprogrammable autopilot, and an all-up system-performance vehicle.

Initial safe-separation tests of the ballistic vehicle were made by the Naval Air Test Center. Twenty rounds had been allocated for these tests, but after only eight drops, four each from A-6 and A-7 aircraft, the separations were so stable and so close to NWC's six-degree-of-freedom simulations that Naval Air Systems Command provided flight clearance to NWC for the remaining separation tests and other follow-on testing.

The effort to get the full-scale engineering development contract in place began in January with a solicitation conference and request for proposals. The entire process—receipt of proposals, review, best-and-final, and selection—was completed in less than three months.

expertise, superb management abilities and strong positive leadership which achieved a quality in maintenance that is without equal." Capt. Eric Vanderpoel, commanding officer, VX-5, also mentioned Gregorio's "supervision of numerous major engine component removals and replacements and troubleshooting of 28 aircraft of 11 different types/models as instrumental in the squadron maintaining a high state of readiness." Capt. Vanderpoel, will make the official squadron presentation on Monday.

He has been with VX-5 for three years and was an engine mechanic in Hawaii for 5 1/2 years after attending basic training in San Diego.

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OPM says 1989 costs have risen considerably

Premium rates soar for health benefits

Premium rates for the 1989 Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, the largest employer-sponsored health care program in the country, were released recently by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The premium rates reflect increases in health care costs which continue to exceed the rate of inflation significantly. The rates also reflect structural weaknesses in the FEHB program identified in a recent study of the program conducted by an outside consultant.

with the fundamental purpose of group health insurance. OPM has pledged to work for a reform of the program.

The maximum government contribution, which is set at 60 percent of the average premium of six large plans, will increase by 27 percent for self-only coverage (to \$45.44 biweekly) and 28 percent for family coverage (to \$99.48 biweekly). The vast majority of this increase is driven

by the high option premiums of the Aetna and Blue Cross plans, where many of the program's elderly and poorer health risks are enrolled. Despite the rapid increase in the government contribution driven by these

options, the individuals in them will pay a record proportion, over 60 percent, of the total premiums. Many active employees in other plans pay only 25 percent of the total premium.

(By law, the government contribution cannot exceed 75 percent of any individual premium.)

The annual FEHB open season for enrollment changes will be held starting November 14 and ending December 9. During last year's open season, the high option government-wide plans, Aetna and Blue Cross, lost almost half of their enrollment and now cover only 11 percent of FEHB

enrollees. Many of those who left joined the standard options of the government-wides, which grew to 30 percent of the market. The comprehensive medical plans gained six percentage points, achieving 22 percent of the FEHB market, and the employee organization plans remained essentially constant at 37 percent.

The premium rates for non-Postal enrollees follow.

Plan (Option and Type of Enrollment)	1989 Biweekly Premium Rates				Change In Emp. Paymnt.
	Total Prem.	Govt. Pays	Emp. Pays	High Family Stnd. Self	
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD					
High Self	\$129.92	\$45.44	\$84.48	\$33.64	
High Family	274.25	99.48	174.77	69.42	
Stnd. Self	60.41	45.31	15.10	1.37	
Stnd. Family	126.97	95.23	31.74	5.16	
AETNA					
High Self	123.28	45.44	77.84	16.53	
High Family	246.57	99.48	147.09	43.67	
Stnd. Self	75.92	45.44	30.48	14.06	
Stnd. Family	170.56	99.48	71.08	31.13	
AFGE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	124.31	45.44	78.87	46.61	
High Family	243.26	99.48	143.78	74.93	
Stnd. Self	42.43	31.82	10.61	3.25	
Stnd. Family	92.24	69.18	23.06	7.05	
ALLIANCE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	77.10	45.44	31.66	-9.67	
High Family	204.98	99.48	105.50	-22.00	
Stnd. Self	37.54	28.16	9.38	3.65	
Stnd. Family	101.07	75.80	25.27	9.85	
APWU HEALTH PLAN					
High Self	64.06	45.44	18.62	4.15	
High Family	135.69	99.48	36.21	7.27	
GEHA BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	63.26	45.44	17.82	1.31	
High Family	133.17	99.48	33.69	1.11	
MAIL HANDLERS BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	43.83	32.87	10.96	1.52	
High Family	113.19	84.89	28.30	3.91	
Stnd. Self	42.40	31.80	10.60	4.17	
Stnd. Family	100.34	75.26	25.08	9.88	
NAGE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	115.67	45.44	70.23	43.51	
High Family	270.23	99.48	170.75	102.23	
Stnd. Self	49.43	37.07	12.36	5.09	
Stnd. Family	117.93	88.45	29.48	12.13	
NALC HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	73.83	45.44	28.39	4.62	
High Family	147.08	99.48	47.60	6.47	
POSTAL SUPERVISORS HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	72.84	45.44	27.40	9.21	
High Family	172.68	99.48	73.20	22.77	
POSTMASTERS BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	99.00	45.44	53.56	10.13	
High Family	213.58	99.48	114.10	20.71	
Stnd. Self	48.70	36.53	12.17	4.05	
Stnd. Family	118.74	89.06	29.68	9.89	
NFFE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	100.73	45.44	55.29	26.49	
High Family	230.55	99.48	131.07	60.77	
Stnd. Self	68.95	45.44	23.51	13.37	
Stnd. Family	161.97	99.48	62.49	38.67	
NTEU HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN					
High Self	49.96	37.47	12.49	3.56	
High Family	112.82	84.62	28.20	8.03	
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High Self	85.71	45.44	40.27	24.83	
High Family	200.78	99.48	101.30	58.81	

Given current enrollment patterns, the average premium paid by active non-Postal federal employees will increase by 26 percent to \$73 a month. The average premium paid by annuitants will increase more dramatically, but 41 percent, to \$108 a month. This difference reflects the effects of risk selection that were exhaustively documented in the consultant's report. Essentially, elderly and other high risk enrollees have become isolated in high option plans, where they can pay as much as \$4,500 a year for family coverage. Younger, healthier enrollees are concentrated in other plans and can pay less than \$1,000 per year for such coverage. While different benefit packages are involved, the premium differences are generally more reflective of the covered populations than the covered services. The isolation of those most in need of health care from the larger, healthier population is inconsistent

MIPI office reports on submitted travel ideas

To date, more than 450 Model Installation Program Initiatives (MIPIs) have been submitted to the MIP Office. They have covered the full spectrum of support operations, such as public works, procurement/contracting, personnel, safety and security, military administration, comptroller, housing, etc. Of this amount, about ten percent of all MIPIs submitted have been related to travel and transportation functions or services.

The travel and transportation arena is one of the most highly regulated areas of the Department of Defense (DOD), primarily because of past abuses. Many rules govern this function, such as the Joint Travel Regulations; SECNAV, OPNAV and NAVMILPERSCOM instructions; and public law. In an attempt to improve travel services, NWC MIPIs have tried to eat away at the regs piece-by-piece, rather than take on the entire system all at once.

Several MIPIs submitted have been approved by Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander. But since he doesn't have the authority to implement these changes locally, they were forwarded to headquarters for review and consideration. They include:
•MIPI No. 053-86, Increase Meal and Incidental Expense (M&IE) Allowance Rates for Departure and Return Travel Days (approved DOD-wide) — re-establishes the quarter system for reimbursement of M&IE allowances.

•MIPI No. 061-87, Eliminate Requirement for Recertification of Non-Availability of Government Quarters on Travel Orders (approved Navy-wide) — no longer need to have non-availability certification numbers endorsed at the TDY activity if obtained prior to initiating travel.

•MIPI No. 075-87, Military Travel Compensation (approved DOD-wide) — increases lodging and per diem rates for military members equivalent to that received by civilian travelers.

•MIPI No. 092-87, Authority to Approve Requests for First Class Travel (Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) disapproved) — not even presidential appointees or flag rank officers are permitted to travel in first class sections.

•MIPI No. 123-88, Long-Term Travel Assignments (pending) — would equalize per diem rates for long-term travel assignments on a Navy-wide basis.

•MIPI No. 404-88, Transportation of Unaccompanied Baggage for Extended Temporary Duty Assignments (pending) — will permit alternative methods to transport unaccompanied baggage for long-term travelers.

Also, a small number of travel-related MIPIs have been submitted that were disapproved by the Commander. They were considered either unworkable, too costly to implement, or would have violated public law.

