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↪ A Sailor dressed as Santa Claus directs the launch of an F/A-18E Super Hornet attached to the "Pukin' Dogs" of VFA 143 on the flight deck.

PHOTO BY MC3 JEREMIAH BARTELT

ESW'S

1. Which is not one of the six original frigates?

- A. USS Constitution
- B. USS Constellation
- C. USS Congress
- D. USS Champion

3. What is the Battle of Coral Sea?

- A. Japanese Navy virtually destroyed
- B. First surface-to-air battle
- C. First air-to-air battle
- D. Turning point of WWII

2. What is the tenth general order?

- A. To salute all officers and all colors and standards not cased
- B. To quit my post only when properly relieved
- C. To give the alarm in case of fire or disorder
- D. To talk to no one except in the line of duty

4. What would you not find on your page 4?

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A Sailor dressed as Santa Claus directs the launch of an F/A-18E Super Hornet attached to the "Pukin' Dogs" of VFA 143 on the flight deck.

PHOTO BY MC3 MICHAEL SINGLEY

ANSWERS

- 1. D
- 2. A
- 3. C
- 4. C

Lincoln Bulletin Board

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USDA Garbage Requirements

-The ship **MUST** follow USDA requirements when disposing of all food and food-related wastes that contain fruits, vegetables, meat, or poultry, and other materials that have been associated with them (e.g., food wrappers/packaging, cardboard, PLASTIC PUCKS). This waste is Regulated Garbage (RG) (also referred to as Foreign Garbage).

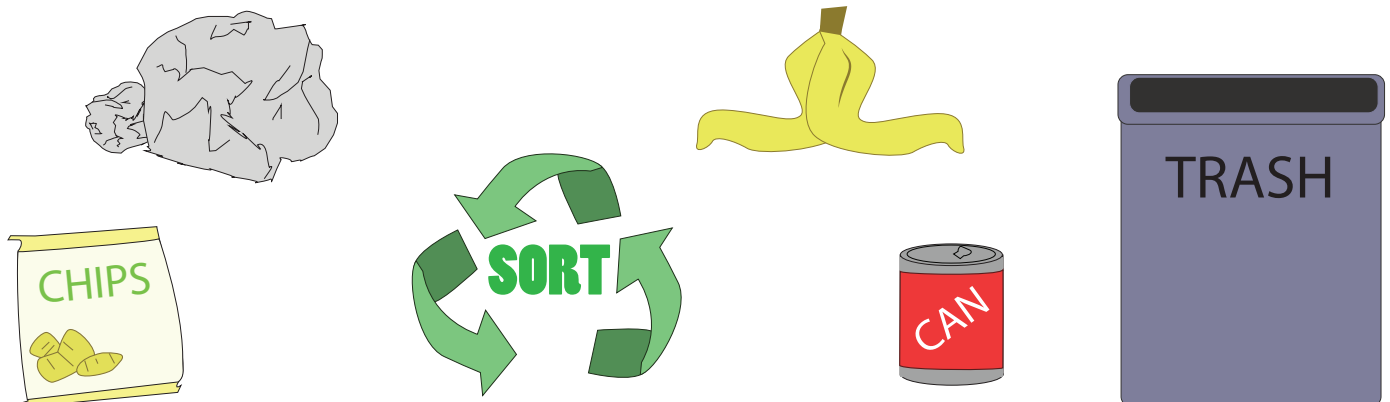
-How can you help:

- DO NOT remove food from the mess decks.
- Search your work spaces, berthing, angle irons, etc. for any RG and properly dispose of it immediately.
- DO NOT hold your trash or plan to discard it on the pier as you depart on liberty.

-Repercussions of not being in compliance:

- RG containers found holding loose or improperly-bagged RG or non-RG (industrial waste, hazardous material/waste) will require dumpster diving to bring the RG container into compliance.
- If RG is found in a regular/domestic trash dumpster, the entire dumpster contents must be handled as Regulated Garbage, properly bagged, and put into an RG container.
- DO NOT hold your trash or plan to discard it on the pier as you depart on liberty.

-After all RG has been offloaded by the Supply Department, the ship will operate under the 24-hour rule in which all garbage generated by the galley(s)/scullery(s) for the next 24 hours is managed as RG. After 24 hours, the ship will return to standard domestic trash procedures.



