

BEAR'S TALE

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2004

AT SEA



NOON POSITION

Latitude: 32° 47.5' N
 Longitude: 127° 27.0' E
 Avg. Speed: 11.3 KTS
 Distance to Go: 193.0 NM



WEATHER FORECAST

The weather for our arrival in Pusan can be expected to remain hot and sticky-humid just like every other port we've been to, and hopefully a slight breeze will pick up in the evening to give a little relief ☺. As for the rest of our time in Pusan, when the Typhoon Namtheum hits Japan it will weaken to a tropical storm causing the weather to change rapidly bringing wind and rain like fire fighting training on the fantail. You would be well advised to carry a rain cap and rubber ducky by the end of our stay in Pusan. This kosher forecast has been brought to you by the refined Gnar Kill.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Dinner will be served in the Wardroom from 1645-1745 on Friday, July 30th.

GOODBYE!

I just wanted to say goodbye to the entire TSGB crew. I've thoroughly enjoyed myself here with you guys! Thanks for all the laughs and great memories! Have a safe rest of the journey!

~Carole the Nurse

E-MAIL REMINDER

If you have only paid for July's e-mail service, it is now time to pay \$20 for the month of August. Pay in the Ship's Office before August 4th or your account will be deactivated. Thanks!

PLEASE HELP

Desperately in need of a CD or MP3 of the "Indiana Jones" theme for a class project. Can you help me? Let me know by e-mail or call me at x1878. Thanks, Thomas White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A big happy birthday from all of us on the TSGB to

WILLIAM MCKAY



LOST AND FOUND

Lost small pottery ashtray moved from 03 deck table during painting prep. If found, please return to Bruce Nobles. Thank You!

Found one black work glove. Claim in Ship's Office. Lost black S-video cable. Return to Eric Yanega in Rm. 104.

Missing orange 12" measuring tape. If found please return to D. Heath Rm. 211

CRU 150 SECOND QUARTER EXAM

Exam will be held Tuesday, August 3rd @ 8 PM in Bowditch Classroom. A review session will be held on Monday Aug. 2nd at 8 pm in Bowditch Classroom.

Material covered will include the following:

- Basic Electricity, Motors & Generators
- Ships Service Diesel Generators
- Emergency Diesel Generators
- Steering Systems
- Auxiliary Boiler System

For Thursday, July 29, 2004

NOW SHOWING

1900	Just Married	Ch. 33
1900	Spider-Man	Ch. 37
1900	Dark City	Ch. 39
2100	Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship	Ch. 33
2100	Snow Falling on Cedars	Ch. 37
2100	Beverly Hills Cop	Ch. 39

Bow Cam		Ch. 18
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Friday, July 30, 2004

Breakfast

Fresh Fruit, Juice, Coffee
 Assorted Cereals, Milk
 Omelet to Order
 Bacon
 Pastries

Lunch

Beef Stroganoff w/Noodles
Mushroom Olive Strata
Rice Pilaf
Green Peas
 Salad Bar/ Soup
 Assorted Desserts

Dinner

Beef Fajitas
 Cheese Quesadillas
 Fresh Grilled Vegetables
 Spanish Rice
 Refried Beans
 Fresh Melon
Mexi Style Corn
 Assorted Desserts

ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA

The encyclopedia volumes should remain in the Library Reading Room for all to use. Would the cadet who removed Volume 4 last night please return it to the Reading Room.

BUSAN

With a population of nearly 4 million Busan is the second largest city in the Republic of Korea. Located at the southeastern edge of the Korean peninsula, the city has a natural harbor and handles about 40% of the cargo volume that passes through Korea's ports, making it the most important seaport in the country. Busan is also one of the nation's largest industrial centers with shipyards, railroad shops, textile mills, iron and steel works, and food-processing plants.

TOURIST INFORMATION:

KNTO tourist office at the International Ferry Terminal, open only during the arrival of international ferries. A few brochures and maps may be available on the counter.

City tourist office at Busan train station and directly across the street from Busan Station in the Choryang Shopping Area for Foreigners, and along the beach in Haeundae

Busan Information Service center of Foreigners is one block up from the International Ferry Terminal.

