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It's July in Guantanamo Bay and we're in the middle of the "dog days of summer." But here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, life is of constant change as we welcome new key leaders, Troopers and units into the Joint Task Force family.

This month we can say thank you for a job well done to the two units which served as the Army component of the Joint Detention Group and the Joint Task Force Headquarters: the 170th Military Police Battalion and the 641st Regional Support Group. These two units were drawn from

the Georgia Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve to form the cadre of Army leaders and Soldiers that ultimately served at these two key headquarters. Last Friday we witnessed the transfer of authority for the Base Emergency Engineer

Force (Prime BEEF) from the Missouri Air National Guard. They performed in a superb manner and were very busy for the last six months supporting the Office of Military Commissions in maintaining the Camp Justice infrastructure. We also bid farewell and thank you for a job well done to the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion Commander, J4, J6, Chaplain, Deputy Joint Detention Group Commander and many other Troopers. Thank you for serving as key members of our operation and leaving JTF Guantanamo a better organization than when you arrived. It is your contributions from all of the services that allow the JTF to accomplish our no-fail mission every day, 24 hours a day.

Our new Army components comprising

the Joint Detention Group and Joint Task Force headquarters are now decisively engaged. Welcome 125th Military Police Battalion and the 191st Regional Support Command from the Puerto Rico Army National Guard! Our new BEEF team from the Alabama Air National Guard is on the ground and maintaining our infrastructure. You all now have the torch. Carry it well and with distinction.

If you are new to the Joint Task Force, be sure to learn the JTF policies and regulations which can be found on the JTF SharePoint home page on NIPR. Also, be sure to learn the Naval Station (NAVSTA) instructions that apply to you and your activities. Take a look at the Morale Welfare and Recreation offerings as well. Take the time now

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to learn about your new environment and make plans to grow and improve yourself during deployment. Develop that GTMO "bucket list" of accomplishments you want to achieve and map your strategy.

This week, JTF Guantanamo with assistance from NAVSTA once again demonstrated unmatched professionalism and performance by supporting the Office of Military Commissions in a flawlessly concluded motions hearing. It is the hard work, coordination, training and rehearsals which allow the JTF and NAVSTA team to support an event that attracts international attention using a rotational force. Great job, JTF and NAVSTA team! Let's take those lessons learned from this week and be sure to apply them to our next event.



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NEWS FROM THE BAY

Treasure hunt

Looking to add variety to your wardrobe, or buy a VHS tape for the first time since 1997? Treasures and Trivia is the place to look!

Cleaning out, redeploying or PCS'ing? Donations are always welcome!

Located across from the MWR Community Library, the volunteer-run Guantanamo Bay thrift shop is open Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 12 to 5:30 p.m.

Coastie birthday tournaments and BBQ

Marine Safety and Security Team – New Orleans will host softball and sand volleyball tournaments to celebrate the Coast Guard Birthday on Aug. 4!

Softball teams will draw at 11 a.m. and begin playing at 12 p.m. The tournament will follow MWR one-pitch rules. Sand volleyball draws at 12 p.m. and plays at 1 WWp.m.

Send your team lists to BMC Bradford Long and LT Devon Brennan by July 27.

The tournaments will break for an hour and barbeque will be served at 2 p.m. Units interested in the festivities must send completed galley forms to BMC Long by July 25.

Service members from all military branches are welcome to participate and join in the camaraderie!

For more information, call 4826.

Cloudy skies for Air Sunshine

Until further notice, recreational flights will only be available through IBC Travel. Only service members returning from R&R leave are authorized a reserved seat on the rotator. **Personnel on pass will not have seats reserved.**

For further information, call Air Sunshine's customer service desk at 1-800-327-8900.

For more information on your pass, ask your chain of command or call the Joint Personnel Center at 9763.

AIRPLANE! (not the movie)

Planning on flying Space Available? Keep in mind that all flights are subject to change, showtimes are subject to mission requirements, and in many cases, seats are not guaranteed. Plan your trip carefully!

For more information, call 6204 or 6480 or contact your unit's admin NCO.

Mandatory fun!