A couple of MIPIs recommended the travel and transportation function be contracted out, performed by a travel agency, or that the Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) and SATO be brought under the direct control of Center management. To secure this authority, Capt. Burt approved MIPI No. 104-88, Realign Command Relationships and Funding Channels of the Pay/Personnel Administrative Support System (PASS), also known as PSD, which requested PSD/SATO report to the Commander for primary duty. This would have given Center management direct control and accountability for travel and transportation services. The assistant secretary of the Navy, however, disapproved the idea, in part, for the following reason: "Current PASS command structure considered complete and functional. Centralized management of passenger travel and transportation services is necessary to ensure most cost effective transportation which satisfies mission requirements."

If you have an idea that will improve travel and transportation services at the Center, submit a MIPI. Focus in on the problem and suggest an appropriate solution; one that resolves small problems and doesn't attempt to change the entire system. Remember not to let your feelings about travel get in the way, even though travel does elicit strong emotions from most of us. This way, we can win more and lose less.
Submitted by the MIP Office



Credit for approved MIPI travel submission goes to two originators

We forgot to acknowledge a successful MIPI originator in the Oct. 7 *Rocketeer* article entitled: "Approved MIPI will save travelers valuable time." Two people independently submitted MIPIs on the same exact subject. In addition to Don Kappelman of Code 3512, Dr. Robert B. Green of Code 3851 must also be congratulated for his approved MIPI.

Thanks to these two gentlemen, military and civilian travelers Navy-wide are no longer required to get their travel orders stamped by the TDY activity with a "non-availability of government quarters number" on their orders, provided this number was acquired prior to initiating travel. Our most sincere apologies to Dr. Green for this oversight.
Submitted by the MIPI Office

CSUB seeks instructor to teach at NWC for spring quarter

California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) is looking for an instructor to teach a course in operations research on-Center during the

1989 spring quarter (March 28-June 6). Individuals interested in teaching the course who have at least a master's

degree are asked to forward their resumes to Cecil Webb, Code 224, by Nov. 15.

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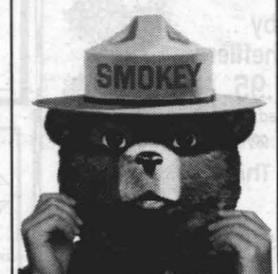
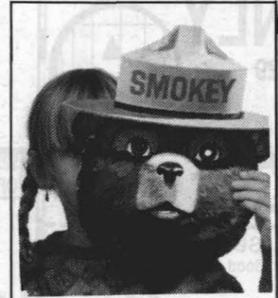
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Association of Old Crows

Training ranges of the future will be discussed by Capt. (Ramjet) Ramsey on Oct. 25 at 5:00 p.m. at the Michelson Laboratory Auditorium, Room 1000D.

The Association for Old Crows is hosting the meeting and it is open to all personnel with a SECRET clearance. Capt. Ramsey will discuss how

the training ranges are changing with emphasis on the training range of the future with respect to advanced aircraft's training requirements.

Capt. Ramsey is the director of the Navy's training ranges, (AIR-423). Contact Lcdr. Dan Frame at NWC ext. 2951/232 for reservations for this meeting.

The Computer Society

Robert Westbrook, a technology consultant in the Embedded Computing Technology Office at the Naval Weapons Center, will talk about the NAVAIR Software Engineering Environment (SEE) at The Computer Society's next meeting on Oct. 25. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Drydock Room at the Enlisted Mess.

The NAVAIR SEE is a common software engineering environment for the development and life cycle support of mission critical computer resources under the cognizance of the Naval Air System Command. The SEE will provide capabilities for projects in software engineering, project support and software management. The NAVAIR SEE will be developed under a three-year period during the fiscal years 1987 through 1990. The approach is to define a tool set in two phases: development tools and full-life-cycle support tools. A plan for implementation was completed in Fiscal Year 1987 and fiscal years 1988 and 1989 are devoted to tool set procurement and operational testing. Westbrook will discuss the tools which were selected for procurement under phase 1, and the process used by NAVAIR projects to acquire those tools.

For more information, please call Dave Koelsch, NWC ext. 1974; or Linda Roush, NWC ext. 5126.



Autumn reflection

During these months, the greyish eastern and mid-western skies are more than occasionally blotted by the pungent, sweet-smelling smoke of leaves burning in raked-up piles. Trees of every kind are shedding the brilliant gold, orange and red colors that mark the abrupt change of season from summer to fall. The air is crisp and cold; summer clothing has been ceremoniously stored away for another year and sweaters reluctantly brought out of drawers for daily use. The regular routine of school has descended upon unhappy children and relieved parents, and the chillier days ahead promise autumn celebrations of Halloween and Thanksgiving.

The shift in climate and mood is breathtaking and a bit sad — beach, surf and bathing suits have been replaced by patches of barren ground, frequent drizzles and showers, the long-awaited football season and the motifs of pumpkins, ghosts and goblins, and, on the horizon, pilgrims gathered thankfully around roasted turkeys and pies of mince meat.

Here in the High Desert of California, although we cannot claim so drastic a change in our surroundings, we also sense the shift, perhaps better expressed as the "movement of time." And, we are painfully aware of the fact that it "waits for no man." Soaring temperatures have become more comfortable, despite occasion-

al hot days, and the cooler air is somehow different from the heavy, almost oppressive heat that hung over the valley during the summer months. Time waits for no man.

No matter how it makes its presence known, autumn months bring the realization that all of us are on a continual journey, ever moving ahead, ever changing, ever shedding the leaves of our old selves and taking on the foliage of new habits and attitudes, of renewed hopes and aspirations. We, like everything in creation, are creatures of change, and we accept this. So, with God-given optimism, we await continued moments of rebirth, perhaps in anticipation of that ultimate rebirth promised to us by the Savior who offers an eternity of happiness and the fulfillment of our hopes and needs beyond our dreams. He made it possible that "those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance." (Hebrews 9:15).

We are blessed with yearly seasons that symbolically reflect the life and movement of man on his journey homeward to God. We give thanks especially for somber fall months that remind us of our ultimate goal and the need to re-order priorities toward that end. Time waits for no man; God, however, does.

Lcdr. S. A. Casimano, CHC, USN
Command Chaplain



personnel development opportunity

PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR (24 hours)

Nov. 15-17, Tuesday-Thursday; 0800-1600; Mojave Room at the Officers' Mess.

Intended Audience: NWC civilian personnel who are planning on retiring within the next five years.

Scope: The seminar is designed to provide a wide range of information on subjects such as tax regulations, the retirement systems, Social Security and Medicare, financial planning, health maintenance and various aspects of retirement.

Please indicate estimated date of retirement on the training request. Spouses of enrollees are also encouraged to attend.

Deadline: November 1.

PAGEMAKER ON THE MACINTOSH (15 hours)

November 16-17, Wednesday and Thursday; 0800-1600; Training Center. By Falcon Microsystems.

Prerequisite: Macintosh operating

skill (file copying, etc.)

Intended Audience: Beginning users of the PageMaker Program.

Scope: Learn the basics of desktop publishing. Topics include: editing, saving and printing documents; placing text and graphics into the PageMaker Program; setting margins and column guides; and setting up master pages. Also, listing of program compatibility.

Deadline: November 1.

PRESENTATIONS ON THE MACINTOSH (7 hours)

November 18, Friday; 0800-1600; Training Center. By Falcon Microsystems.

Prerequisite: Macintosh operating skills (file, disk copying).

Intended Audience: Moderately experienced Macintosh users.

Scope: Learn how to plan, structure and frame an effective presentation using typography, grid and template design tools. You'll learn to build and import graphics, incorporate color and

apply management features by using PowerPoint and Cricket Presents to produce a strong visual presentation. In addition, you'll discuss the industry's Do's and Don'ts.

Deadline: November 2.

FILEMAKER ON THE MACINTOSH (7 hours)

November 14 and 15 (two classes are being held), 0800-1600, Training Center. By Falcon Microsystems.

Prerequisite: Basic Macintosh operating skills (file copying, etc.)

Intended Audience: Beginning users of FileMaker Program.

Scope: This class covers the fundamentals of Data Bases, so that the student can successfully convert those skills into using FileMaker and its unique features to produce effective data access.

Note: Two identical classes are scheduled. If your preference is for Nov. 15, please put in for that date. Deadline: October 31.

Reassignment opportunities

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the A-6 and AV-8B tactical aircraft. As a Flight Test Engineer, the incumbent will perform test and evaluation engineering functions for assigned aircraft flight test programs. Responsibilities of this position include: generation of ground and flight test requirements, plans and procedures, and coordination of schedules and testing operations. This position requires frequent contact with sponsors, aircrew, contractors, other Navy activities and performing organizations to provide technical information. To apply, send an updated SF-171 to Gary Bartlett, Code 3143, NWC ext. 5942.

