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ERRATUM

In our last issue, we inadvertently deleted the byline on the page 4 article, "Concern......An Introspective Approach." This article was written by LT Bruce Gustin. We apoligize for this belated recognition.



Captain's Call

By Captain John M. Will, Jr.

Bravo! The trip to Lisbon was a success! Well done to all hands, including the dependents who accompanied us. Such splendid results holds promise for additional trips in the future as submarine loading permits.

REPAIR, if it wasn't for their hurry up repairs of a last minute submarine casualty, we wouldn't have been able to leave on shedule. Also, the hard work by the people who stayed behind lessened the impact of our absence on the submarine refits in progress at the time.

DECK, even with many new personnel, executed in a noteworthy manner the requirements of mooring, anchoring and tying up to a pier-it is seldom that within a single underway all three deck seamanship evolutions are involved, especially for a tender. Further, anchoring in Lisbon gave the coxswains a chance to get in a bit of smallboat seamanship.

ENGINEERING worked frantically to get all small-boat engines ready to go in case they were needed in Lisbon. The ship's engineering plant functioned well and the engineers were able to accomplish some much needed

underway training.
SUPPLY not only had the task of preparing a scrumptious Thanksgiving Dinner while underway, (which was done beautifully,) but also had to feed extra dependents as well. Money changes were handled expeditiously. Then, there was the added task of food breakout for sale to U.S. Military personnel in Lisbon. This took some liberty time away from some of our people but was much appreciated by RADM SCOTT, COMIBERLANT and his

WEAPONS was able to make valuable use of the at-sea time to get off some ariel shots with the 3"/50's and to qualify many personnel in small arms.

Support of the improvements at the Rec Center while the ship was away allowed Chief Gunnell to make significant progress on re-locating the heads and installing the washers and dryers

ADMIN recieved the myriad of tasks, from sailing lists to passports, not to speak of the excellent job done by LTJG McDonald and Special Services' personnel in making bus, hotel and tour arrangements.

MEDICAL/DENTAL: Beside the dispensing of sea sick pills and emergency dental care, Dr. Garcia was also able to perform several preventative surgical operations while at sea.

OPS/NAV got us there and back (without the rumored ball of string,) kept the radar and radios working and left men behind to maintain the broadcasts from the submarines. It was a good cruise. We look forward to the next one.--Malaga? Mallorca? We'll see.

Christmas

Linda and I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your loved ones a very enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a pleasant time over the holidays, but please drive carefully. We have had two very serious motor vehicle accidents in the last month and we don't want anyone else hurt. Drive defensively to protect yourself and others.

EDITORIAL:

Criticism. It is something you hear every day. You hear some type of criticism about somebody or something no matter where you are or what time of day it happens to be. Someone always has something to say.

Don't get me wrong, criticism is a good thing if it is used in a correct and understanding way. However, many people tend to use criticism to insult or slander others and their actions.

Listen to other people the next time you walk down the passageway. Take notice to what they have to say. Notice how much of it is unneeded criticism. Some people always have something to say.

Criticism, used constructively, is an invaluable tool for any free thinking operation. It is a factor that cannot be ignored. If a person has a complaint and goes about presenting it in the right way, then all hands can benefit, The person or group being criticized must accept that complaint in the way it was directed: constructively.

Blind criticism is something that needs little attention. If the complainer didn't feel the need to look into the situation first, then he really needs no reply. For this reason, an electrician knows little about the job of a personnelman and the personnelman knows little about electricity, so neither should complain about the other.

If you see a situation that could use some change, talk to the people in charge before you make any statement that would do nothing but cause confusion and bad feelings. Ask those people in charge what can be done about the situation. Have them go through possible solutions. Have them, not you, come up with with the answer. Not only will it get the problem solved, it will improve relations between you and them. No one should object to this simple but effective plan. There is no reason to object because both sides will benefit from the experience.

So, the next time you are about to make a remark about someone or something, think it over to yourself. Ask yourself if the remark will be fair to everyone and if it will help the situation. If it won't, it might be better to remain silent than to be thought a fool. Think of a better way to state the complaint. Then, everybody will be happy.



Chaplain's Corner

by Commander Jack Peters

Christmas is an enchanted season! It is many things to many people, but it is much more to the Christian because it is a wonderful reminder of "the good news." I believe strongly in the miracle of Christmas. It is the season when the human race pauses to be almost human again.

