





Wilt's Corner

By Wilt Wyman

Notice of the Elk's annual Charity Basketball tournament...

Swim classes for tiny tots through five years of age will begin on Tuesday...

Hoop Play Winding Down

Basketball season has nearly finished. Teams in the Women's Division and Division A complete their schedules...

Since the emphasis during this basketball season has been on participation...

Looking ahead, I hope players and coaches will make suggestions for improving the league next year...

Volleyball Meeting

The first meeting of all volleyball players and coaches will be held on Tuesday...

And while I'm on the subject of volleyball, a military-only team is being formed...

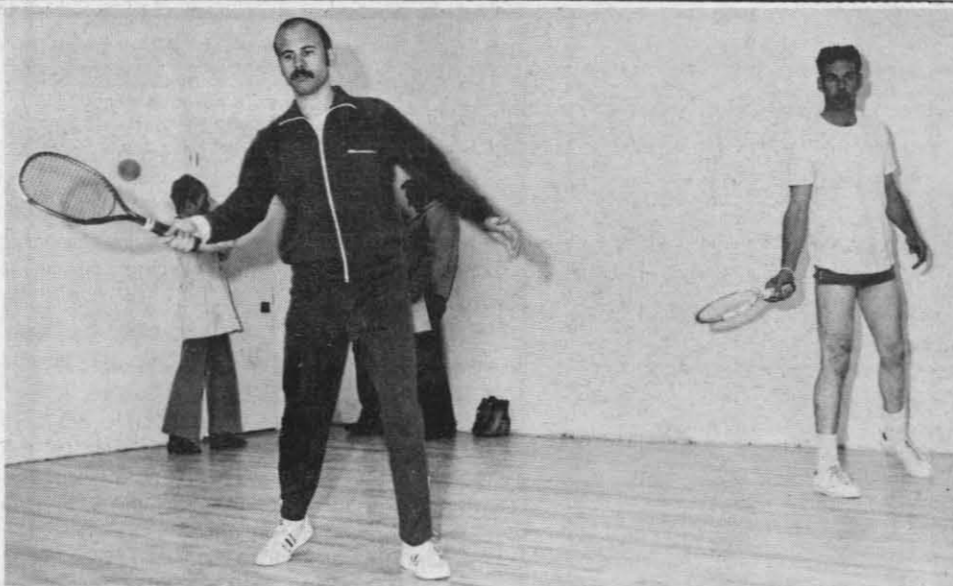
The China Lake Tennis Club will host a team from Edwards AFB here Sunday...

Finally, I would like to comment on the excellence of the Catbird column last week...

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Youth Center Basketball League as of Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Table with columns: Team, W, L. Rows include Instructional, Intermediate, Junior, Senior, and High School divisions.



RACKETBALL CHAMPION — Phill Fossum (l.), displays the form that won the NWC racketball championship...



In The Catbird Seat By Jack Lindsey

The China Lake Men's Golf Club's SCGA (Southern California Golf Association) match team...

Curt Bryan, captain of the local team, played a practice round on Friday before the team matches...

That might have had something to do with the local team's victory on an exceptionally bad desert golf course...

Pug Pilcher recorded a 79 and Bill Sorbo shot a round of 80...

Previously, the China Lake hackers disposed of Hesperia, 27-21, at the Hesperia Country Club course...

Local Boys Key Players Chuck and George Beatty are listed high up on the Cal State Bakersfield tennis team...

Noel says his team's chances hinge greatly on the four players. The Beatty boys are Burroughs High School graduates...

Chuck was the CCAA doubles champion last year and is the lone returning letterman on the squad...

The method of substituting a stratus cloud for fog utilizes natural nocturnal radiation exchanges between the ground and the atmosphere...

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The emphasis was on the female bowlers in the Friday Mixed Foursome League last week...

On the distaff side of the ledger, Willie Johnson racked up a 541 series, Maggie Branson scored with 534...

California's 1975 sport fishing regulation booklets will soon be available at sporting goods stores throughout the state...

Alene Schad rolled a 504 three-game set. Sport Fishing Booklets California's 1975 sport fishing regulation booklets...



PROCLAMATION SIGNED — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, watches Dr. Rex Shacklett, mayor of the City of Ridgecrest, sign a proclamation...

Scientists Work on Ground Fog Problem . . .

(Continued from Page 1) radiosondes that measure vertical temperature, moisture and wind profiles through the fog and the atmosphere above...