No. 31-061, Interdisciplinary (Electronics Engineer/Computer Scientist) DP-855/1550-2/3, Code 3134 - The EW Simulation Software Branch is charged with development of Electronic Warfare computer models for operational and vulnerability analysis. This opportunity is for an individual with an interest in defining, developing, and conducting EW simulation verification and validation tests. The position requires knowledge of practical software engineering practices, FORTRAN and C programming, computer operating system functions and implementation, EW and modeling techniques and a strong ability to communicate with people. A background in model operation definition, real time programming, structured software development, and general overall familiarity with EW analytic procedures is desirable. In addition to the EW model testing, from time to time the incumbent may be tasked with additional EW model development and review in support of on-going programs. To apply, send an updated SF-171 to Andy Harball, Code 3134, NWC ext. 3170.

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.

No. 39-020, Interdisciplinary Electronics Engineer/Physicist, DP-855/1310-2/3, Code 3913 - This position is in the Missile Effectiveness Branch, Missile Systems Division, Intercept Weapons Department. The incumbent is responsible for compact range technology development with application to radar cross section imaging of targets for use in guidance and fuze simulation. A small compact range is located at the Encounter Simulation Laboratory (ESL) in Norco, California. A larger compact range is planned for new Missile Engagement Simulation Arena (MESA) which is scheduled for operation in 1992. The duty station for this position is China Lake. Frequent trips to Norco will be required until MESA is in operation. Send a current SF-171 to Eileen Shibley, Code 391, NWC Ext. 2086.

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Overseas job fair planned

Navy's Office of Civilian Personnel Management and the Chief of Naval Operations are providing an opportunity for Federal employees, reinstatement eligibles and their spouses to get first-hand information on what it's like to work overseas as a civilian employee. For the first time, Navy and Marine Corps representatives from bases around the world will be coming to San Diego, Calif., to conduct an overseas job fair.

The Department of the Navy has over 9,000 civilian employees in 20 different foreign and non-foreign overseas areas, from Alaska to Aus-

tralia and from Japan to Italy. Civilians occupy supervisory, managerial, technical and professional positions at overseas activities in the first line of support for our fleet.

Representatives will provide information about current and future job opportunities at grades GS-7 and WG-7 and above, as well as all aspects of living and working overseas. Video tapes and handouts have been specifically developed for the fair to provide attendees with up-to-the-minute information on facilities, locations, travel, recreation, pay and

allowances, medical and dental care, housing, schools and much more. Interested individuals will be able to discuss current vacancies and/or enter themselves into a skills bank for consideration for future vacancies.

The job fair will be held on Nov. 1-2 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Admiral Kidd BOQ, Building 82, Harbor Drive, Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Information on the Overseas Program may be obtained by contacting Doris K. Sorensen, Code 222, at NWC ext. 3317.

Ask questions before enrolling

Employees wanting to enroll in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program, or employees wishing to make permissible changes may do so during the open season scheduled for Nov. 14 through Dec. 9.

In order to make selections a little easier, and to help answer the many questions participants and would-be participants have at this time, the Employee Management Relations Division, Human Resources Department, is holding a Health Fair on Nov. 10 from 8 to 11:15 a.m. and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 115 of the Training Center.

Letters have been written to all of the carriers in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program, inviting them to have representatives at the fair.

As the time of the fair draws a little closer, a list of the carriers being represented at the fair will be printed in the Rocketeer. Meanwhile, be sure to check out the new premium rates for the 1989 Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program printed on the next page.

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Promotional opportunities

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 supervisory appraisal form is required. You may pick up the form in Personnel, Room 100. Promotion potential to DA-080-3.
Eligibility: A. NWC employees DS/DA/DT-2, WG-9, and DG-4 and below with career or career conditional appointments. B. Veterans Readjustment Act appointees. C. NWC employees who are currently serving in permanent excepted positions under Schedule A appointing authority of the severely handicapped, Section 213.3102 (u). Such candidates will be referred to the selecting official on a separate listing.

No. 62-031, **Electronics Technician**, DT-856-2/3, Code 6253 - This position is located in the Telemetry Operations Branch, Data Systems Division, Range Department, which is involved in the reception, processing and data distribution of telemetry received from a variety of projects occurring on and off center. The incumbent will have responsibility for functional operation of many specialized equipments utilized in a modern telemetry receiving station. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of analog and digital circuitry; ability to troubleshoot telemetry equipment; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Promotion potential to DT-3, but not guaranteed.

No. 62-032, **Interdisciplinary (Physicist/Mathematician/ Computer Scientist)**, DP-1310/1520/1550-2/3, Code 62521 - This position is located in the Software Development Section, Data Branch, Computer Systems Division, Range Department. The section will soon be involved in a major development of data reduction software under a UNIX operation system and employing a DBMS for control of all data entry. Prior experience with UNIX

system is desirable. The incumbent will work as a member of a skilled team of computer scientists and other professionals who are intimately familiar with the current HP-1000 data system. The incumbents primary responsibility will be to perform as system manager for the new superminicomputer system and to provide programming support for the same system. This position is physically located in the new Instrumentation Lab of the Range Control Center Complex. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of structured programming; ability to write software for a minicomputer system; ability to operate a minicomputer system; and ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Promotion potential to DP-3.

No. 62-033, **Multidisciplinary (Engineering Technician/ Photographer)**, DT-802/1060-2/3, Code 62312 - This position is in the Fixed Camera Section of the Electro-Optics Branch, Instrumentation Systems Division, Range Department. The incumbent performs in one or more of the following areas: fixed cameras (with emphasis on video operations), optical tracking, operating and maintaining highly specialized optical and electronics devices and equipment to gather test data for NAVWPNCEN ranges. Typical equipment used within these functional areas are: specialized shuttered video cameras, recorders and microwave units, various medium and high speed cameras, and Cine Theodolite tracking instruments. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of field instrumentation technology; knowledge of how photo-optical and electro-optical systems are used for gathering field test data; ability to perform as a member of a technical team; ability to operate photo-optical/electro-optical equipment. Promotion potential to DT-3.

Status eligibles may apply.

No. 62-034, **Administrative Officer**, DA-341-1/2/3, Code 62502 - Position is in support of the Data Systems Division. Responsible for division budget, monitoring expenditures, staffing plan and personnel matters. Experience with the Apple Macintosh computer is desirable. Assist division head with MTP, C&IS planning and procurement, preparation of contract packages, and many other aspects of division management. Major functions of the Data Systems Division include the Range Control Center technical operations, range data reduction, telemetry, timing and communications. These facilities all support different aspects of range testing and are crucial to controlling tests and providing data to range customers. Responsibilities are challenging and rewarding. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of spreadsheet, database and word processing software; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to deal with all levels of NWC personnel. Promotion potential to DA-3.

No. 61-002, **Quality Assurance Specialist**, DS-1910-1/2, Code 6141 - This position is located in the Magazine Branch, Ordnance Division, Aircraft Department. Incumbent performs quality assurance planning, receipt, inspection, storage/segregation compatibility control, pre-shipment inspection, document control, submit waiver request, and discrepancy reports. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; knowledge of ordnance inspection and storage; knowledge of ordnance shipping procedures. Status eligibles may apply. Promotion potential to DS-2.

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

No. 31-060, **Secretary (Typing)**, DG-318-1/2, Code 3134 - Provides general secretarial and administrative support to the EW Simulation Software Branch. The position also includes duties to establish, maintain, and control a project classified data library for government and contractor development support. Working knowledge of Macintosh and/or Interleaf desirable, but not required. Must be able to obtain special background clearance. Promotion potential to DG-2.

No. 32-021, **Secretary (Typing)**, DG-318-1/2, Code 3292 - This position is located in the Components Development Branch of the Fuze Safe-Arm Division. Incumbent provides secretarial support to the branch and division office. Ability to use Macintosh Plus and Xerox 645S Memorywriter is desirable. Promotion potential to DG-2, but not guaranteed. Status eligibles may apply.

No. 35-023, **Secretary (Typing)**, DG-318-2/3, Code 35C2 - This position is located in the SEA LANCE Project Office. Incumbent provides secretarial and administrative support to the project

office. Knowledge and working skills on the Apple Macintosh computer is desirable. Promotion potential to DG-3, but not guaranteed.

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. Previous applicants need not re-apply.

No. 32-024, **Secretary (Typing)**, DG-318-2/3, Code 329 - Incumbent will provide clerical and administrative support to the Fuze Safe-Arm Division Staff located in Salt Wells. The Division Staff includes: Division Head, Associate Division Head, Administrative Officer and Technical Management Office. Other duties include CCF for the Division and coordinating the workload of the Division's clerical staff. Ability to work will in a complex environment and manage the administrative needs of the office with minimal supervision is extremely important. Must have a strong understanding of work processing and Macintosh computer systems. Promotion potential is to DG-3.



