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Letter from the Admiral

What no letter??!?!?!?! Sorry, in the exterme rush to get this out (no thanks to the Ambassador) we had to forgo this section. Don't worry, we will let him write two letters next month ;-)
Maybe Three!

Forms, those precious little life forms.....
By: Captain Tarjoto (USFTarjoto)

It's been my observation that the majority of new simmers who enter the USF are characters who have come from planets outside of the established societies in Trek. That dark, fuzzy, grey area that Rick Berman and his fellows have created for novelists, fans, and of course, simmers. The huge size of the galaxy only further exploits that shaded area, because new lifeforms and civilizations can be discovered any day.

And many simmers know that, and have taken the energy to develop not only a character from another planet, but also an entire culture and civilization. I'm sure there's at least one "non-canon" Trek-alien being played on on sims right now. Every ship I've been on or visited has had 'em. You know, the black-eyed, green-faced, furry-haired ensign that, included a "Characteristics of Race" or whatnot section with thier bio. They're out there, and exploring their race's civilization and culture each week through logs and sims. Creating a history, government, and sociology each time they type up a log; much like what Rick Berman and his fellows at Paramount attempt to do with each Voyager, DS9, and TNG episode or movie. However, as popular as Vulcans, Trills, Bajorans, are, the aliens that take on a humbler role here in the USF aren't.

So! To further familiarize the fleet(say that 3 times fast) with these characters, a mini-series article section has been created to display the planetary information, government, culture, and other interesting tidbits and facts of that green-faced ensign's homeworld.

Headed straight for the Gamma quadrant and the Jol'kinlestu'rekpoh'gramto star(say that 3 times fast:-D), is this issue's New Lifeform-the Cr'Saliens.

Created by EnsKirmina of Starbase Everest. Enter...
The Lifeform Department

Cr'Saliens

The Cr'Salien civilization is quadriparily formed, based heavily on the co-operation of four different "Clans" which each have a specific niche in Cr'Salien society-with each clan having a number of subclans. The Clans are called: Mel'kum'des(Warrior), Jhume'grem'lok (Religious), Kel'drem'jil(Scientific), Lik'mel'ku(Worker). Following are the descriptions and responsibilities of each clan.

Mel'kun'des- literally, "The Fighting Clan". These Cr'Saliens devote their lives to the pursuits and glory of war. They are responsible for the defense of the Empire whenever it is threatened. During adolescence, members of the Warrior clan spend much of their time learning how to kill, torture, wield weapons, etc.

Subclans: Mel'kun'dem(Space Warriors), Mel'kem'fumi(Air Warriors), Mel'kem'herm(Land Warriors), Mel'kem'serk(Sea Warriors).

Jhume'grem'lok- Literally, "The Praying Clan". This clan consists of the Cr'Saliens who have devoted their lives to the pursuit of enlightenment through religion. They are taught early in life the specifics of prayer and Cr'Salien religion(SEE Religious Beliefs...) and are essential for the spiritual morale of the other clans. Notice that the subclans all start with Jhume, the great warrior of Cr'Salien religion.

Subclans: Jhume'gret'mel (priests), Jhume'hume'mil (monk).

Kel'drem'jil- Literally, "The Science Clan". The scientists of the Cr'Salien Empire. Cr'Salien Scientists spend most of their lives fine-tuning their minds and seeking an understanding of the universe through science. They begin their days with deep meditation on life and the universe, and it is best not to disturb them. One visitor to the Cr'Salien Empire mistook a meditating Kel'mek'ku as dead At the release of this file(Stardate 9612.02), most of the victim's body remains are still being found. Subclans are: Kel'mek'ku (Biologist), Kel'ku'lemk (Physicist), Kel'lemju'gren (Psychiatrist), Kel'beru'mek(Chemist).

Lik'mel'ku- Literally, "The Working Clan". Perhaps the foundation of the Empire, members of this clan are the grunts, the 'peons' of the Empire, and do much of the more physical work in place of the other clans, leaving them free to focus on their particular niches. Scattered and functional only with supervision, the Worker class strangely remains the most dominant and populated clan. If united, the Worker clan would probably be powerful enough to drive off a fairly good-sized army. Workers are used only for strenuous work, and must have high stamina and endurance or be disposed of to clear the way for better Workers. Subclans: Lik'remk'jul (Construction worker), Lik'luk'mul (Factory worker).

