

### New hours

Beginning Sunday the Center library will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.



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Thurs.	102	57	21 knots
Fri.	--	--	21 knots
Sat.	--	--	20 knots
Sun.	101	63	-- knots
Mon.	103	61	18 knots
Tues.	108	60	20 knots
Wed.	102	66	25 knots

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.

## Community Events

Leo Nowak, a traditional western artist will have his works featured in the Sylvia Winslow Gallery of the Maturango Museum starting Sunday. The public is invited to attend a reception honoring the artist held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on that day.

A few lucky people can still get tickets to the Maturango Museum's next lunch to be held on Monday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the museum. Lunch will be taco salad with salsa and freshfruit, cornmeal muffin and cheesecake. Tickets are \$10 each. Proceeds of the lunch will be used to benefit the museum. Tickets can be purchased at the museum.

"Communication and Conflict Resolution," a six-week marriage seminar offered by the Chaplains' Office, begins Sunday (July 12) from 9 to 10 a.m. The seminar will be held at Chapel Annex 4 at Blandy Avenue and Lauritsen Road.

The seminar includes a personality analysis, discussion of communication skills and methods of settling conflicts. Advance registration is not necessary. More information can be obtained by telephoning either NWC ext. 5566 or 2873.

### Movies

FRI-SUN.	"BLACK WIDOW" Starring Debra Winger and Theresa Russell (Suspense, rated R, 102 min.)	JULY 10-12	THURS.	MATINEE "SONG OF THE SOUTH" Starring James Baskette and Ruth Warrick (Animated, rated G, 95 min.)	JULY 16
TUES.	MATINEE "JUNGLE BOOK" (Animated, rated G, 78 min.)	JULY 14	FRI.	"HOOSIERS" Starring Gene Hackman and Barbara Hershey (Sports/Drama, rated PG, 115 min.)	JULY 17
WED.	"LETHAL WEAPON" Starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover (Action, rated R, 110 min.)	JULY 15			

Starting Times: Matinee / 2 pm Evening / 7 pm

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## Positive impact of Center's MIPI program

Don't try to tell Jeff Meriam the Model Installation Program Initiatives (MIPI) aren't having a positive impact at the Naval Weapons Center. Meriam, associate for management and policy in the Supply Department's Procurement Group notes two recent and very significant changes in Department of Defense (DOD) procurement regulations were proposed by the Center in MIPIs.

"The MIPIs have played a key role in getting the need statements from installations to higher headquarters where command can see the possible benefits to the taxpayers and the fleet," said Meriam of changes announced by Robert B. Costello, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Production and Logistics.

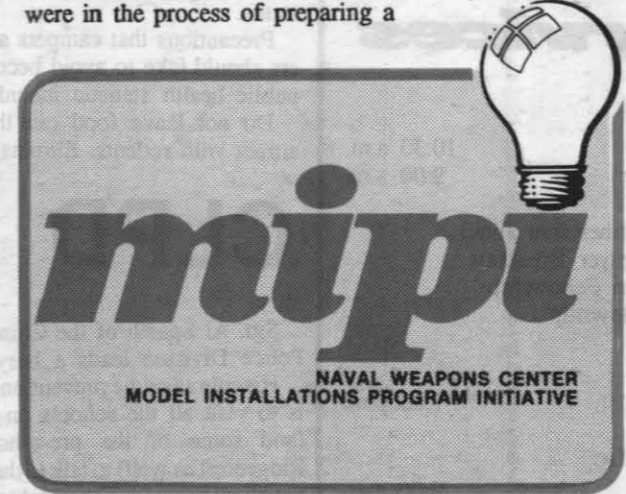
120 days will be shaved from lead time needed to put each of these contracts in place.

This action, similar to an NWC MIPI submitted last year, increases the threshold for fixed price contracts from \$100,000 to \$500,000 and on cost reimbursement contracts from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Secretary Costello did make a provision for a set of lower thresholds if the contractor estimating system has problems, and in some cases below the new thresholds, audits may be necessary because of other circumstances. However, even with those exceptions to the new thresholds, Meriam estimates 75 percent of the NWC contracts that formerly required DCAA audits

will no longer require audits. NWC procurement officials were in the process of preparing a

MIPI on the final procurement change announced by Secretary Costello, but had not yet submitted it. Procurement regulations now allow purchasing officials to use blanket purchasing agreement call authority for individual purchases up to \$25,000, rather than the previous \$10,000 limit. Using call authority is considerably quicker and more responsive to the needs of the engineer or scientist in the laboratory than the written purchase order process that had been used in the \$10K to \$25K range.

All these procurement innovations have been implemented at NWC and Supply Department officials continue to seek ways to streamline and improve the process.



The changes, which increase the thresholds for which the Supply Department must obtain competition, must obtain a Defense Contracts Audit Agency (DCAA) audit and boosts the limits for blanket purchase authority calls, Meriam called these the most significant positive steps in several years.

In the first change, Costello raised from \$1,000 to \$2,500 the threshold for obtaining competitive bids in the small purchase process DOD-wide. This was approved as a one-year test, noted Meriam, and resulted from an NWC MIPI submitted in 1986. All DOD installations will compile data on how effective this change is during the next year and submit these data to the Naval Supply System Command for evaluation. "I am convinced we will show a significant savings," said Meriam. The savings will largely come by time savings of up to two thirds in placing our orders in the \$1,000 to \$2,500 range. Previous regulations required three bids on purchases of more than \$1,000. Since a buyer was almost never able to get three bids with even six phone calls to potential suppliers, the time saved is expected to be considerable at NWC alone.

The second change boosted the threshold DOD establishments must use in requesting DCAA audits of v contracts. An estimated 60 to



FUEL STOP--Members of the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, better known as the Blue Angels, China Lake since converting to the F/A-18 Hornet. When they performed here in 1986, they flew the A-4 they headed for a Fourth of July weekend exhibition in Skyhawk, their last year in that aircraft.

TID Photo by Tim Tyson

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Orientation set

An orientation for employees new to NWC will be offered on August 7 at the Training Center from 8 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. The orientation includes: A welcome aboard and Center overview and presentations on training opportunities, safety, Employee Assistance Program, personnel benefits and systems, police and fire divisions, desert geology, Technical Information Department, equal employment opportunity, NWC and area recreation, and internal review.