1989 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

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. 31-053, **Interdisciplinary (General/ Electronics/ Mechanical/ Aerospace Engineer/ Physicist/ Mathematician/Computer Scientist/ Operations Research Analyst)**, DP-801/855/830/861/1310/1520/1550/1515-1/2/3, Code 3195 - (Multiple

Vacancies) These positions are located in the F/A-18 Software Development Branch, Systems Engineering Division, Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. The incumbent will be a member of the F/A-18 WSSA Mission Computer/Stores Management Set Software Development

Team. The team will be responsible for ANAYK-14 and ANAYQ-9(V) OFF development for F/A-18 aircraft. The incumbent will design and implement OFF enhancements. To apply, send an updated SF-171 to M. Spencer, Code 3195, NWC ext. 5934.

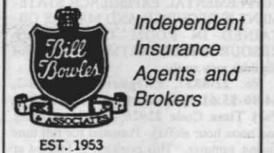
No. 31-064, **Interdisciplinary (Aerospace/ Electronics/ General/ Mechanical Engineer/Physicist)**, DP-861/855/801/830/1310-2/3, Code 3143 - This position is located in the A-6/AV-8 Test and Instrumentation Branch which is responsible for providing flight test engineering and instrumentation support for (Continued on Page 19)

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Smith wins honor

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 Smith plans to request "brother duty" on board a ship with his brother who recently joined the Navy.

When not on the job, RM2 Smith is a volunteer worker for the Meals on Wheels Program and is a member of



the advisory board of the Indian Wells Valley Volunteer Center.
 Petty Officer Smith, and his wife Diane, are the parents of two children, Kristin, age 3, and Wyatt, just eight months old.

Bigger check in January

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- On Jan. 1, 1989, basic pay and Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) will jump 4.1 percent while Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) will increase seven percent.

For example, Petty Officer Second Class "Jones" is married and has six years in the Navy. Every month, he receives \$1129.80 in basic pay, \$324 in BAQ and a BAS of \$164.40 (daily rate of \$5.48). In his Jan. 13 paycheck, he will receive an extra \$23.16 in basic pay, \$11.38 in BAQ and \$3.37 in BAS, for total increase of \$37.91.

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Detour to airfield

Sandquist Road will be closed for at least two weeks, starting tomorrow, (Saturday) to allow for a widening and resurfacing project. All traffic headed for Armitage Field and the range area will have to use the Lauritsen Road Gate or the North Knox Gate, opened for this period of time, then take Pole Line and Water roads to their work areas.

A detour will be provided off Sandquist Road to allow access to the

SNORT area.

Representatives of the Naval Weapons Center's Public Works Department say the contractor is expected to take at least two weeks to complete the project on Sandquist Road. They also noted the front gate detour will remain in place until the new traffic signal is installed by the California Department of Transportation at the intersection of Inyokern Road and China Lake Blvd.

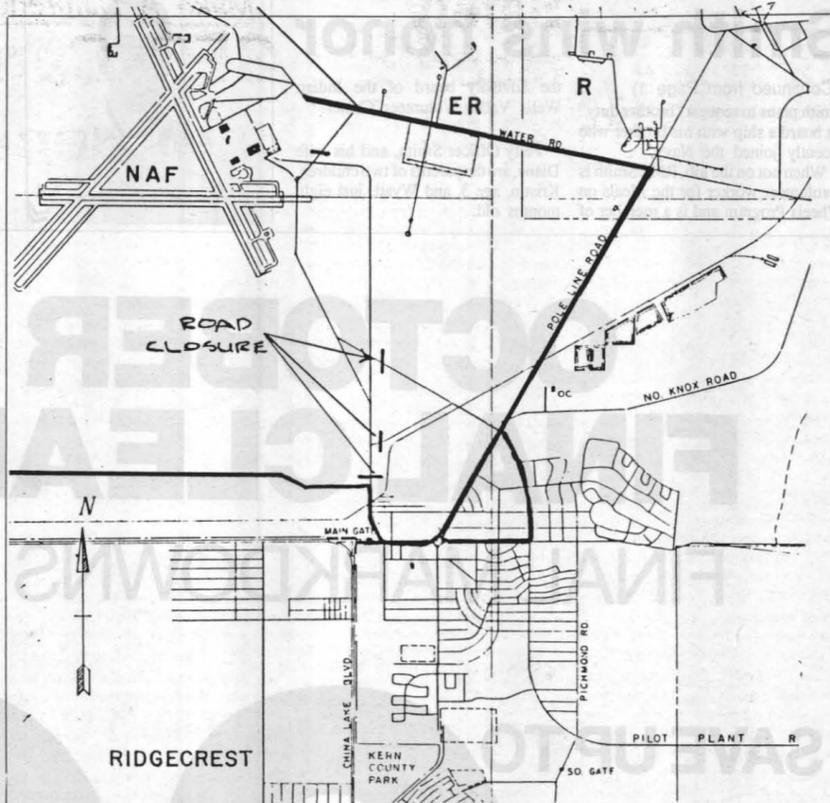
Cerro Coso offering many short courses

Thought you'd missed your chance to enroll in fall courses at Cerro Coso Community College? Think again! The school has scheduled more than 40 short-term courses during the fall semester with varying beginning and ending dates. For exact course meeting times and dates consult the short-term schedule of classes.

Registration for interested individuals may be completed in the Office of Admissions and Records, Monday

through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Registration will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis, and should be completed prior to the first class meeting.

An enrollment fee of \$5 per unit up to 9 units or a flat fee of \$50 for 10 or more units is required at the time of registration. For more information, call Cerro Coso at 375-5001.



DETOUR—The heavy solid lines indicate the detour route for all traffic to Armitage Field and the range area. Sandquist Road will be closed for at least two weeks for a construction project.

Cancer Myth #1

"Everything causes cancer."

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Peel and eat

Peel 'em and eat will be the motto at the Shrimp-A-Peel at the Officer's Club on Friday, Oct. 28. The meal will be served from 6 to 9 p.m. and a DJ. will play from 8 p.m. to midnight. Make your reservations by Oct. 26 by calling 939-2334.

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Applications for positions listed below are being accepted from Department of Navy employees 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. 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. Assessment measures are work experience, annual performance assessment rating and narrative, education, training, performance assessment and awards.

Eligible spouses (of military sponsors) with competitive employment status may apply for employment preference. Those enrolled in this program will automatically receive consideration for employment on vacancies for which they applied. For initial employment information, career counseling and enrollment, call 939-3317 for an appointment.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit the following: a current application, SF-171 or other Human Resources Department pre-approved form; 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); and a completed Background Survey Questionnaire. 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 12335/2, 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 a signature on the last page completes the application. Civilian Spousal Program Eligibles with competitive employment status must submit a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders with each application in order to be considered for Merit Promotion vacancies which do not state that status eligibles may apply.

Application materials are accepted, and blank forms are available, at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Human Resources 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. Copies of applications may be submitted since applications are kept 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. 22-008, Administrative Junior Professional, DA-301-1, Code 222 - Incumbent will be sponsored by the Administrative Development Committee. AJP's take six 6-week tours in administrative functions including mandatory tours in budget analysis, personnel, contracts and procurement, and management analysis. Additional tours may include safety and security, facilities management, administrative assistant, public affairs or business management. The program is designed to identify and develop those with high potential for senior administrative and staff positions within the Center. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to gather, compile and analyze data; ability to communicate in writing; and knowledge of management techniques, practices, methods and principles. Promotion potential to DP-3. **A SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIENCE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN ROOM 100, HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.** Status eligibles may apply.

No. 22-8837, Lifeguard, PS 189-3, \$4.80-\$5.61 ph, multiple vacancies. Part Time Code 22926 - (early morning and noon hour shifts). Potential for full time during summer. This position is located at the Sports Branch, MWR Facility, China Lake, CA. Incumbent monitors activities and maintains order in and around pool area; provides assistance to patrons and necessary first aid; maintains pool area; 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. 26-024, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (Electrical/Mechanical/Civil Engineer, Architect), DP-850/830/810/808-3/4, Code 263A - Position is that of Associate Division Head, Engineering Division. Division is

responsible for design of new facilities in support of the mission of NAVWPNCEN. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of Public Works organization and procedures; knowledge of facilities engineering; knowledge of personnel policies and procedures; and ability to support NAVWPNCEN EEO policies and procedures. Additional tours may include safety and security, facilities management, administrative assistant, public affairs or business management. The program is designed to identify and develop those with high potential for senior administrative and staff positions within the Center. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to gather, compile and analyze data; ability to communicate in writing; and knowledge of management techniques, practices, methods and principles. Promotion potential to DP-3. **A SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIENCE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN ROOM 100, HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.** Status eligibles may apply.

