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SURVEYOR

A man with dark hair and a headband is splashing in a large amount of bright green liquid. The liquid is splashing upwards and outwards, creating a dynamic and energetic scene. The man is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with other people and structures.

ARISE, SHELLBACKS!

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George Washington completes a crossing the line ceremony.



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Pollywog Highlights

Pollywogs accept Neptunus Rex's challenge.



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Trusty Shellbacks

Shellbacks initiate more than 3,000 Pollywogs.



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A man dressed as King Neptune, wearing a crown and a long white beard, holding a green liquid in a test tube. The background shows a white tent structure with the word "JAP" visible on a banner.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ANCIENT DEEP

"It was an honor to preside as King Neptune. More importantly, this was an incredible experience for our warfighters to be a part of a time-honored tradition that, one day, they will share with the next generation of Sailors."

**-Capt. Jason Tarrant
Executive Officer,
USS George Washington**



Arise, Shellbacks!

PHOTOGRAPH: MCSN GEOFFREY L. OTTINGER STORY: MC2 JOHN T. JARRETT

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) and embarked staff and air wing completed a “Crossing the Equator (Line)” ceremony after Neptunus Rex, the mythological ruler of the seas, boarded the ship with his Royal Court while the ship navigated across the equator into the globe’s southern hemisphere May 12.

The boisterous ceremonies of “Crossing the Line” are age-old traditions practiced by Sailors crossing the equator. Dating back to the Middle Ages, these events were intended as a test for the crew to determine if novices on their first cruise could endure life at sea.

During present day crossing ceremonies, Sailors pay homage to Neptunus Rex as the experienced Shellbacks initiate Pollywogs – first-time “crossers” – with a series of tests that includes Naval knowledge, maritime abilities, and physical and mental toughness. Once complete, the Pollywogs stand before King Neptune and his Royal Court to be deemed worthy and earn the title of Trusty Shellback.

Custom and tradition dictate that the oldest and most distinguished senior Shellback member of the crew presides in appropriate garb as King Neptune. George Washington’s Executive Officer Capt. Jason Tarrant carried the distinction as Neptune for the event.

“It was an honor to preside as King Neptune,” said Tarrant. “More importantly, this was an incredible experience for our warfighters to be a part of a time-honored tradition that, one day, they will share with the next generation of Sailors.”

Davy Jones, the official messenger for King Neptune, boarded the ship prior to the

ceremony and informed the crew when to prepare for the Royal Party. George Washington’s Command Master Chief Randy Swanson, who held the position as Davy Jones, spoke of the long-standing tradition.

“Crossing the line and becoming a Shellback is a significant experience in a Sailor’s career,” said Swanson. “Executing this ceremony during an already historic deployment is an amazing

opportunity for the crew.”

George Washington is deployed in support of Southern Seas 2024 and crossed the equator in her voyage to circumnavigate South America.

Southern Seas 2024 is an operation which seeks to enhance capability, improve interoperability, and strengthen maritime partnerships with countries throughout the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility though joint, multinational, and interagency exchanges and cooperation.

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- CMDCM Swanson**



Sailors kneel before the Royal Court aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MC1 Michael R. Hogan



Sailors entertain the Royal Baby aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
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Sailors complete the Pollywog cleansing aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MC3 August Clawson



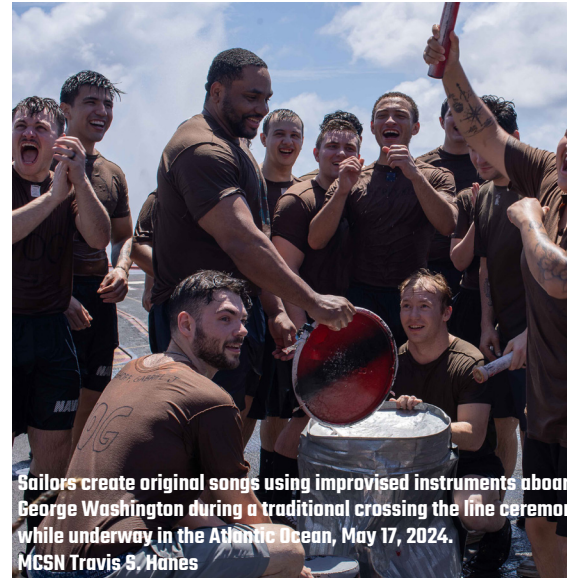
Sailors participate in a tug-of-war challenge aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MC3 August Clawson