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Around the Fleet



Truman Begins Operations In U.S. 5th Fleet Area

STORY FROM USS HARRY S. TRUMAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), the Carrier Strike Group Eight (CSG-8) flagship, conducted maritime security and flight operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations (AOO) Dec. 20, continuing carrier presence in the region.

Deploying ships and aircraft of the strike group, commanded by Rear Adm. Andrew J. Loiselle, include Truman, commanded by Capt. Kavon Hakimzadeh; the eight squadrons and staff of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1, and staffs of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 8 and Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 28.

Truman and its accompanying units provide a range of flexible capabilities in support of theater security cooperation and

maritime security. The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HSTCSG) adds significant combat striking power to 5th Fleet in support of a myriad of U.S. Central Command contingency plans.

"The hard work of this crew during recent operations in 6th Fleet have prepared us to be here," said Capt. Hakimzadeh, Truman's commanding officer. "I am proud of this team, and we are ready to operate in 5th Fleet."

Since leaving homeport Nov. 18, Truman accelerated its passage to U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) to support current and contingency operations, protecting U.S. forces and interests in the region. HSTCSG ships will operate wherever international law allows, enhancing maritime security, deter and if necessary, decisively respond to aggression.

"HSTCSG is here to safeguard the free flow of commerce and reassure our regional partners," said Rear Adm. Loiselle, HSTCSG's commander. "We are a flexible, adaptable and persistent force, able to perform any required mission in U.S. 5th Fleet."

The U.S. 5th Fleet AOO encompasses approximately 2.5 million square miles including the Arabian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, parts of the Indian Ocean and 20 countries. The HSTCSG is deployed in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the region, which connects the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points



An MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter attached to the Proud Warriors of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 72 lands on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) in the Arabian Sea, Dec. 20.

PHOTO BY MC2 JAKE CARRILLO

Committed To Allies

ABE Hosts Thai Military Officials

STORY BY MC2 AMBER SMALLEY

The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group, embarked on flagship USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), hosted leaders from the Royal Thai Army, Navy, and Air Force, Dec. 23.

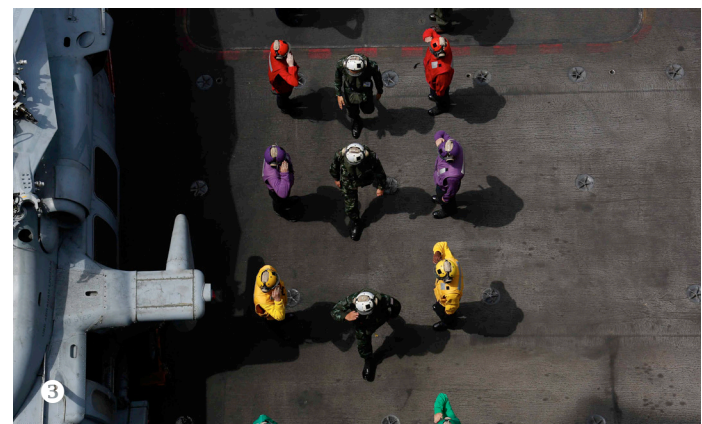
Top Thai military officials made an arrested landing aboard Abraham Lincoln following its safe transit of the Strait of Malacca. Building upon existing U.S.-Thai relations, the visit was an opportunity for the Thai to see U.S. Navy carrier operations firsthand.

The group was hosted by senior strike group leadership including Rear Adm. Michael E. Boyle, strike group commander, and the strike group's warfare commanders. The group toured the ship, visiting the hangar bay and bridge, and observed flight operations from the flight deck.

"I think it is really reassuring to our Thai partners to know that if needed the U.S. Navy can be here in a hurry," said Boyle. "They had really good questions about our capabilities, how quickly we could respond, and the maneuverability of a carrier strike group, like how a little over a week ago we were in the Middle East and now we are in South China Sea."

One of the oldest and one of the most vital alliances in the region, the United States and Thailand established relations in 1818, signed a Treaty of Amity and Commerce in 1833, and became defense treaty allies in 1954 with the signing of the Manilla Pact.. Today, as part of our mutual defense cooperation program, Thailand and the U.S. conduct an annual slate of more than 400 mil-mil exercises and engagements, covering all services of each nation.

