



# ANTARCTIC



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MCMURDO STATION AND SCOTT BASE, ANTARCTICA

## FROM THE EDITOR

Would you believe that the first antarctic newspaper was printed four years before the Amundsen/Scott conquest of the pole? I was reading Shackleton's biography and learned that he published the South Polar Times in 1907. This was when Shackleton, Scott, and Wilson's discovery expedition to the south pole failed, but they attained the furthest south record of 82 degrees, 2 minutes.

Anyways, Shackleton tried to make money off of this newspaper when he returned to London the same year. He did not. Shackleton also has the distinction of publishing the second paper in the Antarctic - the Aurora Australis. So much for profits. Here we follow the tradition of Shackleton and give you the Nite Times.

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## WORLD NEWS

WASHINGTON -- New orders for durable goods fell a sharp 4.1 percent, or \$5.3 billion, in April, because of declining orders for motor vehicles and aircraft, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. The decline, which was more than twice what several economists had expected, followed increases of 6.5 percent in March and 2.4 percent in February. In January, durable goods orders slipped 10.5 percent.

WASHINGTON -- Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady told a Senate panel Wednesday that it could cost up to \$57 billion more than previously estimated to bail out insolvent savings and loan institutions, bringing the total cost to as much as \$130 billion.

BRUSSELS, Belgium -- Defense Secretary Dick Cheney Wednesday acknowledged some short-range nuclear artillery shells based in Europe were below U.S. safety standards but said the shells posed no danger and the problem had been corrected. Cheney said media accounts about the shells 'distort' any past risks.

JERUSALEM -- Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, reacting to President Bush's calls for maximum restraint by Israeli forces, defended the military Wednesday for acting in an 'exemplary manner' in facing rioting Palestinians.

GENEVA -- The U.N. Security Council will meet Friday in Geneva, rather than in New York, to allow PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to address a debate on the latest violence in the Israeli-occupied territories, the United Nations said Wednesday.

AMMAN, Jordan -- Prime Minister Mudar Badran, following an emergency Cabinet session, said the government would do its utmost to maintain order in Jordan where thousands of Palestinians have taken to the streets in protest of an Israeli's killing of seven Arabs.

MOSCOW -- Ethnic Armenians in the Nagorno-Karabakh region used ballots smuggled into their disputed Azerbaijani enclave to vote for the neighboring Armenian republic's parliament in violation of the Soviet Constitution, news reports said Wednesday.

MOSCOW -- Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev accused radical Communist Boris Yeltsin Wednesday of abandoning socialism and trying to break up the Soviet Union.

MOSCOW -- Mikhail Gorbachev met the presidents of Latvia and Estonia but the Soviet leader refused to budge on his insistence that all three Baltic republics suspend their declarations of independence, a demand Lithuania's Parliament again rejected.

BUDAPEST, Hungary -- Jozsef Antall, on the eve of his anticipated election Wednesday as prime minister, has called for his country's withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, setting the agenda for Hungary's first non-communist government in 43 years.

MOSCOW -- President Mikhail Gorbachev said his hotly debated economic reform plan that more than doubles the price of food 'is a new revolution, only we want it to be without bloodshed.'

PARIS -- Seven people suspected of belonging to a 'satanic music cult' were arrested Wednesday in the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in the town of Carpentras, police said. Investigators said at least some of the seven people being questioned are believed to have been involved in desecrating another cemetery in 1988.

NORFOLK, Va. -- A Christian Broadcasting Network engineer pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges of using CBN equipment to send religious messages over the Playboy Channel and another cable operation.

BOSTON -- Harvard University has sold its shares in firms that manufacture tobacco, saying it could not justify investment in an industry that brings 'unjustified risk of harm to other human beings,' a newspaper said Wednesday.

# THE PENGUIN

... Laura, Mike Arthur ... Mike Arthur killed Pete the Penguin?" Asked LT Sisk "Yes, or at least let me say I think very strongly that he killed him! You see, the other day I was in the galley doing a site inspection with Chief Chafin. I saw Mike and he looked quite upset. I thought this rather strange since Mike is a very up kind of trooper. I asked Mike what was wrong. He said, "Sir, you know Pete the Penguin? Well, I'm, well, you know, he was blackmailing me and to tell you the truth I'm glad that he's dead!" LT Sisk then asked Mike if he had anything to do with the death of Pete the Penguin? "I didn't kill him, I wear it," Mike said. I was now wondering if perhaps, he might have killed him. I then asked him if he would be willing to tell me why Pete was blackmailing him and how much money he had paid to him. Mike looked around the room and said, "He had a picture of me sir, something that could ruin me, and I paid him about \$100.00. I owed him more, but he up and died." Well as I was looking at Mike, I noticed big Eric Duncan waving at me. I finished with Mike and he left the galley. I then walked over to Eric and asked him what he wanted. "Sir," he said, "I like Mike, he's a good man, but I gotta tell you that the night Pete the Penguin died, I saw Mike hand the Penguin 2 sandwiches, both herring!" I didn't let on, but I rushed over here to inform you of this. I say, lets bring him in right now and arrest him! "Wait a minute LT," I said, "we got a list of suspects,

