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MARKDOWN Savings

CHECK These OUT!

Sunglass Sale!
 Ray-Bans - **20% Off**
EXCEPT!
 Streetneat Wayfarer - **30% Off**
 Revos 20% Off Was \$150 Now \$120
 Bolles 20% Off
 Oakleys 20% Off

Ski Goggles
 Smith 20% Off
 Bolle 20% Off
 JT Racing 20% Off

Ski Gloves
ALL GLOVES
20% Off

SKIS BOOTS BINDINGS ALL ON SALE UP TO 60% Off

Parkas All Marked Way Down! (10-50%)
Pants
Shells

Ski Bags All on Sale!
Boot Bags 20% Off
Cargo Bags

SKATEBOARD SALE
 Decks as low as..... \$34.95
 Wheel Sale..... 10-30 Off
 Pads..... 20% Off
 Trucks..... 10% Off
 Skateboard T-Shirts..... \$7.95



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Disaster exercise brings new focus to standdown

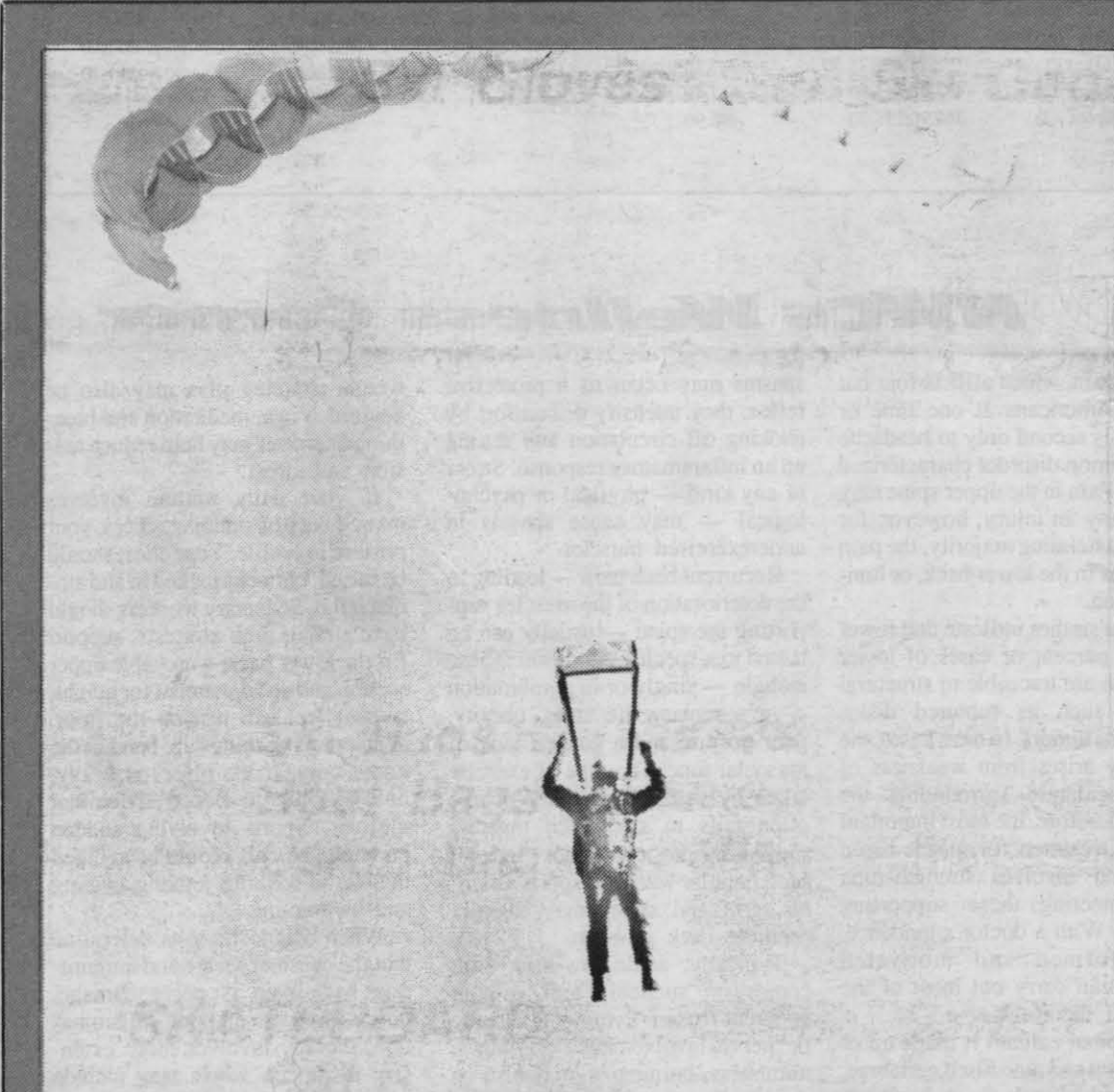
It was only a drill!
 This year's Safety Standdown in the Ordnance Systems Department was interrupted on January 4 when an earthquake struck the China Lake Propulsion Lab complex early in the afternoon. The 6.0 magnitude tremor was epicenter on Fourth Street between N & L Streets of the CLPL complex.