No. 31-059, Interdisciplinary (General/Electronics Engineer/Physicist/Mathematician/Computer Scientist), DP-801/855/1310/1520/1550-3/4, Code 31C - This position is in the Embedded Computing Technology Office. The office is responsible for coordinating Center technology base work in the area of embedded computers for Navy/DoD applications. It promotes the effective transfer and utilization of new computing hardware and software technology to current and future Center embedded computer systems. The incumbent provides coordination and liaison to other laboratory and industry organizations. In addition, the incumbent applies new techniques and tools to Center problems through in-house or contracted demonstrations. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of embedded computer applications and productivity enhancements, including hardware and software tools; knowledge of computer systems architecture and application; knowledge of ANSIMIL-STD-1815A (DoD Programming Language-ADA); ability to communicate effectively with all levels. Status eligibles may apply. If filled at the DP-3 level, this position has promotion potential to DP-4, but is not guaranteed.

No. 31-062, Interdisciplinary (General/Mechanical/Electrical/Electronics/Aerospace/Industrial Engineer/Physicist/Mathematician), DP - 801/830/850/855/861/896/1310/1520-3/4, Code 3103 - This position is in the A-4M/AV-8B Weapon Support System Activity (WSSA). The incumbent will head up NWC's efforts to incorporate a Radar into the AV-8B aircraft. This position involves developing a radar program plan implementing and managing that plan. The incumbent will interface with NAVAIR, several NWC organizations, MCAIR, the radar contractor and other support contractors. The incumbent will be responsible for schedules, budgets, monitoring and coordinating technical work, and making presentations to sponsors and NWC management. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of aircraft/avionics systems, software engineering, project management, weapons systems integration; ability to effectively communicate; ability to comprehend and coordinate a large number of DP-3 level, has promotion potential to the DP-4; however, promotion is not guaranteed.

No. 32-022, Mechanical Engineering Technician, DT-802-2/3, Code 3291 - This position is located in the Safety-Arming Development Branch in the Fuze S-A Division of the Ordnance Systems Department. The incumbent will be responsible for design of parts/components and their mechanical integration into warhead safety-arming devices and associated electromechanical/ordnance components. Responsibilities will include using CAD tools in preparation of detailed drawings and assembly layouts, selecting standard components for use in such mechanisms, and conducting related tolerance analyses in support of project/design engineers. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of mechanical design practices, NWC drawing practices, and manufacturing practices; skill in use of CAD/CAE tools and mathematics; ability to communicate effectively with technical personnel. If selection is made at DT-2 level, promotion potential is to DT-3, but not guaranteed.

No. 32-025, Air-Conditioning Equipment Mechanic, WG-5306-10, Code 32535 - Responsible for fabrication, installation, construction and maintenance on processing and support equipment, test equipment and systems for the Ordnance Systems Department. Work is performed in the Salt Wells and China Lake Laboratories. Responsible for layout, fabrication, selection or procedures and specific techniques for installing, maintaining and repairing various refrigeration and A/C equipment and components used the areas for processing hazardous materials. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of technical practices and theories relevant to refrigeration and A/C equipment; knowledge of materials and their use relevant to refrigeration and A/C equipment; ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision; ability to read and interpret blueprints, instructions, specifications; ability to use appropriate tests on refrigeration and A/C equipment. Promotion potential to WG-11, however, it is not guaranteed.

No. 32-013, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-3, Code 32604 - This position is in the HPM Warhead Project Office of the Conventional Weapons Division. This project Office is responsible for NAVWPNCEN activities in the weaponization of a new warhead concept and also susceptibility determination of systems to this warhead threat. The incumbent will act as the Systems Engineer for this project and will be responsible for component technology, system integration, and weapon development and testing when feasibility is established. In addition, the incumbent will technically oversee the analysis and testing to determine the susceptibility of systems to the threat environment and the development of hardening methods. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of microwave technology; knowledge in the formulation and development of ordnance systems or components; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

No. 32-023, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General/Mechanical/Electrical Engineer/Physicist), DP-801/830/855/1310, Code 3293 - The position is that of Head, Exploratory Development Branch, Fuze Safe-Arm Division, Ordnance Systems Department. The Branch is responsible for the exploratory and advanced development of safety-arming and arming-firing devices, contact fuzes, warhead initiation systems, bomb fuzes and related components. The design of these devices have an emphasis on

the use of electronic components, microprocessors, exploding foil initiators and software design. Members of the branch provide consultation in the areas of mechanical systems analysis, electronics, heat transfer, explosive train design and software design. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of the exploratory and advanced development phases of guided missile development, particularly for safety-arming and arming-firing devices, contact fuzing and ordnance systems; knowledge of conventional weapons systems and chemistry; willingness to support the Center's EEO program; ability to direct, train, and provide leadership to a multi-disciplined group; ability to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing; ability to interface with sponsors, contractors and NAVWPNCEN management. If selection is made at the DP-3 level, promotion potential is to DP-4, but not guaranteed.

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Engineering Technician, DT-802-2, Code 3643 - This position is located in the Quality Control Branch of the Engineering & Processes Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent is responsible for developing inspection programs for machined parts on a computer driven optical comparator and precision measuring machine. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing; knowledge of advanced inspection and metrology techniques; knowledge of machine shop practices; knowledge of a machine programming language such as QUINTOS, APT, or FORTRAN; ability to communicate effectively with supervisors, engineers, machinists, and contractors. Promotion potential to DT-3, but not guaranteed.

No. 39-021, Supervisory Electronics Engineer, DP-855-2/3, Code 3913 - This position is Head of the Encounter Simulation Section, Missile Effectiveness Branch, Missile Systems Division, Intercept Weapons Department. The section is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Encounter Simulation Laboratory (ESL), a detached NWC facility. The ESL function is scheduled for transfer to a new China Lake facility, the Missile Engagement Simulation Arena (MESA), in 1992. The duty station for the position is Norco, California until the transfer to China Lake in 1992. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of and experience with control and recording instrumentation; knowledge of computers and radar systems; ability to deal effectively with both on-center and off-center users of the facility; ability and willingness to support NWC/EEO goals and objectives. Incumbent may be required to serve a one year supervisory probationary period. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance. Promotion potential to DP-3.

No. 39-022, Supervisory Electronics Technician, DP-856-3, Code 3913 - This position is Head of the Encounter Simulation Section, Missile Effectiveness Branch, Missile Systems Division, Intercept Weapons Department. The section is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Encounter Simulation Laboratory (ESL), a detached NWC facility. The ESL function is scheduled for transfer to a new China Lake facility, the Missile Engagement Simulation Arena (MESA), in 1992. The duty station for the position is Norco, California until the transfer to China Lake in 1992. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of and experience with control and recording instrumentation; knowledge of computers and radar systems; ability to deal effectively with both on-center and off-center users of the facility; ability and willingness to support NWC/EEO goals and objectives. Incumbent may be required to serve a one year supervisory probationary period. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance. Promotion potential to DP-3.

No. 39-023, Trainee Position, Security Clerk, DG-086-2/3, Code 39B9 - This is an Upward Mobility position. Target position is a Security Specialist DA-080-1, in Code 30. The training position will involve specialized on-the-job and formal classroom training. Duties include the support of one or more aspects of the personnel and physical security programs. The incumbent performs the following functions: receipt, distribution and control of classified documentation, preparation of documentation associated with access to restricted areas, review of documentation required to certify physical spaces for storage of classified material, preparation of OPSEC plans, and other associated functions. Position requires some travel and coordination with sponsor security personnel. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to communicate orally; ability to communicate in writing; ability to deal effectively with people. The incumbent must be able to secure and maintain a Top Secret clearance. A (Continued on Page 18)

Tennis mania occurred at tennis courts last weekend

Brett Halpin defeated Mike Smith for the Men's "A" Singles title in the Gary Haugen Memorial Tennis Tournament held this past weekend at the China Lake's Tennis Courts. Halpin won his match in straight sets of 6-4 and 6-2.

In the Men's "B" Singles, Peter Hucker triumphed over Bob Forrester 6-3, 6-1. Joe Stokley won his match over J. Smith in straight sets 6-2, 6-2 in the Men's "C" Singles.

