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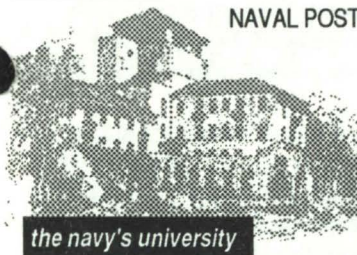
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RADON TESTING TO CONTINUE AT LE MESA

Following a random screening process on 287 La Mesa Village (LMV) homes that began in 1989, the Public Works Department has confirmed that low levels of radon gas exist in one housing unit.

Capt. Joe Begbie, NPS director of military operations, said, "after a series of radon tests in LMV housing, and some recent confirmation testing, we have one home that exceeds minimum Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. This means we will take corrective action on that home, in addition to fulfilling a requirement to now test all 877 houses."

Begbie said, "There is no short-term hazard from exposure to the amount of radon measured in the home testing above EPA standards for radon. The residents of that home have been notified."

The testing is part of an aggressive Navy Radon Assessment and Mitigation Program (NAVRAMP) to locate buildings with elevated radon levels. Radon detectors have been installed worldwide in more than 19,000 family housing units.

Radon is measured in picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Of the 287 LMV units sampled, one tested above 4 pCi/L (4.7). EPA guidance identifies four action

levels: Radon detected in the range of 0-4 pCi/L carries a recommendation to ensure good ventilation, especially in the winter, to prevent a build up and concentration of radon in the unit. In the range of 4-20 pCi/L—as in the

case of the one LMV unit—a recommendation is for measures to be taken to prevent radon from entering the unit and should be accomplished within five years. Examples include ventilating the crawl space or basement and sealing all penetrations in the floor. Increasing the turnover rate of air exchange within a unit is considered to be the most efficient and cost-effective method of reducing radon to acceptable levels. 20-200 pCi/L recommends that the same measures be taken within six months. Radon levels above 200 pCi/L require that action be taken immediately.

According to Frank Vogel, public works environmental coordinator, "The 287 original detectors were removed in March, 1990. After being analyzed we confirmed that so called nuisance levels (isolated readings just above minimum EPA guidelines) of radon exist at LMV."

A second radon screening took place between September and October 1990. "Again, one unit slightly exceeded the EPA threshold (4.4 pCi/L)," Vogel said.



FUN AND SUN

Sailors from the USS Mars and NPS join in the fun Friday at a picnic behind the EM Club. The ship finished its three-day port visit to Monterey when it pulled out of the harbor Monday morning.

Following this discovery, a third round of testing took place between January 27 and February 4, 1992.

"This round of screening was performed using less accurate, but faster, methods," Vogel said. One unit exceeded the action level of 4 pCi/L (5.28).

"The next phase in the process is to test for radon in every unit," he said. "A radon detector will be placed in each residence for a full year. The results will be analyzed at the end of that year to determine what corrective action, if any, is required."

Radon, a naturally occurring, almost chemically inert, radioactive gas, is produced from the radioactive breakdown (decay) of uranium to radium and radium to radon gas. Trace quantities of these are common elements in rock and soil.

The gas moves through the soil from where it is formed, reaches the soil surface, and enters through openings (foundation cracks, sumps, around sewer piping) of the buildings at ground level or in the basement. Radon gas has always

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NPS EMPLOYEE PASSES AWAY

Don Morton, an NPS public works employee for over 20 years, passed away Saturday. Memorial services will be held at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Sunday at 2:30 p.m.



Kenneth Wallace and his wife Judy are congratulated by Cmdr. Ronald B. Martz, assistant director of military operations, after receiving "Yard of the Month" honors for March at La Mesa Housing.

date the registration cost will be \$60 per couple.

For further information regarding the conference contact the NPS Chaplain's Office in Herrmann Hall-126 or call ext. 2241/2242.

PROJECT COMPLETE LA MESA CUTS ENERGY USE

Recently, a \$319,400 energy conservation lighting project was completed in La Mesa Village. It took 17 months

and replaced light fixtures in 428 homes.