Hardest hit was the Thermal Research Area, where rupture of a tank of toxic chemical forced total evacuation of the area. There were no fatalities and only a few injuries. Despite the severity of the quake, overall damage was just moderate. Other damage included the loss of all electrical and telephone services, a chemical spill requiring special

handling to clean up and people trapped in rooms by falling cabinets that blocked doors. There were numerous broken windows, bookshelves toppled and damage to several streets in the area. Yes, it was only a drill this time. And, it may only be a drill when the Ordnance Systems Department does
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DISASTER DRILL—Matt Anderson, head of the Ordnance Systems Department takes notes on progress of the department's disaster drill. In the background, Dan Goss, associate department head, radios one of the department's divisions for a status report.



FINAL JUMP—PRCM Bob Hudson floats toward the ground on NWC's G-Range during his final jump as a Navy test parachutist. Wednesday morning's jump marked the end of an era for Navy test parachutists. Master Chief Hudson, retiring after 28 years of active duty, is the last Navy jumper who was a part of the El Centro, Calif. National Parachute Test Range. The parachute test function moved from Lakehurst, N.J. to El Centro in 1949 and in 1979 the function and Hudson moved to China Lake. After 1,454 parachute jumps for the Navy, Master Chief Hudson has exited the NWC Buffalo for the last time. The retiring master chief has been a consultant for parachute operations in the Aersystems Department as his most recent assignment.

Upward mobility program renewed

Naval Weapons Center employees who are in dead-end positions may be eligible for participation in the Center's Upward Mobility Program. Revised this year, Naval Weapons Center Instruction 12410.13B is designed to allow more flexibility on the part of managers and personnel management advisors (PMA) in filling positions at NWC. Judi Farmer, Upward Mobility Program manager, said the program "in this era of decreasing external recruitment... provides an excellent vehicle for enabling managers to be more innovative in meeting staffing requirements and increasing the productivity of present employees." Under the revised instruction, if, for example, a supervisor has a DA-3 employee leave, the supervisor can consult the appropriate PMA and Farmer to fill the vacancy through upward mobility. In this case, any NWC employee

in a career or career conditional status at the grade of DA/DS/DT-2, DG4, or GS-9/WG-9 and below would be eligible. The person selected would be hired in a training position with a training plan developed to qualify the individual for the target level (usually the first rung on the career ladder). Farmer noted employees who are in positions under the Veteran Readjustment Act or Schedule A Handicap appointment are also eligible to compete for upward mobility positions. Unlike the previous system, the new program does not establish a separate upward mobility register. Each supervisor, on a case-by-case basis, will decide when to utilize the upward mobility process. In addition, persons hired will be selected on the basis of their knowledge, skill and ability as applied to the target position. The training plan will at least be 50 percent on-the-job
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