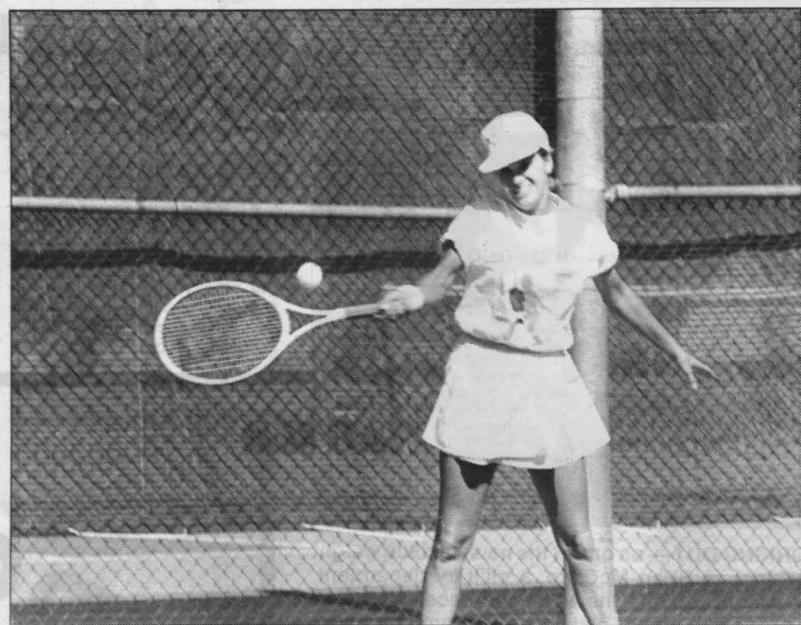
Action was hot in the doubles events of the tournament. Brett Halpin and Nito Hausia trounced Morris Scharff and Dan Webster with straight sets of 6-3, 6-0 in the Men's "A" Doubles. The fight for the title in the Men's "B" Doubles category was a fierce one. Bill Vechione and Mark Vechione lost their first set 6-7 against Tom Wee and Tim Higgins. The Vechiones, however, came back strong and won the next two sets 7-5 and 7-5 to win the match. In the Men's "C" Doubles category, Al Sorenson and George Ochtun had a tough time beating Mark Bryant and Ian Porteus. Sorenson and Ochtun lost their first set 4-6, squeaked by 7-5 on their second set and overwhelmed Brant and Porteus 6-2 in the third set.

Jane Williams didn't have any trouble winning the Women's "A" Singles event as she beat Julie Clark in straight sets of 6-1, 6-1. Darcy Rindt had a tougher fight in the Women's "B" Singles event as she won the match against Kim Partridge in straight sets of 7-6, 6-1. In the Women's "C" Singles category, Vicki Baker won her match against Patty Dean in straight sets of 6-3, 6-3.

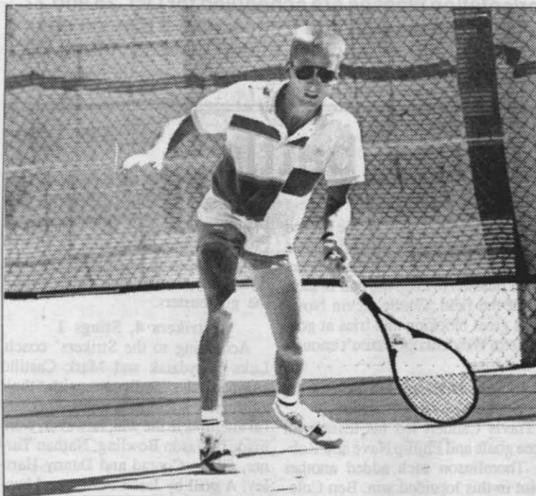
Thelma Kailiwi and Trudy Miya won the Women's "B" Doubles event by winning the match in straight sets of 6-3, 6-2 against Virginia Wirtz and Valerie Needham.

Nito Hausai and Jane Williams won the Mixed "A" Doubles event when they won the match with straight sets 6-2, 6-4 against Chuck Stoll and Stacie Werthman. A tighter match was held in the Mixed "B" Doubles, but Ken Miya and Trudy Tiya still won in straight sets 7-6, 6-4. They triumphed over Nick

Schneider and Virginia Wirtz. Randy Kirkendoll and Karla Betcher had no trouble winning the Mixed "C" Doubles event as they won their match over Erick Bender and Tookie Marcellin in straight sets of 6-3, 6-3.



NICE RETURN — It was returns like this and excellent tennis skills that allowed Jane Williams to capture the title in the Women's "A" Singles category while playing in the Gary Haugen Memorial Tennis Tournament. The tournament was held at the China Lake Tennis Courts this past weekend. Williams won her match by beating Julie Clarke in two straight sets — 6-1, 6-1. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady



CONTACT — Hard work wasn't enough for Mike Smith, who was defeated by Brett Halpin in the Men's "A" Singles category of the Gary Haugen Memorial Tennis Tournament last weekend. Smith lost two straight sets of his match, 4-6 and 2-6. The tournament is held annually to help provide funds for two annual scholarships, which are in honor of Gary Haugen, a Burroughs High School tennis player who died of leukemia. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Take care with aspirin

Washington (NES)...The incidence of Reye's syndrome increases with doses of aspirin given children to treat chickenpox or other viral illnesses, says a study in the July 29 *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Reye's syndrome is a serious, often fatal illness that affects some children following a viral infection.

Aspirin is strongly suspected as having a causative role since studies have shown that most cases occur among children who have taken the drug, say the authors at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. The authors found a strong dose-response effect in data collected by the Public Health Service Main Study of Reye's Syndrome and Medications.

Evidence from the study led the authors to conclude that "it must be assumed that no safe dose of aspirin exists and that avoidance of this compound for treating children and teenagers with chickenpox or respiratory illnesses is the most effective means of reducing the risk of developing this illness (Reye's syndrome)."

Safety records noted

Safety is a vital part of successful operations at the Naval Weapons Center. Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, recognized two parts of the China Lake organization for outstanding contributions to safety over the years.

At a recent Commander's Meeting, Capt. Burt presented a safety certificate to Bill Porter, laboratory director, representing 12 years and more than one million man-hours of work without a lost-time accident in the laboratory director's office.

Matt Anderson who heads the Center's Ordnance Department, received a certificate representing 500,000 man-hours without a lost-time accident in his department.

The Skipper said these awards represented "a superb job" by the personnel within the departments involved.

Pride is goal of program

"Movin' On Up" is the name and philosophy of the Youth Activities' before and after school program for children in grades one through six. This program encourages children to "move on up" in skills development with activities such as cooking, team activities, grooming, and arts and crafts. Children in this program form new friendships, gain self-confidence and take pride in themselves and their abilities.

Parents of prospective participants should contact Youth Activities Branch of the Naval Weapons Center's Morale, Welfare & Recreation Division, to sign-up for the program.

For further information, call NWC ext. 2909.

Harvest of Gifts Bazaar to benefit St. Ann's school

Worried about finding the perfect Christmas gifts for friends and family? Stop worrying and make plans to attend the Harvest of Gifts Bazaar at St. Ann's School Oct. 28-30.

The main fundraiser for St. Ann's School, the Bazaar will feature lots of Christmas items, fresh-baked goods, country crafts and hand-made baby gifts.

"The parents and friends of St. Ann's have been hard at work to produce the best bazaar yet," said Martha Mendenhall, publicity chairman. "I encourage everyone to get to the bazaar early to find the best treasures. One special treat will be homemade bread items fresh from the school bakery on Saturday morning and fresh cinnamon rolls on Sunday morning."

Held at the school at 446 W. Church, the bazaar will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday; and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.



Make A Difference CFC Campaign underway with department meetings

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the Center's once-a-year fund-raising activity to help support the ever-growing needs of local, national and international volunteer health and welfare agencies.

"This year our goal is to fully support these worthy organizations. This can be done only with your help," said Dick Boyd, chairman of the campaign. The campaign began on Monday and will run through November 15.

A meeting for department representatives and points of contacts is scheduled for Room 1000D, Michelson Laboratory at 1:30 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 28 to discuss the campaign.

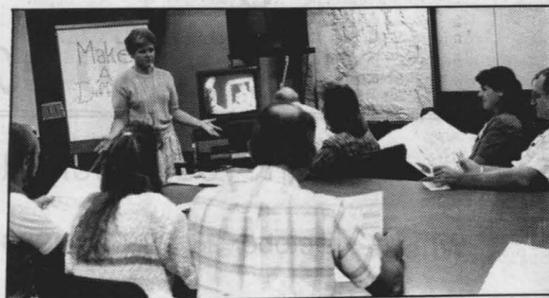
Caring and giving have long been traditional among federal employees. CFC makes it possible for many health and welfare agencies to continue to provide a wide range of services--from research to find a cure for cancer and birth defects to services to the handicapped.