Is your unit or group having a party? Reserve a cabana or pavilion in person at the Morale Welfare and Recreation Marina! Locations include Hospital Cay, Cable Beach, Windmill Beach, Chapman Beach, Ferry Landing, Ocean View Park, and Phillips Park.

For more information, call 2345.

NLSO hours

The Naval Legal Service Office, Southeast Detachment is open for walk-in service Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. Services include power of attorney, bill of sale, and notary public. All other services are by appointment only.

For more information, call 4692.

Vote!

It's a freedom you defend!

Visit fvap.gov for voter registration information, or contact NAVSTA resources: LCDR Smith at 6157 or ET1 Robles at 4721.

Stripes (also not the movie)

The Joint Task Force Guantanamo First Class Petty Officers Association invites all services' E-6s to a meet-and-greet at the Cuzco I-block pavilion, July 27 at 7:30 p.m.

You've Got Mail (seeing a theme yet?)

The Camp America post office is now open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Troopers picking up their unit's mail may do so Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 3 p.m., or Thursday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Plan your unit's next get-together!

Cover: Cuban Club proprietor Dennis Miller serves up delicious sandwiches, fries and fried plantains with a garlic dipping sauce called mojito (not the other kind of mojito). Lunch is a busy time of day for Miller's family business, which his father began in 1985. A small Red Stripe-flanked memorial can be seen in the background. —photo by Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

Trooper to Trooper

Professional Development

SGT. MAJ. BRIAN JOHNSON
CAMP 6 OPERATIONS SGT. MAJ.

With the drawdown of troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the plans for the Army to reduce strength by 50,000 in the next five years, it is time for all Soldiers to prepare themselves for the competition. By this I mean that young Soldiers who are preparing themselves to join the ranks of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers must ensure they are keeping themselves in alignment with their Soldier Skill Development courses and evaluations. No matter your status as a deployed Reservist, National Guardsman, or regular Army stationed here at Guantanamo, you must ensure you are working on your professional development.

It is a Soldier's responsibility to ensure they are online and working their professional development and correspondence courses. It is a leader's responsibility to guide and mentor them along the way. Soldiers often just need a "kick start" to get going with these courses. While some are mandatory and some are not, they provide a Soldier with knowledge and promotion points. As a young private at my first duty station I was told to put my information on a card, and my squad leader told me

to look for some yellow books in the mail. Those who have been in a while know what I am talking about. I received my correspondence courses in the mail, completed them, and really didn't think much of it. It wasn't until I was a senior specialist and went in front of my promotion board for sergeant that I realized that my first squad leader had driven me down the path of success. He mentored me in my professional development by helping me complete my correspondence courses and sending me to leadership school.

While I served as a first sergeant, I reviewed my Soldiers' promotion packets and would ask the Soldiers why they did not have more professional development completed. Regardless of the response, the packet would go in front of the board and, having sat on numerous junior NCO promotion boards, I have found a common denominator as far as professional development. Soldiers will have several years time in grade and be above the rest of their competitors on the board in other areas but have just a couple of hours of correspondence and college courses. A regular Army Soldier stands in front of a board and can answer the question as to why they lack



the professional development. Their Reserve and Guard counterparts have a packet that goes in front of the board and the packet answers the question! Either way, this can result in the Soldier not being as competitive for the promotion amongst their peers. Once again, leaders cannot do the work for them, but what did you do to mentor them? They are a direct reflection of you!

This does not just pertain to our future and junior NCOs. Taking these courses to better ourselves and for career progression is a must. I cannot tell you how many Soldiers I have encouraged to enroll in the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officers

Course. This course is difficult, but most Soldiers and leaders are looking into the schools and professional development of being in a leadership position. At some point you have to move into the operational aspect of the job. I was very fortunate to be a company level operations sergeant and then move into the first sergeant position. It allowed me to know all of the positions in my company, "green tab" and operational. Once again, sometimes leaders just need to help these young Soldiers and junior NCOs get going on the professional development. GTMO is a perfect opportunity to get this accomplished!

Forward Motion

By Army 1st Lt. Amelia Thatcher

This week, Joint Task Force Guantanamo supported motions hearings for Adb al-Rahim al-Nashiri, the alleged mastermind of the USS Cole bombing. Supporting the military commissions is one of the JTF's primary missions, and motions hearings are an essential part of the legal process.