The intent of the project was to match existing light levels while replacing incandescent fixtures with energy efficient fluorescent fixtures.

The Department of Defense has mandated that all installations will reduce their 1985 base year energy consumption by 20 percent before the year 2000.

In 1991 LMV used 5,843 megawatt hours (MWH) of electricity, 8.84 percent under that in 1985. Estimated energy savings from the recent lighting retrofit project are 450 MWH. When this savings is realized, La Mesa Village will have decreased 1985 consumption by 15.87 percent and will be saving approximately \$87,000 a year in electricity costs.

RADON

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been present in indoor and outdoor air. However, only recently has it been known indoor radon concentrations in a small percentage of buildings can reach levels where corrective actions are needed. There is some evidence that

energy conservation practices, which reduce the entry of outside air, may increase the average indoor radon levels in buildings.

The danger from breathing radon over a period of many years is an increased risk of lung cancer. The increased cancer risk to the occupants of the building depends on the levels found, the individual's length of exposure, and other factors such as the occupant's smoking habits. Many years of exposure to elevated levels is necessary to increase an individual's risk of developing lung cancer.

Specific mitigation methods vary with the type of structure and the source of the radon, according to NAVRAMP. In most cases, the radon gas underneath a building can be removed by a pipe placed in the sub-slab. The pipe is connected to a fan that removes the radon gas before it enters the structure.

For more general information on radon, call the Radon Hotline at 1-800-767-7236.

GRADUATION DAY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS

Professional portraits will be available in front of Herrmann Hall Thu., Mar. 26 at 11 a.m. It is open to graduates, students and NPS staff and their families. Payment must be made the same day. Photos can be mailed or picked up in the Public Affairs Office in Herrmann Hall-023 two weeks later. The event is sponsored by the NPS Alumni Association. For more information pick up an order form in PAO.

MARRIAGE SKILLS

PROVEN SOLUTIONS BUILD A BETTER MARRIAGE

Christ the King Protestant Chapel will sponsor the "Homebuilders Marriage Conference" Fri., Apr. 3 and Sat., Apr. 4 in Ingersoll Hall-122. It will be from 7 - 10 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The conference is open to married couples, with or without children, or singles preparing for marriage.

Conference speakers equip couples with proven solutions within a flexible framework that addresses practically every component of "How to build a better marriage" -- from communication skills, conflict resolution and leadership roles to sexual matters and true intimacy.

The registration will be \$50 per couple if it is mailed by Fr., Mar. 27. After that

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Navy Exchange News

The "California Gold Rush" sale will start Wednesday and run through Mon., Mar. 30 at the Navy Exchange.

Gold chains, charms, earrings, bracelets and bangles can be purchased at savings of up to 40 percent.

CIVISCOOP

HATCH ACT ELECTION YEAR CONCERNS

All federal employees political activity is limited by the provisions of the Hatch Act.

In passing the act in 1939, Congress determined that partisan political activity by federal employees must be limited in order for public institutions to function fairly and effectively.

All employees covered by the provisions of the Hatch Act continue to be covered while on annual leave, sick leave, leave without pay, administrative leave or furlough.

The following list contains examples of permissible and prohibited political activities for covered employees:

- * May assist in voter registration drives.
- * May participate in campaigns where none of the candidates represent a political party.
- * May attend political rallies and meetings.
- * May campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments and municipal ordinances.
- * May not be candidates for public office in partisan elections.
- * May not campaign for or against a candidate or slate of candidates in partisan elections.
- * May not distribute campaign material in partisan elections.
- * May not organize or manage political rallies or meetings.
- * May not hold office in political clubs or parties.

For more information on the act contact Jackie Rhodes at ext. 3055.

PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS RATING CYCLE TO END

The annual performance rating cycle will end Tue., Mar. 31. All employees who have had performance elements and standards in place for at least 90 days should receive a performance appraisal shortly after the end of the rating cycle.