Christmas is songs and sentiment. It is moods, memories and most of all, a message of "peace on earth, goodwill toward men." No event in the history of mankind has had a deeper and more lasting effect than the Nativity.

In the few countries around the world where I have had the privilege of traveling, I have seen in the stores various nativity scenes--the Madonna, the shepards, the Wise Men and the baby Jesus. The face of the baby Jesus was always colored just like the faces of the people. They are saying "He's come down to us, He is our Saviour." He is the Saviour of all mankind.

Phyllis Brooks wrote, "Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!" Oh, what emotion that "little town" has stirred in the hearts of people who have the Christian faith. Blessed is that person who receives Christmas as a little child-with mysterious wonder. More blessed is that one who realizes it is a time of sharing not only our gifts, but our faith . Really, Christmas is family, friends and faith.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas.





Feedback...

This month, we asked members of the CANOPUS for their opinion of the DOD ban on smoking; Do you think it should be extended on the ship and do you think raising the price would have any effect.

HTFN Ralph Bilgeshouse, DC: The ban is a good idea. People get annoyed with smoking, especially when they are eating, on buses, elevators, etc. I don't think it would work here on the ship because the CANOPUS is a working area. Smokers like to take a minute to relax and have a cigarette. There should be no smoking only on the mess decks. Raising the prices is not a good idea because I smoke too much.

HTFN Jim Herson, DC: You should be able to smoke where you want to, except in eating areas, elevators, etc, anywhere that won't affect others rights. The plan here on the CANOPUS would be a mistake. People like to smoke while they are working and when they are relaxing. Raising the prices would just get people mad.

FR Dan Fitzgerald, S-2: If people want to smoke, let'em. The policy on board would just make people mad. I do think throwing cigarette butts on the deck is rude. If the prices were raised, it would just make people mad. I think they should be lower. I want to quit. If I do, I'll fight so nobody can.

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YOUR EXEMPTION REPRESENTATIVES

It is the policy of the Department of the Navy to eliminate drug abuse by all effective methods. The Exemption Program was established to encourage individuals with drug abuse problems to seek rehabilitative assistance through voluntary disclosure without fear of punishment. Members of the naval service who make voluntary disclosure will be granted exemption from disciplinary action. Disclosures will enable the drug abuser to obtain needed rehabilitative assistance as appropriate. Drug use disclosures also alert commands to take appropriate action to insure that drug abuse activity by personnel of the command has not or will not adversely affect the command's operational capabilities. A military member may not be subject to disciplinary action under the UCMJ or to administrative action leading to to a discharge other than honorable for drug use solely because he has volunteered for treatment under the Exemption Program. Under no circumstances will the Exemption Program be used for the purpose developing "informers". This does not preclude the pursuit of investigation, however, on the basis of information provided in an Exemption disclosure. For more information, contact one of your exemption rep-



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NOV Sailor of the Month

This month, we honor a sailor who decided to get out of the Navy after his first enlistment, but then reconsidered. Machinist Mate Charles Hillman, CANOPUS SAILOR OF THE MONTH for November, is that man.

MM3 Hillman's first enlistment was quickly coming to an end. He had made up his mind to leave the Navy behind for the civilian world. Up untill then, he had already seen the Mediterranean aboard the USS AMERICA. After receiving an honorable discharge, it was back to the States and home.

"I got out of the Navy and tried to go to work. The company that I was looking into wanted me to move from my hometown, Roanoke Va., to Louisiana. I didn't have the money to move, so I decided to come back into the Navy. I decided to join again about a month after I had gotten out", says MM3 Hillman.

"I wanted to come back in to get more experience in my rate", explains MM3 Hillman as the reason for rejoining. He also said he wanted to take his family overseas. MM3 Hillman works in the Oxygen-Nitrogen Processing Plant, $(O2\,N2)$. The plant manufactures oxygen and nitrogen for use as a breathing supply for the submarines while submerged. The shop also supplies the subs with high pressure air for use with the missile systems. They also supply the ship's divers with oxygen.

After spending some time in the delayed entry program, MM3 Hillman went to boot camp and machinist mate "A" school in Great Lakes, Illinois in 1973. "I was lucky and picked up a "C" school in hydraulics right after my "A" school, which was in San Fransisco", says MM3 Hillman.