Thrift Savings Plan open season to close July 31

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season will close July 31. During open season, individuals have the opportunity to change their current enrollment, or make an initial participation election. Individuals who want to change their enrollment election, or begin participation in the thrift savings plan, should contact their PMA to schedule a time to come into person-

personnel development opportunity

LOTUS 1-2-3 August 17-28; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 0900-1150; Cerro Coso Community College, Room 122. By Clay Witherow. Prerequisite: Computer Literacy, Computer Fundamentals, or equivalent experience. Intended Audience: Beginning users of Lotus 1-2-3. Course Topics/Scope: Hands-on microcomputer course designed to provide a basic understanding of spreadsheet systems. Spreadsheet design, creation, revision, formatting and printing will be covered, using LOTUS 1-2-3. Not open to students with credit in CS 71b. Note: Since this is a class arranged by the Training Center, applicants should turn in a Training Request (Form NAVWPNCEN 12410/73) vis department channels to Code 094. Students approved for this course will have their Cerro Coso enrollment fees and texts paid by NAVWPNCEN. Deadline: July 31.

LANGUAGE STRUCTURE REVIEW August 6 and 7; Thursday and Friday; 0800-1530; Training Center. By Harvey Levy. Scope: Topics for day one include reviewing sentence structure, analyzing clauses, working with common punctuation elements (commas, semicolons, quotation marks, colons, dashes, parentheses); for day two solving common verb problems (lack of subject and verb agreement, overuse of passive voice, use of smothered verbs), solving reference problems (misplaced modifiers, confusing pronoun reference). Deadline: July 23. ADVANCED PROGRAMMING IN C September 22-25; Tuesday-Friday; 0800-1600; Training Center. By Integrated Computer Systems. Prerequisite: Prior experience or training in "Programming in C". Intended Audience: Engineers, programmers, analysts responsible for development and maintenance of applications or system programming in C. Objectives: In this course you should learn to

- Design and implement advanced algorithms in C
• Select and customize complex data structures
• Exploit advanced techniques and C development tools
• Structure, modify, and debug large, multimodule C programs
• Generate reliable, portable, and maintainable software
• Create function libraries for specific application needs.

Scope: Topics include data structures and algorithms; recursion, string and text processing; using libraries; building application support libraries; object oriented programming for high reliability; concurrent programming; processing interrupts in C; and creating parallel processes, system streams, and techniques for device drivers. Note: Code 094 must have an early statement of interest to commit for this course. Deadline: July 14. To enroll in these classes submit Training Request & Authorization Form (NAVWPNCEN 12410/73) via department channels to Code 094. Self-Study

STRUCTURED DOCUMENTATION IN COBOL (12 hours) Scope: This course covers structured-programming techniques and documentation. Hierarchical input process output (HIPO) documentation is a



The Skipper Sez...

QUESTION Active duty military -- Good morning, Skipper. I have been really concerned about something lately and it seems to be getting worse as time goes by. It is with increasing concern that I bring the following information to your attention. There seems to be an increasing lack of concern for the active duty, officer and enlisted, military sports programs at this command. I fully understand the reduction of budget for special activities; but also feel that that should not detract the military side of the picture the one thing that keeps up morale here. I would like to list a few examples.

1. The soft ball season started on April 27, and the field is in such bad shape that it is actually dangerous to play on.
2. I play for the NWC varsity team and we can't even get a measly t-shirt with some kind of a logo to show that we represent this base.
3. I also bowl for the NWC varsity traveling league. We go from base to base in the area. We don't have bowling shirts and I support that is due to budget cuts; but we have to pay our own bowling fees and we represent this command.

I understand the need for good youth programs. But why, when 80 percent of the youth activities occur out-of-doors, do we need a new Youth Center? I think that money should have been used to bolster the non-existent support for the military sports programs. I am not the only individual who feels the same way about these concerns and these are not the only incidents of disfavorable support. I can really understand now why no one wants to be stationed here if the command cares more for other things than the one program that keeps active duty morale up and sailors fit -- the sports programs. I think you for your time, Captain, and I hope for a response.

ANSWER I, too, am highly concerned with the well-being of all military personnel. You are correct in noting this period of reduced military support budgets and recent correspondence indicates that this reduced funding posture is not over. Many steps have been taken and studies and reviews are constantly in progress to find the best ways of meeting this financial challenge. A lot of work has been done on the fields and as of early May I find they are in a safe condition and excellent shape. Our varsity teams are usually provided uniforms during the season. The varsity traveling league can have lineage funded, but by Navy regulation, any prize money won must be returned to the Recreation Fund. Many varsity groups opted to pay bowling lineage so they could keep tournament winnings for themselves. Recreation does provide transportation. The Youth Center was funded by NAVMILPERSCOM and the funds could only be used for that purpose, or they would have been granted to another base. The existing center is expensive to operate and draws directly from our military support dollars. Also, it is an intensely used facility beginning at 0700 every week day.

All China Laker, including military personnel, civilian employees and their dependents, are invited to submit questions to this column. Such queries must be in good taste and pertain to matters of interest to a large segment of the China Lake community. Answers to these questions are directly from Capt. John Burt. Please call NWC ext. 2727 with your question and state whether you are a military member, civilian employee or dependent. No other identification is necessary. Since only three or four questions can be answered in the Rocketeer each week, anyone who would like to ensure getting an answer to a question may leave name and address for a direct contact, but this is not required otherwise. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal, established chain-of-command channels.



NEW OFFICERS—Just elected by the China Lake/Ridgecrest Chapter of National Contract Management Association are (left to right): Paul Reagon, treasurer; Larry Rucker, guest speaker for the June meeting of the new organization; Marcia Jones, programs; Donette Cappello, president; Dianne Murray, secretary; and Dean Harger, vice president.

Visitor Center open Mon.

As of Monday, employee and visitor badging will move to the new visitor center at the main gate. Consolidated in the new building will be the following functions: official visitors, foreign visitors, personnel security clearance/access, official travel clearances, vehicle registration, employee badging, and contractor badging. Hours of operation for the visitor center will be: Mondays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, closed. Specific hours have been scheduled for some of the functions. New employee check-ins (for group hirals) will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to noon. Other new employees can be processed during the week as necessary. All other functions can be carried out during the hours that the visitor center is open Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays will be reserved for official visitors only. NWC telephone extensions to reach specific functions are: Official visitors and foreign visitors, 2181/2182/2183; personnel security clearances and official travel clearances, 3005; and vehicle registration and employee and contractor badging, 3160.