Under Development for Year The fog dispersing techniques now being tested have been under intensive development by the Navy for more than a year...

More Information Expected This year, the studies are expected to provide quantitative information on the effectiveness of new equipment and techniques...

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Males Outscoed In Fri. Bowling League The emphasis was on the female bowlers in the Friday Mixed Foursome League last week...

TOPS IN KERN COUNTY — Special education class bowlers from Indian Wells Valley won first place in three divisions of a bowling tournament...

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Afro-American History Week Will Be Observed Feb. 9-16

The period of Feb. 9-16 will be celebrated throughout the nation as Afro-American History Week, when outstanding men and women with heritages that stem from Africa are recognized and honored.

A joint proclamation, signed by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander; Dr. Rex Shacklett, mayor of the City of Ridgecrest, and Robert C. Fletcher, president of the China Lake Community Council...

Betty Rivera Sembach, coordinator of Afro-American Week for the Human Relations Committee of the Desert Area Teachers Association and also second vice-president and education chairman of the IWV Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People...

"We will be using students to make these recordings. They will be assisted by adult coordinators," said Mrs. Sembach, noting that youths from the third through twelfth grades will be involved.

The theme of Afro-American History Week this year is "Fulfilling America's Promise." Throughout the United States, displays of art, literature and heritage will be prominently displayed in public places.

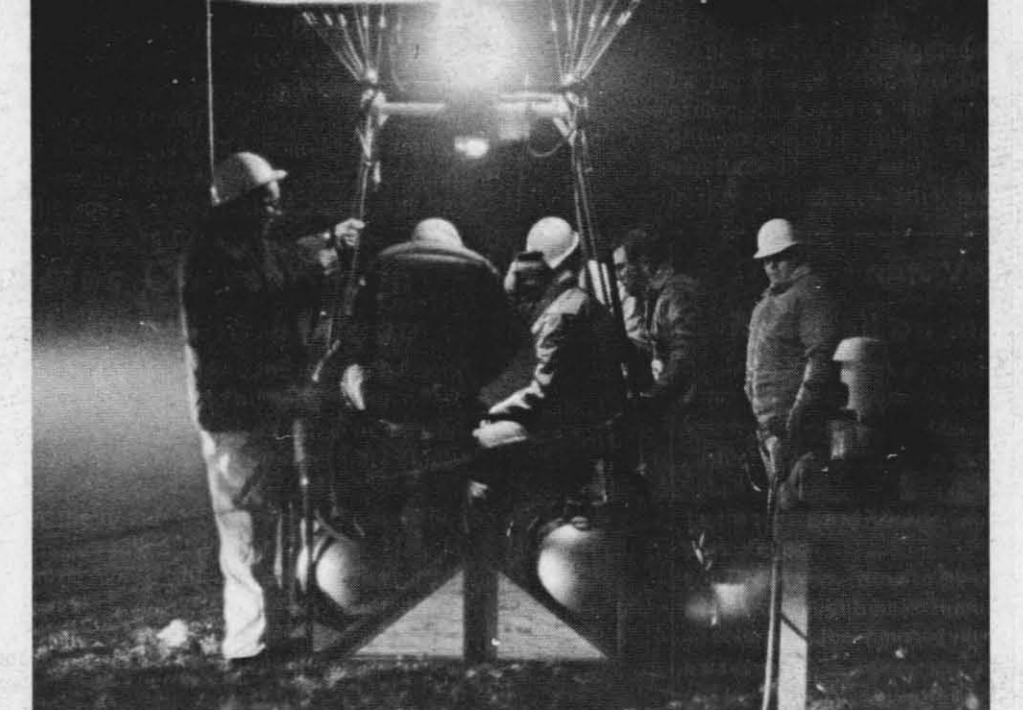
Tom Williams, a local artist, will exhibit his own personal collection of Afro-American paintings as part of the IWV celebration. His works will be hung throughout the month of February at Cerro Coso Community College.

Information Sought For Club Directory Officials of local groups and organizations are reminded that information is now being compiled for the 1975 edition of the Naval Weapons Center's Club and Organization Directory.

Groups wishing to be included in this directory are advised to send a list of their officers, together with information on their meeting dates, time and location — plus the number of a telephone contact — to the Community Liaison Office, Code 8404.

In order to meet the publication deadline for the directory, this information must be received no later than Feb. 28. The Burwicks enjoy camping and traveling in the mountains.

PR2 Burwick also is an inveterate racing fan. He and Grace frequently travel to the Los Angeles area to view automobile races.



