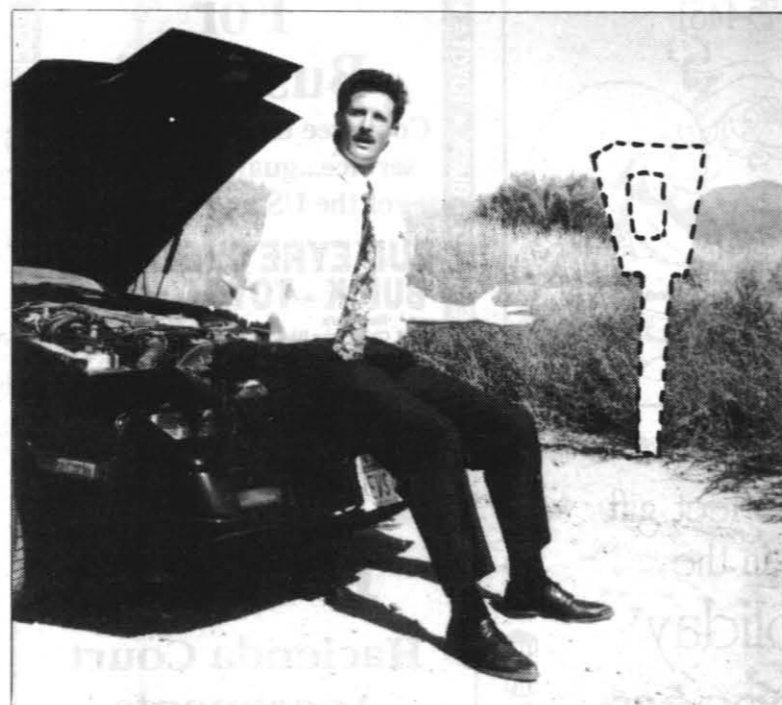


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## Adm. Frank B. Kelso II

### CNO addresses the troops, tours NAWS

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Speaking to nearly 1,000 sailors and officers from commands at China Lake, Adm. Frank B. Kelso II, Chief of Naval Operations, told them the U.S. Navy "has the finest sailors in what is unquestionably the finest Navy in the world."

Making the first visit of his long career to China Lake, Adm. Kelso noted the Navy does so much in so many places, around the country and around the world, it is hard to visit them all in one career or even one lifetime. His visit was the first official call at China Lake by an incumbent CNO in more than 10 years.

Personnel from the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, Marine Aviation Detachment and Branch Medical Clinic attended. Capt. B.J. Craig, Commanding Officer, NAWS China Lake, introduced Adm. Kelso. The visit was hosted by RAdm. William E. Newman, Commander, NAWCWPNS.

The upbeat talk was followed by a question and answer period, allowing anyone from the most junior sailor to the most senior officer present to ask questions of Adm. Kelso. His talk, like most of the questions, focused on what the future holds for the Navy.

Noting the one question on the minds of everyone is "where is the Navy headed," he said, "I am sure there is going to be a job for those of us in blue suits. It may change a little, but there will still be a job. We haven't solved all the world's tough problems."

Admiral Kelso also commented on the continued need for the work done at China Lake and Point Mugu, elements of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, since the Navy will try to maintain its technological advantage in the years ahead.

"No doubt the size of the Navy will get smaller. But that's alright, we don't need as many aircraft and ships in today's world. We need to strike a balance. But, we can't change the size overnight. It takes a long time to make that kind of change. We can change our ideas on how we use our resources. And we can improve the quality," said Adm. Kelso.

The CNO also noted the Navy's warfare focus is undergoing change. From an open ocean war fought against the former Soviet Union and its allies, the focus is shifting to a greater role in shallow waters near land where we have economic and political interests.

"How are we going to reshape our forces to meet this new requirement? We have made fundamental changes with less emphasis on ASW and attack submarines. We have downsized our nuclear capability by taking tactical nuclear weapons off ships and we are putting greater emphasis on command and control, operations ashore and working with our backs to the sea," said the CNO. He noted a recently released white paper entitled "From The Sea" addressed these issues and more.

