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First light, first flight



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Crews unload a C-17 aircraft at Pegasus Ice Runway, McMurdo Station Aug. 23. It was one of four Winfly flights over the course of six days. The flights delivered 324 people and more than 50,000 kilograms of fresh food, mail and other cargo to prepare the station for the busy summer season. Since then, 483 people have arrived at McMurdo Station, some on their way to the South Pole, pushing McMurdo Station's population past 770.

Signs of Antarctic spring

Sunlight reached the South Pole last month, but *The Antarctic Sun* won't return until next Sunday.

Starting next week researchers and workers at the three U.S. Antarctic program stations will be able to read the *Sun* over brunch.

The *Sun* is a local paper, but like the continent itself, the *Sun* belongs to a global community, with readers all over the world. Remember to tell friends and family they can download the *Sun* in full color at www.polar.org/antsun. A midwinter edition waits there now.

And like the continent it covers, *The Antarctic Sun's* primary focus is sci-

ence, but the paper is best when it also reflects the creativity and talents of people working on the Ice. The *Sun* particularly needs correspondents at the South Pole, Palmer Station and the ships; Friday night copy editors at McMurdo Station; and photos taken in the field. If you would like to write, offer photos or a story idea, or volunteer in some other way, please e-mail antsun@usap.gov. In McMurdo, you can call ext. 2407 or visit the office in Building 155, room 133. Or just talk with any of the three editors when you see us. We're looking forward to another season of 24-hour sun.

Meet the press

Kristan Hutchison returns as lead journalist for a fourth season running, after spending the intervening months with family in the Pacific Northwest. Since earning a bachelor's degree in political science from Bard College in 1992, she's been a professional newspaper journalist in Juneau, Alaska and Bainbridge Island, Wash. Read more at www.icepeople.net.



Brien Barnett returns for a second season with the *Antarctic Sun*. Before his change of pace, he spent seven years at newspapers in California, Oregon and Idaho. Most of his possessions — including his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Montana, Missoula — are in a storage unit in Boise, Idaho. For more, visit www.brienbarnett.com.



Emily Stone returned to her hometown of Chicago this year and spent her time freelancing and waiting to go to Antarctica. She was in Vermont for the previous six years, working as the crime reporter for the *Burlington Free Press*. She has a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont and a master's in journalism from Northwestern University. E-mail her at emily.stone@usap.gov



Coming Next Week

Adapting back after an Antarctic winter

Mars meteorite found last season

Overview of winter science

Quote of the Week

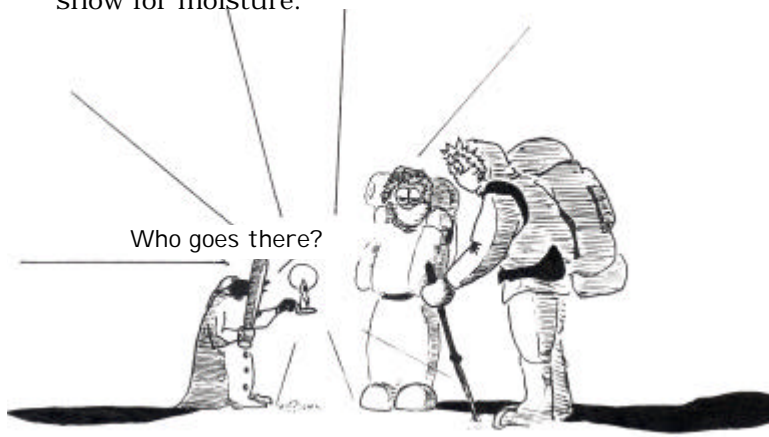
"The only thing I know about seals is they mess up dive holes."

- Diving researcher to a seal researcher at McMurdo Station.

Terra Incognita

By Chico

Emperor penguins meet the cold dark winter head on, incubating the eggs for up to three months eating nothing but an occasional mouthful of snow for moisture.



our Antarctic week

sun
 8:30 a.m. LDS services, chapel
 9:45 a.m. Catholic mass, chapel
 11 a.m. General Protestant worship, chapel
 2-5 p.m. Open bowling
 4 p.m. "Ghostbusters," Coffee House
 7 p.m. "White Oleander", Coffee House
 8:15 p.m. Science lecture "Life at the Edge: Common Mammals and Birds of McMurdo Sound" by Paul Ponganis, dining hall

mon
 6 p.m. Ballet, laundry room
 6:15 p.m. Beginner yoga in the chapel
 7 p.m. Class "Ends of the Earth" dorm 208, first floor lounge
 8 p.m. Culture night, "An Evening with Mark Twain" by Hal Holbrook, dining hall
 8 p.m. Musicians meeting, Gallagher's

tues
 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Morning coffee, Coffee House
 7 p.m. Movie "Antarctica, the Ends of the Earth," Coffee House
 7:15 p.m. Gutz N' Butz, laundry room
 8 p.m. Polie Band plays at Gallagher's
 8 p.m. Presidential Debate 3, dining hall

wed
 5:45 p.m. Tone and Firm Class, laundry room
 6:15 p.m. Yoga, chapel
 7 p.m. Self-defense class, big gym
 7:30 p.m. Science Lecture, Cray
 7:30 p.m. Civic discussion, dorm 208, first floor lounge
 8 p.m. Birthday Bingo, free for all October birthdays, Gallagher's
 8 p.m. "Classroom Connections" first meeting, dorm 208, first floor lounge

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 6 p.m. Pilates, laundry room
 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Morning coffee, Coffee House
 7 p.m. Wine 101 series, Coffee House
 7:15 p.m. Gutz N Butz, laundry room
American Night at Scott Base

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 6:15 p.m. Advanced yoga, Chapel
 7:30 p.m. Foundations of Western Civilization, 203B lounge
 8 p.m. Karaoke night at Gallagher's
 8 p.m. Live music at the Coffee House

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 6:30-7:30 a.m. Morning coffee, Coffee House
 6 p.m. Ballet in the big gym
 8 p.m. - "Soup" plays live music, Coffee House

rec notes
Halloween is almost here - are you ready for the costume contest and party on Oct. 30 — Gear issue is now open and has costumes to check out.

Get your team together — last day to sign up for volleyball, soccer, bowling, and the new dodgeball league is Oct. 19.

Part-time work opportunities pinsetting and in gear issue — come by Rec. for details.

Got ideas? Share them with Rec at 3 p.m. break on Oct. 27 in the dining hall

the week in weather

McMurdo Station

High: 19 F / -7 C Low: -17 F / -27 C
 Wind: 33 mph / 53 kph
 Windchill: -58 F / -50 C

Palmer Station

High: 39 F / 4 C Low: 7 F / -14 C
 Wind: 17 mph / 27 kph
 Windchill: -13 F / -25 C

South Pole Station

High: -38 F / -39 C Low: -65 F / -54 C
 Wind: 32 mph / 51 kph
 Highest physio-altitude: 3,253 m / 10,674 ft.

Antarctic Photo and Writing Festival

Enter by Dec. 12
 Watch for details

Big continent small prizes

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Find it online at www.polar.org