He has visited Rota before while on the America. "I've seen it before (Spain) and I still like it. I rejoined so that I could come here to Rota", says MM3 Hillman.

Since coming here in July, he sees that the biggest difference between the CANOPUS and the AMERICA is the time at sea. He also said that there were too many people on the AMERICA. "You only knew the people you worked with and not many others."

After a short delay due to passport reasons, MM3 Hillman's wife Pat and their two—year old daughter Jennifer came to join him here in Rota.

At the present time, his hobbies are working on cars, playing football and a six week old Irish Setter.

HOW TO RETIRE AT

it's easy

Thousands of officers, chiefs and petty officers do it every year, ashore and afloat.

It sets back our Navy, our country and our economy thousands of years in terms of wasted human resources. Worst of all is the personal tragedy that almost always

results from an early retirement.

It usually begins with a tinge of boredom. Gradually, a man's work begins to seem endlessly reptitious. The rat race hardly seems worth it any more. It is at this point that many a 35 year-old "boy wonder" retires. There are no farewell dinners or ship's plaques. He still goes to work every day, stands his duty and even draws his paycheck. He's retired, but nobody knows it. Not at first, anyhow.

The lucky ones get out of the Navy in time to make a fresh start. Those less fortunate hang on for a while, years even, waiting and wondering for a promotion that never comes and wondering why. There are ways to fight back, though, and most men do. The run until they get

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the second wind that is now known as "self-renewal".

Self-renewal is nothing more or less than doing for yourself what your parents, teachers, coaches and chiefs did for you when you seemed young and in need of it. It is the highest form of self-discipline and it can be one of the most satisfying experiences a man can enjoy.

Self-renewal is the adult's ability to motivate himself; to re-awaken his self pride in the face of spiritual fatigue.

Self-renewal is the device by which the "boy wonders" become men. Leaders. Creators. Thinkers.

Self-renewal is probably the greatest challenge we must face, no matter what our chosen profession might be. It is worth the effort, though. With all the talk about banning compulsory retirement and with life expectancy approaching the century mark, 65 or 70 years is a long time to spend in a rocking chair.

(Adapted by LT Bruce Gustin from an article appearing in the Wall Street Journal)

FEL13 NAVIDAD ESPAÑA



Now that the long awaited season is finally here, most people start thinking about Christmas trees, Santa Claus, cards, stockings, gifts and the traditional Christmas Day dinner.

Have you ever thought of what Christmas is like in Spain?

The Spaniards still await Christmas, but it is celebrated in a different way.

The preparation for the holiday does not begin until mid-December, not like right after Halloween back in the states. There has been an increasing amounts of decoration in the larger Spanish cities, but usually, the only kind of seasonal displays are the belens, or the scenes of the Nativity. These are found throughout Spain. You can find them in the churches. Some of them are quite old and they are quite intricate and beautiful.

Christmas Day is a day for the family to get together and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. There is usually a big dinner prepared, consisting of the traditional besugo, or red snapper fish, There can also be a variety of other



dishes such as lamb, rabbit or some other wild game along with plenty of wine. This is just the day of celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The Spanish do not exchange any gifts on this day.

On New Year's Eve, the people of the town gather by the town's clock to wait for the midnight hour and the coming of the new year. At the stroke of midnight, everybody celebrates by eating twelve grapes, one for each month of the new year. This, along with the church services immediately following, are practiced to insure good luck.

On January 6th, the gifts are finally delivered to the people, Don't expect a sleigh and reindeer on your roof and a jolly old man climbing down the chimney. However, if you see three camels in the front yard and three wise men carrying gifts, don't chase them away. The Spaniards believe the gifts are delivered by the three wise men on this day because that is how long it took fo the news of the birth of Jesus to reach the land. This day is called the epifania and it is twelve days after Christmas.



(Pictures from the 1976 Rota Cristmas parade. The three Kings and their escorts ride through the town throwing candy to the children.)

The gifts exchanged among the people are about the same as the gifts exchanged in the states. The children anxiously await the opening of their toys. Other items that the family members may need are exchanged. The Spanish people do not celebrate the season with the good old Christmas tree yet, although the trend is spreading.

It is the time of the year for the family to be together to celebrate. It is a more religious and more serious time but a time for everyone to enjoy.