but we can't charge anyone now. Listen to these other accounts." Gina began to explain to LT Sisk about Judy, Travis, and Ray Tien when suddenly LT Sisk's beeper went off. LT Sisk: please call Mark Desimone asap. LT Sisk then called and listened for a moment. Soon after he said, "Do you know Ken Nestler?" Mark then replied, "yes, why." "Well, Ken was just caught breaking into Pete's house!

Next ...

Tin Knocker, Tin Knocker make me a box make it sturdy with a big heavy lock!

## FEATURE INTERVIEW

by Warren Ross

Dino Kontinos: fun person, just, fair, approachable, intelligent, but above all, well rounded. O.K., so there's not a definition of Dino in the dictionary, but if there were, these adjectives would be a few of many one would see. It may be said its a biased opinion - true. I've known Dino for some time now and am happy to call him a friend.

Calling home Nashua, New Hampshire, he attended the University of New Hampshire as a poly - sci major before enlisting in the Navy. About this Dino says, "I wanted to leave New Hampshire; I was there for 22 years ... I had an uncle in the old Navy and remember listening to stories about the South Pacific. I wanted to go there; I wanted to see the world." Dino got his chance to see the South Pacific. More importantly, he saw even more - including the Antarctic. He's one of those rare people who can claim having been on every continent and every ocean.

Dino's original plans were separate from Naval service and continue his education. "I enjoyed being an AG (aerographer's mate - weather forecaster). My chief asked one day if it was possible for him to get me orders to the Philippines would I stay in. I answered yes. I got the orders and I've been in ever since." Dino is returning to the P.I. after duty here. He will be calling Cubie Point NAS (Naval Air Station) home soon. If life cards are dealt fast, Dino has had as much experience in handling that as anyone. Before coming here, he had orders to Diego Garcia (a small island in the Indian Ocean - part of British Indian Ocean Territory, B.I.O.T.). Anyway, his detailer called saying that a winter over AG was needed and that his next duty station would be guaranteed. And here he is ...

He enjoys being a weather forecaster. As a kid of only eight he kept snow charts in New Hampshire. Good thing he started with snow - maybe one could say that was factor that affected him, gave him his life's work. "Weather is not repetitious. It constantly changes. I like that!"

Dino's personal life is as diverse as his professional. His hobbies are diving, listening to music and reading. He is now reading Tom Clancy's newest techno - thriller, Clear and Present Danger. By the way, I have read it myself and recommend it. I got hooked on Clancy after reading Red Storm Rising. Dino says the best thing about his Antarctic experience is "having the





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The word around town now is Airdrop. Christmas time in Antarctica rules. The Nite Times will, of course, provide exclusive coverage.

Congratulations go out to Addison Smith, Roger Laflamme, Doug Steidl, Bob Medo and Shawn Shaftea who all passed the amateur radio novice exam on 5-31-90.

We got a couple letters to the editor concerning the Shadow newspaper this past week. I gave these letters to the other paper hoping they would print them.

Unfortunately, there will be no Nite Times paper next week due to all of the staff working on Airdrop. See ya in two weeks.

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## WORLD NEWS

WASHINGTON — The 'eyes of the world' are on President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev as they hold their second summit, a four-day affair that could yield progress on arms control, but will ultimately key on the secession-minded Baltic states and a unified Germany.

MOSCOW — Both chambers of the Soviet Parliament preliminarily approved and pushed closer to enactment landmark bills creating a multi-party political system and expanding religious freedoms. The two measures would implement two of the most dramatic reforms of President Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika drive, ending the Soviet Communist Party's seven-decade monopoly on power and the government's official policy of atheism.

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov was slightly injured in a collision between his limousine and a military troop bus, the official Tass news agency said Thursday. One of the 20 soldiers in the bus and one of the people traveling with Ryzhkov was also injured in the accident Wednesday morning, Tass said.