HISTORY OF THE EMPIRE

The Empire was powerful at one time, more powerful than the Federation and the Klingon Empires, a serious rival of the T'kon Empire. It was so powerful that it once destroyed itself in a political struggle for the throne which caused serious wars, and no defense of the borders. The T'kon Empire seized the opportunity and destroyed the empire, ravaging the homeworld with Nuclear weapons. The borders were crushed, and Cr'Saliens were forced back to their homeworld, which had been ravaged by nuclear warfare. In the aftermath of the war, remaining Cr'Saliens attempted to create a scientific genius named Humelinas through a selective breeding process designed to make their empire great again. This did happen; however, the far superior and supernormal abilities of Humelinas allowed him to abuse his power and to all but enslave the people of

Hil'tramish'mil'lan for his own amusement. A resistant force grew, much like the Resistance on Bajor during the Occupation, with a man named Jhumeck at the top of the hierarchy. Through a bloody battle, Jhumeck met Humelinas and fought with him for a recorded 110 Earth hours. When the battle ended, Humelinas offered Jhumeck his services as an especially adept advisor in exchange for his life. Jhumeck agreed and the Cr'Salien Empire was reborn. There were many wars, and each led to a significant step forward in their technological sophistication.

THE GOVERNMENT

The Emperor attempts to keep 4 advisors, 1 from each clan, and each advisor has his own advisors, 1 for each subclan at his reference. An Emperor has to add Jhumeck' to his name, in honor to Jhumeck, the first Emperor. The Emperor is usually the strongest (both spiritually, physically, and mentally) Cr'Salien person in the entire Empire, and is elected through competition of potential emperors. A new Emperor is elected only after the death of the preceding one. Each clan sends one person as a representative, with as many weapons as possible to that person. The competitor who kills everyone is the new Emperor. However, before becoming the Emperor, the person must take an oath separating him from his clan so that no one clan will gain any more power than the others. The following are strengths and weaknesses of the clans:

SPECIAL WEAPONS OF THE EMPIRE

The weapons used in fighting wars and the contests described above are

listed below:

Dagger

Sword

Jhumeck's Sword

Laser pistol

Laser Rifle

Plasma pistol

Plasma Rifle

Personal Shield

Electronic Shield

Jhumeck's Arrow

Jhumeck's Avenger

Complete Information on weaponry CLASSIFIED to public and outside of the Dominion Wars.

THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF THE EMPIRE

The Empire believes in the greatness of one man, Jhumeck. Jhumeck was the leader against Humelinas, and defeated him. Jhumeck was the re-founder of the Empire and is regarded with sacred holiness by Cr'Saliens, especially the religious clan, much like Terra's God. Jhumeck had 4 subgods: The god of war, Kel, the god of Science, Liem, the God of Work, Hemkul, the God of Religion, Grelma, and the God of Life, Kemkil. Kel supposedly decides which wars the Cr'Saliens should lose, and which they should win. Liem decides what technology should become available to the Cr'Salien people. Hemkul decides when a worker should rest and when he should work. Grelma decides when it is time to pray for the Religious clan. Kemkil decides when life should end for a Cr'Salien, and when life should begin for another. Jhumeck is the God of all Gods. Cr'Saliens believe He rules over the universe itself, and all other dimensions. It is said that once there was an uprising against Jhumeck as a God and he became so angry that Solar flares appeared on the sun, Jhumeck said that the Cr'Salien sun would supernovae in 100 generations. At release of this file, 28 generations

have passed so far.

THE ECONOMY

The Empire once dealt with the Dominion in the Gamma Quadrant. Tensions have grown, due to accusations on both sides of squelching commerce, raids on outposts, and so on. The Emperor couldn't stand and be insulted. The Empire is now at war with the Dominion. They are also known to trade with the Cardassian Empire, the Klingon Empire, the Federation, the Cytherians, and to several unknown races out of the galaxy. Growing every day, the Empire needs to maintain trade to keep itself from collapsing in on itself. However, it is said that the Empire will soon no longer need other races to support itself, as it's internal economy continues to grow at ever-staggering rates.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Average life expectancy: 20,247 Rotations(1,687 Terran years and 3 Terran months)
Most powerful ship: Jemlicdah, Kelmian Class
Empire Size: Extends from the Federation border into the Gamma Quadrant, about 1,000 light years in diameter.
Major Planets in Empire: Guillan XI, Hil'tramish'mil'lan, Hum'likos, Yon'kidshe'hemd'ah
Number of Planets in Solar System: 20
Star name: Jol'kinlestu'rekpoh'gramto
Star Class: A star which will supernova in 72 Cr'Salien Generations
Physical Description: Humanoid, with 6 fingers on the left hand, with slightly off-shade Human skin color, and longer hair in males than in females.