"The legal process starts with charging the accused," said Cmdr. Jennifer Strazza, an attorney with Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Staff Judge Advocate office. "Referral of charges is the initial stage, where the detainee is put on notice that the government will be officially charging him. Then the government has 30 days to arraign the accused."

Al-Nashiri was arraigned in November 2011. After arraignment, the pretrial motions began. A motion is a request by either the prosecution or the defense to have the court take a specific action in a case. In al-Nashiri's case, issues of jurisdiction, attorney-client privilege, public access to proceedings, depositions, translations, legal mail, and other matters have been brought to the judge for consideration.

It may take several sessions of motions hearings for all matters to be presented, and rulings to be issued – all before the evidence phase of the trial begins. Why so many motions?

"In capital cases," Strazza added, "the defense is given a significant amount of time, including time to say why it shouldn't be a death penalty case."

Al-Nashiri is accused of conspiring in the October 12, 2000 attack of the USS Cole, an American guided-missile destroyer attacked by a suicide bomb in the Yemeni port of Aden. Because the bombing killed 17 American Sailors, al-Nashiri may face the death penalty if convicted.

Like other court systems, military commissions follow a set of often time-consuming rules and procedures designed to ensure a fair trial.

"The defense can file as many motions as they want, and the government responds," Strazza said.

The prosecution has filed comparatively few motions. One prosecution motion filed in the April motions hearing resulted in a protective order pertaining to the handling

of classified information.

"The judge's order generally requires both parties to inform the other about disclosure of classified information, so we can work around those restrictions," Strazza said. "There may be witnesses who may disclose classified information. This order helps balance the need to protect the information while ensuring the accused has a fair trial."

Military commissions, courts-martial, and Article III (the U.S. federal system) courts all operate under the assumption that the accused is innocent until proven guilty. In all three systems, the prosecution must prove the accused guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendant will have counsel, attorney-client privilege, an interpreter, and the right not to incriminate himself. Charges are brought by an independent body – in the case of military commissions and courts-martial, the Convening Authority does this similar to the function of a civilian grand jury. A military judge and a panel of members are comparable to a civilian judge and jury. A military commissions conviction can go all the way to the Supreme Court for review.

The MCA bases trial procedure on Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) procedure, defines possible charges, and establishes where a detainee may appeal the commission's decision. It expressly forbids "statements obtained by torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment." The Secretary of Defense reports yearly to Congress on the trials' status.

Of the 168 current detainees, four have been convicted of various crimes under the MCA. Majid Khan, a high-value detainee charged with war crimes, pleaded guilty in February 2012 and currently awaits sentencing.

Earlier this month, the Department of Defense announced the transfer of Ibrahim al Qosi, a detainee convicted by military commission.

In July 2010, al Qosi pled guilty in a military commission to both conspiracy and providing material support for terrorism, as defined by the Military Commissions Act. He was sentenced to 14 years confinement for his crimes. In exchange for cooperating with prosecutors as required by the terms of his pre-trial agreement, the Convening Authority



for Military Commissions suspended all but two years of that sentence, starting from July 7, 2010, the date of his plea. The United States government has returned al Qosi to Sudan at the conclusion of the unsuspended portion of his sentence.

The United States coordinated with the government of Sudan regarding appropriate security and humane treatment measures. In accordance with statutory reporting requirements, the administration informed Congress of its intent to transfer al Qosi to Sudan.

The next scheduled Military Commissions event in Guantanamo will be motions hearings for Khalid Shaikh Mohammad; Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarek Bin 'Attash; Ramzi Binalshibh; Ali Abdul Aziz Ali; and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi, sometimes referred to as the "9/11 Five." Those sessions, originally scheduled for August 8-12, were moved to August 22-26 by the judge following a request the defense attorneys. This moves the motions hearings to after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

For more information on the ongoing Military Commissions cases, including released legal documents, the text of the Military Commissions Act of 2009, and the court calendar, visit the Office of Military Commissions web site at www.mc.mil.