"Giving to the CFC is the most effective way for you do your part to ensure a healthier, better-cared-for community. We never know when we, our family, or our friends may need these services," said Boyd.

Federal employees and military members play a vital part in the success of CFC. "I need your personal best so that together we can have the most successful Combined Federal Campaign ever held at the Naval Weapons Center," said Boyd. "Many deserving people are depending upon us."

"When the department CFC representative asks for your CFC pledge, you can "Make a Difference," he concluded.

Questions regarding CFC can be forwarded to Dick Boyd or to Loretta King, NWC ext. 3511, co-chairman of the campaign.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE—Sandy Jennings, a Combined Federal Campaign department representative, explains how the campaign works and what a difference one contribution can make.

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Blood draw

Free program for limited participation

Between Nov. 3 and Nov. 10, there will be a blood draw for current employees of the Radar and Threat Technology Division, Code 354 (formerly the Microwave Development Division).

This is a follow-up to the 1982-83 leukopenia study. If you participated in the 1982-83 study and tested low (below 4500 WBC) three times or were working in the Microwave Development Division at the time and wish to be included, please call Carolyn Minis, NWC ext. 3992 no later than Friday, Oct. 28, for scheduling.

CLPD radar areas listed

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 — CLPL Road.
 - Tuesday — Richmond Road.
 - Wednesday — Sandquist Road.
 - Thursday — Burroughs Avenue.
 - Friday — Knox Road.
- Violations may be cited at anytime as well as in areas other than the ones mentioned above.

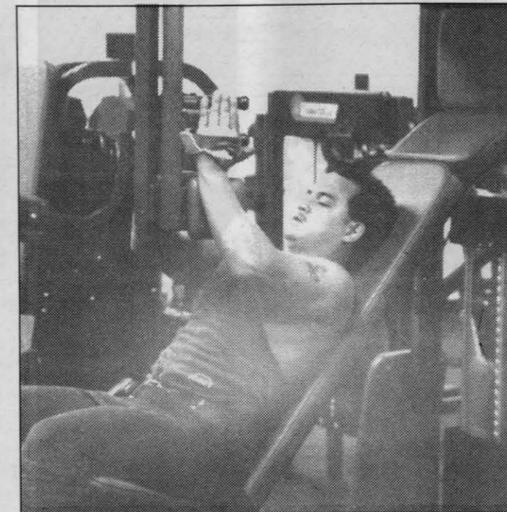
New group takes over basket plan

Over the past several years, the Ridgecrest Service Extension Unit of the Salvation Army has coordinated the community-wide Holiday Basket Program. This program was started by the Ridgecrest Salvation Army to help coordinate efforts of those wishing to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to fixed-income residents. We are appreciative of the support and cooperation by area donors for this worthwhile project.

This year, we are facing a loss of available volunteer time to coordinate baskets. Consequently, we have made the decision to turn the program over to another local agency.

The Women's Center of the High Desert has enthusiastically agreed to serve as basket coordinators. We are sure that there will be continued community support of this project under the new leadership.

By Toni Boggs
Unit Coordinator
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WORKING OUT — on one of the new Nautilus weight machines is Brian McCalip, a military dependent. The weight room in the NWC gym received the 12 pieces of equipment just recently. Demonstration/orientation classes are scheduled for Oct. 25 and 27 from 11:30 to noon and from 4:30 to 5 p.m. on each day. People attending these classes must be authorized to use the weight room. Photo by Peggy Shoaf

Teams battle...

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the game. Goalie Kevin Byrne played great as goalie and kept the Rockets from scoring. David Jensen and Ryan Lopez hustled to keep the ball in their end of the field. Goalie Kevin Nowicki's great blocking and tries at goal by Justin Weidenkopf weren't enough in the loss.

**Division III
Sockers 5, Earthquakes 0**

Travis Caddell led his team with three goals and Phillip Nave and Robby Thomlinson each added another point in this lopsided win. Ben Coleman had quick defensive moves and kept the Earthquakes scoreless. Randy Martin and Adam Summers helped in the win by their exceptional plays. Chris Mahoney and Kees Van Der Hoek couldn't halt the Sockers.

Goalbusters 5, Drillers 1

Three goals by Greg Greedy and one each by Bill Yeager and Reed Zamlen kept the Goalbusters out front. Derek Falk and Stanley Scofield were credited with assists. Fast moves by David Estis and excellent defensive plays by James and Toby Adams

and Jessup Parson, cinched the win. Despite good play from Stephanie French, James Powers, J. J. Orosco and Holly Staab, and a single goal by Ryan Lilly, the Drillers couldn't upset the goalbusters.

Strikers 4, Stings 1

According to the Strikers' coach, Luke Woydziak and Mark Castillo stunned the audience with their aggressive attempts at goals. Successful attempts in the win, however, were made by Jason Bowling, Nathan Turner, Glenn Conrad and Danny Hartley. A goal by Jason Ford, good hustling by Eric Hines, interceptions by Thai Gutierrez and good passing by Christy Robertson, John Mickelsen and Cherish Norton weren't enough in the loss.

**Division IV
Fury 4, Whitecaps 1**

Great saves by goalie Brett Wood, two goals by David Gartner and one each by Tom Foisy and Tommy Fuller swept the team to victory. Kevin Self and John Keller tried, but couldn't calm the Fury down. James Ball made the Whitecap's lone goal.

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October 31 last day for fishing

October 31 is the last day of the general fishing season for the Eastern Sierra region. However, Pleasant Valley Reservoir, Owens River below the reservoir and Diaz Lake have year-round fishing.

According to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, there's still good fishing in Lone Pine and Tuttle Creek for anglers using worms, eggs and power bait. For lure fishing in the Lone Pine area, use super dupers or Panther Martins. The weather has been great for fishing in the creek areas.

While Twin Lake (in the Bridgeport area) has been producing some pan-size browns, some bigger ones are beginning to turn up. A 5-pound brown was caught on a repala this last week. Trolling is good on Twin Lake around 15 to 40 feet down. Virginia Lake is best on flies or Berkley Power Bait, spinners or mosquitos, black gnats and zub bub flies. At Lobdell Lake, they are catching Artic Graylings, a member of the white fish family, not a type of trout. Many Graylings are being caught on No. 16 black

gnats, No. 16 black ants or No. 16 black nymphs. Their size is ranging anywhere from 8 to 11-inches.

Best fishing this week is on June Lake in the loop. Three to 4-pound rainbows are being taken. Bait fishing is best from the shore line near the beach end. Trolling is good in the morning with flashers and night crawlers. Trolling in the evening is best on needlefish or Matukas or Hornberg flies. Power bait is still doing well on all the lakes. Rush Creek is doing well on worms and small spinners.



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Teams battle it out

Third week of play for the Naval Weapons Center's Youth Soccer League saw the players really getting into the games, resulting in some decisive wins.

Division I

Coyotes 3, Owls 0

Darren Hodge led the Coyotes by making all three goals. Joshua Omerod and Alexis Miller were credited with one assist each. Goalies Chris Bailey and Sarah Woydziak kept the Owls from scoring. Curtis Haney gave the Owls all he had until he had to leave the game due to illness. Kevin Hill and Andy Pape weren't enough to stop the winners.

Express 0, Eagles 0

In a hard fought game, Jason Clark, Jolynn Ross, Brian Haugen and Matthew Augustine played well, but couldn't get past the Eagles. Mike Giroux, Leland Ratcliff and Ben Labee gave their all for the Eagles, but it wasn't enough to break the tie.

Apollos 1, Cobras 0

With a goal by Willie Eichenberg and fine plays by Gary Brady, Corrine Goodheart and Paul Schramm, the Apollos emerged victorious. The Cobras did not turn in a score sheet.

Division II

Cougars 6, Bullets 0

Brett Thomsen and Jaime Rugg led

the Cougars with two goals apiece. Matthew Girardot and Galen Wilson each had a successful shot at the goal. Defensive plays by Curtis Allen prevented the Bullets from scoring. Jarrett Burke and Dominic Reisig played well in the loss, but couldn't stop the Cougars.

Roughnecks 3, Jets 2

Strong team play by Joshua Roberts and Jesse Weston, two goals by Robert Hoffman and one by Barrett Edwards, who was assisted by Chris Maki, led the team to victory in this exciting game. Ahead until the second half, the Roughnecks had excellent help from Jimmy Hutmacher and goals by Mark Kuz and Chris Peters.

Sounders 1, Whitecaps 0

Half-back Joe Arisman and full-back Robert Lawson kept the Sounders in check. Salvador Ramirez knocked in the winning point. Despite aggressive plays by Andy Benson and the prevention of extra goals from the Sounders by goalie Nick Charlton, the Whitecaps couldn't overcome the Sounder's only goal.