Overseas policy changes

Some civilian employees overseas who agree to remain at their jobs in crisis situations will now be provided special consideration and benefits under new DOD policy. Employees in these positions, termed "emergency-essential," who continue to perform assigned duties during crisis situations are entitled to: evacuation of their dependents from crisis locations with the same priority accorded military dependents; a danger pay allowance; and a Geneva Convention Identity Card. Emergency-essential positions are determined and identified by the local commander at each installation. The purpose of the policy, now being implemented by services, is to ensure continued performance of civilians in essential positions overseas during situations such as war, civil insurrection and civil war or other conditions in which danger is imminent, such as a terrorist situation. A factor in the development of that policy: an increasing dependence on civilian employees in highly technical jobs overseas. Employees assigned to emergency-essential positions will be required to sign a written agreement to continue to perform their duties in a crisis situation until relieved by proper authority. Also, benefits to be provided by DOD in consideration for such a commitment will be explained to them beforehand. Employees already in a position designated emergency-essential, but who do not wish to sign the agreement, will be reassigned to non-emergency-essential positions without loss of pay or grade. A person with military recall status (Ready Reserve, Standby Reserve, military retiree) will have to be removed from recall status upon becoming an emergency-essential employee. The theater commander of the area will decide, based upon his or her assessment, whether to implement the crisis situation policy. By Hal Haskins — American Forces Information Service

Organization elects

Since March the China Lake/Ridgecrest Chapter of the National Contract Management Association has been operational. This professional organization is open to both government and contractor employees; its aim to provide growth opportunities through seminars, journals, guest speakers and national certification programs. Newly elected officers of the group include Donette Cappello, president; Dean Harger, vice president; Dianne Murray, secretary; Paul Reagon, treasurer; and Marcia Jones, programs. The next meeting of the group will be at 11:30 a.m. at Rossi's LeParc restaurant on Thursday. Guest speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Glenn Buell, Jr., Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Comarco, who will discuss "What the Government Should Expect from a Services Contractor." Guests are welcome. Anyone wishing to attend should telephone Ms. Cappello, 446-6146, for further information or reservations.



Letters to the Editor

This "Old Flag Waver" was both very disappointed and shocked at the flag raising on the Fourth of July at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds that was supposed to signal the Independence Day celebration in this area. Disappointed because the number of "patriotic citizens" was so sparse. If you eliminated the families of the Vietnam Veterans, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and the Fleet Reserve Association (who were involved in the ceremonies) you would not have any trouble counting them. I have seen larger crowds in ghost towns!

The shock came when the team of Vietnam veterans "broke" our beautiful American Ensign to raise it—it looked as though it may have been the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key at Fort McHenry in 1814—torn by shot and shell! It was a complete disgrace! On June 14 (Flag Day) in accordance with the law we disposed of American flags that were less tattered and more serviceable than the one at the Fairgrounds. It was so shameful that one of the Vietnam Vets went home and got his personal flag to replace it! I am sure that if the Fair Board is so destitute they cannot afford a better flag, by asking any of the Veterans' organizations or even taking a "tarpaulin muster," funds could have been procured to have had a more fitting and presentable American flag to raise in honor of our great country's two hundred eleventh birthday! W. E. (Wally) Baker

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## 'Magic, Magic' show returning

China Lakers have another opportunity to enjoy the magic show of Jack Baur and Co. when he brings feats of slight of hand and illusion in "Magic Magic" back to the Center Theater stage on Sunday, July 19 at 2 p.m.

Baur and friends brought this show to the Indian Wells Valley during the Christmas holiday season last year and has returned for a

command performance. The show incorporates magic, comedy and music into one production designed to bring enjoyment to the entire family.

Ticket prices for this one-time performance are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children. For additional information on this show call the Recreational Services Department's Information, Ticket and Tour Office at NWC ext. 2010.



**WHERE DID IT GO--** Magician Jack Baur had young magic fans looking down for something he claimed to have lost in his show here last winter. The July 19 staging of "Magic, Magic" will again feature audience participation of this sort.

**GUILLOTINE TRICK--**As one China Lake youngster takes the chance and sticks his head in the guillotine, another looks on to see if Jack Baur is doing it right during the magic show he put on last winter. The Magic show comes back to China Lake on July 19.

### Facilities will close

On Monday, July 27, all Recreational Services facilities will be closed at 5 p.m. for the Recreational Services Department's annual family picnic. All facilities will resume with regular hours of operation on Tuesday, July 28. The following facilities will be affected:

China Lake Golf Course, Chief Petty Officers' Mess, Craft/Hobby Center, Enlisted Mess, Center Gymnasium, Hall Memorial Lanes, Indoor Pool, Commissioned Officers' Pool, Chief Petty Officers' Pool, and the Enlisted Pool.

For more information call NWC ext. 3387.

# How the Navy picks top enlisted personnel

Many first class petty officers, chiefs and senior chiefs either have or will soon face an enlisted selection board. This is the first in a series of articles from the Navy Editorial Service designed to give an insight into the selection process.

Each selection board consists of a captain who serves as president, a junior officer (from the Naval Military Personnel Command's advancement section) who acts as recorder, and officers and master chief petty officers who are the board members. Additionally, a sufficient number of assistant recorders (E-7/8/9s) are employed to ensure the smooth handling and accounting of records. The exact size of the board varies with the availability of funds, the number of records to be reviewed and time available, but each board usually consists of about 65 members.

With the board president's concurrence, the recorder divides the board members into panels which are responsible for reviewing records of individuals in one general professions area, i.e. deck, engineering, medical and dental, etc. Each panel consists of at least one officer and one master chief.

**Quotas--**A maximum select quota for each rating is established by the Navy and provided to the board. This quota is to be filled by the "best qualified" candidates competing for advancement. Quotas may not be exceeded, but may remain unfilled if the panel determines there are not enough "best qualified" candidates in a rating.

Advancement across the Navy is vacancy-driven. This applies for E-4 through E-9 paygrades. Considerations used in setting up quotas include:

**Current Inventory:** This is defined as the number of personnel on board vs Navy requirements in a rating. Only three percent of the Navy's end strength may be senior and master chief petty officers.