POLLYWOG

CLEANSING COMPLETE



Sailors perform pipe patching and hose handling exercises aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MC1 Michael R. Hogan

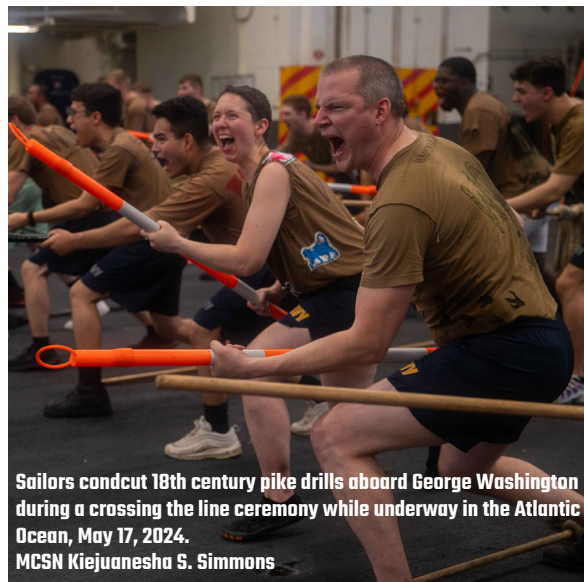


Sailors create original songs using improvised instruments aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MCSN Travis S. Hanes

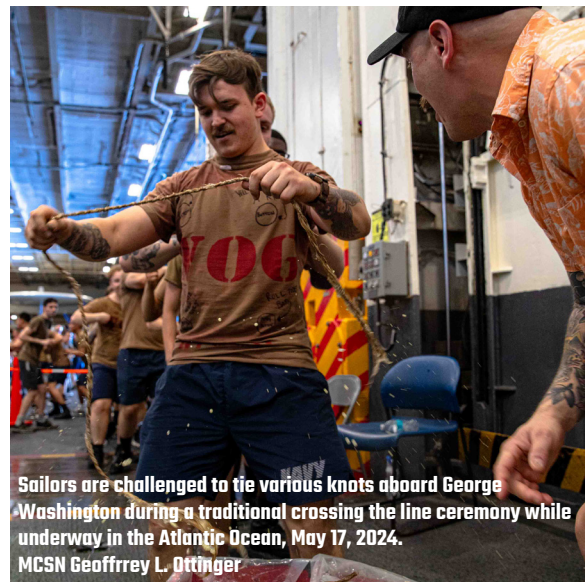


Sailors transit from the hangar bay to the flight deck aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MC3 Keith R. Knisely