If you or anyone you know is a lifeforms seeking to be published<g>, send an e-mail to USFTarjoto with details :-)

If you, or anyone you know would are interested in having their entire cultural workings published in the PADD, please send mail to USFTarjoto and USFJonny for more information. :-)

F.Y.I.

New Message Boards are Coming

AOL message boards are a great way to share ideas with other members or get questions answered. Have a problem with your computer? Post a question in the message boards of your computer's manufacturer. Want to learn how to choose a quality wine? Message boards can help with that too. Message boards are a great resource, but AOL's message boards were designed 10 years ago and they sometimes show their age. In 1997, however, they'll be getting a major upgrade.

The new message boards will be patterned after the software that AOL uses for Internet newsgroups. The new system will feature:

- * Favorite Places -- Now you'll be able to add individual message boards, folders and even single messages to your list of Favorite Places.

- * Hyperlinks -- Since you'll be able to "favorite place" a message board or individual post, you'll also be able to send a hyperlink to that board (or post) to a friend in an e-mail or Instant Message.

* FlashSessions -- If you're a true message board junkie, you'll be able to download the latest posts in your favorite message board during a FlashSession. You'll also be able to use FlashSessions to upload your own posts -- just as you do now with Internet newsgroups.

* Improved Threading -- Some message boards are threaded, which is to say replies to a specific post are attached to that post (in a non-threaded board a reply to a post will be found mixed among new posts). The new message board style will make threading easier to use.

* Quicker Posting -- Right now there is a short delay between the time a post is submitted and the time it's actually displayed. Under the new system, postings will be almost instantaneous.

* More Efficient -- The new system will improve your ability to track and organize read and unread messages.

* Your Signature -- Finally, the new system will allow you to create signature or 'sig.' files so you can express a personal quote, idea or motto..

The new message boards are scheduled to start appearing in January. Eventually all AOL message boards will be converted. Stay tuned to Advanced Tips for more news on the new message boards as it becomes available.

Incoming Messages>>>>

Salutations & Felicitations Readers,

In case you missed the last as well as first edition, opening is a new Letter forum/column/section. Call it whatever you like, 'cuz you're the reader and we like that! And know, we're going to actually listen to you with this New & New Letters Area!

That's right, this is where you guyz, the readers, will submit your letters, comments, etc. Send 'em out folks-WE WANT YOUR MAIL! (to fill our boring lives<g>) to USFTarjoto@aol.com (as if you didn't already know!<g>)

We Are looking for YOU....

The USFBR&D is now fully staffed, and ready for action. We will commence work as of this Monday. New ship designs and new technology ideas will be accepted. Remember, we're a discriminating bunch, so it had better be GOOD to get by us. Remember, send all new ideas to USFPutty. Here is the roster for the USFBR&D.

USFBR&D Staff
Revised 9610.30

Senior Director: USFPutty, Chairperson, Starfleet Corps Of Engineers

Associate Director: USF Badon, Dean of the Annex

Assistant Director: USFAarek D, Miscellaneous Duty Officer

Assistant Director: USF Klindt, Resource Officer

Assistant Director: FLtSmitty, Media Relations Officer

Supervisor: USFLynx

Congratulations to the appointees! I'm expecting good things from you all. Special thanks to USFLynx, for his continued interest and support.

We will be starting Starfleet Corps of Engineers meetings on November 4th, next Monday. Please notify your CEOs to attend. It is, however, an optional meeting. Delegates may be sent in their place.

That's about it for now. We're looking forward to finishing this year out well, and starting the next one with a bang, so watch out! The USFBR&D is going to give you some great surprises!

-USFPutty

-Senior Director, USFBR&D

EVERYONE!

We have created a new division of USF, the USF Recruiting Office. This new and exciting division went into full operational status on November 1st, and will prove to be an asset. This area will try to accomplish a few main things.

1. We will try to organize recruiting efforts, to better maximize our recruiting, as well as comparing ships with their recruiting efforts. By trying to impliment this plan, we will be able to staff the hours from 3Pm to 12Midnight (EST) every night of the week, with every officer in USF taking one hour a week. Thats 9 hours a day, that we have someone recruiting, 7 days a week.

