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Captain's Line



on the cover

BOB BAY SMALT PREPARES TO
GO ON THE AIR AT WJLY'S TV
STATION.

Let me start my first article in **SPEAR POINTS** by saying I am very pleased to have been assigned to USS L.T. **SPEAR** as Commanding Officer. The friendliness and enthusiasm of the crew were readily evident from the first day I set foot on board. I am looking forward to working with each of you in the months and years ahead.

There are which needs attention from all of us in the preservation and abundance of the ship. Working areas, in particular, need upgrading in the immediate future in order to make them more pleasant spaces in which to live. I am a good-friend of the work that we crew perform in the way of cleaning could be provided if everyone made an effort to be more careful in use of common facilities. Let's all be contributors of our shipmates and make a special effort not to cause them more work.

I am a firm believer in the adage that "you only get out of a job what you put into it". Our ship has tremendous capabilities and needs only our commitment to always do our best to reach its full potential. With your help, I'd like to make L.T. **SPEAR** the best ship in the Atlantic Fleet and a duty station we will always look back upon with pride and satisfaction in the years to come.

COMMANDING OFFICER

(See page 18 for story.)



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Careers



THE DAFA OFFICE GETS
A NEW LEADER

Over the past two years the Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor for L.Y. SPEAR 1, Lt. Gene MGC Ramsey. On October 1, Chief Ramsey will depart SPEAR for Little Creek Amphibious Base to join the commanding staff of their CAGE, Counseling and Assistance Center.

SP2 Thelma Stehr has been tasked with the responsibility of maintaining the high caliber of services offered by the HEM/DAPA Office.

She hopes during the next two years, to upgrade the major purpose of the HEM/DAPA Office, a helping hand extended to those who will reach for it.

That one idea will be shaping her decisions. Her job is not to provide one solution but to offer possible solutions.

Overdependence on alcohol and drug abuse has become a growing problem in the Navy and to the civilian populace. Here in the Navy, we have some of the best programs available in the country.

SP2 Stehr can get you in touch with many programs that can help you cope with alcohol and drug abuse.

Her goal is to help you. Even if she is not able to solve your problems, at least she can help set you in the right direction.

The new Career Counselor is Chief Nussbaum from Mt. Clemens, Michigan. During her Naval career she has been assigned to GERSBURG, Hawaii working with adolescents and at numerous air stations to work with Striders.

Chief Nussbaum is here to assist everyone who comes to her office and to help resolve problems whenever possible.

Welcome to the SPEAR family Chief, we hope you will enjoy your time.

Joining Chief Nussbaum in the Career Counselor's Office will be an old hand Phil Hughes.

Phil Officer Hughes says he is looking forward to working with SPEAR's crew and assisting them in whatever way his new position will allow. He will be working with Chief Nussbaum to provide the best possible service to each individual aboard L.Y. SPEAR.

YOUR GOAL*

Career Counseling is working with people, helping them with their problems, answering their questions, and providing them with information so that they are more capable of making career decisions.

It is providing advice and counseling to an individual based upon the individual's decision, regardless that decision is to remain in the Navy or to get out.

An Editorial

THE WOMAN'S NAVY

When it was first announced that L.Y. SPEAR would have women assigned to her crew, an insurance salesman who could never really get the job done, told me, "These women are going to run that ship!" To make a long story short, the women went with the ship to the Indian Ocean in 1980 and in only a few weeks they had proven that they were capable, dependable workers here to do a job and not for the pleasure of the male crew members.

A large number of these women are still on board and they are still doing a great job. The women who came into the Navy to have a good time are still the minority. Look around you right here on SPEAR and you will find women who are conscientious professionals, and diligent workers.

We don't want special treatment, just respect; we know we have to earn that respect. We don't want to be flirted with, just the polite and we will return your kindness. We don't want your pity, just one of our own and we will do it to the best of our ability. We don't want a date, just a friend.

Women may not be able to keep tall buildings in a single bound nor catch bullets in flight, but then neither can you drag man.

Together we can work to accomplish or create to make this a better place to live and work. Please try to remember as more new women arrive each day we are all citizens, responsible for the protection and well being of this ship and this country.