MONEY: The Korea Foreign Exchange Bank, the most convenient exchange downtown. Try other banks in the downtown area. Hotels cash travelers checks. Change money at the International Ferry Terminal during arrivals and departures.

TRANSPORTATION:

SUBWAY - Runs through all of Busan's dense population centers. Operates from 0530 to midnight. Trains run every 3 min during rush hour, every 5-6 min other times

CITY BUS - Buses run frequently along the city's major streets. Most come by every few minutes. Bus Stops designated by signs that show which routes stop there.

CITY CENTER: **central train station, coastal ferry terminals**, banking district, foreign consulates, primary markets, and shopping and entertainment areas. Yongdu-san Park. Busan Wholesale Fish Market (Korea's largest and most important wholesaler of marine products, the action starts before 0600). Jagalchi Market ("Pebble Beach Market", Busan's most active fish-dealers cooperative, seafood restaurants in the market). Gukje (International) Market (covered market). Texas Street (once patronized by US military, now center of Russian tourism).

YEONG-DO: Island separating Busan Harbor. Dongsam-dong Shell Mound (one of the foremost stone age sites in the country)

SEOMYEON: restaurants, markets, shopping and entertainment areas

DONGNAE: **express bus terminal, intercity bus terminal**, a hot spring, a huge sports complex, and numerous historical and cultural attractions.

HAEUNDAE: Busan's resort area, beach, hotels, restaurants, shops, hot spring, and recreation facilities

THINGS KOREAN

The Korean language belongs to the Altaic family and is related to such languages as Turkic, Mongolian, Tungusic, and Japanese. It is one of the easiest languages to learn: each syllable has equal value, vowel sounds are distinct and regular, there is no discrimination of gender in the personal pronoun, and verbs have no distinction for third person, singular or plural. King Sejong (reigned 1418-50) invented the Korean alphabet, *hangeul*, a system of 28 phonetic symbols, in an attempt to improve the literacy of his people. Up until that time Koreans used complicated Chinese characters.

Traditional Korean clothing, known as *hanbok*, consists of a two-part ensemble of short jacket with voluminous high-waisted skirt for women, and a jacket with loose trousers tied at the ankles for men.

Korean kites (*yon*) aren't just for kids. For centuries, soldiers and the upper class used flying kites to hone their battle strategies. The objective of Korean kite flying is to maneuver the kite so it cuts off the opponents kite string. Though rather plain looking, a rectangle with a hole in the center, these kites are quite maneuverable and easy to fly.

Gimchi (Kimchi) is the signature food of Korea; next to rice (*bap*) it is the most important component in any Korean meal. One of the most significant annual social events is *gimjang*, or autumn *gimchi*-making. Women cut, wash and season vast amounts of cabbage and white radish with chili, pepper and garlic, then store the prepared mixture into earthenware jars buried in the backyard. Another vital part of the Korean meal is soup (*guk*). *Bi bim bap* is a satisfying dish of boiled rice mixed with vegetables and served in an earthenware pot. One dish popular with Westerners is *bulgogi* (barbecued beef). Other common food items include black sesame leaves, spinach, lettuce, seaweed, mung and soybeans, and *dwigim* (Korean tempura).

A popular Korean homebrew is *maggolli* the working mans drink, a milky liquor fermented from rice. *Maggollijip* establishments serve *maggolli* by dipping it out of huge vats and into cheap teapots or bowls. Another popular drink is *soju*, a cheap distilled liquor with a taste somewhere between gin and kerosene. The low price and high alcohol content, around 25%, make it Korea's cheapest drink. Pigs' feet is the preferred side dish to help *soju* go down smoothly.

Tae kwon do ("the way of kicking and striking") originated in Korea 2,000 years ago. Initially only nobility and gentry practiced the martial art. Now more than 20 million people in over 140 countries study the technique. *Tae kwon do*, like other martial arts, emphasized physical and mental discipline, obedience, and respect as a path to self-mastery. The distinctive characteristic of *Tae kwon do* is the emphasis on kicking, especially powerful flying kicks, as its main weapon.

More Korean kernels of knowledge compliments of your Ship's Library