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File early to avoid errors on income tax returns

Filing a Form 1040, 1040A or even the 11-line 1040EZ can be an ordeal if prepared in haste at the last minute.

Through the years, IRS has seen a trend in filing practices. Some taxpayers file as soon as they receive their tax return package, Form W-2 and interest information notices. Others prefer to wait until the last minute -- when running shoes are a necessity to ensure timely filing

before midnight on April 15.

However, those who wait until the last minute might find that preparing their returns earlier -- even if only a week or a few days earlier -- could make a big difference. Preparing the returns over a two- or three-week period will lessen the chances for mistakes as taxpayers will be more relaxed and take more time in completing the tax forms. Taking time in preparing an income tax return will reduce the possibility of errors and can help taxpayers discover credits or deductions for which they qualify and might have otherwise missed.

For individuals who find working with numbers somewhat confusing, the IRS will figure taxes for filers of Forms

1040EZ, 1040A and certain 1040 filers.

Those desiring the assistance must fill in certain items on the return and send it in before the April 15 deadline.

To qualify for this service, taxpayers must have an income of \$50,000 or less, not itemize deductions and not use Schedule G, Income Averaging, or Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income. Income must include only wages, salaries, tips, interest, dividends, pensions, and annuities.

The IRS will figure the tax in the way that benefits the taxpayer the most, IRS stresses. Since eligible persons need only complete certain questions, IRS says they will probably finish their returns faster and with less oppor-

tunity for error.

Waiting for a tax refund check? If 10 weeks have passed since filing a tax return and no refund check has arrived, the IRS has an automated telephone service for taxpayers to use when inquiring about their refunds. For information on how to use this telephone service, see Tele-Tax in the instructions for Form 1040 or Forms 1040EZ and 1040A.

If you have questions about your federal income taxes,

contact the local IRS office.

In brief...

The NPS - La Mesa shuttle bus will be adding another morning run beginning Feb. 2. The bus will arrive at the NPS library at 0850, Monday thru Friday.

The early morning run will continue to arrive at the library at 0750 and leave for La Mesa at 1700.

Complete bus schedules are available at the rec office. New unlimited winter quarter bus passes are available for \$3 from either the rec office or the bus driver. Old passes will continue to be honored.

The OSWC will host a welcome aboard coffee for newcomers on Jan. 29 at 1930 in the Barbara McNitt Ball-room.

The coffee will feature the skit "Cramalot," created by Denny Denham and Paula

Kaplan.

For more information call either Judy Merritt at 373-4903 or Pam Moffit, 372-7836.

Income tax Form 540NR, for California non-residents who must file, are available in the legal office.

For more information on California state income tax regulations call (800) 852-7050.

From the Editor

Over the past year, many of us have been able to view NPS life through the light perspective provided by the cartoons of FNOC's LT Jeff Bacon, featured periodically in issues of "The Quarterdeck."

Shown here is a sample of some of Bacon's work. His



Monterey Supply Corps Association

to meet, Reinstedt guest speaker

The Monterey Peninsula Supply Corps Association will hold a welcome aboard meeting on Friday, Jan. 30, at 1900 in the La Novia Room. The guest speaker will be Randall Reinstedt.

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Reinstedt is recognized as one of the foremost experts on the history of the Monterey area. He is the author of numerous books, including "Incredible Ghosts of Old Monterey's Hotel Del Monte" and "Shipwrecks and Sea Monsters of California's Central Coast."

The Monterey Peninsula Supply Corps Association is a professional/social organization composed of active duty and retired Navy Supply Corps officers stationed or living in the Monterey area.

The cost is \$5 per person, which includes light hors d'oeuvres. Reservations can be made by calling Peggy at ext. 2536 by close of business on Jan. 27.

Flouride festival at dental clinic

February is National Del tal Health Month and, once again, the NPS dental clinic and the OSWC are teaming up to sponsor the annual Flouride Festival on Monday, Feb. 9, at the clinic, located on the fourth floor of Herrmann Hall.

During the festival, each dependent between the ages of five and 18 will receive, free of charge, a dental screening and flouride treatment.

Prior to their appointment, parents are advised to ensure that children have thoroughly brushed and flossed their teeth. It is requested that no food or drink be brought to the clinic.