PHIL H. JOE

Comments or differing viewpoints may be submitted to the SPEAR POINTS Office to be edited for publication at a later date.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT MOVING?



If you are considering getting an apartment or if you and your family are just arriving in Portland, perhaps you are part of the throng searching for an abode in the Silverton area.

A renter should carefully consider the pros and cons of choosing to live in the civilian community rather than in government quarters. Certain advantages and disadvantages you should take into account when making your decision are as follows:

—EXPENSE

If you are not entitled to BAH and BAS, run your personal finances (take the added weight of rent, deposits, utilities, transportation, etc.) Try to live on a budget that would be comparable to that which you would have if you were actually receiving these monthly bills, before you actually move in.

If you find that there would not be enough left in your bank account to live had then perhaps you should consider a roommate. At this point you should take the time to find someone who is compatible with your style of living and can afford the pending move. A roommate should be someone you can trust above all other requirements.

Your working hours and "partying," needs should also be compared.

—FOOD

If you decide to do your own cooking consider the fact that if your kitchen isn't furnished with utensils that will be another added cost. The time and effort it takes to prepare meals usually runs out to the convenience of fast-foods and the affordability of military messing facilities.

—FURNISHING

Enlisted members with less than two year's member are not authorized to move dependents and household goods at the expense of the government within CONUS. Furniture you buy now, you may have to sell at a loss when you move if you fit into this category.

There are advantages to living outside government quarters but you would be wise to weigh the alternatives carefully.



... But I don't do windows!

**Protect Your
Precious
Valuables**



**SECURE
YOUR
FIREARMS**

TRY IT DRY

Some Advantages of Doing It Sober

1. You can remember what you have done. (You don't have to look in your wallet to see if you had a good time.)

2. When you see your friends or family, you don't have to guess whether or not you did something last night you'll regret this morning.

3. You have more money for other things like dinner out, bills, taxes, travel, clothes, gifts for people you care about, insurance, furniture, hi-fi equipment, etc., etc.

4. The gorgeous lady (or guy) you met last night will look good in the daylight. (Or you can recall a pleasant evening with your spouse.)

5. Surprise yourself! Experience a payday with a few bucks left over from the last one.

6. Spend about as intelligent to others as you would to yourself. (If you doubt this one, try listen-

ing "sober" to someone who is drunk and trying to talk intelligently.)

7. Experience a large party or picnic where everyone has a good time, no one gets hurt, there are no fights, and no military police are required to keep order.

8. You don't have to explain to your kid's teacher why your kid thought beer

or liquor was a good example of a major food group.

9. You have much higher post-holing averages in when you are in sober during the third game as you were when you got there.

10. Find out how many "one starters" or tall tales you can tell that don't depend on booze or the consequences of doing something stupid while drunk.



Dave
Coverly

"Bertie, Your shirt shows you
have before you did, and it was beer!"

The Navy Law of Relativity...

If you can keep your head while all those about you are losing theirs... then perhaps you don't understand the situation.



Division Spotlight

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The Electronics Repair Division, consisting of 38 Electronics Technicians and 4 Senior Technicians, is responsible for the repair, installation, testing and alignment of general electronics and communications equipment, associated antenna systems and the test and calibration of electronic test equipment for ships and submarines of Submarine Squadron 87.

The following work centers are assigned to the Electronics Repair Division:

Electronics Repair Shop (ERS) repairs, replaces and/or install shipboard type communications, radar, electronics and CSR equipment.

First Electronics Calibration Laboratory (ECL) calibrates general purpose electronics test equipment.

Senior Repair Shop (SRS) provide assistance to submarines in the installation, removal, overhaul, repair, alteration, alignment and calibration of sensor systems and their associated equipment.

Submarine Antenna Repair Shop (SARS) performs repairs, alignment, replacement and installation of navigation equipment, submarine antennas and the hydrostatic testing required of these antennas.

E-4 Division performs other duties in Combat Information Center (CIC) underway.

Persons interested in a career in the fascinating field of electronics should contact any of the E-4 Division Chief Petty Officers:

(Division Officers—CPOs) R.J. Sweeney, Leading Chief Petty Officers—CPOs J.P. Clark, Chief Petty Officers—ETC B. L. Cooper, Jr., ETC R.B. Galey, ETC R.P. Hughes.)