Super Troopers

Congratulations to the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers who recently received commander's coins!

Diane Causey
ITC King
MSgt Hassan
MSgt Richards
SSgt Hampton



100% Shred it or Regret it!

Joint Task Force Guantanamo has a 100% shred policy while at work and while in housing areas. This means that all paper materials should be shredded! It doesn't matter where it gets discarded. No trash can or Dumpster is safe to discard "For Official Use Only" (FOUO), Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or sensitive information. Documents that are work related or contain PII or sensitive information should not be taken to housing areas. Don't throw any un-shredded paper in the trash. No hesitation, no question: shred it.



Left to right: Eleuterio Miseses, cook; Dennis Miller, manager; Bhoyet-Montehermoso, cook; Maximo Rondon, cook. The dedicated staff members work and maintain the atmosphere and food at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Cuban Club. —photos by Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

By Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

As you enter the homey building, the smell of fried chicken and seasoned beef welcomes you as you're warmly greeted by men with strong Hispanic accents. Their pleasant nature and good humor help to overcome the language barriers as you look over the various authentic Cuban cuisines, from the red rice to the differently prepared meats. It's hard not to feel like you've been transported to the heart of Cuba when you simply went to the Cuban Club for lunch or dinner.

Tucked away in a pocket of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, the Cuban Club offers a chance to experience authentic Cuban cooking and culture.

"It's a little taste of Cuba, away from Cuba," said Dennis Miller, the manager of the restaurant. "We try to give a different flavor to the people, a different cuisine, and a different atmosphere."

Air Force Staff Sgt. Sylvia Bivins, a frequent customer, enjoys the opportunity to try something different.

"It's a different kind of food," said Bivins. "When you're on a base without a lot of variety, it makes you feel like you're back home to have options."

However, it's more than just the food that makes the Cuban Club so unique.

"It's the background," said Miller. "That's what kept it alive."

Miller explained that prior to being a restaurant, the building used to be barracks. When they were no longer needed the Cuban residents began using the building as community center, holding events, social gatherings, and even parties for the residents on base.

"[The restaurant] started with the Cuban community," said Miller. "We would invite a lot of people over and cook on the weekends, and somebody brought up the idea of opening up a restaurant."

With the idea taken root in the community, Felix Wilson was the man who stepped up to get the restaurant up and running. This man also happened to be Miller's father.

"My old man came in and rearranged everything to make it look like a restaurant," said Miller. Miller explained that his father pulled him to help run the restaurant and with the hard work the Cuban Club opened in 1985.

"We learned everything the hard way," said Miller.

Even though Felix and Miller were learning as the business grew, things were going well. Eventually though Felix passed away and left the growing restaurant in his son's hands.

"He passed away, so I had to hold on to his legacy and keep it going," said Miller. "That's what I'm doing today."

Over the years, Miller has learned many lessons in running a business and the hidden benefits as well.

"When you have all of these different people from different countries, and we can sit down and have conversations, you can learn a lot of different things from different parts of the world," said Miller.

No matter if you were lured in by its rich history and culture or the smell of its rich cuisine, the Cuban Club is a restaurant that offers as much atmosphere as it does in dishes and sides.

Recently reopened for lunch, Cuban Club boasts a wide variety of traditional and spicy dishes, including Cuban sandwiches. Call your order ahead at 75962!



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Trooper Focus

Staff Sgt. Ryan Jordan



—the boss says

“He gets the mission brief and drives on. He understands the commander’s intent and makes the mission happen using that intent. He is a leader, and I would take him to war with me any day!”

By Spc. Vanessa Davila

I’ve been waiting outside for a Staff Sgt. Ryan Jordan from the 193rd Military Police Co. He said he’d be right here but he isn’t. I’m looking around but no one I see is making their way to me. It’s hot so I go back inside and check my e-mail to see if he’s as confused as I am. Nope, nothing. I head back out, and as I round the corner I see one of the tallest soldiers I’ve ever seen. It’s Jordan. The name is quite suitable: he’s 6’9”.

As much strength and presence as Jordan, possesses, once he gets to talking, the nice guy immediately comes through. Jordan is a self-described Army brat. His father is a retired Army major. The idea was for Jordan to finish college and take his father’s route, but Jordan had other plans; he paved his own road.