MINUTES: HRC Meeting Results

The CANOPUS Human Relations Council met on November 9th to discuss the following issues.

Engineering asked if it was possible to have street lights installed at the intersection at the railroad tracks and the intersection coming into the pier area. Both of these areas are dangerous at night. Cdr. Adams, executive officer, said to take the problem to the ship's safety officer and have him take it to the base security officer for resolution of the problem. Deck asked if the Smoke Shop could be open on the weekends so the duty section can purchase cigarettes. The XO commented that SH3 Stice puts in long hours into the Smoke Shop every week and that people should plan ahead for the weekend. The Smoke Shop is open from 0930 till 1200 and from 1300 till 1800 every weekday. Deck also asked if CCTV can secure at 2400. The XO replied that they can only work this late on the weekends. One final question from deck was why soda machines never seem to have an adequate supply, especially on the weekends. The XO commented with the fact that the ship brings about 1050 cases of soda on board every two weeks. He suggests the supply officer talk to the sub crews because they use the machines often and make large purchases, leaving them empty for individual purchases. Supply says the machines are filled every morning and afternoon during the week and

daily on the weekends. It is asked that the crew buy large purchases at the gee-dunk, located on the after mess decks. This facility is open on the weekends.

Repair asked if the post office could sell stamps at the money order window due to the busy holiday mailing rush. There are too many people trying to send packages which takes a longer time to buy stamps. The XO said that the post office is trying to set up a place on the pier where people can go to pick up incoming packages. The problem of trying to sell stamps and money orders at the same window is that they are two separate funds and they can not be mixed. The postal clerks are responsible for all money they handle and would have to make up any losses from their own pockets. Repair also asked if something could be done about the condition of the brow when it is wet. During these times it can be very slippery. The XO replied that to his knowledge there is some new material on order and that everyone should use the handrails until the problem can be corrected. And finally, Repair asked if a cigarette machine could be installed on board. Supply answered that the fact that a machine would cost about \$1700 which would come from the profits sent to the rec fund. Cigarettes would cost \$.75 a pack. This would also open the door to blackmarketeering because there would be no way to monitor the machine.



For the holiday season we have invited this young, tender sailor to add some Christmas Spirit to Mystery Man. If you are having trouble identifying this ghost of Christmas past, see page



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BRINGING A GUEST ON BOARD

As we enter the holiday season, many people will be expecting guests, both friends and relatives. For those of you who live on the base or will want to visit the base, you will find it takes a little prior planning and effort for a smooth stay.

If your guests are American citizens, the procedures are fairly simple. For initial entry to the base, just present your guest's passport to the sentry at the gate. You and your guest will both be logged in and given a temporary pass, which is good until 0200 that night and must be returned to that gate before 0200.

After getting on the base, go over to Security and you can get a pass issued which will allow him through the gate for the duration of his visit. If you arrive at the gate after hours on Friday or on the weekend, go to the Shore Patrol Headquarters at the rear of the Security Building. They will issue you a temporary pass good until 0900 on the following Monday.

It is also possible to get a pass for entry to the Navy Exchange facilities. This pass is good for admittance only and does not confer any rights to purchase items. It is a convenience for the shopper. For example, your mother will not have to wait in the car while you go into the Exchange. This pass can be obtained from the Navy Exchange Security Office, next door to the Main Exchange.

If you wish to bring an American citizen aboard the CANOPUS, all that needs to be done is to sign the Uncleared Visitors Log and remain with your guest at all times while on board.

If your guest is a citizen of Spain, the procedure at the gate is the same as that for an American. Present your guest's passport or ID card to the sentry at the gate and you will be issued a temporary pass, good until 0200 that night. You can go to Security or the Shore Patrol for a pass for as long as necessary.

If your guest is a third national, that is neither Spanish





or American, things become more complicated. A one day pass can be issued to your guest. It expires at 0200. A one page request for a third national pass,(NAVEUN NS ROTA 551269), must be picked up and completed three working days prior to the intended visit. This is a requirement of the Spanish Security Office and the pass is issued by the Spanish Navy.

If a third national is to be a guest in the area for more than one day, a pass can be obtained for up to three months. The papers must be processed 15 days prior to the intended visit and can be picked up at the Security Office, in the interpreters section.