2. We will handle all USF Applications, to get some of the work load of High Command Staff.

3. Create an area where potential members can have any of their questions answered, and help them choose which ship will be best for their needs.

4. Provide a friendly first contact for new members before they are thrown into the simming world.

New features comming in 1997 will be...

1. Recruiting For the USF International (Internet Division)
2. Networking all of the USF Web pages, so they may be accessed through the recruiting office home page.
3. Plus much much more!

Staffing is needed to help in this new division. We will need members who know how to recruit to lead recruiting efforts, as well as members who wish to help in the Recruiting Office. For more information, sugestions, etc... please contact me, Captain Aarek Dakor at the following SN.

USFRecruit (USFRecruit@aol.com)

And be sure to Visit the Recruiting Office Website at:

<http://members.aol.com/USFRecruit/recruit.html>

Thanks Everyone!

Aarek Dakor, Captain

~~USS Halifax

~~USF Recruiting Manager

News

By: Lieutenant Rog1 (Lt Rog1)

SD 9612.13

Well heres your roving reporter Lt Rog1 the Jem Hadarr-Human reporting infor your latesr reports on the Borders between the Cardassians and the Maquis.

Any ships in that are going in that area of space be extra vigilant the Maquis are stirred up. It seems they are missing a high ranking member of there staff who got captured by a special ops mission run by our own Uss Darmok. It is hoped to obtain much useful information from this Maquis prisoner.

The Latest from the Gamma Quadrant,
It appears the Jem Hadarr are up to there usual business of divide and conquer for there Dominion founder Masters. Watch for any Changeling infiltrators!!

On the lighter side:

The Darmok is to have a wedding on SD 9612.13 it seems as if Cupids arrow has struck and FsLtSierra and Dr D Ryder are to tigh the Knot. Congradulations to the 2 of them.

*** Note anyone want to forward any information or news tid bits to me Lt Rog1 for posting in the PADD I would appreciate it.*****

Ship to Ship news =none as of yet

CONVENTION INFORMATION

By: Commander Ariell (CdrAriell)

This is the one stop that you should make to find out if anyone will be in your area soon. There are two main convention lists. One is a list of the Conventions in the United States (listed by state). The other list contains the international conventions (including Mexico and Canada).

The Conventions are listed under the city and state that they are going to take place in. The guest list is the current list as of October 25th, 1996. If you would like ticket information please contact me at CdrAriell.

Please forward all comments, questions, and information to CdrAriell. If you know of a convention coming to your area, please send the information to me. Try to send me as much of the information as possible this will help me to pass it on to other PADD readers. In the subject area please put CONVENTION. This will help me to answer you faster. Thank you.

~CdrAriell~ XO, USS Federation

NOTE: The Convention list is starting to get smaller as we leave summer behind us. Please let me know if you are aware of ANY conventions at all. They do not have to be Star Trek Related. They can be SCI-FI or Fantasy related. I will let you know after you send me the information will be included in the PADD.

PERSONAL NOTE: I am looking for any conventions that have the FOREVER KNIGHT cast or crew at them. I liked the show, and I would like to see Nigel Bennett or Geraint Wyn Davies in a convention setting. I know that there are others who would be interested in this information as well.

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UNITED STATES CONVENTION LIST

PENNSYLVANIA

1. April 4-6, 1997 New Kensington, PA
Scheduled Guest: Marc Okrand

UTAH

March 22, 1997 Salt Lake City, UT
Scheduled to Appear are: Chase Masterson, Nichelle Nichols, Robin
Curtis (All guests for this con are tentative as of 8/96)

VIRGINIA

March 21-23, 1997 Charlottesville, VA
Scheduled to Appear are: Barbara March, and Larry & Janet Nemecek

PLEASE NOTE: I have not yet included the information to the Star Trek
Cruises. If there is an interest to have the STAR TREK CRUISES added
to this section I will do so. I need feedback from you before I will
add this section. Ariell :-)

By: Commander Ariell (CdrAriell)

Simmers Birthday's!

~~If you don't tell me I don't know~~

NOTE #1 -- If you transfer your character to another ship or you
get promoted please let me know. I will note it here on our birthday
list. Otherwise I will just leave your old rank and ship listed.