"I spoke with the generals and admirals and told them that having them come out to see us is a reminder that together, with all of our partners and allies, we are much stronger," said Boyle. "Today we showed our commitment to a key ally in this region."



1
Royal Thai military officers observe flight operations.

PHOTO BY MC3 MICHAEL SINGLEY

2
Royal Thai military officers tour the jet shop.

PHOTO BY MC3 CHANELLE TRIPLETT

3
Side boys salute Royal Thai military officers.

PHOTO BY MC3 CHANELLE TRIPLETT



Services At Sea

STORY BY MCSA JULIA BROCKMAN
PHOTOS BY MC3 TYLER PRIESTLEY

Serving in the military is something only 1% of the U.S., population volunteers to do, and with that selfless service comes the sacrifice of missing birthdays, anniversaries and holidays. This way of life can be especially challenging when it comes to being away from loved ones during the holiday season.

Command religious ministries department (CRMD), countless Sailors and the chaplains aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) hosted services at sea in order to give Sailors the opportunity to take part in their religious traditions while on deployment.

"Although we are separated from those whom we love, we rely on each other to form a common bond," said Cmdr. Michael Baker, a chaplain aboard Abraham Lincoln. "It's the realization that you're not alone and we depend on each other to ensure mission accomplishment takes place. It doesn't matter if you're in a region of Afghanistan or in the middle of the ocean on an aircraft carrier. Each of us has different hopes, dreams and desires that go with us to whatever geographic region we may be a part of."

Logistically speaking, having religious services on deployment can present many challenges. The musician could be called away for other duties, singers may not make it to practice due to operational needs or a real world situation could cause the service to be canceled entirely. Out to sea, chaplains work with deck department and CRMD to find a space that meet their needs as well as fits within the schedule of operations.

"Despite being away from home we have the privilege to worship and as chaplains we are here to facilitate that,"

said Lt. Christina Mauntel, Carrier Air Wing Seven chaplain. "It was a group effort from the musicians, the entire CRMD and the team of chaplains."

The services offered included a Hanukkah study group that started sundown on December 22 and concluded sundown on the 30th. Currently there is no Jewish religious leader onboard Abraham Lincoln, so CRMD provided a space for Sailors to meet and share in a time of study and fellowship.

Baker led a 'lessons of carols' which included singing carols and learning the biblical lessons behind the carols.

Catholic midnight Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve with over 100 people in attendance. It included traditional hymns and a reading of the Christmas story by Lt. Joseph Totton, a Navy chaplain, flown out to Abraham Lincoln to conduct the service.

"This was my first time spending Christmas away from home and I was really excited to attend the midnight Mass and the gospel/contemporary services," said Personnel Specialist Seaman Rachael Bew. "Continuing to attend bible studies and express my faith has helped to keep me grounded throughout this entire deployment. I am grateful for all of the chaplains and people involved in putting together the services for all of us."

A combined contemporary and gospel service was also held in the forecandle Dec. 24. With over 60 people in attendance traditional hymns were sung and Mauntel led a sermon.

"When we started singing 'Silent Night' there was heavenly peace for about three minutes, then the TAO (tactical action officer) came on," said Mauntel with a smile. "The wonderful thing about Christmas hymns is that they transcend denominational boundaries. Whether you find yourself holding a real candle or a battery operated one out at sea, the spirit of Christmas was definitely there."

1 Lt. Joseph Totton leads Sailors in prayer during midnight Mass.

2 Lt. Bill Leigh plays violin during midnight Mass.

3 ABEAN Lawrence Zucker lights a menorah before a Hanukkah study session.



Holidays

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STORY BY MCSN MOHAMED LABANIEH

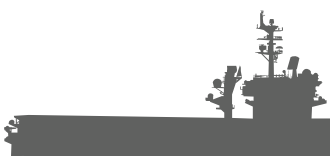
Christmas décor, festive music and the aroma of fresh baked desserts filled USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) as Lincoln Nation came together to celebrate the holiday season during the ship's around the world deployment.