If you want to bring a foreign guest, either Spanish or third national, on board the CANOPUS, a visit request must be completed prior to the intended visit. These request forms are available in the Captain's Office and require the signatures of your Division Officer, Department Head, the Security Officer(ENS Sterling) and either the Executive or Commanding Officer's signature. While it may not take long to walk this request through, it would be wise to start as far ahead as possible to ensure that it is ready when you need it.

Security of our ship and the base demand that the access of both is controlled. The small amount of paperwork required for a pass is necessary. If you take care of it beforehand and know what to do, a visit should prove to be painless for both you and your guest.



from the desk of

by NC1 Jerry Buczkowski

The Command Career Counselor

Education is one of the biggest concerns of the Navy man today. To advance in either the Navy or in civilian life, an advanced degree of education is almost necessary. I am going to run a series of article on the educational opportunities available to the Navy man.

One of the main problems with obtaining advanced training is the financing of the desired courses.

The series will begin with the Tuition Assistance Aid Program. The This is the most popular method of financial assistance used in the Rota area. The Tuition Assistance Aid Program provides for up to 75% of the tuition of accredited post-secondary courses taken at approved institutions. The remaining amount of the tuition, books and fees must be borne by the member.

Approved courses and programs will fall under the purview of the following criteria. Post secondary degree or certificate courses that support the Navy's need and enhance the leadership qualities in the individual. Tuition for post secondary degree or certificate courses must be for academic credit expressed in quarter or semester hours. Also included are post-secondary vocational, technical or trade courses and programs that

support the present rating of the individual and fill the current need of the Navy, or meet the career aspirations of the individual. Tuition for post-secondary vocational, technical or trade courses must be for credit expressed in semester hours, quarter hours, total hours, total weeks or total months.

Tuition assistance may not be authorized for courses previously taken and for which credit has been received.

Those who wish to take advantage of the Tuition Assistance Aid Program should go to the Educational Services Office for the necessary paperwork. Early submission and expeditious handling of the application is necessary in order to have the approved Tuition Assistance Application/ Authorization (NAVEDTRA Form 1560/1) returned to the applicant in time for registration. The following procedure outlines the responsibility of the applicant.

The applicant shall select courses and the institution, initiate the Tuition Assistance Application and submit the signed application to the CO via the ESO. Notify the ESO of any changes to the contract such as cancellation or addition of couses. as soon as possible. Then, present the approved application, which is

received from the Tuition Assistance Regional Office, to the educational institution and pay your share of the tuition cost. Submit a final copy of your grade report to the CO. The ESO is responsible for forwarding the application to the Tuition Assistance Regional Office.

Until the member has received the approved application, he cannot assume that the application for tuition has been approved. Applicants who register prior to the receipt of the approved authorization may be held liable for all costs incurred. Also, those personnel who withdraw voluntarily prior to completion or fail courses for which the Navy has paid or agreed to partially pay for will be required to refund the share of tuition costs assumed by the Navy. Personnel who withdraw involuntarily because of changes in duty, schedules, hospitalization or reassignment to another station are not required to make refunds to the Navy. Involuntary withdrawls must be verified by the CO.

For more information, contact the ESO or your Career Counselor.

In the next issue, I'll be covering the Veteran's Educational Assistance Program for in-service military.



"The Starboard Scullery Singers" get into the Christmas spirit (or was it the distilled spirits, fellows?) From L to R, Mike Manley, Ed Gill, Rick Fisher and Dave Strader.

ROTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Rota Community College will be highlighting its January term with a new course in SPANISH COOKING. Scheduled to take place on Wednesday afternoons, the course will be taught by a Spanish chef who has worked at the Playa de la Luz for five years. One class will be devoted to cooking various "lapas" and the other three will concentrate on preparing complete meals. Class price of \$18 includes instruction, food and wine.

Among other classes planned for the term are: PHYSICAL FITNESS, EVERYDAY SPANISH, YOUTH GYMNASTICS, FLAMENCO DANCING, BEGINNING GUITAR and ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANCUAGE.