~~Please change all correspondence to CdrAriell~~

NOTE # 2 -- As always please be sure to put PADD BIRTHDAY in the
subject line. Thank you.

~~Make up a birthday or use your own~~

NOTE # 3 -- Remember that if you haven't made a birthday for your
character just use your own birthday for your character. Years are not
necessary.

FINAL NOTE: If you have sent me your birthday and you do not see
it listed here PLEASE TELL ME. Again thank you for all of the
responses. ~~CdrAriell~~

AGAMEMNON (USS)

Sept. 15th- Ensign Austian Jacobs

DARMOK (USS)

Aug. 16th- Fleet Captain Tnagra
Aug. 19th- First Lieutenant T'Kala
Nov. 19th- First Lieutenant Kayla
Dec. 1st - Lieutenant Janar

DARKPATH (USS)

May 22nd- Lieutenant Shane Kew-El
May 23rd- First Lieutenant Ektor
Dec. 4th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Iron
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EVEREST (STARBASE)

Jan. 11th- Lieutenant Wes C' Rusher
Oct. 7th- First Lieutenant Tage
Nov. 13th- Lieutenant Mel'Zhon Galsir O'Brien
Nov. 15th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Mike W
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FEDERATION (USS)

Jan. 23rd- First Lieutenant Dalinn Renne
April 9th- Lieutenant Commander Joval
July 27th- Lieutenant Commander Sela
July 28th- First Lieutenant Michael Form
Nov. 9th- Captain Ariell Johansson-Riker
Dec. 2th - Lieutenant Junior Grade JAW
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HALIFAX (USS)

Sept. 7th- Captain Aarek
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HERMES (USS)

Jan. 9th - Lieutenant Commander Bargeil Leen (Beeg)
Mar. 5th - Lieutenant Sydney T'Nemelt
May 19th- Fleet Captain Richard Semino
May 19th- Commander Bethany Duncan (Beth)
Oct. 26th- First Lieutenant Karral (Kari)
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NIGALA (STATION)

July 2nd- Counselor Kel
Nov. 19th- Charrlette Sandrine
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ODYSSEY (USS)

Feb. 10th- Lieutenant Commander Tamara
Feb. 10th- Lieutenant Commander Damara
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POTEMKIN (USS)

Aug. 2nd- Commander Shodan
Dec. 18th- Captain Putty
Dec. 23rd- Ensign Kathrine O'Dell
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RODDENBERRY (USS)

Jan. 5th - Ensign Rich

July 12th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Ellen Green

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STEALTH (USS)

Aug. 14th- Lieutenant Commander Jantak

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NO SHIP GIVEN

Nov. 25th- Vash25

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Famous Trek Birthdays

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Don't forget to mark your calendars folks. Do you share the same birthday with your favorite character? Check this section out each PADD to find out if you do.

DECEMBER

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3rd - Brian Bonsall (Alexander)
9th - Michael Dorn (Worf)
10th - John Colicos (Kor)
11th - Teri Garr (Miss Roberta Lincoln)
15th - Garrett Wang (Harry Kim)
28th - Nichell Nichols (Uhura)

JANUARY

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12th - Kirstie Alley (Savvik from ST 2)  
20th - DeForest Kelley (McCoy)

Know of anyone I missed for October/November let me know at CptAriell.

THE DIRT

By: Lieutenant Junior Grade Ellen (LtJrEllen)

Welcome to The Dirt, your source for advice, personal information, and the juiciest gossip this side of the Crab Nebula. If you know of any temptingly tasty, titillating, or torrid talk, please forward your information to LCdr Tamara, our "Gossip Officer," Lt Ellen, Dirt editor, or your ship's Dirt correspondent. As we always say, our sources are confidential, but our lips are not sealed!

Gossip, Gossip, and More Gossip!

Hello readers! Welcome to another fascinating edition of The Dirt Gossip! There have been a few changes to this column. Other ships are eagerly jumping on the bandwagon to share the loves, promotions, and various happenings of their crews. LtWesC is contributing juicy gossip from Starbase Everest and LtJanar is writing tantalizing tidbits from the Darmok, and Lt Iron is keeping us abreast of the goings-on on the Darkpath. (This roving reporter lets no moss grow under her feet!) Lieutenant Commander Tamara Zekad-Silona

STARBASE EVEREST

Hello PADD readers! Here's another edition of Starbase Everest Gossip. We wish to start by honoring the return of a valued friend and fine XO of the Starbase Everest and her crew: Commander Nova. She had

to leave us early in September, and now, we welcome her back! On SD9611.08, we had a big off-duty party to welcome her back. Some officers got drunk, we even had a guest, LCdr Tamara who sang some songs.