Diplomats 1, Rockets 0

Though the game was scoreless in the first half, Nicholas Ford slipped one in during the second half to win (Continued on Page 15)



KEEPING IN SHAPE — Members of the Naval Weapons Center's Golf Club were busy "shaping up" the Naval Weapons Center's Golf Course last Saturday. Each year the members have what is known as a "Membership Day," where they go to the course and make necessary improvements. Don't be fooled though, it wasn't all work, there was plenty of fun and enjoyment to be had after the work was done. Golf Club members shown are Gene Allen (in background), Don Henderson (pulling weeds), and Dick Bauers (raking the sand). Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Get current trout location info

Anglers in Southern California once again have Department of Fish and Game (DFG) weekly trout plant information at their fingertips, 24 hours each day.

The department's popular recorded trout plant information telephone line is back in operation — with a new number.

Weekly county-by-county trout plant location updates can be obtained by dialing (213) 590-5020.

any time, night or day. Three-to-the-pound, catchable-size rainbow trout, raised at Fish and Game hatcheries, are stocked each week in Southern California, year round; and in the eastern Sierra waters of Inyo and Mono counties during the fishing season. More than 80 lakes and streams are stocked in eight Southern California counties, and at some 70 waters in Inyo and Mono counties by DFG hatchery

personnel. The DFG trout plant information telephone number is dialed by trout anglers at the rate of 2,500 calls monthly to obtain up-to-date locations where hatchery-raised trout are to be stocked each week. Weekly trout-plant information is recorded Monday afternoons by department personnel at the Long Beach office.

Fire restrictions lifted in forests

PORTERVILLE — Fire restrictions in the Moderate Hazard areas of the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests have been relaxed, announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest. According to forest supervisors Jim Crates and Jim Boyton, fuels in the forest remain critically dry, but shorter days and cooler nights have reduced the fire danger.

"Carelessness will still cause a fire, but we should be able to pick it up before it gets too big. We are able to accept the risk of a start in order to allow more use of the forest. Woodcutting and camping will now be allowed on a greater portion of the two forests," stated Crates and Boyton.

As of Monday, Oct. 10, Stage I restrictions are in effect in Moderate Hazard areas. Stage I restrictions prohibit open campfires outside of campgrounds, but allow the use of stoves. The operation of internal combustion engines off of roads is allowed.

The more restrictive Stage II rules still apply in the High Hazard areas. Maps and copies of the fire restrictions are available at all Ranger Stations on both the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

Navy Band sending jazz unit to valley

China Lake will welcome a specialty unit of the U.S. Navy Band this month. The U.S. Navy's premier jazz ensemble will perform at the NWC Station Theatre on Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.

The Commodores combine the best of jazz and popular music, offering a mixture of styles ranging from the authentic sounds of the swing era to contemporary music. The group features 18 of the Navy's top jazz and big band musicians.

Free tickets are available on a first come, first served basis at the Ridgecrest Daily Independent or by sending in a written request with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to P.O. Box 7, Ridgecrest, 93555. There is a limit of four tickets per request.

Formed in 1969, the Commodores

have toured Central and South America, Europe and the United States.

"The ensemble performed at numerous jazz festivals throughout the country and is the only military band to appear at the famed Newport Jazz Festival," said Mark Stevens, public affairs officer for the U.S. Navy Band.

Jazz greats Dizzy Gillespie, Grover Washington, Jr., and Pete Christlieb have been guest artists with the ensemble.

The ensemble also conducts jazz clinics with high school and college music departments.

Sponsored by The Daily Independent, admission to the performance is free.



CO-OP—Graduating from the undergraduate co-op program and being recognized by Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander were; Greg Bell, Liz Cole, Peter Lesniak, Kathleen Martin, Elaine Moreno, Keith Niccum and Andy Stanford.

Originator sets classification

When the marking of classified documents is required, it is the responsibility of the document's originator, not clerical personnel, to determine the overall classification, the portion markings, and the "classified by" lines used in and on the document. There are *Security Classification Guides* available for specific

programs that describe what information is classified, at what levels, and how long the information needs to remain classified. If you have questions, need more help on this subject, and/or need a *Security Classification Guide*, call Information Security, Code 2432, NWC ext. 2412.



Secretary Ball reaffirms push for energy efficiency

In a recent All-Navy message, Secretary of the Navy William Ball, III, said he was reaffirming the Navy's dedication to the efficient management of Navy and Marine Corps energy resources.

To promote the cause, the Navy will observe its 11th Annual Energy Awareness Week starting Oct. 24 with the theme of "Energy Makes America Work." The Naval Weapons Center's Energy Management Office is sponsoring a local slogan contest among all NWC codes and an energy awareness poster contest in the elementary schools of the Indian

Wells Valley. In his message, Secretary Ball said, "Our Navy is under ever increasing pressure to meet worldwide commitments with reduced operational budgets. Even with today's relatively low oil prices, the cost of energy still represents a significant portion of our budget. The recognition of energy efficiency as a practical and profitable strategy for the use of command resources results not only in cost savings, but enhances operational mobility and reduces logistic support requirements necessary to maintain readiness."

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Center grads feted at lunch

China Lakers who completed academic programs in the past year were honored at the annual Graduation Lunch held recently. Capt. John Burt, Naval Weapons Center Commander, and Gerry Schiefer, technical director, praised the employees for their dedication, tenacity and desire to improve their skills.

Representatives from California State Universities in Bakersfield, Chio and Northridge recognized the graduates from each of their programs.

Bill Ball, who heads the Center's Long-Term Training Committee, recognized 14 Center employees who had completed their training tours, and Mary Moore, of the professional recruiter's office, presented the seven co-op students who had completed their bachelor's degree programs on a co-op basis.

Elaine Wangberg, dean of the graduate school, presented the two Cal State Chico graduates while A.F. Ratcliff, dean of the school of engineering and computer science, presented the 10 grads from Cal State Northridge. Dr. Evert Mann, an instructor in public administration, represented Dean Michael Carrell of Cal State Bakersfield in presenting the 25 Bakersfield graduates.

CAL STATE CHICO—Norma Zimmerman received a bachelor's in computer science and Howard McCauley a master's degree. In the back row are Dr. Madrigal and CSUC Dean Elaine Wangberg. Missing was Tim Clark.

Wescon '88 to feature over 1500 displays

Wescon '88 is set for the Anaheim Convention Center Nov. 15-17. This year it features more than 1,500 exhibitors displaying new products in the areas of active and passive components, microelectronics, instrumentation, test equipment, control systems, power sources and computer products. Information and discounted registration cards along with a preview program are available from Michelle Jones at NWC ext. 3800.



RECOGNITION—Long-term training personnel completing their assignments were recognized at the graduate luncheon. Flanked by Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander and Bill Ball, chairman of the Long-Term Training Committee are (from left) front row; Dr. Paul Kersten, Lu Ann Schoen and Deborah Ball. Back row; Joe Chan, Wendell Peters and Philip Bowen. Missing from the photo were David Gagnon, David Green, Paul Homer, Steven Kato, Randall Kirkendoll, William McCarter, Harrell Spoons and S. R. Zurn.

CSU NORTHRIDGE—Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, and Dean A.F. Ratcliffe saluted CSUN grads. Pictured are (from left) front row; Steve Rohde, Rami Wissa and Tim Yeung. In back are; Grant Hanson, Dean Ratcliffe, Thang Nguyen and Capt. Burt. Missing from the photo were Curtis Kidner, Michael Orr, Robert Richards and Robert Van Dyken.



BACHELOR'S DEGREES—Earning bachelor of science degrees from Cal State Bakersfield were (from left) front row; Heidi Barajas, Kym Noh and Diana Newmyer. Back row; Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, Ethel Herrera, Eileen Shibley and Dr. Everett Mann, CSB.

CSB GRADUATES—Earning master's degrees in administration from California State University Bakersfield were (from left) front row; Paulette Williams, Rose Fabiano, Steve Boster, Paul Backiewicz, Joyce Quan and Mary Feldman. Back row; Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, Walter Martin, Billie Burchett, Barbara Vaughn, Dr. Everett Mann, CSB, Terrie Owens, Arthur Owens, Christiana Lieser, Robert Lupei and Karen Everett. Not pictured are Kevin Harris, Donald Berkowitz, Rafael Vega, Kathleen Chmeliar and Jan McCalester

CPO meeting set for Oct. 27

All NWC Chief Petty Officers are invited to a CPO meeting on Oct. 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Michelson Lab, Room 1000-D with Capt. R.A. Dropp, commanding officer, enlisted personnel.

See photo of co-op graduates on Page 11

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