**Projected gains and losses:** This reflects the number of personnel leaving a paygrade during the cycle and those who are expected to enter through such means as voluntary return to active duty.

**Growth:** This number reflects projected growth of the Navy's authorized allowance during the phasing cycle.

**Funding Authorized:** The number of personnel the Navy may pay as authorized by Congress.

Each year the board, convened by the Chief of Naval Personnel, receives guidance in the form of a precept that outlines the selection process, general selection criteria and additional general information for the board. The precept also contains the oath to be administered to members and records on convening. It also outlines the expected conduct and performances serving with the board.

After convening, the board



established internal ground rules and minimum selection criteria, which each member uses. The rules/selection criteria are applied equally to each candidate within a rating. Application may vary slightly from rating to rating for many reasons, such as sea duty or lack of it, supervisory opportunities, schooling available, rotation patterns and more.

The proceedings and recommendations of the board may not be divulged except as authorized and approved by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Next: What the board considers,

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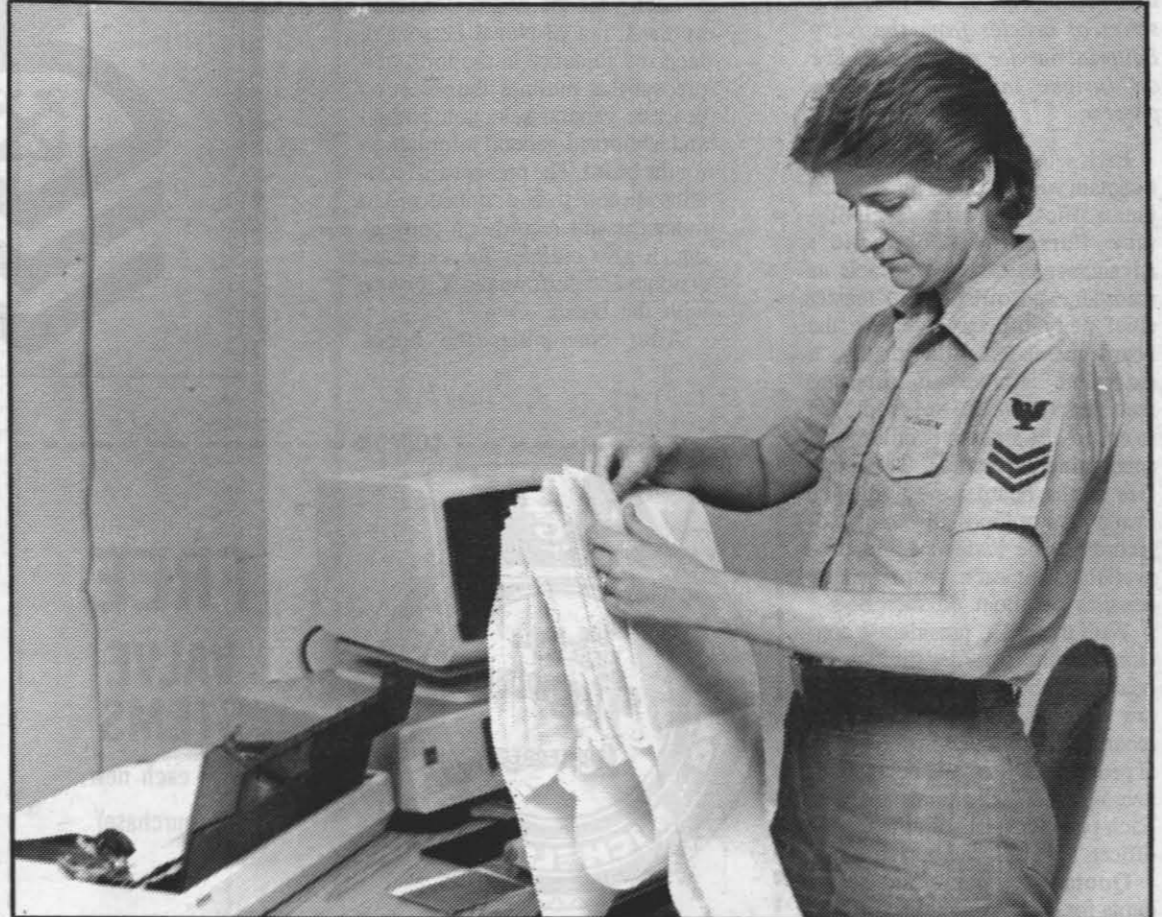
# AK1 Thompson saluted as top NWC sailor

Aviation Storekeeper First Class Mary Thompson was selected as the Naval Weapons Center's Sailor of the Quarter for the second quarter of 1987 recently. A nine-year veteran of the Navy, she finds her job in the Supply Department's Aviation Supply Division both interesting and challenging.

Assigned as the NWC expiditer, Petty Officer Thompson spends much of her day with one ear tuned to

the telephone in search of parts needed to keep the Center's aircraft flying. Not only does she track down needed parts to allow the Center to fulfill mission requirements, she must keep track of the status of all parts on order. AK1 Thompson has to know just where that vital part for an

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**TRACKING PARTS**--AK1 Mary Thompson folds a computer print-out of parts needed by NWC's Aviation Supply Division. The veteran petty officer was named NWC's Sailor of the Quarter for the second quarter of 1987.



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# DOD undertakes extensive security changes

The Department of Defense has taken extensive steps within the past two years to improve security throughout the department.

A recently released DOD report shows that nearly all recommendations made by a committee that evaluated DOD's security programs and practices have been put into effect.

The others are being studied to further assess their impact on DOD personnel and programs.

The DOD Security Review Commission, often referred to as the "Stilwell Commission," was appointed by Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger in June 1985, following revelation of the John Walker spy

other espionage incidents.

The commission made 63 recommendations to strengthen DOD security programs. These included expansion of background investigations done for secret clearances, special requirements for people who need access to cryptographic information and stricter limits on access by non-U.S. citizens and recently naturalized citizens from hostile countries.

The commission also recommended expanded requirements for reporting foreign travel and unauthorized contacts with foreign representatives. It called for annual security evaluations of military personnel and civilian employees and new procedures for reporting information of possible security significance outside command channels.