Former Girl Scouts take time out recently for a picture commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. Pictured are: (front row left to right) Lt. Mary Ann Cruz, Lt. Julie Dougherty, Lt. Alyson Headle and Lt. Cmdr. Sheri Smith, (back row) Lt. Cmdr. Gail Griffin, Lt. Cmdr. L.J. Cantwell, Lt. Beth Lape and Lt. Mary Rhodes.

BITS & PIECES

BUGS WANTED COMPUTER VIRUSES

A professor in the computer science department is looking for computer viruses.

If your computer has been infected, Roger Stemp would like you to call him at ext. 2073 before you attempt to remove the virus.

Stemp would like to collect as many of the viruses as possible for demonstration purposes and for students to analyze.

If you have a virus that Stemp does not have, he will give you a disk.

FILING DEADLINE APPROACHING TAX INFORMATION AND FORMS

The Fort Ord Tax Information office offers tax assistance and forms. Additionally the office carries all state tax forms.

The office is located at Fort Ord in building 2413 on 10th Street, between 1st Street and 2nd Street.

For further information and assistance stop by the Tax Information office or call at 242-3047.

CALENDAR

Mar. 26 - 29

The "Monterey Spring Horse Show" will take place at the Monterey County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. The show is free and is sponsored by Headlands Management. For further information call 625-2222.

Mar. 28

The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay will sponsor a luncheon at noon at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center, 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Glynn L. Wood, academic dean and vice president of Monterey Institute of International Studies. Wood will share his personal knowledge of India.

For further information contact Dr. Barbara Cole at 646-5490.

Apr. 11

The 1992 Submarine Birthday Ball has been set for the Barbara McNitt Ballroom at 6 p.m. The ball is open to all submariners past and present, their spouses and guests.

Tickets are \$27 per person. For reservations contact Mark Elliott at 373-7973, 646-2803 or smc box 3001. The deadline for payment is Fri., Mar. 27.

SPORTS/REC

3 DIVISIONS AVAILABLE SOCKO NEARS

Socko leagues are forming for the upcoming season. There will be three leagues and a Women's league if enough interest is shown. Teams need to sign-up at the gym by Fri., Mar. 27. For more information call ext. 3118.

FUN FOR KIDS EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The OSSC will be sponsoring the annual NPS Easter Eggstravaganza on

THE REC OFFICE HAS GREAT AMERICA TICKETS FOR SALE. ADULTS WILL PAY \$15.75 AND CHILDREN'S (3-6) TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$11.25. STOP BY THE OFFICE IN HERRMANN HALL-039.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

SUNBEAM GAS GRILL, 2 burner, 42k BTU, excellent condition, \$60. Call 649-5161.

AIRLINE TICKET, one way from Monterey to Norfolk, \$200 OBO. Must fly after Mar., 21. Call 655-3388.

HP500 DESKJET, plus printer, brand new, \$600, a sacrifice. Call 626-8527.

LARGE BABY CRADLE, w/bedding, like new, \$70. Call 655-5164.

1986 CHEVY SPRINT, 2 door, 5 speed, JVC stereo/cass., great mpg, very clean, \$1,950. Call 375-9213.

LIVING ROOM DRAPES, beige, fit R3 window, clean, good condition, \$38. Call 373-5129.

81 BMW 320i, 5spd, sun roof, new tires, new paint, red, exce. care, no problem, \$3,800 OBO. Call (w) 899-8396 ask for Ted or (h) 883-2739.

CARPETS, excellent condition, 3 wall-to-wall carpets for "E" type La Mesa housing, \$350 for all, will separate. Call 655-1018.

GOLF CLUB, Taylor Made men's driver, metal head, titanium shaft, champois grip, new in 1991, w/matching headcover, \$135. Call 626-8527.

HP 28S, leather case, HP probs and stats book, NPS prg. book, \$140, save \$66.50. Call 372-0872.

the front lawn of Herrmann Hall Sat., Apr. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The raindate will be Sun., Apr. 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. Registration starts at 11 a.m.