"The holiday festivities aboard the ship take away the daily routine of deployment and replaces it with a positive home-like experience," said Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class Laneisha Henderson. "It's nice to see Lincoln Nation come together as one big family in celebration of the holiday season while serving our country on deployment."

A feast took place on the mess decks Dec. 25 as Sailors got together to break bread in celebration of Christmas. Dinner included prime rib, roasted turkey and macaroni and cheese alongside mashed potatoes and vegetables. An assortment of cakes, pies and ice cream finished off the meal.

"We are honored to serve our Sailors," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class Robert Roundtree. "Being able to provide a special meal for my Navy family gives me the feeling of being home."

The supply department worked overtime to provide this home-cooked meal for more than 5,000 Sailors following months of arduous work. For two nights, culinary specialists



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marinated the meats, prepared sides and ensured everything was ready for the big day.

"It takes a complete team effort to put together feasts like this for our shipmates onboard," said Chief Warrant Officer Brook Omar Cross, Abraham Lincoln's food service officer. "Time, planning, motivation and diligence are essential elements in creating memorable events during the holidays."

For some Sailors, this was their first holiday season at sea, but that didn't get in the way of them having a great time.

"I know I can always count on supply to fill my holidays with festive food, holiday cheer and events to get us through this challenging time," said Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Gabriel Powers. "Getting together with our shipmates to share a meal and create good memories made the holidays underway feel like home."

Cross expressed his enthusiasm for celebrating the holidays underway saying, "It's all about making the crew happy and creating a Christmas atmosphere. Going the extra mile in taking care of our shipmates pay dividends in boosting the morale of the ship."

According to the food service assistants, Christmas underway is an opportunity for them to give back to their shipmates by going the extra mile in creating a holiday vibe on the ship.

"I'm glad to be part of a team that creates a positive atmosphere for the Sailors on the ship," said Gunners Mate 3rd Class Chelsea Turner, a mess decks master-at-arms. "It feels good to watch my shipmates enjoy themselves on the mess decks and take their minds off their daily routines."

In addition to the Christmas feast, the crew celebrated the season in a plethora of ways.

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) planned a craft night where Sailors made ornaments and painted picture frames among other holiday decorations. Additionally, MWR planned a door decorating contest, a holiday sweater contest and a gingerbread house building contest on the mess decks. The winners of those contests will be announced and receive prizes during the upcoming holiday party, Dec. 31.

"MWR is the hub to bringing the crew together and creating a family like atmosphere," said Kathleen Varner, Abraham Lincoln's fun boss. "We're proud to plan activities through the holidays and create memorable experiences for Sailors to enjoy with their peers and with other Sailors they wouldn't usually interact with. I love seeing the mess decks as packed as they are during our events because I know what a positive impact it has on the Sailors."





- 1 A Sailor dressed as Santa Claus chases a Sailor dressed as the Grinch on the flight deck.

PHOTO BY MC2 AMBER SMALLEY

- 2 AOAN Dequan Williams makes a dream catcher on the mess decks.

PHOTO BY MC3 CHANELLE TRIPLETT

- 3 AOAN Jessika Cellisorellana makes a gingerbread house on the mess decks.

PHOTO BY MC3 CHANELLE TRIPLETT

- 4 AO3 Charles Joseph raps during a Christmas celebration on the mess decks.

PHOTO BY MC3 CHANELLE TRIPLETT

- 5 A Sailor dressed as Santa Claus greets Sailors making gingerbread houses on the mess decks.

PHOTO BY MC3 CHANELLE TRIPLETT

Ring Abe's Line

SECDEF Calls For The Holidays

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MC3 ALLAYAH CARR

Sailors stand at attention around a conference table. The microphone is connected, the signal is established, and they're ready. With little fanfare the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) Mark T. Esper takes the place of the blank screen as he greets Sailors aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) with a smile.

Top-notch Sailors were hand selected to have the opportunity to speak with the SECDEF during the holiday video teleconference on Dec. 23.

"I really wanted to reach out to the Abraham Lincoln specifically," said Esper. "You all have been out to sea for a while now and have done such a great job in deterring conflict while also building relations around the world."

SECDEF expressed his gratitude for a job well done in the face of adversity following extensions which will result in Abraham Lincoln setting the record for being the longest deployed carrier since the Vietnam War.