BUCHAREST, Romania — More than 80 aftershocks, one registering 5.9 on the Richter scale, kept Romanians' nerves on edge Thursday as authorities began to survey the damage from the region's worst earthquake in 13 years. A powerful jolt at 3:18 a.m. shook millions of people from their sleep and severely damaged a number of buildings that survived the initial quake nearly 14 hours earlier, authorities said.

LIMA, Peru — More than 20 aftershocks followed an earthquake that killed at least 83 people, injured nearly 500 and destroyed the homes of hundreds of others in northern Peru, the same region where tens of thousands were killed by a temblor 20 years ago Thursday.

MEXICO CITY — A moderate earthquake registering 4.9 on the Richter scale rattled Mexico City early Thursday, the Tacubaya Seismological Service Institute said. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damages.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — About 500 Contra rebels surrendered their weapons in the largest one-day disarmament since the process began more than a month ago, U.N. officials said.

MOSCOW — A giant Proton booster rocket launched a high-tech modular addition to the Mir space station Thursday from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Central Asia. The 'Kristall specialized technological module' lifted off the launching pad in the republic of Kazakhstan at 2:33 p.m. Moscow time, the official Tass news agency said.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Engineers searched in vain Thursday for a leak in a hydrogen fuel line fitting aboard the shuttle Columbia, raising the possibility the flight could be delayed three weeks or more for major repairs, officials said.

WASHINGTON — Factory orders plunged 5.5 billion, or 2.3 percent, in April on a weakened demand for automobiles and aircraft while inventories edged up 500 million, or 0.1 percent, the government said Thursday. The monthly estimate by the Commerce Department was in line with the forecasts of private analysts.

DETROIT — Gerald Greenwald, heir apparent to Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca, resigned Wednesday to become chief executive officer of United Air Lines. 'I've been offered an opportunity to lead another great company during a period of major transition, and it's an opportunity I can't turn down,' said Greenwald, Chrysler's vice chairman.

NIZZANIM, Israel — A PLO faction reportedly behind the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship claimed responsibility for a failed speedboat attack on Israel's Mediterranean shore that left four Arab guerrillas dead.

## WHEEL CORNER

If you are planning a vacation after leaving McMurdo and still have difficulty deciding where to go, consider the nation's capital, Washington D.C.

Washington D.C. has a sense of history not duplicated anywhere else in the U.S.A. There you can get a tour of the White House, and develop an appreciation for past and present presidential life-styles. Other attractive sights include the Pentagon, and the Lincoln, Jefferson, and Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. A very popular attraction is the Smithsonian Museum with its astounding space museum. In the space museum you can see a piece of the moon, space crafts that actually left earth, antique military aircraft etc. Every copy written document published in the U.S.A. can be seen at the Library of Congress, and almost every plant known in the U.S.A. can be seen at the National Arboretum.

Most attractions in the D.C. area are free to the public; others require a small entrance/maintenance fee. To further economize, stay away from the high cost hotels of the downtown area. You can find comfortable inexpensive hotels and motels that are easily accessible from most D.C. attractions via public transportation.

## BUSINESS NEWS LOAN COSIGNATORIES

Many of us are often approached by family members or friends to co-sign for a loan. This usually occurs because their

credit is not good enough to borrow without a co-signer.

Anytime you co-sign for a loan, you are legally accepting the responsibility for the payment of the loan in the event the borrower fails to pay off that loan. Think twice before co-signing any loan. The following are good reasons not to co-sign for any loan:

1. You can be asked to pay off the loan.
2. You may be liable for late charges due to your friends or relatives delinquency.
3. You may damage your own credit rating.

If you cannot resist the desire to help someone in need, always attempt to have the lender limit your obligations to the principal amount only. Never co-sign any loan unless you are able to pay it off, if necessary. Also, never pledge your own property to secure a loan, you may lose it. Finally, request notification from the lender of any mispayment, that way you will be aware of any possible problems.

## THE TRUE STORY

On the eve of June 1, 1940, C.L. received a cryptic phone call from a friend in the British Admiralty asking C.L. to meet him in two hours. At the meeting, C.L. was asked to assist in the Dunkirk evacuation. Dunkirk was the scene in France where allied forces were desperately in need of evacuation due to heavy bombardment by the Germans. Seeing an opportunity to clear his name, C.L. immediately accepted the request and the following day set to sea in his 58 foot cruiser, the

Sundowner.

Half way across the English Channel, the Sundowner was spotted by German war planes. Before they could open fire, a British destroyer, who by chance happened to be in the vicinity at the same time, opened fire and drove the intruders away. This was a stroke of good luck for the Sundowner being unarmed and vulnerable. By the time the Sundowner reached Dunkirk, it was the middle of the afternoon. Immediately C.L. began taking soldiers aboard.