Several stations have already begun their careers in electronics with great success.





Get Smart

KING HERDIN

The following article was inserted into the Congressional Record by Senator Sam E. Ervin, Jr. of North Carolina. The tragic lines are a twisted re-working of the Twenty-third Psalm. The note was discovered in *Newsweek*, N.C., in a closed box, alongside a dead human subject. She was 23 years old.

"King Herdin is my dearest. I shall always wait. He makes me lie down in the gutter.

"He leads me into the beautiful waters. He destroys my soul.

"Yes, I shall walk in the valley of poverty and will fear no evil for those Herdin are with me.

"The Noodle and Capote conduct me. They strip the table of goodness in the presence of my family. They nibble my head of reason.

"My cup of sorrow nearly over. Surely Herdin shall strike me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Damned Forever."

Also found in the car with the dead woman was this written message:

"Tell Herdin's case me. No did thought-division help me for long. The doctor told my family it would have been better and, indeed kinder, if the person who got me hooked on drugs had taken a gun and blown my brains out. And I wish to God he had. My God, how I wish it."

BETTER PLAN NOW FOR FALL CLASSES

Meet the future
armed & ready.

VISIT YOUR EDUCATION OFFICE



DEAR FRIENDS,

How are you? I just had to send you a note to tell you how much I love you.

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me too. As evening drew near I gave you a nudge to clear your day and a card to come to see you and—I waited—but you never came. Oh, yes, it hurt—but I still love you because I am your friend.

Today you look so sad—so all alone, it makes my heart ache because I understand how you feel. My friends let me down and hurt me many times too, but I love you!

Oh! If you would only listen to me! I love you! I try to tell you in the blue sky and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in the colors of flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams and give the birds their songs to sing. I shake you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature's secrets. My love for you is deeper than the oceans, higher than the mountains, and bigger than the biggest need or longing of your heart. Oh! If you only knew how much I long to walk with you and talk with you. We could spend an eternity together in heaven.

I know how hard it is on this earth. Yes, I really know! And I want so much to help you. I want you to meet my father too. He wants to help you just as I do. My father is that way you know.

Just call me and we'll talk with me. I have so very much to share with you!

I won't bother you anymore now. You are free to choose me. It is your decision. I have already chosen you. And because of this, I will wait—because I love you!

Your Friend,

Joan

Submitted by HHS-Coll. Agency





HOW TO BE A FAILING AT PARENTHOOD

1. Never eat together as a family.
2. Never have family traditions which occur weekly, monthly, or annually, that children can look forward to.
3. Never listen to your children—talk at them, not with them.
4. Never let your child experience cold, fatigue, adventure, injury, risk, challenge, failure, experimentation, frustration, discouragement, etc.
5. Teach them to "Do as I say . . . not as I do."
6. Leave the responsibility of spiritual training and development to the schools and church, but don't teach them at home.
7. When confronted with the choice of whether to spend your time or money in the pursuit of a material object or a family activity, always choose the material object.
8. Expect your child to achieve, to win, but don't teach him the principles of life, of living. Let him learn them on the streets.
9. Never correct your child appropriately but explain them before the law, school, church, and friends, with the saying, "Not my help. . ."
10. Undermine the role of the father or mother—never have the father's influence in the home—stay together for the sake of the children or better yet, get a divorce.
11. Keep your home atmosphere in a state of chaos.
12. Always pick up after the child—never let him or her take any responsibility.
13. Always solve the child's problems—make the decision for the child.
14. Be too busy with state, business or social affairs or with your favorite child to spend time with all of your children. If it you have the time, spend it together—watching TV.
15. Don't teach them while they are young. Wait until they are old enough to form their own values and then teach them right from wrong or let them decide for themselves.
16. When you've had a hard day at the office, come home and have a martini or light up a joint to help take your stress.
17. When their world falls apart and they need comfort from you because they have made a mistake, be there—to say "I told you so."

If you are guilty of some of these ways of life then you can probably look forward to a sad, confused, and unhappy adult child. Is it too late for you to change?