Another recommendation called for all DOD components to conduct a

one-time, top-to-bottom security inspection at every level of their organization.

These intensive inspections covered areas such as command and individual responsibility, the need-to-know principle, classification authority, guidance and holdings and information control, security awareness and security violations.

According to a DOD report, the inspection showed that security programs were satisfactory overall, but not without faults. It pointed to the need for greater management emphasis on security — emphasis that implementation of other Stilwell Commission recommendations has helped create.

In addition to reviewing DOD security programs and practices, the commission was directed to analyze lessons learned from the Walker and

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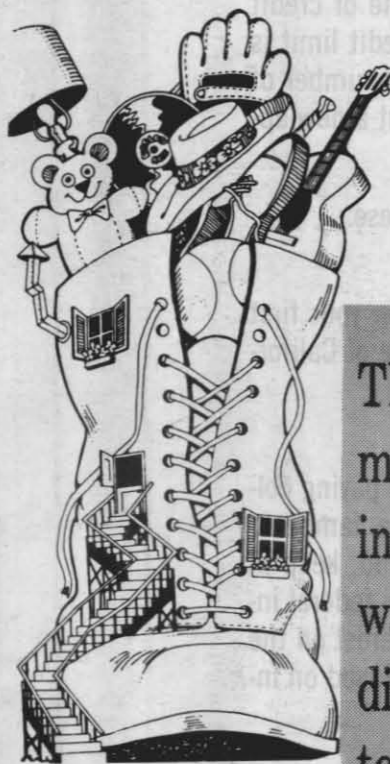
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## Summer's fishing season nearing its peak in Sierra

With the full weight of summer weather hitting the eastern Sierra region, fishing is almost as hot as the weather in some places.

The Lone Pine back country is good for golden trout on flies such as yellow and red humphys and Lake Mary Specials. Cottonwood Creek and the upper Cottonwood Lakes are open to fishing now.

Anglers for catfish or bass are doing well in the lower Owens River, with nightcrawlers and worms the preferred baits. Anglers are also catching a fair number of planted rainbow trout from the river.

In the Bishop Creek area, easy limits of planted rainbows on baits are being taken in all forks of the creek. At South Lake and Lake Sabrina trollers using leadcore line, going down three to five colors are doing well. They are using Needlefish and Super Doopers. Bait fishing is best at lake inlets using salmon eggs and worms, superdoopers and Needlefish.

Lower Rock Creek is well stocked on a weekly basis and is a good place for easy limits of pan-size trout on sal-

mon eggs, small spinning lures, worms or floating cheese. Rock Creek Lake is also a good area for those seeking pan-size trout. The creek above the lake is also very good for fly fishing with various mosquito patterns.

At Convict Lake, trolling with Needlefish or Rapellas is the best way to get rainbows and browns up to two pounds. Shore fishing with baits is best early in the day or just before sundown.

Crowley Lake is still slow, but expected to turn around soon. Weeds along the shore make it difficult to fish without a boat or floating waders. The Sacramento perch fishing is very good and the perch spawn is underway. When the perch minnows appear, the lake's famed trout are expected to start eating again and the fishing is expected to improve at the same time.

The upper lakes, Mary, George, Mamie and Horseshoe in the Mammoth Lakes area are good for planted rainbows using floating baits such as marshmallows, cheese and inflated nightcrawlers from the shore. Trollers

have fared well with Needlefish and flashers, while other boat-based anglers have produced limits using small spinning lures, crickets and Lake Mary Special flies.

Hot Creek is good for brown and rainbow trout to 15-inches long on elk hair caddis flies size 16 to 20.

The upper Owens, now open to bait fishing, is a good spot for planted trout. The Benton Crossing area is the hot spot lately. Anglers are using salmon eggs, worms and small spinning lures. Fishing is also good close to the Crowley inlet.

June Lake loop has some of the largest fish caught recently. At June Lake, the best bet is from boats just off the beaches. Still fishing with red salmon eggs and marshmallows works well. Evening trollers score with horn-bers and Needlefish.

Kokanee and rainbows are both biting at Bridgeport's Twin Lakes. Most of these fish are in the 12-15 inch size. At Bridgeport Lake, rainbows in the 1-2 pound range are being taken and some large browns are being landed by anglers who troll with inflated nightcrawlers or bomber lures. Trout up to six pounds have been hauled in recently.

Perch fishing is now excellent at Bridgeport Lake with cheese bait or crappie jigs.

The East Walker River continues to be good for fly fishing, but poor for anglers using spinning tackle.

Virginia Lakes are good for 8-12 inch brook trout or browns for anglers with the fly and bubble combinations late in the day. The West Walker remains good for pan size trout using ultra light tackle and salmon eggs.



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### Loop play continues

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This is a double elimination competition among the eight teams. The championship game is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28.

This final week of regular season play will decide the final few spots for next weeks start of tournament play.

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**FOOD SERVICES--Ens.** Lynn Okamoto, a recent Naval Academy graduate, is the new Food Service Division head for the NWC Supply Department. As such, she is responsible for the Enlisted Galley and the Airfield Galley Annex. Above, Ens. Okamoto watches MS3 Richard Hoelzer check on a baked ham prior to serving it at the Enlisted Galley.

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## Education still a key part in IRS planning

Almost 2.5 million Americans live overseas, including more than 500,000 service members and 200,000 DOD civilians. Up to 61 percent of those living overseas do not file tax returns, according to Percy P. Woodard Jr., assistant commissioner, Internal Revenue Service (International). "This costs the Treasury approximately \$2.3 billion in lost taxes," he added.

This alarming fact, revealed by a recent General Accounting Office study, has prompted the Internal Revenue Service to make an increased effort to:

• Educate American taxpayers living overseas about the complex provisions that apply to them; and

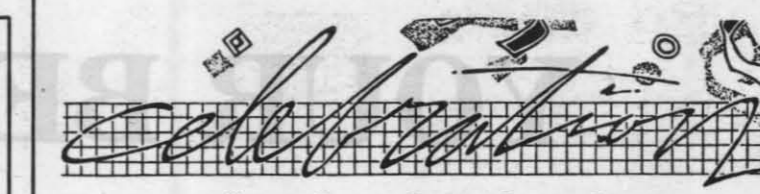
• Enforce the law against those who refuse to comply with the provisions.