MISERY LOVES COMPANY — It's 3 a.m. at Visalia Airport and Jimmie Craig, balloonist (ski cap), is met by a group of scientists after a trip through the Tule fog...

## Troubadour To Present Concert Wednesday at Center Theater

Like the ancient troubadour, Martin Best rooms from place to place — albeit by modern jet aircraft — singing his songs and playing the lute and guitar, thrilling audiences wherever he goes.

Best will appear on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. at the Center Theater in the fourth of five concerts of the current season, sponsored by the China Lake Civic Concert Association.

Reserved seat tickets will be on sale at the theater box office from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. They also will be available at the door just before the performance.

The ducats are priced at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for both students under 22 years of age and military enlisted personnel.

Best, noted young English singer, musician, actor and composer, will present a program entitled "The Art of the Minstrel." Assisted by his accompanist, Edward Flower, he will perform a broad variety of songs with lute and guitar — both European and American — ranging from ancient ballads and instrumental music to folk songs and modern troubadour chansons.

### To Present Own Composition

During the first group of songs, Best will perform "The Arrow in the Heart," written by himself, which begins with three Shakespearean settings. They are "Who Is Sylvia?" "O Mistress Mine," and "Come Away, Death." This will be followed by four other tunes.

The second group of selections fall into the category of "Music for Two Lutes," and includes "My Lady Carey's Dompe," and "Lord Willoughby's Welcome Home," by John Dowland.

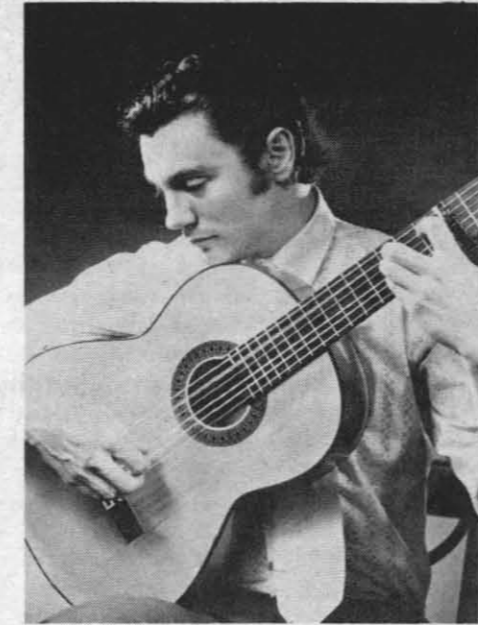
The first half of the concert will close with "Three Ballads," arranged by Best.

Following the intermission, Best will begin the second half of the program with a series of American Indian tunes, entitled "Songs of the Spirit." This group includes music from the ancient Mayan and Aztec civilizations, and from Indian tribes such as the Eskimos, Zunis, Tewas and Navajos.

Best will conclude his concert with "Music for a Troubadour," featuring folk songs, ballads and instrumental music from the European and American traditions, which he will introduce individually.

Born in Hampshire, England, in 1942, Best grew up in a musical family. After studying guitar and voice in England and Spain, he joined the Royal Shakespear Company in England as guitarist and lute player. He soon became responsible for all of the company's music.

Since that time he has toured extensively around the world — both with the company and as a solo performer (accompanied by Flower). Best also has made numerous



Martin Best

appearances on radio and television in Europe and in this country, and has several recordings and film performances to his credit.

His staggeringly voluminous repertoire of music from the 11th Century to the present time comprises a complete aural history of Western culture.

Following the performance, a reception will be held for the concert artist in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel, directly across the street from the theater.

## Teachers' Housing Problems Discussed . . .

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Bob Fletcher, president of the council's board of directors, was appointed chairman of the housing committee, which also is composed of Don Stanton and Aletha Benson, two other Community Council precinct representatives.



**GETS 30-YR. PIN** — Three decades of Federal service were completed recently by August Paeyeneers, who currently heads the Acquisitions Branch in the Technical Information Department's Technical Library Division. Presentation of the 30-year pin was made by C. E. Van Hagan, head of TID. Paeyeneers was employed by Civil Service at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyards on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands for 12 years, before transferring to China Lake on Nov. 30, 1956.

In addition, it was agreed that the housing committee be augmented by a member of the board of education, by school district personnel representing elementary, junior high and high school teachers, as well as district administrators and non-certificated employees.