Appointments are required and may be made by calling Mollie James at 372-3956 Kathy Cooney at 649-0383 on Jan. 27, 28 or 29 between 1000 and 1500. When making an appointment, furnish the child's name and age, sponsor's name and last four digits of social security number, and a home phone number.

Chapel film series

The NPS Protestant chapel is featuring the film series "Focus On The Family" on Sundays at 1800 in the chapel.

The series consists of seven films narrated by James C. Dobson, Ph.D., associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

The second film in series, "Shaping the W without Breaking the Spirit," will be shown this Sunday.

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A limited supply of W-4 forms is now available in the ivilian personnel office.

The following information is excerpted from a recent

message from the payroll office in Oakland:

"If an employee does not file a new Form W-4 by Oct. 1, 1987, the payroll office is to ignore any previous form on file and withhold taxes on wages paid on or after Oct. 1, 1987, using one withholding allowance if the existing form shows single status and two withholding allowances if the existing forms shows married status.

"For employees who claimed total exemption from with-holding during 1986, a new Form W-4 must be submitted to the civilian payroll office not later than Feb. 15, 1987. For these employees, if they fail to submit a new Form W-4 by Feb. 15, 1987, income taxes will be withheld using one withholding allowance if single status, two withholding allowances if married status....

"A separate package containing the new W-4 and appropriate filing instructions will be mailed individually to all employees who claimed total exemptions from income tax withholding for 1986."

The civilian personnel office is currently transferring all civilian "official personnel folder" information into a new computer system, "Naval Civilian Personnel Data System" NCPDS). This conversion is expected to continue until eb. 13. During this time CPO advises that personnel wishing to see specific individuals in the office call and make an appointment to ensure that an individual will be available. CPO is scheduled to convert, or go "on-line," on March 9. CPO apologizes for any inconvenience this conversion may cause to customers.

There have been many recent incidents of error by the payroll office in retirement, life and health insurance codes, which have resulted in erroneous payment. Individuals are requested to check their latest leave and earning statement (LES) to ensure correct coding for each item. If a problem is discovered, please bring a copy of the LES to Lane Bednash, ext. 3277, for corrective action.

Applications for the following vacancies are now being accepted in the civilian personnel office. Please consult the vacancy announcement in your department or call ext. 2001 for more information.

Aerospace engineering technician, GS-9, aeronautics; aerospace engineering technician, GS-7/8/9, aeronautics; academic planning assistant (typing), GS-4 (prom pot to GS-5), dir of academic planning; clerk-typist, GS-4, various depts; computer programmer analyst, GS-11, FNOC; computer systems programmer, GS-11, computer science; guard supersor, GS-5, security; librarian, GS-9, library; printing officer, GS-9, educational media; secretary (typing), GS-3/4/5/6/7, various depts; supervisory computer specialist, GM-13, computer science; supervisory librarian technician, GS-6, library.

Campus Calendar

JANUARY

-231110, SP-117
DR. MARK SHAPIRO,
CSU-FULLERTON
"SPUTTERING SIMULATIONS
WITH LIQUID TARGETS"

1200, LA NOVIA ROOM NPS TOASTMASTERS (POC: PAT KELLY, X4363)

1715, FELLOWSHIP ROOM
ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHAPEL
ADULT EVENING SOCIAL
"ANNULMENTS"
BY SISTER ROSE MARY KUKLOK
MONTEREY DIOCESEAN OFFICE
(POC: MIKE MOLIDOR,
372-4615)

1800, NPS PROTESTANT CHAPEL
"FOCUS ON THE FAMILY"
FILM SERIES, FILM 2:
"SHAPING THE WILL WITHOUT
BREAKING THE SPIRIT"
(POC: RP3 HAIR, X2241)

1930, MCNITT BALLROOM
OSWC WELCOME ABOARD COFFEE
AND MUSICAL "CRAM-A-LOT"
(POC: JUDY MERRITT, 373-4903
OR PAM MOFFITT, 372-7836)

1200, LA NOVIA ROOM NPS TOASTMASTERS (POC: PAT KELLY, X4363)

1900, LA NOVIA ROOM MONTEREY PENINSULA SUPPLY CORPS ASSOCIATION SPEAKER - RANDY REINSTEDT "GHOSTS OF OLD MONTEREY" (POC: CDR JOHN JACKSON, X2536)