Since the Internal Revenue Service assumes that taxpayers want to comply with the law, the agency is send-

ing tax assisters on a tour of 85 cities and major military installations in some 50 countries this year. While making their rounds, they will assist individuals and hold seminars for volunteers who subsequently will be able to assist active duty and civilian taxpayers.

A detailed source of information is IRS publication No. 54, *Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad*. You can get a copy of it and current IRS forms at U.S. embassies and consulates. You also can get copies and answers to questions by writing to:

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## Petty Officer Thompson honored as top NWC sailor. . .

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F/A-18 Hornet is from the day she finds one, until it arrives at China Lake.

Because NWC has such a wide variety of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft assigned, the most demanding part of Petty Officer Thompson's job is keeping up with what is needed for what type of aircraft and where she is most likely to be able to find parts needed for each type. "I'm spread out all over the country while someone in a squadron at Lemoore, for example,

might only have to have contacts for A-7s," she noted.

A China Laker since June of 1985, Petty Officer Thompson came here from Iceland. A native of Oakland, Calif., she joined the Navy for the opportunities to go to school, develop skills and move around. She noted that her husband was in the Navy at NAS Fallon when she decided to join. What proved interesting was that he got out and she stayed in. Her husband, Dan, works from Kentron at NWC.

The Center's top sailor for the last quarter notes she really enjoys the area climate because it allows her to be out of doors all year. In her spare time, Petty Officer Thompson works with the Center's Physical Fitness Program, supervising aerobics for sailors who need to get into shape. Since the weather is pleasant enough, she also works out frequently to remain in peak condition.

Many outside interests have taken a back seat to her family for the time being. AK1 Thompson says she is

spending as much time possible with her husband and their children, Fallon, 5 and Andrea, 3. She feels this is an important time for her to be with the children.

From China Lake Petty Officer Thompson hopes to be assigned to the P-3 Orion squadron for her next tour.

As Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer Thompson will compete for Sailor of the Year honors later. She will also be recognized at a quarters ceremony and receive special liberty and other considerations for being named the top sailor at the Naval Weapons Center.

## CHAMPVA form tips

People eligible for the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration need to take a little extra care when filing claims.

The form used is the same as for CHAMPUS, the yellow Claim Form 500. But special attention needs to be paid to Blocks 8 and 11. If these blocks are not filled out correctly, the claim will be rejected and sent back to the patient or sponsor, causing an unnecessary delay in the processing of the claim.

In Block 8, write or type in whatever number appears on your sponsor's CHAMPVA card. It may be his or her Social Security number or a different number, depending on how the file was originally set up by the VA.

In Block 11, be sure to check the small "VA" box.

Otherwise, fill out the form as you normally would when seeking cost-sharing of medical care from either CHAMPUS or the Veterans Administration.

CHAMPVA claims must be sent to the same claims processors who handle CHAMPUS claims. When you complete your CHAMPVA claim form, send it to the CHAMPUS processor for the state where you received the care, regardless of where you live.

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Through CHAMPVA, the Veterans Administration helps pay for medical services and supplies obtained from civilian sources. The benefits are the same as those under CHAMPUS except for the following:

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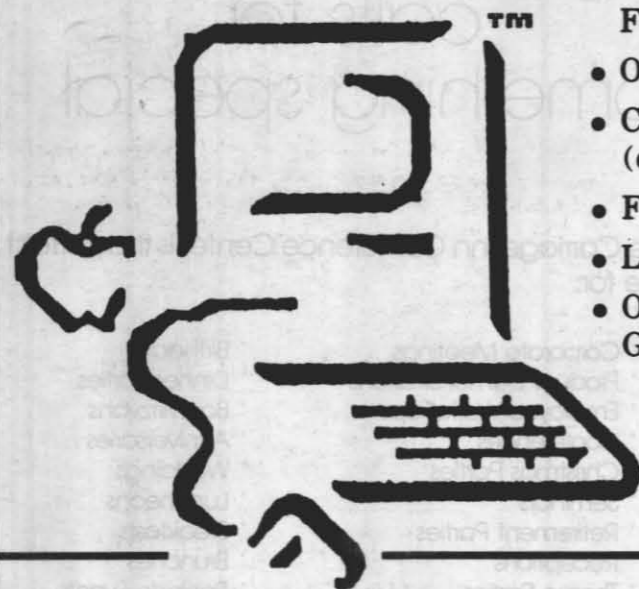
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Chris Farrell, driving Cecil and Tracey Wiles' front-engined dragster lost to Leighton in the second round while Kriste Garrett in "Family Affair" was eliminated by Beerfeldt in the second round. The other IWV racer, Darren Owens with the Owens X-3 was stopped in the semi-final.



"FREEDOM MACHINE"—It was an excellent Fourth of July weekend for Bob and David Leighton as their dragster was in top form during SCEDA competition at the L.A. County Raceway near Palmdale.

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In honor of Space Week — anniversary of man's landing on the moon — the High Desert Engineering Association (hIDEA) will present a program on the National Aero-Space Plane.

Capt. Robert M. Kraft, a Navy Program Director for the National Aero-Space Plane at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, will be guest speaker at a dinner meeting of hIDEA to be held at the Enlisted Mess on Wednesday, July 22. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

The Aero-Space Plane is considered to be of almost equal priority as SDI—better known as "Star Wars."

The evening will open with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 and Capt. Kraft's talk at 8 p.m.

Capt. Kraft holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from Pennsylvania State University and a master's from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a graduate of the Navy Test Pilot School.