“First he was a little upset because he wanted me to finish college and he wanted me to go be an officer,” said Jordan about his father’s reaction to him joining. “He was

prior enlisted and then he went officer. He said the best part about being in the Army is being an officer. I completely disagree with him. I love being enlisted because I see a different side.”

His father eventually came around and now he couldn’t be prouder of his son. Jordan has no regrets either because of that “different side” he sees as an enlisted Soldier.

“The officer side, you only get so much Soldier time. As a [platoon leader], boom, that’s it, that’s your Soldier time,” said Jordan about the difference. “As an [enlisted] Soldier, I get it all the time.”

And what is it about that “Soldier time” that Jordan enjoys so much?

“Every Soldier is a challenge. Every Soldier presents a leadership challenge and you have to adapt,” said Jordan. “I always put



Soldiers first. As an NCO, a Soldier is always the most important part of the job.”

Jordan will continue accepting those challenges in Florida as an Army recruiter when this assignment is over in a few weeks. He has no plans on trying out for the NBA.

Bullet Bio

Introvers or extrovers: He’s a chameleon: “It depends on the crowd.”

Hobbies: golf, video gaming

Advice to junior Troopers: “Everybody has good Army days and everybody has bad Army days. Don’t let the bad Army days pile up so bad that they outweigh good Army days, because I promise there’s going to be more good Army days than bad Army days.”

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

What’s your favorite kind of ethnic food?



“Cuban, because it’s my ethnicity. It’s tasty and you can’t duplicate it.”

Hospitalman 2nd Class
Sabrina Robinson



“I love American food – grilled pork cops, chicken, and burgers. It’s just something I love.”

Storekeeper 2nd Class
Christina Warner



“Mexican, because I am Mexican. It’s the spice every dish has that I love.”

Senior Airman
Jose Avila-Lopez



“I’m a huge fan of Jamaican food. I love the seasonings and spices and the many ways you can cook it.”

Spc.
Sherella Nixon

Love to love something

By Army Sgt. Ryan Hallock

Love is more powerful than hate. Anakin Skywalker only turned to hate because of his deep love for his wife, Padme. The power of the dark side can manipulate any emotion, even one as powerful as love. Don’t let the dark side influence your day or future. Be a lover, not a hater.

It’s important to find something or someone to love very passionately. It’s both selfish and selfless to harness this type of deep love. It’s selfish in that you will put that love above all other things, besides the military. It’s selfless in that people can tell when you’re in love. You have a positive aura around you, and everyone you interact with is affected by it.

It is said that love conquers all. What exactly is there to conquer? Fear? The world like the Animaniacs? Whatever it is, I feel strongly in saying that anything is possible in pursuit of love. Love doesn’t necessarily have to be directed at a significant other. It can be directed at something recreational, nutrition, or discipline.

Love is a powerful idea. Shakespeare uses love more than any other word. The Bible uses love hundreds of times. I love pizza; she loves her husband; he loves the game of basketball. We all love something or someone, and its power is advantageous.

Education

Love of education can drive you to exceed further than anyone only studying so as not to waste his or her or their parent’s money. For those of you up late at

your Cuzco desk with a large iced coffee, buried in a book on the Vietnam War, or Socrates 101, this love will propel you to the top. The passion of gaining knowledge can only make you stand out amongst your peers.

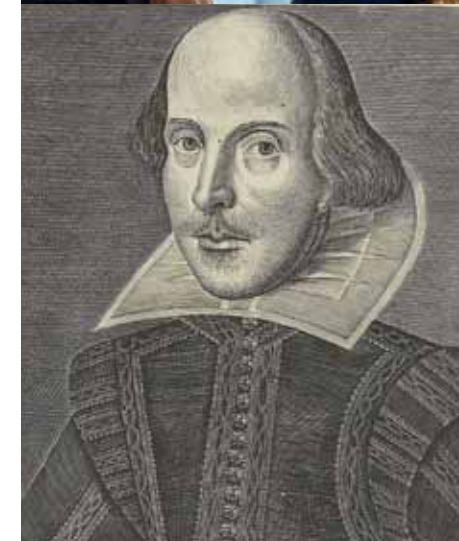
Discipline

“Whoever loves discipline, loves knowledge.” This proverb from the Bible shows the relationship between discipline and knowledge. Maintaining discipline grows knowledge of oneself. To love the structure of the military and the discipline it takes to succeed in this organization is to see what the body and mind are capable of. The body is a machine just like the military. It can be programmed.