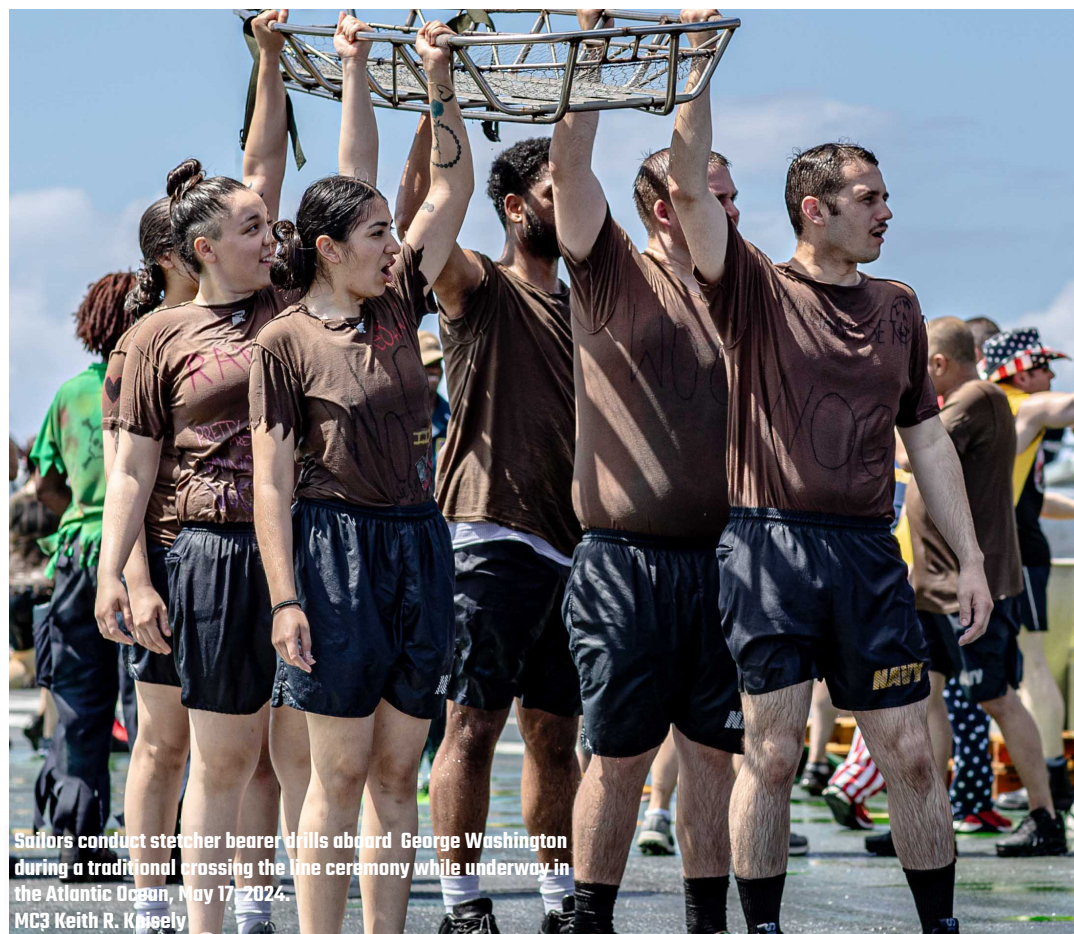
SLIMY POLLYWOGS ABOARD USS GEORGE WASHINGTON ACCEPT KING NEPTUNUS REX'S TEST AND COMPLETE VARIOUS CHALLENGES TO RECEIVE THE TITLE OF SHELLBACK.



Sailors conduct 18th century pike drills aboard George Washington during a crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MCSN Kiejuanasha S. Simmons