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#### Great American Smokeout, Nov. 19

Smokers and smokeless tobacco users are urged to "kick" their habit for a day

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#### Creative Auction set for the Seafarer Club

The VX-5 Officers Wives Club-sponsored event is set for 7 p.m. on Nov. 20

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#### MWR held its annual triathlon last weekend

Team Hennigan breaks the old course record of 1:59:10 by 84 seconds

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#### Leathernecks celebrate

RAdm. William E. Newman was guest speaker at the Marine Corps Ball Saturday

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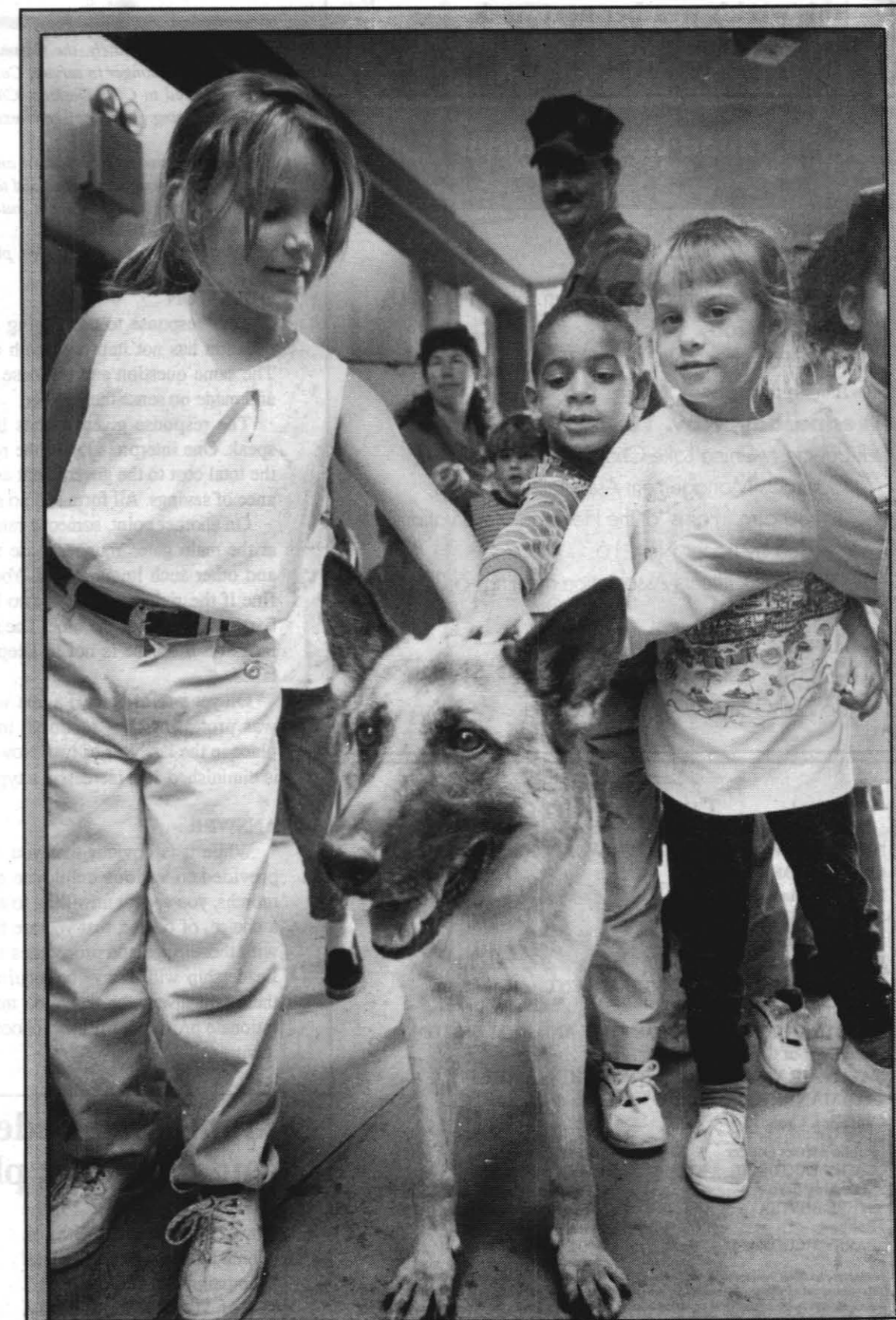


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**SHOW STEALER**—Cito, China Lake Police Department's military working dog, was a big hit with students at Viewweg School's recent safety assembly. See story on Page 10.