Registration will take place January 2nd through January 6th at the Educational Services Office, Room 111, Building 1. Anyone with a special interest, hobby or talent is invited to submit an application for new course offerings. For more information, contact Connie Roney or Cathy Ritchie at 2785 between 10 and 2.

notes from:

SPECIAL SERVICES

Our main task last month was to get the Lisbon trip off right. Considering the complications involved, everything went fairly well. On the dependents end, a special thanks should go to ETI Bill Washington for ramrodding the Marsans end of the tour and trying to get in the Guiness Book of World Records for aspirin eating. He was one of the few people involved who was not offered a tip.

While in Lisbon, we were able to send approximately 350 people off on the various tours we had available. Most people seemed to enjoy themselves, and overall, we think it was a success. For those

people who did not feel everything went well, we apoligize for any inconvenience caused by our inexperience.

We have not been getting much response to our expanded tour programs. Our Day Trips to Chiclana, Seville and Jerez will continue on the expanded schedule until December 24th when we will go back to the old schedule-every other Wednesday to the Doll Factory at Chiclana, every Thursday to Seville for shopping and every Saturday to Jerez for the bodega tour. We require a minimum of six people to go. Sign up a week in advance at the SITE II Rec Center.

We have not had much respose on our Weekenders. Upcoming dates are; Ceuta on December 17th and 18th at \$29 per person, Torremolinas on January 14th and 15th at \$24 per person and to Granada on January 16th, 17th and 18th at \$35 per person. This is a hard deal to beat.

Special Services is still on track for a Super Bowl Weekend in Germany. This will be a six day tour, leaving Seville and flying to Geneva, Switzerland for an overnight stay. Next, it is on to Garmish from the 13th through the 16th for skiing, sightseeing and the Super Bowl via sattelite. You'll leave on the 16th for an overnight stay in Paris, France, and then it is on back to Seville. The cost should run about \$225 per person. Keep watching for final details; we'll get them as

If you are staying in the local area, you will find the Recreation Center looking pretty worse for the wear. We've got a good start on the re-location of the heads, and things should be moving along a lot quicker. When the new heads are completed, we should have the washers and dryers installed and everything ready to go. The old heads will be removed and a half-court basketball area set up again. If you would like to volunteer your services in this urban re-newal, contact the Rec Center at extension 411 or 2471.

soon as possible.

When we finish, we should have a couple of pinball machines in addition to the equipment in the building now. By the time the renovation is complete, we should have one of the finest facilities in the Med. Once again, we will need your help to keep it this way. The active effort of the majority is needed to keep that 10% of problem makers from spoiling things for eveyone. If we all do our share, we can keep things nice for everyone.

Avoid Miscalculated Explosions

Do you carry a miniature calculator in your pocket? If so, it could knock you off your feet.

The Journal of Environmental Health has recently warned that an improperly shielded pocket calculator can explode.

Reseachers have found that any metal object that indevertently comes in contact with the un-protected battery charge contact points will cause a thermal run-away.

This in turn shorts out the nickel-cadmium batteries, and
an explosion with enough force to knock a person down
'will result. Even the lead from a pencil can cause such a
thermal run-away.

The best way to prevent such an accident: carry your pocket calculator in its case.



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Here's the ghost of Christmas Present, still a "Tender Sailor", in this case, it is none other than the Canopus Chaplain CDR Jack Peters.

In Memorial IMSA Jeffery Lee Reever

USS CANOPUS (AS-34), ROTA, SPAIN	Dec.
Dear,	

Feedback...(cont.)

from p. 3

SH3 Stephen Stice, Smoke Shop Operator: The ban is great. There should be special areas for smokers and they should be confined there if they are going to smoke. People have a right to smoke. but they don't have a right to mess up my air. If the prices were raised. it would affect some people, though they would still come up with the money. An alcoholic will always buy booze and people will always buy drugs, so they would still buy them. There would be some monetary effect. I think ration cards should be voided if people do not smoke or drink. This Smoke Shop supports half of Rota, so I'll still be in business.

Happy Holidays











Larry Ewan, MAA: It doesn't bother me, but it would make life miserable living around the nicotine freaks. The only thing worse than an alcoholic without booze is a smoker without a cigarette. I would rather have a little smoke blown in my face rather than to have everyone angry. The policy here on the CANOPUS would make cleaning up a lot easier. I would like to see smoking areas set up rather than non-smoking areas. Raising the prices would not cut down on smoking, just make people mad. If the price was too high, it would increase the crime rate. There is nobody more critical to a smoker than a person who has just quit.



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