During a meeting held Tuesday afternoon with Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, the China Lake Community Council's recommendations in regard to housing for teachers were presented and discussed. The Skipper then presented some alternatives which he asked the board of directors of the local civic group to take under consideration.

RADM. Freeman announced his plans to meet regularly (at least once a month) with the Community Council's board of directors. At the next meeting, the question of continued occupancy of housing at China Lake by school district and other non-Department of Defense personnel will be determined.

At the same time, a master plan for housing on the Center also is being formulated. Among the options included in it are the demolition, mothballing or sale of China Lake housing that is currently excess to the Center's needs.

### Top Caller To Be Here Feb. 12 for Square Dance

Gary Shoemaker, a nationally known caller from Omaha, Neb., who has appeared throughout the United States and in Canada, will be the guest caller for a square dance on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by the Jim Dandies Square Dance Club.

All square dancers and interested observers are invited to attend.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

Maxie Montoya's dance band will appear at the Chaparral Club tonight from 9 o'clock until 2 a.m.

A record hop, featuring the collection of Tom Pepper, has been scheduled at the Jolly Roger tomorrow night, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Walt Schimke, manager of the two nightspots, invites all members and guests to plan an evening of fun by attending one or both of the dances.

### Engineers Pass Exam

Nine local engineers — two from the Naval Weapons Center and seven employees of Systems Consultants, Inc. — were recently named Certified Reliability Engineers by the Sierra Sands Sub-Section of the San Gabriel Valley Section, American Society

for Quality Control. The two NWC men are Wally Parmenter, Code 4533, and Floyd Townner, Code 334. The others are Jim Barkoff, Herwil Bryant, Bill Marsh, Tony Miller, Bob Sheckler and Dietmar Tech.

The certification is based on a comprehensive nationwide examination given semi-annually. The awards were presented to the engineers on Jan. 29 at the monthly dinner meeting of the local group.

### Dance Set at CPO Club

Don Kurfman's Good Times Music Co. will play for a dance tonight at the Chief Petty Officers' Club from 9 o'clock until 1 a.m.

George Barnard, club manager, asks that all members bring a guest to the dining room for the lobster special, then stay for the dance.

### Varied Activities at COM

The "Hometown Rockers," a dance group from the Southland, will play tonight from 9 o'clock until 1:30 a.m. at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Specialty of the dining room will be roast Long Island duck montmorency, at \$4.50, according to Drake Dierkhising, club manager.

Classes for beginners who want to learn how to play bridge will be held on Monday evenings at the COM, beginning immediately. In addition, ballroom dancing lessons will be held on Thursday evenings, starting on Feb. 13.

All those interested in learning to play bridge or sign up for the dance lessons should contact the COM by calling NWC ext. 3105.

### Communication Workshop

Theodora Wells, of Wells Associates in Beverly Hills, will conduct a Communication Workshop for Women on Feb. 19 and 20 in Rm. 107 of the Training Center.

Enrollees will assess conditions which create a defensiveness climate; learn how to choose non-defensive ways of coping, especially with stereotypes; and engage in practice sessions to build responsible non-defensive interactions with subordinates, peers, and authorities, including the risks involved.

The workshop is designed to help students increase confidence in themselves in handling job-related communications more effectively.

Deadline for enrollment is today. Nominations for this course should be made by submitting an NWC enrollment form to Code 654 via proper department channels.



**CDR. BROWN, WIFE HONORED** — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, (r.), presented a U.S. Navy certificate of retirement to Cdr. C. D. Brown last Friday after the former OIC of the Corona Labs and head of the Command Administration Department at NWC, stepped into civilian life following 28½ years in the Navy. In addition, Cdr. Brown's wife, Vera, was given a "Certificate of Faithful Service" from RADM. Freeman, recognizing her role in her husband's success as a Navy officer. —Photo by Ron Allen



**MEMENTOS FROM CHINA LAKE** — Capt. R. D. Franke (r.), NWC's Deputy Commander, presented a NWC plaque to Cdr. C. D. Brown and Mrs. Brown at a farewell party, held for the retiring head of the Command Administration Department on Jan. 27. Cdr. Brown ended his military career on Jan. 31, and he and his family will move to Grants Pass, Ore. Also during the party, W. E. Davis (photo at left), NWC's Director of Security, presented the outgoing officer with a certificate in honor of Cdr. Brown's service as alternate senior member of the Community Hearing Board. In addition, the Browns were the recipients of a 35mm camera from his co-workers. The Public Works Department gave the Browns a special plaque in the form of a furniture refinishing kit in memory of the time a truck was accidentally backed into Cdr. Brown's home, knocking a wall down onto some of his furniture.