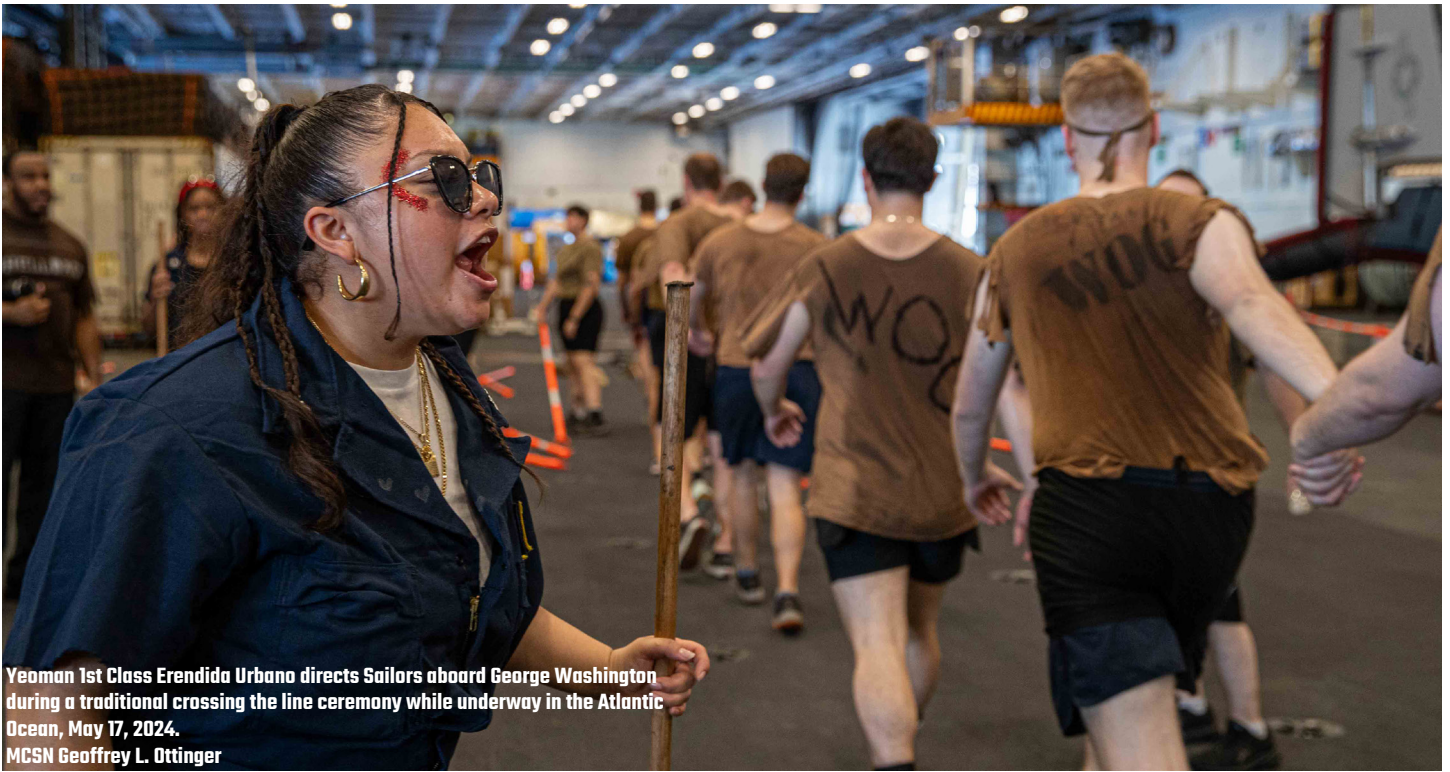
Sailors are challenged to tie various knots aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MCSN Geoffrey L. Ottinger



Sailors conduct stretcher bearer drills aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.
MC3 Keith R. Kneely

TRUSTY SHELLBACKS

SHELLBACKS CLEANSE POLLYWOGS THROUGH A RIGOROUS TRAINING REGIMENT.



Yeoman 1st Class Erendida Urbano directs Sailors aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.

MCSN Geoffrey L. Ottinger



Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Lori D. Bent oversees Pollywog initiation events aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.

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A trusty shellback oversees Pollywog initiation aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.

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Lt. Cmdr. Tony Longoria poses for a photo aboard George Washington during a traditional crossing the line ceremony while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2024.

MC3 Wadelon G. Presley

WELCOME TO BRAZIL

PORT VISIT GUIDE



POPULATION
215.3 Million

CAPITAL
Brasília

LANGUAGE
Portuguese

MONEY



Exchange Rate
\$1 = 5 Brazilian Real

Payment
Cash
Credit/Debit
ATMs Accessible

Tipping
Restaurants: 20% Minimum
Taxis: Round up, 10% Max
Tour Guides: 10% Minimum

PEOPLE



Phrases

Hello = olá
Good Morning = Bom Dia
Good Afternoon = Boa Tarde
Excuse Me = Com licença
Yes = Sim
No = Não
Thank you = Obrigado
Goodbye = Adeus

Etiquette

Refrain from raising voice or showing anger in public.