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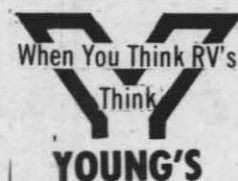
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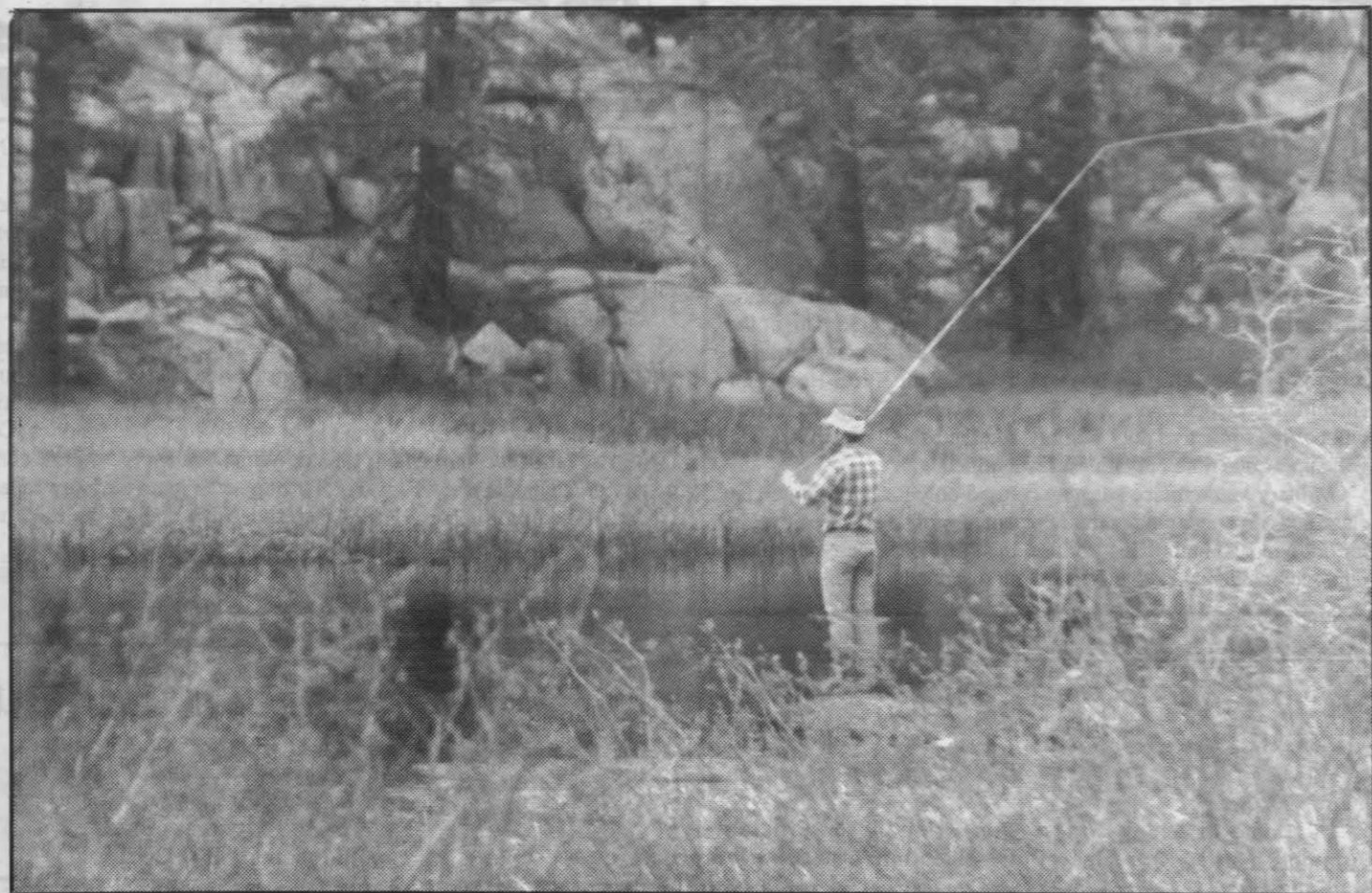
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### Nice time for fishing at Isabella

Cool and windy weather over the Fourth made for better camping at Lake Isabella than fishing. Boats were restricted last weekend because the winds were strong enough to create whitecaps on the lake. As a result, a mob of anglers dropped their lines in the upper Kern in pursuit of trout.

Anglers who did try the lake, especially those in search of catfish, did quite well. A good many cats were caught near Wofford Heights—one weighing in excess of 21 pounds—and others in the flat areas at the east side of the lake and in Brown's Cove.

Bluegill were caught from shore wherever rocks could be found, but were not plentiful.

Department of Fish and Game wardens remind anglers that bass must be 12 inches long in order to be keepers. Any bass smaller than that must be released so that they can grow

GOOD FISHING--A lone angler tries his hand with a fly rod at a nice looking pool along the south fork of Bishop Creek. Fishing at Lake Isabella and along the eastern Sierra front is very good right now. Anglers at high country lakes and the Isabella area are landing lots of limits, mostly of planted, pan-size rainbow trout.

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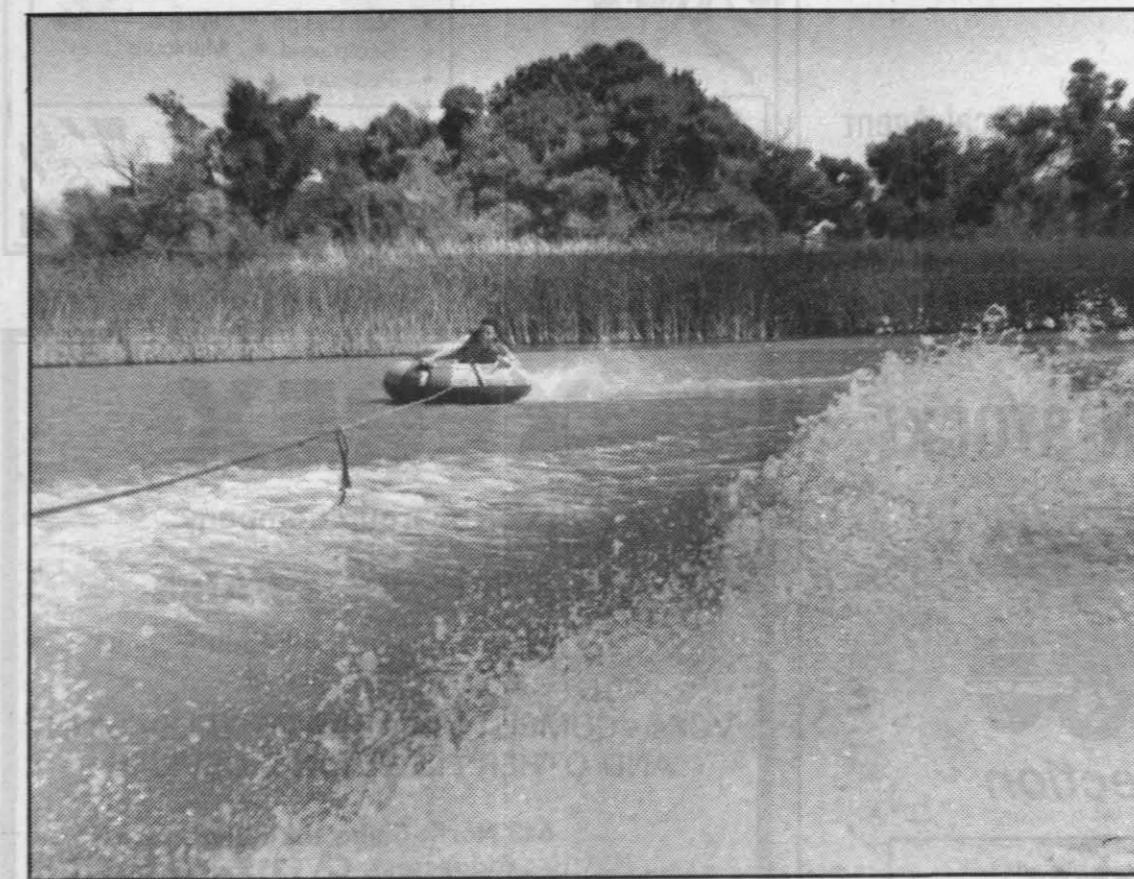
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WATER FUN--Diaz Lake, just outside of Lone Pine, was a popular spot for water skiing over the Fourth of July weekend. Hydro-tubing, riding an inner-tube being pulled by a speedboat, is growing in popularity, but it can be dangerous as well as fun for the inexperienced.