Sports

He got game; you got game. Think about how your day would go without including your favorite activity, athletic or purely exercise. Maybe you love to feel good and hitting the gym and washing it down with a protein shake makes you feel good. It will give you energy the next day and happiness knowing there’s something that you love that’s available to end your day.

Love for no reason. If for nothing else than to want to be happy and pleasant to be around, love. Hating will clog your mind and the words that come out of your mouth will be filtered. Carrying around hatred and a bad attitude will get you nowhere and deter your progression in the military and life. The Beatles said, “All you need is love.” So, love.



ONLY AT GTMO

by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Keith Simmons



R
83 min.

THE DICTATOR



By Pvt. Loren Cook

While I was watching “The Dictator,” this week’s movie, it occurred to me that I have no idea what Sacha Baron Cohen (“Hugo”) actually sounds like. I know he’s British, and therefore in possession of a funny accent, but it’s a funny accent I’ve never heard, because this funny-accented foreigner has built an entire career out of playing various funny-accented foreigners.

Before I saw the movie, I learned that Cohen had abandoned the mockumentary format of his previous works, “Borat” and “Brüno,” in favor of a more traditional comedy setup. I felt my world shatter. Would he abandon the funny-accented foreigner schtick next?

Fortunately for the world’s sanity, Cohen sticks to his guns. This comic outing finds Cohen playing Admiral-General Aladeen, a child-ish, lecherous, anti-Western and anti-Semitic dictator of the fictional North African nation Wadiya. The country holds vast oil deposits, but he refuses to open up trade with the imperialistic Western powers. When the United Nations Security Council threatens military intervention over Wadiya’s nuclear weapons program, Aladeen travels to New York City to address the United Nations.

In New York, Aladeen is kidnapped by his head of security (an uncredited John C. Reilly, “Cedar Rapids”), who has been paid off by his uncle and treacherous advisor, Tamir (Sir Ben Kingsley, “Hugo”).

Aladeen manages to get away, but not before his iconic beard is shaved off, leaving him unrecognizable. Aladeen hurries back to his hotel, only to find that Tamir has replaced him with a

dimwitted body double. The world is taken by surprise when Tamir announces, through the double, that Wadiya will become a free democracy.

The rest of the movie follows Aladeen’s efforts to regain his throne, with the help of hippie stereotype Zoey (“Anna Faris, “What’s Your Number?”) and Nadal, the former head of Wadiya’s nuclear weapons program (Jason Mantzoukas, TV’s “The League”), who fled to America after Aladeen ordered his execution.

It was a pleasure to watch Cohen’s performance. Aladeen was based on a pastiche of dictators, but none more so than Muammar Gaddafi, the former Libyan dictator. Aladeen even travels with an all-female bodyguard force, just like Gaddafi did.

Apparently, the similarities to Gaddafi were overt enough that Paramount Pictures feared terrorist attacks from Gaddafi while he was still alive, so they came up with a cover story that the movie was based

on a romance novel by Saddam Hussein. That’s not a joke; Saddam Hussein wrote romance novels.

I couldn’t get enough of Kingsley’s performance as the slimy advisor. The “evil vizier” is pretty much a stock character at this point, but I was excited when I saw it in this movie. Is an evil vizier to an evil dictator a good vizier, or just a different kind of evil? I think the movie missed an opportunity to deconstruct an old cliché when it went with the direction it did, but it works fine their way, too.

The movie has many blink-and-you’ll-miss-it celebrity cameos, so keep your eyes peeled throughout to see Ed Norton, B.J. Novak, and many others.

Last week, I talked about the “Pixar plot” in which a character starts out happy and contented, then gets pulled out of their comfort zone and tries to restore the status quo while learning a bit about him or herself. That’s this movie in a nutshell.

