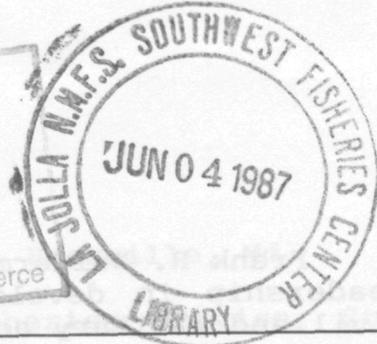
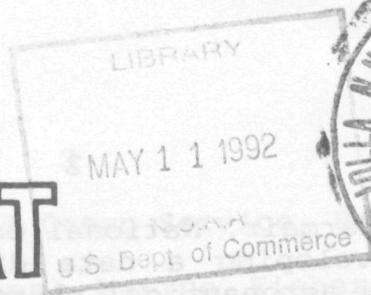




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COMING UP

Coastal Zone Expo 87 in Seattle, Wash., May 25-29.

USS Monitor expedition at the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, Cape Hatteras, N.C., May 27-June 9.

Climate Symposium at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, May 27-28.

Neil Frank press conference opening the 1987 hurricane season, May 27, at the National Hurricane Center.

NOAA Science Seminar Series: "Research Programs of the Caribbean Marine Research Center:" Robert I. Wicklund, Bori Olla, and Wade Watanabe, CMRC, WSC-5, Room 926, 10:30 a.m., May 29.

NOAA Honors Top Performers:--NOAA paid tribute to some of its high-performance employees at an awards luncheon May 22 at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. NOAA Administrator's Awards and Commerce Bronze Medals went to employees for outstanding service to the nation. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Clarence J. (Bud) Brown and Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere Anthony J. Calio handed out the awards, before an enthusiastic audience of 300 persons.

This year, NOAA Administrator's Awards went to:

Darrel R. Knoll, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, for sustained outstanding technical accomplishments and professional leadership in support of automatic data processing operations, as well as support of NOAA equal employment opportunity objectives.

James C. Fischer, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, for development of an advanced microwave sounding unit for NOAA satellite operations.

Frank R. Neidermair, National Ocean Service, for outstanding leadership in developing a data dictionary and data base for civil and military aeronautical charting,

Gaylord A. Rainsbarger, National Weather Service, for meritorious technical service and equal employment opportunity accomplishments in support of Weather Service objectives as area electronics supervisor for Arizona.

David D. Sisk, National Weather Service, for outstanding leadership in developing an effective cooperative federal, state, and local government flash flood warning service in Pennsylvania.

James T. Bradley, National Weather Service, for pioneering contributions in the development of automatic weather observations.

Marvin E. Miller, National Weather Service, for major achievements in developing a superior severe weather preparedness and warning program at Cleveland, Ohio.

Stephen R. Hammond, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, for outstanding program management in NOAA's project studying seafloor venting.

Eileen Shea, Office of NOAA's Comptroller, for exceptional skill, ingenuity, administration, and performance of duties which provided new and improved policies in NOAA.

Robert A. Taylor, General Counsel, and William F. Lutton, Edward W. Eckhoff, Forrest E. Carvey, Jr., and Josiah W. Wong, National Marine Fisheries Service (joint award), for energetic and cooperative investigation and prosecution of an international scheme to "launder" salmon.

Department of Commerce Bronze Medal Awards for outstanding service in 1986 went to:

Leroy K. W. Bartle and Francisco T. Perez, Jr., National Weather Service, Guam.

Ralph P. Stagno, National Weather Service, Houston, Tex.

Herbert F. McNett, National Weather Service, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Chester F. Ropelewski, National Weather Service, Washington, D.C.

Orland W. Murray, National Ocean Service, Rockville, Md.

Pierre G. Richard, National Ocean Service, Rockville, Md.

Bruce B. Parker, National Ocean Service, Rockville, Md.

Thomas S. Allen, National Marine Fisheries Service, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Claire L. Steimle, National Marine Fisheries Service, Highlands, N.J.

David C. Hamm, National Marine Fisheries Service, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Harold D. Bowman II, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, Washington, D.C.

Thomas R. Karl, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, Washington, D.C.

Arthur L. Booth, Ralph L. Miller, Catherine Nichols, and Douglas R. Racey (joint award), National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, Washington, D.C.

James W. Brennan, Office of General Counsel, Washington, D.C.

Hurricane Season Arrival Noted:--The 1987 hurricane season, opening June 1, will be ushered in with a variety of safety-oriented materials and events. Dr. Neil Frank, retiring, longtime National Hurricane Center Director, will hold his final press conference in that capacity at NHC on Wednesday, May 27. The NOAA film "Hurricane" and numerous public safety announcements are in distribution. The 1987 names (Arlene tops the Eastern list) were publicized in the Sunday papers May 25. Other press releases are announcing the safety rules, the watch-warning difference, and activation of the hurricane hotline to provide direct public access to the NHC during hurricanes and tropical storms.

-Among this year's efforts will be tests of a system for displaying and analyzing observations from research aircraft as they fly through storms, with the hope it will help forecasters better anticipate changes in intensity and track. Hugh E. Willoughby, NOAA researcher, said an earlier version of the computer-driven system was successful when tried out during Hurricane Charley last year. It uses an aircraft-satellite data link to communicate observations obtained at one-minute intervals. Within an hour of observation, a ground-based computer constructs the hurricane track and displays the data as radial profiles for forecast use, Willoughby said.

Monitor Expedition Under Way:-- Led by Dr. Dail Brown, the 1987 NOAA expedition to the sunken wreck of the USS Monitor, the nation's first marine sanctuary, begins May 27, with NOAA

personnel already in place at Cape Hatteras. Using a precise electronic grid, the expedition will map the site, locate and photograph any artifacts nearby, and examine the physical condition of the wreck, which lies in 220 feet of water, to help determine the feasibility of raising it. A team of marine scientists from NOAA and the Navy will use non-destructive remote sensing and photo techniques to collect archaeological and architectural data. The team, based around the clock on the USNS Apache, will use state-of-the-art positioning equipment and the submersible Deep Drone to survey the wreck within precise archaeological standards. A press conference announcing the enterprise was held Friday, May 22 at the Commerce Department, with a substantial press turnout. The expedition ends June 7.

Buy Bonds!--The Office of Public Affairs has been assigned responsibility for NOAA's 1987 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign, which will run through June 19. Line and staff coordinators have been named and are in the process of appointing canvassers. Material will be distributed to every NOAA employee in an effort to increase new buying--and the size of present allotments--by 10 per cent. If you have any questions about the campaign, please call 377-8090.

Data For Desert Prison:--John Hughes of NESDIS' National Climatic Data Center has supplied desert temperature data to an electronics firm which is working on several automated systems to be installed in a new prison designed for the southeast California desert.

Save A Tax Buck:--Kay Bulow, Assistant Secretary for Administration, reports that the Commerce Department's long-distance phone bill last fiscal year was \$10.5 million and that 35 per cent of long distance calls to non-FTS numbers were for personal use, costing the Department about \$3.1 million. She offered the following advice for reducing telephone costs:

--Use the phone only for official business.

--Reduce the number of official calls.

--Keep the calls short.

--Use the phone book, not directory assistance, to find numbers.

--If it is imperative to make a personal long-distance call from work, charge it to the number called, a third party, or your personal phone-calling credit card.

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