Also, another return, LtMikeW! After the longest LOA in history, he's back with us as Assistant Medical Officer.

We also have a couple promotions since the last edition: Lieutenant Mars, a fine Tactical Assistant aboard Everest; Lieutenant Obrien, a fine R&D officer; First Lieutenant Pack, another very good Tactical Assistant; and Lieutenant (junior grade) Kirmina, another wonderful R&D officer! Congratulations to you all!!

We welcome the new ensigns aboard Everest. The first to join us this month was EnsZelvei, a wonderful help on Main Ops and Assistant Tactical Officer. Second to come this month, are both EnsToler, and EnsDirk. Toler is a Medical Assistant, and Dirk is a Starfleet Intelligence officer! Welcome aboard!

Now for the romances, perhaps the juiciest part. These are FstLtGygax (CEO), and FstLtTage (CTO). They've been together for over three months now, and are doing wonderfully. The other couple that I know about is FstLtHawk (CR&DO), and TMcGill MD (CMO). They've been going out for a while...hmm..perhaps that could explain the steamed-up windows in Sickbay?

An anonymous source on Starbase Everest is trying to track down rumors of a sarcastic, cynical, "well-equipped" part-Vulcan staggering around the station. When asked about the part-Vulcan rumor, Captian Lynx had only this reply: "part-Vulcan? Staggering around you say? No, no, no can't say I heard anything about that. Ah.. I was in a meeting all night Sunday... a meeting, that's it... a meeting, yes. As a matter of fact I'm on my way to another par.... ah.. meeting right now. Yes now, a meeting. I must be going. To my meeting.. yes the part.... meeting, very important....." It would seem that even the Captian is shaken by this rumor.

After asking many questions from everyone from deck 1 to 150 this source finally found witnesses to the sarcastic, cynical, "well-equipped" part-Vulcan. The witnesses' names are being withheld to protect their privacy (and their lives).

One observer stated that he could not see the part-Vulcan but he could hear him and he was called "bars or jars" something like that.

The second witness stated that she had definitely seen the sarcastic, cynical, "well-equipped" part-Vulcan, and that he "seemed to be a happy little fella".

The Medical Department has released this statement "We can find no evidence to prove the existence of a sarcastic, cynical, "well-equipped" part-Vulcan on Everest. We found the sarcastic and cynical one, but we're still looking for the 'well-equipped' part."

Award for Best L'il Slice of Heaven goes to the anonymous author of this log:

Warm... that was it. Warm and totally relaxed. He still couldn't move his body, but it wasn't an unpleasant experience. He took a couple of minutes to register his surroundings. He was laying face down on a padded table... his face supported in a circular frame. The frame was padded and very comfortable. For the first time in a week, his neck and shoulders were without pain.

His arms were heavy... laying by his sides with the palms facing upward. It took a couple more minutes to recognize that he wasn't wearing his uniform tunic.

He took another deep breath... exhaling slowly. There was a fragrance in the air that toyed with him. Subtly sweet... something edible. His mouth watered involuntarily. His eyes opened as recognition caught him... it was passion fruit. A Terran fruit that

grew abundantly in the tropical regions.

Puzzled, he tried to remember what significance passion fruit had. It grew in lush, warm environments. It was juicy and tasted wonderful. It was soft... All of this was true... but the real significance eluded him. There was something else. There was definitely something else but, he was too comfortable to spend any more energy trying to remember.

He was reluctant to move. The temperature was perfect. The aroma in the air was refreshing. The lighting... he opened his eyes again. Reflected on the surface below him were hundreds of candles. There was something familiar about that too...

His attention was drawn to a sensation on the back of his neck. Feather light... one after another. Barely perceptible. Until a petal fell to the floor, he had no idea that he was being covered with rose petals.

>Koric:: Whispering :: I know... I've died and gone to heaven.

A husky female laugh fills the air... then a pair of lips press against his ear and whisper... "I told you to rest... the next time you disobey your Doctor's orders, I won't be so kind..."

>Koric:: A smile appearing on his face, as all the pieces fit together :: Tes!

>Tessa :: Pulling back the sheet covering him and applying more warm oil :: You were expecting?