I can analyze meaning and character development all I want, but the point of a comedy, ultimately, is to make you laugh, and “The Dictator” will. I didn’t think it was as funny as “Borat,” but it was a lot funnier than “Brüno.”

Reviewing this movie is a tall order. I left the Lyceum not knowing what to say about it. It’s an inconsistent movie. It is, at turns, rude, crude, raunchy, and offensive, and you’ll feel bad for laughing at some of the jokes. At other times, it surprises you with sharp, laser-guided satire. One thing it remains throughout the entire movie is funny.

During its best moments, this movie reminded me of “Duck Soup,” the great Marx Brothers movie, or “The Great Dictator,” a classic movie in which Charlie Chaplin satirized Hitler. When it’s not at its best, I was still laughing.

The ending was the brightest spot in the movie, brilliantly skewering the modern political climate. It took me by surprise, and it was a strong enough ending that I shifted my review half a rat, from average to above-average.

I don’t know what anyone would want to do with half a rat, but I leave that decision up to you, Guantanamo.



re:
information assurance

Avoid the ‘Blue Screen of Death’!

Hi, I’m Gert, the IA Buzzard. When I am not out cruising for fresh road kill from last night, I am out educating Joint Task Force Guantanamo about Information Assurance. Look, there’s Betty the Buzzard, and she does not look happy! Betty has her laptop and looks like she is about to pound it with a rock.

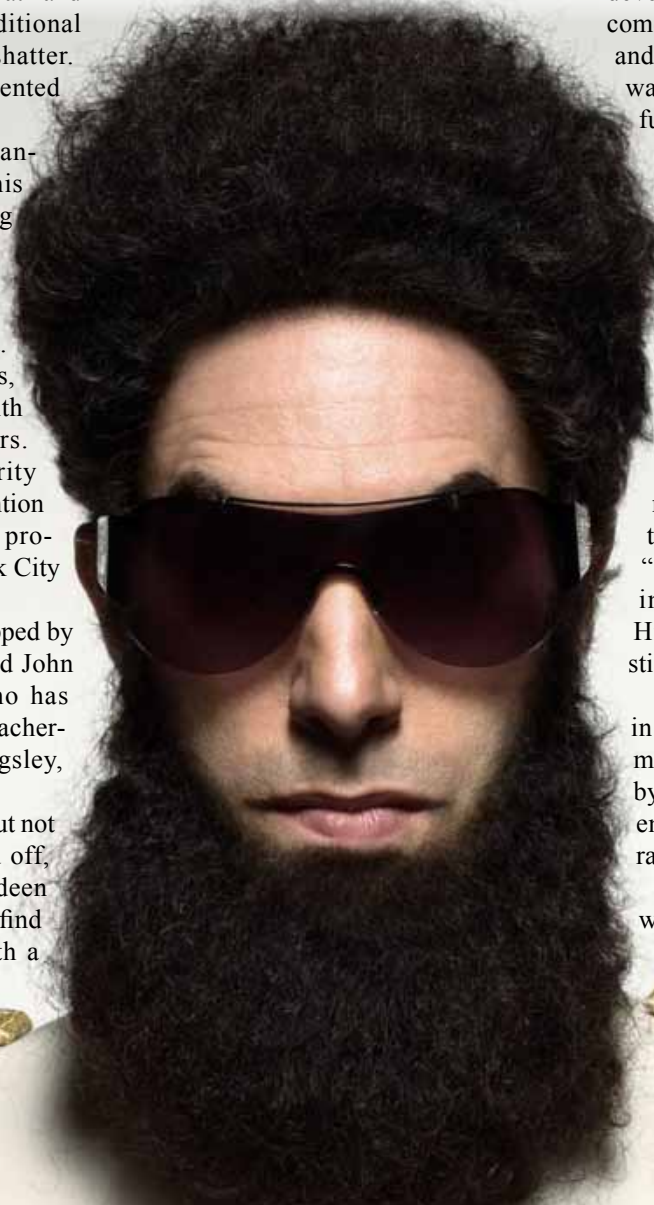
“Hi Betty, what is going on?”