A "Bonnet Decorating" contest will be held at the end of the hunt. Categories include most original, prettiest and most recyclable or environmental.

To volunteer or for further information, contact Elizabeth Knudson at 375-3405.

LEAGUE FORMING INTRAMURAL GOLF

An NPS Intramural Golf League will be starting soon. Teams need to sign-up by Mon., Mar. 30 with J.J. Stenzoski at smc box 2190.



Pubs 1 (pictured above) took the 'A' league basketball championship on Wed., Mar. 11 by beating Comgees 74-64. Pictured are (left to right) front row, Paul Bourgeois, Roy Ledesma and Lamont Graves, middle row, Ron Longueria and Andrew Butler, back row, John Phillips (not shown, Gary Branson). On Tue., Mar. 3, Random Variables took the 'B' league victory over Pete's Stars 65-56.

Each team will provide 4 players for each match but may have an unlimited roster. League play will be on Fridays.

Registrations need to include the team captain's name, smc number, phone number and team affiliation (curriculum, department, etc.). Call Stenzoski at ext. 2174 for more information.

82 OLDS DELTA 88 ROYAL, 90k, loaded, exe. condition, must see, \$2,550/best. Call 373-7453.

KOMFORT 24' TRAVEL TRAILER, sleeps/dines 6, tow weight less than 3,800 lbs, \$6,000. Call 647-4392 or 659-5842.

GAMES-GAMES-GAMES, qtr break coming, stock up for future free time, LL5, Loom, Eye of the Beholder, Wizardry 7, Escape from Hell and more, cheap. Call ext. 2520 or 464-2525.

WET SUIT, 1/4" "Henderson," excellent condition, men's medium, \$40 OBO. Call 375-5815.

FOR RENT

SHARE MONTEREY WOODS SUNBELT CONDO, 2bdrm, 2.5bath, living/dining room, kitchen, washer/dryer in 2 car garage w/electric opener, your own master bedroom w/walk-in closet, private bath & deck, pool/tennis court/hot tub/sauna, ava. now, male or female. Call Nan at 373-6141 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or 375-5099 after 5 p.m.

SUBMISSIONS

Classified submissions: Because of space constraints classified submissions will run for only one week. You must call ext. 2113 by Tuesday following publication to request a second week. (Two weeks max. all classifieds) The Quarterdeck is published each Thursday.

RENTAL/SHARE, 3bdrm, 2bath, living/dining room, separate laundry room, fireplace, storage area, 2 car carport, ava. 4/1 or before. Call Ms. Sable at 649-4600 or 655-3384 after 6 p.m.

DEL MONTE BEACH HOME, want two to share w/NPS prof., ava. Apr., share \$1,550 rent, utilities. Call 372-5724, ext. 2194 or 646-2206 (messages).

STUDIO/CONDO, in a duplex, private, quiet, in a new house, \$650 a month + utilities, cleaning, board & other serv. ava. Call Anna at 375-4050.

PEBBLE BEACH HOUSE, 3bdrm, 1bath, fenced yard, animals ok, cozy, hi-beam ceiling, washer/dryer, basement, lg kitchen, fireplace, \$1,100 first and last. Call 373-6465 evenings.

EXCELLENT CONDO, 1,100 sq. ft., 2 story, 1bdrm, 1.5bath, huge living room w/fireplace, dining room, modern kitchen w/dishwasher, bbq, balcony, view of ocean, best Pacific Grove location, quiet and very private, huge yard, \$1,000 a month. Call Anna 375-4050.

MASTER BEDROOM, w/own bathroom, own entrance opposite side of house from other rooms, 1 acre lot, big sunny deck, forested area in Skyline Forest, lots of privacy, we are in school in a.m. & work evenings, pets welcome, share utilities, \$450 a month/\$100 deposit, call Randy & Sher at 373-8427.

WANTED

AIRLINE TICKET, 1 round trip to Dallas and back. If you have bonus ticket please call 626-8527.