"We all appreciate you being out there," Esper said during the conference. "We know what you're doing out there is hard and it's unfortunate that you won't be home for Christmas, but we all have you in our thoughts."

Sailors were also given carte blanche to ask the SECDEF any questions which led to talks about future plans, potential conflicts, the status of the Space Force as well as each Sailors Christmas wish.

"I think he answered all of our questions as directly and honestly as possible," said Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Madelyn Laughlin. "I admire him for that."

The purpose of the call was to tell Abraham Lincoln Sailors they are appreciated and that their hard work is recognized all the way up to the top leaders of the Navy.

"It makes me feel good to know that he (SECDEF) was thinking about us during the holidays and wanted to know how we are feeling," said Quartermaster 3rd Class Zyon Watkins. "I'm glad I have the opportunity to say I spoke to the secretary of defense. It was a cool experience."

As the call came to an end, Capt. Walter Slaughter, commanding officer of Abraham Lincoln expressed his own gratitude for the Sailors he leads.

"This is a great group of men and women who have been meeting the mission with a smile on their face. I couldn't be more proud of them," Slaughter said to SECDEF.





- ① SN Jacob Allen asks Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper a question during a video teleconference.
- ② QM3 Zyon Watkins asks Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper a question during a video teleconference.
- ③ IT2 Christopher Wheeler speaks with Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper during a video teleconference.

Shipmate Contribution

Sailors & Ink

Towers

SHORT STORY BY CS3 DARIELL FLORES
GRAPHIC BY MCSN STEPHANIE CONTRERAS

I was four years old when the towers fell. My family had been living in New Jersey at my Aunt's house. It was five minute walk from the turnpike the led to Liberty State Park. At the end of our street was a cemetery and on the other side of that you could see the water and then the Statue of Liberty.

My parents took me to daycare the way they always did. However, that day was the only day I remember of day care. It's a vague experience trying to remember what you did when you were four, but that day never leaves my mind.

Daycare to me meant school and a place to learn, grow and socialize. I was not a social child. My father once told me that my teacher had invited him to the school to ask him a few questions about me. They had gotten the impression that I was a mute; no matter what they did they couldn't get me to speak. My father was baffled and then explained to them how much and spoke and played at home. I was a boisterous child and restless one.

I remember that I never slept at nap time. I tossed and turned and watched the other kids nap. Then I would and study the teachers. There was a lounge at the end of the hall, where they would hang out while letting us sleep. Every now and then a teacher would walk in and check on us, then walk out. I remember seeing them talk to each other. They were anxious, it was subtle but I could tell even at four years old. The oldest among the teachers was Mrs. Williams. She was a tall slender black woman who instinctively tilted her head to the left side as if she were ducking under an invisible pole.

She let us sleep longer than usual. That was my first hint that something was wrong. Under her worked two women her were much younger than she was. One was Ms. Grey who was a small and skinny with freckles all over her arms and face. The other teacher was an even smaller and younger woman named Mrs. Rivera who liked to wear hoop earrings and spoke with a thick Brooklyn accent. Their conversation was hushed but hurried. They looked afraid, confused and clueless. I was accustomed to seeing my younger teachers like this but not Mrs. Williams. Her eyes which were usually filled with discernment were now spaced out and scared.

As we kept napping I started to notice that parents had been slowly picking up their children. I was clueless as to why but the tension in the air was petrifying. Then I looked out the window and the once sunny dark had turned grey. It was a storm.

It must have been, a terrible storm that had swallowed Jersey City that was the only reason they would end the school day early. One by one my classmates were disappearing. I remember feeling upset and cursing my mother for taking so long to pick me up. Even at four years old I hated being at school. She did finally arrive; she did not look



scared, upset, or worried at all. I ran into those loving arms the way I always had. All of that changed when we stepped outside.

It was dark, the streets were covered in smoke and dust was swimming in the air. As she took me home I struggled to breath. I was suffocating in the debris. My mother rushed me home and fetched my cousin's inhaler. It wasn't the normal inhalers it was the one with a mask attached to it. I remember feeling like I was in a hospital as I sat next to my brother and watched the news. We were frustrated because no matter what channel we flipped it too, they only played the news. We didn't know why until the second tower fell. My sibling in awe of something I was oblivious to. All I knew was there wasn't anything else on TV and I couldn't breathe.