FEBRUARY

-3 TO 5-KING HALL, SP-101A C31 CONFERENCE (POC: CINDY MAFFEI, X2426)

1100-1400, LA NOVIA TERRACE BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART EXHIBIT (POC: LT BRINKLEY, X2174)

1200, LA NOVIA ROOM
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
LUNCHEON
SPEAKER - RADM ROBERT TONEY
COMMANDER, SERVICE GROUP ONE
(POC: LT BRINKLEY, X2174)

Sports Beat

by J01 Frank Summers

The NPS women's basketball team used a strong defense to hold off a team from Santa Cruz and capture the women's division of the first annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Tournament held here recently.

The Wharf of Monterey used a high-powered offense to dunk DLI, 113-92, and capture the men's division of the

tournament.

The NPS women went undefeated throughout the tournament as they knocked off the Coasters, 59-52, in the first game of the tournament and then went on to defeat Santa Cruz,

53-49, and Mare Island, 56-38.

The Wharf of Monterey suffered only one defeat during the tournament, and that was to the NPS team. In the first game of the tournament, the NPS team used a strong defense to hold off the Wharf, 74-67. NPS held off Salinas Valley Ford, 68-63, in their second game. After that, NPS really never found their defense again, losing to DLI, 88-74, and then to Santa Cruz, 89-77.

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It's 10K time again. The second annual Monterey Rape Crisis Center "Together With Love Run" will be held Feb. 15 at Lover's Point in Pacific Grove.

The run, a benefit for the center, will begin at 0900. Registration forms may be obtained at the rec office. There is a \$10 pre-race registration fee; \$12 on the day of the race.

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The Monterey Navy Lacrosse team took second place in the California Conference Tournament held last weekend at Stan-

ford University.

The Monterey team used the aggressive defense of Rusty O'Brien to humble Humboldt State, 9-2. Monterey then lost to UC-Davis, 8-6, in a highly aggressive second game. The offense was keyed on the quick-sticking of Joe Heil.

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The OSWC is sponsoring introductory tennis lessons by Karen Stewart. Private, semi-private and group lessons are available. Stewart will teach the fundamentals of forehand, backhand, service, volley, overhead and lob.

Registration is \$18 for six one-hour lessons with a group of four. For more information contact Stewart at

373-3437.

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Would you like to get group discounts on lift tickets, maybe have some "fun competition" to test your skiing skills, or just find out who's going to Tahoe for the weekend? If so, call LT Fischer at 372-9213.

Club notes

The Trident Room will host a Superbowl Sunday Buffet on Jan. 25. The will open at 1300 with the pre-game show on the bigscreen TV.

The buffet of fried chicken, potato salad, chili and rolls will be served at 1400. Cost for the buffet is \$3.50. Game time is 1500.

The EM Club will also be open, 1300-1900, on Super-

bowl Sunday.

The next EM Club Steaknight will be held Friday,
Jan. 30. Providing entertainment that same night
will be the live band
"Starlite." Tickets are
available for \$5.50 from
division EM Club representatives.

Classified ads

Ads will be run on a come, first served bass. Please notify the PAO of any ad cancellations by calling ext. 2023. Ads will be run for a maximum of two weeks unless resubmitted.

MOVING SALE: waterbed, orig \$950, sell for \$400/obo; queen waterbed mattress, director's chairs, baby items, clothing, jewelry, linens, car cover, more. Must sell by Jan. 26, may pay on payday. Call 384-1023 for info and appointment.

CARPET FOR SALE, 2 years old, good quality/condition \$3 per sq yard, up to 150 sq yards available Call 646-3391

HELP WANTED: part-time wordprocessor (approx. 10 hrs/week). Variety of applications, will train, 60 wpm minimum. 375-8999.

REWARD for return of gold chain bracelet lost Jan. 5 between Ingersoll Hall and NEX Bookstore. Call Cynthia, 663-5650.

PLAYPEN, deluxe 40" by Graco w/"upsey cups". Orig \$70, asking \$28. Call Cynthia, 663-565

FOR SALE, Yashica 35mm, electronic w/auto flash, excellent cond, \$100/obo. Call Jackie at home, 384-2975.