A man of portage—a glass of wine,
a game and he travels on
he's going once and going twice
he's going and about gone.

But the Master comes, and the foolish
crowd never can quite understand
the worth of a soul and the change
that's wrought by the touch of the
Master's hand.



Chaplain J.L. Cook

Still Waters

The following verse, used in a recent Chapel Service, is printed here in response to those who requested a copy:

"You battered and scarred, and the
anxious thought it hardly worth
his while to waste much time on the
old rickie, but held it up with a
smile.

"Who'll start the bidding, good fellow?"
he cried, "Who'll start the bidding
for me?"

"A dollar a dollar—and two—only
two! Who'll make it three? Three
dollars once, three dollars twice and
going for three dot . . .

But no—from the bank of the river,
a gray-haired man came forward
and picked up the bow,
then wiping the dust from the old
rickie and taving the loose strings.
He played a melody so pure and sweet
as the evening nightingale.

When the music stopped, the
anxious with a voice that was
quiet and low said, "now what an
I did for the old rickie!"
and held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars! And who'll
make it two? Two thousand!—and
who'll make it three? Three thousand once,
three thousand twice, and going—
and gone!" said he.

The people cheered but some of them
cried, "We do not quite understand,
what changed it's worth?" Then
someone replied, "The touch of a
master's hand!"

And so it is that many a man, with
life out of him and battered and
scarred by sin, is restored cheap
to the thoughtless crowd much
like the old rickie.

on the cover

A SPARE PERSONALITY



The plain words "WYS-TV, STATION MANAGER, BOB DAN SMALTZ." When you open the door you find custom types of electronic equipment in various states of assembly and in the middle of it all is KJ Smaltz.

Smaltz hails from Hamsville, NY, a little town near Rochester, where he grew up. He joined the Navy in September 1976. Enlisting under the IGTF (Advanced Technical Field), it was off to Orlando for Boot Camp, San Diego for "A" school and finally, Great Lakes for 18 weeks of Ground-Terrail TV School.

The 188 INDEPENDENCE (CV-48) was Smaltz's first command where he served three years before coming to the SPEAR. Being assigned to an aircraft carrier allowed him to work on PLAT (Pilot Landing Aide Television) and PLALS (Pilot Landing Optical Landing System). Until about two weeks before SPEAR's deployment to the Indian Ocean, Smaltz was assigned to E-3 Division. He was then obtained by Communications Department for the installation of a new SAT-18 system (Shipboard, Information and TV Entertainment) and has been "manning the deck" since March 1988.

A product of Smaltz's dedication and professionalism is his current promotion to Petty Officer First Class in the minimum required time.

Off duty Smaltz's interests lean to road racing. He has experience in 18 production (PSC Midget) Formula Ford, Formula Atlantic, and Formula Super Two/Continental, Indianapolis type cars.

If you've ever talked with Dan or seen the WYS-TV Station you know he means it when he says "There's nothing in this world like fat tires and wings!"

HEARD ANY GOOD-BURNERS LATELY?

Burners always seem to be a real source of amusement for me. If we could only channel the energy that people waste making up and operating puns, we would have a lot more karems and get lots more work done. The imagination used to create harmful lies could be used constructively to make someone's day brighter, instead of bringing tears.

If you've ever been cut by a vicious tongue attached to an idle brain you won't be so quick to join the groupies.

Did your mother ever tell you "If you can't say something nice about someone . . . keep your mouth shut"? Maybe we should try to remember the "golden rule" and do our part to stamp out SPEAR's most popular source of amusement—BURNER CONTROL.

WORKSHOP WISDOM

Working with portable or workshop equipment can become less routine for you as you grow. Following are some safety practices that are applicable to all types of power-driven tools. All machine operators would be wise to remember them.

- *Never lean against a machine that is running.
- *Loose or torn clothing, gloves, neckties, long sleeves, wrist watches and neck chains must not be worn by the operator of a machine.
- *Do not distract the attention of a machine operator.
- *Before operating a machine, make sure there is plenty of light to work by.
- *Remove Guard Straps (Personal Hazard, Chapter 603), and don't get "swapped up" in your work.