Photo by PH3 Bob Reynolds



### Net lessons offered

Young tennis players who want to become the next Jimmy Connors or Chris Everett have the chance to start on the road to success by taking tennis lessons offered by NWC's Recreational Services Department starting July 27.

These lessons are designed to improve body and eye coordination and are for young athletes 11 to 17

years of age. Lessons will be held at the King Street courts Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Lessons cost \$23 for military dependents, \$24 for dependents of DOD civilian employees and \$35 for all others.

For additional information please call the Center's Information, Ticket and Tour Office at NWC ext. 2010.

### Tennis tournament for youngsters on July 31

Youngsters from eight to 17 years of age are invited to compete in a Naval Weapons Center Junior Tennis Tournament on July 31. Set for NWC's King Street tennis courts, the tourney is scheduled for a 7:30 a.m. start.

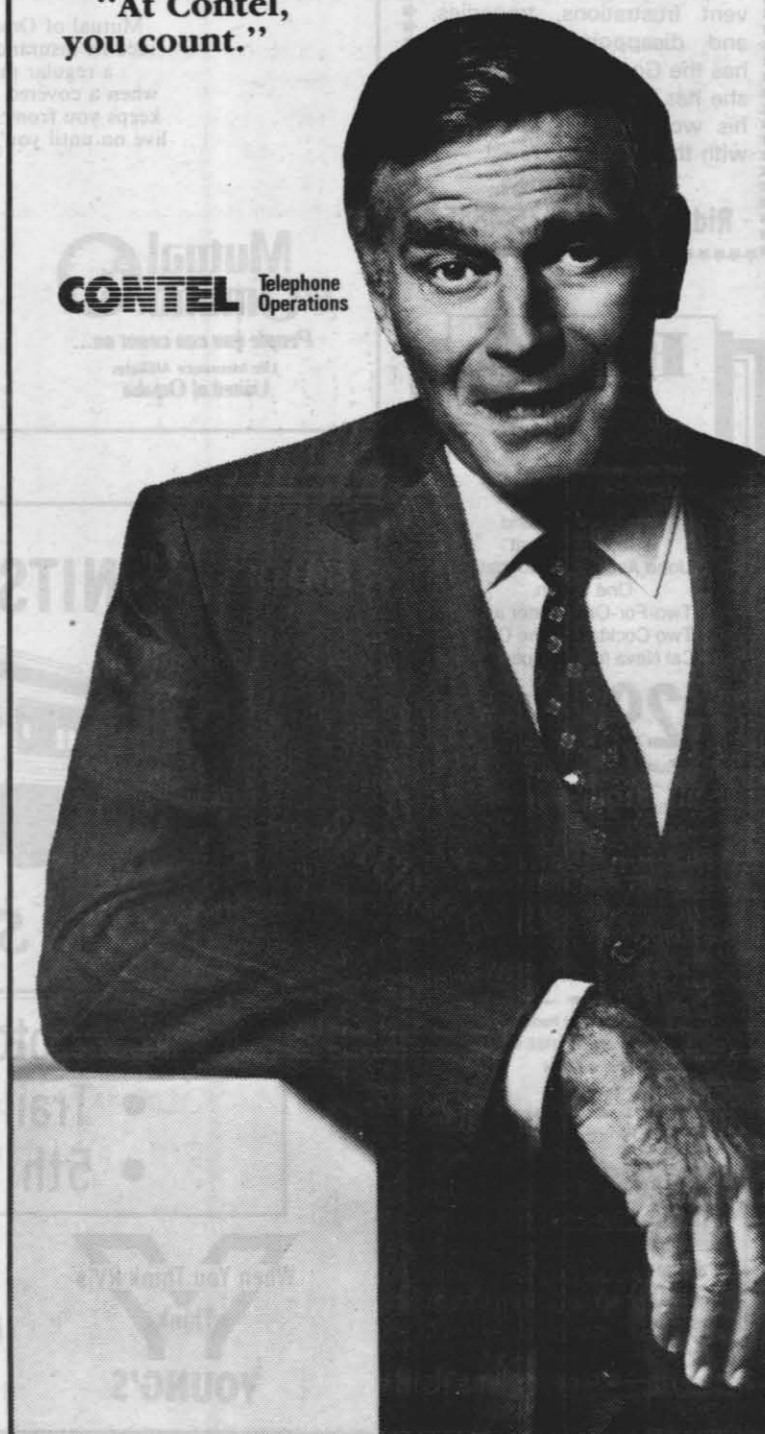
Singles and doubles competition will be held in all classes. The entry fee is \$5 for dependents of military personnel, \$5.50 for dependents of DOD civilian employees and \$6 for all others. For additional information on this tourney, sponsored by the Recreational Services Department, please call the Information, Ticket and Tour Office at NWC ext. 2010.

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