“Oh Gert, I was on Facebook checking out the crab fight pictures from last week, and I got a pop-up ad for a new Louis Vuitton purse, so I went to the website and clicked on it. Now my laptop started running really slow and now I have this blue screen.”

What Betty just experienced is called a “Malware Drive-By.” This is where a pop-up ad on a popular website sends you to a legitimate website that is infected with the malware. Your computer then becomes infected with anything from more pop-ups, to key loggers that steal your passwords, to the Microsoft Blue Screen of Death. This type of activity is not only annoying and dangerous, but can cost you a hard drive or computer. To stop this types of attack, do not click on pop up ads, do not open any email from someone you do not know, especially if there is a attachment with it. Only download files from a reliable source. The bottom line is if it is too good to be true, then it is. Protect yourself and your friends from unwanted malware, as if you have it, you can unexpectedly send it to your friends.

“Sooo Betty, would like to go to the iguana races at Hospital Cay tonight?”

“Sure Gert, I want to get there early for a good seat and to get a box of road kill candy – let’s go!”



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All buses run on the hour, 7 days/week from 5 a.m. – 1 a.m.

Camp America :00 :20 :40	NEX :33 :53 :13
Gazebo :02 :22 :42	Gold Hill Galley :37 :57 :17
NEX Trailer :03 :23 :43	Windjammer / Gym :36 :56 :16
Camp Delta 2 :06 :26 :46	West Iguana :39 :59 :19
KB 373 :10 :30 :50	TK 1 :40 :00 :20
TK 4 :12 :32 :52	TK 2 :43 :03 :23
JAS :13 :33 :53	TK 3 :45 :05 :25
TK 3 :14 :34 :54	TK 4 :47 :07 :27
TK 2 :15 :35 :55	KB 373 :50 :10 :30
TK 1 :16 :36 :56	Camp Delta 1 :54 :14 :32
West Iguana :18 :38 :58	IOF :54 :14 :34
Windjammer / Gym :21 :41 :01	NEX Trailer :57 :17 :37
Gold Hill Galley :24 :44 :04	Gazebo :58 :18 :38
NEX :26 :46 :16	Camp America :00 :20 :40
96 Man Camp :31 :51 :11	

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Downtown Lyceum	What to Expect When You’re Expecting (PG-13) 8 p.m. Safe (NEW) (R) 10 p.m.	The Amazing Spider-Man (NEW) (PG-13) 8 p.m. Think Like a Man (last showing) (PG-13) 10 p.m.	The Dictator (R) 8 p.m.	Dark Shadows (last showing) (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Battleship (PG-13) 8 p.m.	The Avengers (last showing) (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Chernobyl Diaries (NEW) (R) 8 p.m.
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Call the movie hotline at 4880 or visit the MWR Facebook page for more information.



MSST New Orleans takes the plunge

By Sgt. 1st Class Robert Stephenson

Members of the Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) New Orleans spent more time in the water instead of on it as they trained for the possibility of what would happen if one of them found themselves knocked off their boat while wearing close to 50 pounds of protective gear.

As a result of a training accident a few years back, the Coast Guard improved their water survival training along with the equipment it takes to keep them afloat, according to Lt. Bruce Wells, the operations officer of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Maritime Security Detachment.

“The training consists of several different scenarios where members jump into the water wearing their full ballistic plate systems and then they inflate their regular standard survival gear,” said Wells. “The second scenario would involve a gear failure. The third one simulates two failures, one in the survival gear and one in the [ballistic plate system’s] quick release.

The training pushes many Coast Guardsmen to overcome their fears and learn deal with deadly situation.

“I’m not the strongest swimmer,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Cintron. “I don’t float that easy... getting used to how to take off the body armor while you’re sinking underwater and fighting to get up while gasping for air was the most difficult part for me.”

Bottom line: this training gives these Coast Guardsmen the confidence they need to keep their heads above water in just about any situation.

“Every time you jump into this pool with this gear it becomes second nature,” said Cintron. “Sometimes I jump down there and before I know it, I’m already kicking to the surface and taking my stuff off. The training is amazing. It just shocks you into it.”