American
Red Cross

Time on your hands?

We could use those hands.

Join us.



Hi, are you missing about a Coprocessor?

Would you like to be recognized? Here's how you can work it so you get your face on a postage stamp. The information comes from a letter dictated, but not mailed to a man who wanted just that. The letter was dictated by James Edward Day, then Postmaster General.

"We cannot put the face of a person on a stamp unless said person is deceased. My suggestion, therefore, is that you drop dead."



CLASSIC DART WEST SET

Active duty and retired personnel of all Services are invited to compete in the Second Annual Forces International Dart Classic November 6-8.

Sponsored by the Commandant, Post Messes, VA, in coordination with the Department of Defense, the event will be held in Norfolk, VA, with competition conducted by the Tidewater Area Bowling Association. It is sanctioned by the American Dart Association.

Full details about the event can be obtained by writing to the Messes Support Division, Headquarters, Post Messes, VA 22044, ATTN: Dart Tournament.

LEAD-TUNGSTEN... BUT BAD TUNGSTEN

No personal electrical equipment such as radios, televisions, record players, tape recorders or hobby equipment shall be used aboard ships or submarines without the Engineering Officer's log of approval. Some plugs for this type equipment have metal leads or buttons or knobs. In such equipment, the chain becomes a part of the circuit. Exposed metal parts are energized and create the danger of shock to anyone touching them. Grounding these exposed metal parts would place a ground on the entire LED-cath lighting system.

The use of such equipment on board submarines and ships is not permitted unless it is modified for shipboard use by installing an isolation transformer (at owner's expense). Contact a ship's electrician (at 250) to check for the necessary modifications. Also, visually examine the attached cable and any extension cords for cracks, breaks or exposed conductors. If any defects are found, make the necessary repairs before use.

I Know I'm
SOMEBODY...



cause GOD don't
make no JUNK!

SPEAR SPONSOR CLUB TO HOLD MEETING

The USS L.T. SPEAR Sponsors' Club will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 15 at 1900 in the Naval Station Hobby Shop, second floor.

Guest speakers will be the Commanding Officer, Captain Robert F. Kelly and the Executive Officer, Commander Alexander Tully.

Entertaining is available and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more details call: 813-2929 or 813-7160.

SELECTIVE CONVERSION AND RENEWMENT (SCORE) PROGRAM

The SCORE Program offers the following career incentives to members who qualify for conversion to critically unstaffed ratings: guaranteed assignment to Class "A" school with automatic conversion upon graduation; guaranteed assignment to an appropriate class "C" school or "C" school package (if available); automatic advancement in petty officer or chief petty officer upon satisfactory completion of a designated "C" school, or "C" school package as indicated on the current Career Schools Listing (CSL); and recruitment bonus, if otherwise eligible.

For more information on eligibility requirements see the Career Counselor.

Congratulations!

—RETIREMENTS—

ET1 Melvin Jones retired on 22 September with twenty years of service to the Navy. On 26 September NCC Gerald E. Moore also retired from active duty. Both dignitaries were honored in ceremonies and presented plaques and mementoes of their first careers. We extend our best wishes to them both as they begin their second careers.

—GOOD LUCK—

ET1 Andrew B. Duncan reported on-board SPEAR on 4 November 1977. He has been the resident copier repairman, the supervisor of Electronics Repair Shop (RTA), E-4 Division Administration/Supply Party Officer and friend. On 24 September 1981 he was advanced to ETC.

On 26 September Chief Duncan will be leaving SPEAR for his new job in New York. We extend our very best wishes to our respected and trusted dignitary.

BE A LEGEND IN YOUR OWN TIME

Have you gotten an advancement, award, been awarded or just reported aboard? Did you know that even these are noteworthy accomplishments that merit a story about you?

If you would like to have your family and friends back home know what you are doing these days, just fill out a Fleet hometown News Bulletin. These forms are obtainable through the Public Affairs Office on board SPEAR.

For more information on how you can become a famous hometown personality, see 2621 Ocean Street 3220 or stop by her office on the Main Deck.



Send Spear Points Home!

FROM _____



TO: _____

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