Laws of Note

None out of the ordinary

CONNECTIVITY



Power
220V
Type C and N
(Likely need adapter)

Internet
Public Wi-Fi available

EMERGENCY



Phone Numbers: 190 (Military Police) 192 (Ambulance) 193 (Firefighters)
Embassy: American Embassy located in Brasília

COUNTRY INFO



Popular Attractions to Visit

- Christ the Redeemer
- Copacabana Beach
- Sugarloaf Mountain
- Ipanema Beach

THE GW CROSSWORD

ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S
SURVEYOR

ACROSS

1 Unit of length or depth equal to six feet.

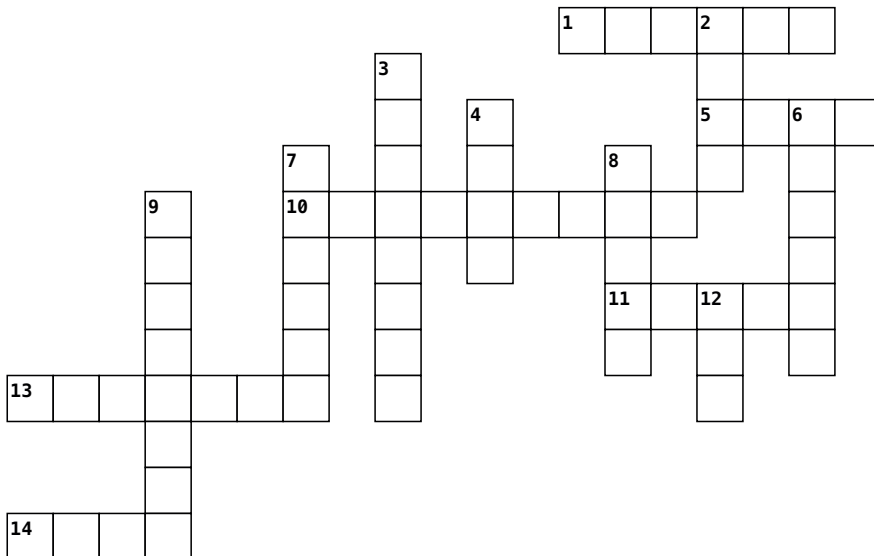
5 When a ship leans to one side.

10 A vessel capable of withstanding normal heavy weather.

11 A device that uses reflected radio waves for detection of objects.

13 A light line used to hoist a flag or pennant.

14 A jail.



DOWN

2 Steering wheel of a ship.

3 Compartment used for stowage of ammunition.

4 To store or pack articles or cargo in a space.

6 To make fast (firmly attach).

7 Superstructure of an aircraft carrier.

8 A structure similar to a quay but structured like a pier.

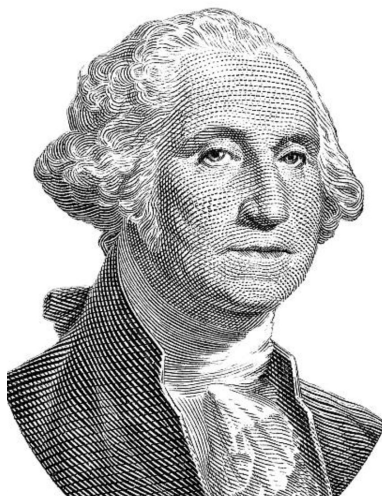
9 A person who has never crossed the equator.

12 To lower flag halfway down as a salute.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS	DOWN
2. CCOL	1. CONTACT
4. VERTREP	2. CLASSES
6. EYE	3. INSPECTION
8. CAC	5. PHISHING
9. MAINDECK	7. ARMAMENT
10. ENDURANCE	11. RHIB
12. BOOM	

GEORGE'S JOKE CORNER



Whats a Sailor's cure for
scurvy?

A Navel Orange.