## Community Affairs Liaison Ass't Handles Wide Variety of Duties

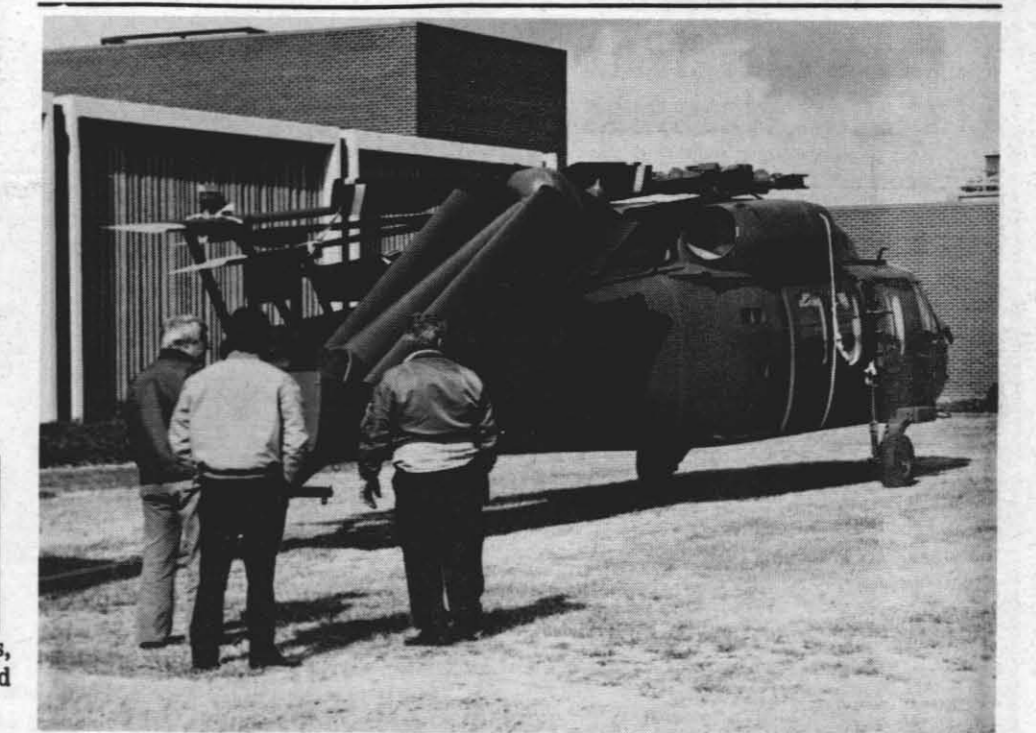
Natalie Harrison, who is the Community Affairs liaison assistant, handles a variety of chores. Her duties range from providing information to NWC tenants about animal control to the granting of permission to hold a bake sale on NWC property.

Mrs. Harrison, who has been on this job for the past 18 months, also handles requests for advertising on the Community Bulletin Board, located at Switzer Circle. Her other duties include providing Community Hearing Board information, listening to complaints about animals, handling requests for overnight stays on the Center's ranges and trips to such points of interest as

the Little Petroglyphs and Coso Hot Springs, and gathering information for the Club and Organization Directory.

In addition, Mrs. Harrison is the control point for maintenance or repair problems involving the facilities used by various clubs on the Center. She also provides information about the Community Council to interested callers.

Local residents who would like more information on any of the above subjects should call Mrs. Harrison, NWC ext. 3575. She will be happy to answer any questions regarding her areas of responsibility.



**MOCK-UP OF NEW HELICOPTER DISPLAYED** — A representative of the Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. in Stratford, Conn., was here Tuesday to display this mock-up of a helicopter that is a candidate for the Army's Utility Tactical Transport Aircraft System. Both Marine Corps and Army Liaison Office personnel had a look at the model, as did helicopter pilots from the Naval Air Facility. Lt. Col. R. F. Boyd, Army Liaison Officer at NWC, noted that for Army use, the new helicopter is designed to haul a combat-loaded squad of 11 men, in addition to a crew of three. Because of the high winds on Tuesday, the aircraft's rotor blades and portions of the fuselage were not unfolded in their normal position. After leaving here, the next stop for the Sikorsky Corp. helicopter, which is being transported in a large van, was at Fort Ord near Monterey, Calif.