Overloaded, C.L. set to sea once again in another attempt to cross the English Channel. It was not long before he encountered German planes. Although overloaded, the Sundowner turned swiftly under the skillful maneuvers of C.L. and arrived safely in England. At the dock, everyone was surprised at the number of soldiers C.L. evacuated. C.L. evacuated 130 soldiers in a craft designed to hold a maximum of only 50 people.

Despite the odds, C.L. achieved the impossible. Most of all he removed the stigma to his name which had troubled him for almost 3 decades. You see, C.L. was Charlie Lytler, the second officer aboard the SS. Titanic, the vessel they said was invincible. Since the sinking of the Titanic, Charlie Lytler was known as one of the men who could not safely guide a vessel that should have been invincible.

## ANTARCTIC FREEMASONRY

IN ORDER THAT MASONIC BROTHERS MAY GATHER TOGETHER IN THE FURTHERANCE OF MASONIC TIES, PROMOTE MASONIC IDEALS AND TRADITIONS, AND PROVIDE A COMMON GROUND FOR SOCIAL CONTACT BETWEEN MASONS IN, OR TRAVELING THROUGH MCMURDO AND THE SCOTT BASE, ANTARCTICA, "THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE MASONIC CLUB NO 1 WAS FOUNDED IN JANUARY OF 1957.

THE "ANTARCTIC CIRCLE MASONIC CLUB NO. 1 WAS ORGANIZED IN JANUARY, 1957, DURING THE IGY OPERATION DEEP FREEZE III AT THE LITTLE AMERICA STATION. HOWEVER DURING THE VOYAGE TO ANTARCTICA ON BOARD THE USS CURTISS, IN DECEMBER, 1956, BRO. CARL O. WYMAN WITH THE HELP OF BRO. CHARLES W. DAMON, BRO. EDWARD W. CAMP JR AND BRO. ROGER L. CRABTREE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY ORGANIZING A CLUB OF THIS TYPE IN ANTARCTICA, AND LAID THE GROUND WORK FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT AT THIS TIME. DURING THE INITIAL MEETING A MEMBERSHIP ROSTER WAS ESTABLISHED FOR VARIOUS MEMBERS NAME, HOME LODGE AND MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER ISSUED BY THE ANTARCTICA CLUB (THIS PRACTICE CONTINUES TO THIS DATE). AFTER THE COMPLETION OF DEEP FREEZE OPERATIONS AT LITTLE AMERICA, THE

CLUB RECORDS WERE MOVED TO NAF MCMURDO, ROSS ISLAND. DURING THE YEARS BETWEEN 1957 AND 1982 OVER 560 FREEMASONS HAVE GRACED THE PORTALS, SOUGHT AND RECEIVED LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS IN THIS CLUB. THE CLUB CAN BOAST OF MEMBERS WHO HAILED FROM ALL STATES IN THE U.S.A. (EXCEPT DELAWARE) THIS INCLUDES ALASKA AND HAWAII AND 17 FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

IN 1975 A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FROM 1937 WAS SENT TO THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE MASONIC CLUB ALONG WITH THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ANTARCTIC LODGE #777 WHICH WAS HELD ONBOARD THE SS JACOB RUPERT, AN ICEBREAKER IN THE ROSS SEA, ON 5 FEBRUARY, 1935 BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BYRD EXPEDITION. OUT OF 87 PEOPLE ON THE EXPEDITION 60 WERE MASONS INCLUDING ADMIRAL BYRD. MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD IN VARIOUS PLACES: THE BIO-LAB, THE CHAPEL, PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COMMAND COFFERENCE ROOM, MEMBER'S ROOMS IN BLDG. 155 AND ECT, BUT NO MATTER WHERE THE MEETINGS WERE HELD, MONEY WAS COLLECTED FOR CHARITY AND EACH MEETING HELD IN THE BEST INTREST OF MASONRY.

MASONS AT MCMURDO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES, NOT THE LEAST OF THESE INCLUDE; THE PURCHASE OF A 14 FOOT BOAT IN 1960, FOR

THE STANMORE BOAT HONE IN NZ, THE GATHERING OF TOYS AND MONEY (WHICH INCLUDED OVER \$1800.00 IN 1972) FOR THE EMPTY STOCKING FUND IN NZ, A DONATION OF \$190.00 IN 1975 TO THE BOYS CLUB OF PORT HUENEME, CA. TO DATE \$5,688.00 HAS BEEN COLLECTED AND DELIVERED TO VARIOUS CHARITIES IN BOTH NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES. OUR CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR A MASONIC EDUCATION, INFORMATION NIGHT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WATCH THE NITE TIMES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT.