SUDOKU

5	8		4	7	1	9	6	
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			2		5	3	7	
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	7		3			5		
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		7		5		6	2	8
		2	7		6	1	3	
	3			1		7		

Think you've got a better joke? Make a submission
to MC2 Jarrett at john.jarrett@cvn73.navy.mil



SITE-TV MOVIES

AIRING THIS WEEK
MAY 19-MAY 25

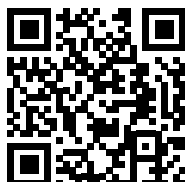
CHANNEL 200

PLAYS ON REPEAT ALL WEEK

TITLE	RUNTIME
A MAN CALLED OTTO	2 HRS. 5 MINS.
BABYLON	3 HRS. 9 MINS
BAD TEACHER	1 HR. 37 MINS.
BLACK PANTHER: WAKANDA FOREVER	2 HRS. 41 MINS
I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY	2 HRS. 20 MINS.
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN	2 HRS. 2 MINS.
PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH	1 HR. 40 MINS.
THE WATERBOY	1 HR. 30 MINS.
THE MASK OF ZORO	2 HRS. 16 MINS.
THE LITTLE MERMAID (1989)	1 HR. 23 MINS.
STRANGE WORLD	1 HR. 39 MINS.
ROCKY (1976)	2 HRS. 0 MINS.
ROCKY II (1979)	1 HR. 59 MINS.
ROCKY III (1982)	1 HR. 39 MINS.
VIOLEN NIGHT	1 HR. 52 MINS.
WE WERE SOLDIERS	2 HRS. 18 MINS.

CHANNEL 202

SUNDAY, 19MAY24	MONDAY, 20MAY24	TUESDAY, 21MAY24	WEDNESDAY, 22MAY24	THURSDAY, 23MAY24	FRIDAY, 24MAY24	SATURDAY, 25MAY24
0800 & 1955- RU DY	0750 & 1950- SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION	0755, 1705 & 0605- MORTAL KOMBAT (1995)	0740 & 2055- INTERSTELLAR	0710, 1800 & 0450- FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF	0745 & 2025- THE GOONIES	0905 & 2105- A BUC'S LIFE
0945 & 2140- THE PATRIOT	1015 & 2215- 12 YEARS A SLAVE	0940 & 1850- MORTAL KOMBAT: ANNIHILATION	1030 & 2345- BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (1991)	0855, 1945 & 0535- THE INTERPRETER	0945 & 2225- THE GLASS CASTLE	1040 & 2240 ALADDIN (1992)
1145 & 2340- JERRY MAGUIRE	1230 & 0030- A DOG'S PURPOSE	1115 & 0020- MORTAL KOMBAT	1155 & 0110- BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (2017)	1105, 2155 & 0515- THE INTRUDER	1155 & 0035- WHEN HARRY MET SALLY	1210, 0010 & 0700 ALADDIN (2019)
1405 & 0200- REMEMBER THE TITANS	1410 & 0210- A DOG'S WAY HOME	1250 & 0145- NAKED GUN 2 1/2: THE SMELL OF FEAR	1405 & 0320- A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD	1245 & 2335- THE GENTLEMAN	1330 & 0210- X-MEN: APOCALYPSE	1420 & 0220- WONDER WOMAN
1600 & 0355- MEET THE FOCKERS	1550 & 0350- WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP	1415 & 0310- NAKED GUN 3 1/3: THE FINAL INSULT	1555 & 0510- WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE	1445 & 0135- THE HOUSE	1555 & 0435- X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST	1645 & 0445- WONDER WOMAN 1984
1755 & 0550- PATRIOT GAMES	1745 & 0550- MRS. DOUBTFIRE	1540 & 0440- NAKED GUN: FROM THE FILES OF THE POLICE SQUAD	1755- THE LONGEST DAY	1615 & 0305- THE KITCHEN	1810 & 0650- A STAR IS BORN	1920- THE SANDLOT



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