My siblings were older and had their own version of that story, so do hundreds, thousands, millions of other people who watched as about three thousand people perished that day. It's heart breaking to think that it took a tragedy so heinous so inspire the kind of love, and heroism that was shown that day; It's the kind of thing people don't see, or rather they choose to ignore. The world is this big cruel and terrible place that is filled with the worst kinds of people. Godless men kill for no reason, innocent women and children die and we are flooded with all that information. We are constantly informed of the evil of mankind. On the screen, on the paper we can see how bad it can get, we get upset, riled up and try to join any cause that might make a difference. We don't know if it can change anything, or even if it should we just know that we don't like the way it is now.

Then people die and all of that doesn't matter. No one watched that day thinking about politics. No one ran into those doomed buildings thinking about protests and corrupt establishments and how unfair it all is. They ran in, thinking about people. In the heat of it all it only comes down to a person's primal need for another person. In the midst of all the discussions, debates, and the need for a change all that truly mattered was a man died. A woman died. Almost three thousand people died. All those lives' lost, all those people wounded, and all their families who only know that they'll never see their loved one again. Behind the complexity of every tragedy we're faced with is life in its simplest form. Which is the pain that come from losing that which you love. But, how could I know that; I was only four.

Games

ACROSS

- 1 Subjects in paleoclimatology
- 8 Cell, in Britain
- 14 Lose at a gaming table
- 15 Overly dry, perhaps
- 16 Boxer who retired in 2017
- 17 Huge transfer from one computer system to another
- 18 Midcentury year
- 19 Popular U.K. tourist attraction
- 21 Trip guide
- 23 Outback predator
- 24 Like shellfish
- 28 Vatican money, once
- 30 Strays
- 32 Best effort
- 33 Place next to a pulpi, often
- 35 Put forward
- 37 Something San Francisco was known for in the 1960s
- 39 Eliza Doolittle, to Henry Higgins
- 40 It comes in cartridges
- 41 Extractable resource
- 42 "Ta-da!"
- 44 1980s spinoff of "The Dukes of Hazard"
- 45 Everglades deposit
- 47 First name in children's literature
- 48 Loll around, in slang
- 49 1947 Hope/Crosby film
- 52 Grp. with the motto "Deo vindice"
- 55 Rural husband in a 1940s-'50s film series
- 58 Board at a station
- 60 Shoe style
- 61 Put up with put-downs, say
- 62 Advice
- 63 Rick who starred in "Little Shop of Horrors"

DOWN

- 1 Titan or Atlas, for short
- 2 Make final preparations?
- 3 Blend flavored with bergamot
- 4 Statewide call, maybe
- 5 Things on a bucket list
- 6 Coin with a map on its reverse
- 7 Dog that often has shaved hindquarters
- 8 Metaphor for overnight success
- 9 Singer nicknamed "The Jezebel of Jazz"
- 10 Luxury hotel amenity
- 11 Collectors item?
- 12 "___ and Abner" (old radio show)
- 13 Inexplicable skill
- 15 Band that composed the soundtrack for "Risky Business"
- 17 "White Noise" novelist
- 20 Evening engagement
- 22 Parts of pounds
- 25 Up to no good
- 26 Phenomenon associated with the Southern Oscillation
- 27 Motes
- 28 Accessory for many a telecommuter
- 29 "No question"
- 30 Job experience?
- 31 Certain
- 34 Three-time All-Star outfielder Lemon
- 36 Liquefy, in a way
- 38 Price abbr.
- 43 One making a delivery
- 46 River whose source is in Staffordshire
- 48 Person who's on a roll
- 50 Comics canine
- 51 Loving
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- 56 Go ___
- 57 Grasp
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Riddle
Me This ?

If a lion had a Christmas music album,
 what would it be called?

Answer can be found on the bottom right corner of back page

JOLLY

A Sailor dressed as Santa Claus observes an F/A-18F Super Hornet attached to the "Jolly Rogers" of VFA 103 approach the flight deck to make an arrested landing.

PHOTO BY MC2 AMBER SMALLEY