# What goes up...

SBPA

With airdrop coming up this week, a lot of people both here and in greener lands will be very busy. Over Ross island, however, someone else who is seldom recognised or acknowledged, will also have a fairly "heavy" workload come D-day.

No, I'm not talkin' of the rubbish man, who will have to get rid off all the extra wrapping paper, or the man at the power plant who will have to pedal a bit faster to keep all the lights on so that folks can stay up late and read their mail. No, the guy who's really gonna' feel it for no thanks is old man "Gravity"!

That's right, "Gravity", old Newtons friend, is really gonna' feel great when eighty-odd pallets come shooting out the back of a C-141, at lightning speed, and everyone will be counting on him to deliver them to the ground! Not only that, but, he has to deliver them the right way up!

The ice drop will not be "Gravity's" only job on the day. Like any other day, or night, "Gravity" will be racing around the globe, like a kid on the way home from school, on the look out

for any leaves that choose to detach themselves from tree branches, or any wastes a cow might excrete out the back. When he spys such an act he must immediately smash the item in question to the ground before racing off to get the next one. Phew! Must be a bugger of a job. If he ever slipped up or was a bit slow, people would be terribly suspicious, so he's always got to be on form.



Of course, not anybody could do this job. "Gravity" must be skilled in a whole lot of areas. Physics and Chemistry are the main prerequisites. For instance, he must know from a quick glance whether a balloon contains plain air, or helium, and respond accordingly. No sir, "Gravity" is no fool!

What I thought appropriate was to do one of those "Feature Interviews" on the old fellow, but, when I asked around, no one seemed to know how to get hold of him. In fact, I heard, no one actually knows if it is a he, or if "Gravity" is actually

human at all. Strange! The best I could do was find the following complicated description in an old encyclopedia. Read on...

"Gravity is made by the Gravco Corporation in Greenwich, Connecticut, a small mom and pop operation that has supplied the world's gravitational needs for thousands of years."

"The recipe for gravity is a secret, protected by seventeen patents, but some of the process is public knowledge. Take twelve parts Elmer's glue, four parts centrifugal force, five parts electromagnetic radiation; stir in a bag of snips, snails, puppy dog tails, calico, gingham, the smiles of a summer night—it's all kind of sappy and sentimental, really, but it beats floating off into the vacuum of space and imploding."

So there you go. Maybe that's the answer! Whatever, or whoever, spare a thought for the old chap or chapess as all your fresh fruit cakes pop out of the aircraft. Have fun!

Spot Ya, Bruce.

# BACKBOARD

## ADS AND PERSONALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Scott Base Bar would like to inform its patrons that it will be closed on Friday June 8th (during air drop) The little Scotts will need this time to sort out all the cabbages from the sky.

### SPECIAL AIR DROP HOURS

BEER SALES - JUNE 4TH 1800 - 1900

LIQUOR - JUNE 5TH 1800 - 1900

EREBUS CLUB - CLOSED JUNE 6TH THROUGH JUNE 9TH, WILL REOPEN JUNE 10TH.

ALL MWR FACILITIES - CLOSED JUNE 6TH, WILL REOPEN JUNE 13TH.

NO DUTY DRIVER - 4 JUNE - 10 JUNE

NO INMARSAT CALLS JUNE 4TH DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE PRIMARY INMARSAT SYSTEM AND THE EXPECTED HIGH USAGE RATE DURING AIRDROP PLANNING.

### GALLEY HOURS

JUNE 7TH AND JUNE 9TH

BREAKFAST/BRUNCH - 0700 TO 1300

DINNER - 1700 TO 1830 FOR PEOPLE NOT INVOLVED IN AIRDROP. FOR PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN AIRDROP OPERATIONS, FOOD SERVICE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE LAST PEOPLE RETURN FROM WILLIE FIELD.

### REC COMMITTEE

THE REC COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL RESUME AFTER AIR DROP. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL SUGGESTIONS AND NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO ATTEND, PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE.

### POOL TOURNEY

STARTS AT 1200 ON JUNE 17TH. FINALS BEGIN 1200 ON JUNE 24TH.

### PING PONG

PING PONG LEAGUE MEETING TODAY, JUNE 3RD, AT 1200 ON THE E SIDE OF THE GALLEY.



REMEMBER, THERE WILL BE NO NITE TIMES NEXT WEEK, LOOK FOR US AGAIN ON JUNE 17TH.

ENJOY YOUR MAIL!