If anyone would like to be featured in the next edition (or if you'd like to see someone featured <evil grin>), please email Lt WesC or LCdr Tamara. Until next time, "Live long and prosper"!

#### USS DARKPATH

Let us observe a moment of silence for the death of seven crew members due to an outbreak of a rather nasty virus. We mourn the loss of Ens Tibbs, Ens Green, Ltjg Borjin, Crewmen Smith and Jones, Nurse Carol, and Cpl Radar.

Okay, moment's over. Time to celebrate some promotions! At press time, these include Lt Iron to Chief Security Officer (in addition to his existing post as Chief Medical Officer), FstLt Marus to Lieutenant Commander, Lt M LA to Chief of Tactical/Security, FstLt Booker to Covert Operations Manager (hmm...well-versed in undercover activity?), and FstLt Stern to Systems Engineer. Kudos, all!

Anyone one the USS Darkpath who is "in the know" about what enquiring minds want to know, please send your facts (and, if applicable, figures) to Lt Iron, the Darkpath's gossip correspondent, or LCdrTamara, Gossip Editor. All sources will be kept confidential, but the beans will be spilled!

#### USS ODYSSEY

Now, for the Odyssey gossip. Doctor Kate has been seen giving long looks at Lieutenant Commander Sarvok. He seems to be enjoying the attention. What does Damara, Sarvok's latest amour think of this development??...Captain Klindt and Commander Mason's romance seems to be going strong. There are rumors of a Winter Wonderland holodeck program the two experience often...LATE BREAKING NEWS! Lieutenant Commander Damara is once again a single Borg. She claims she needs time to recover from the loss of Sarvok, but I have a feeling this attractive crew member won't be lonely for long!!...Lieutenant Gill and Lieutenant (jg) Knuchi seem to have developed a relationship much closer than friendship. I have so far only been able to intercept various sultry looks, however. I hope to have more information by the time the next edition is released!!...The Odyssey would like to welcome several new crew members! Please give a warm, USF welcome to Ensign Torzel, Ensign Torres, Ensign Fetterman and Ensign Herr!...Lt (jg)

Kitkara has left the ship. We will all miss her. Good luck in whatever you do, Kit!

~~by Lieutenant Commander Tamara Zekad-Silona

#### USS RODDENBERRY

Recently "The Rod" crew had shore leave on Deep Space 4 -- and they're not kidding when they call it "deep"! Cheif (Lt) Jay, who recently sprouted a very hip-looking ponytail, was mesmerized by the charms of a mysterious redhead (and who said "blondes have more fun"?). Executive Officer Shodan, Lt Katie, Lt Valdyr, and Lt Ellen (Valdyr and Ellen having had their share of a great vintage of blood wine) stalked the hunks and later had mischievous fun pestering their testosterone-tanked male crewmates who were trying to make interstellar history. Ensign Rich, who was seen exiting a holosuite with a grin on his face and a cute Trill named Dalka on his arm, was often heard exclaiming "Canna Magree!" Ltjg Chris, a veritable treasury of pickup lines, got a "trophy" slap on the face from a young Terran female--way to go, Chris! Ltjg Carey was overheard saying, "use your imagination," and he later was presented with a baby. In the meantime, a certain studly Klingon whose initials are LtCmdr Kurn, exited a holosuite with mystery woman R'youa, both of them with flesh wounds and torn uniforms. A good time was had by all.

The Quote of the Month award goes to Lt Valdyr, who, while eyeing a really hot Andorian, exclaimed, "I'm always asucker for antennae!"

Special thanks to Carey and Jay for starting the round of Christmas greetings.

On a sobering note, we are losing our beloved Executive Officer, Trill Extraordinaire, and Brownie Queen: Commander Eileen Shodan. The USF Top Brass decided it best for her to discontinue her split personality, so she will continue as XO on the Potemkin. At press time, although the Roddenberry crew looks forward to the arrival of their new Exec Officer, Commander Clewan, and has been assured that he is a fine officer, one question of utmost importance dominates the minds of the crew: Can he bake brownies?

~~by Lieutenant Ellen

#### USS Potemkin

Hmmm--looks like just before Clewan arrived at the USS Roddenberry as her new XO, he made a lasting impression aboard the Potemkin:

A message, which was intercepted by a shrewd member of The Dirt staff, reads as follows: "All I have to say is Clewan has a lot of explaining to do. Not to me either, it's going to be to about four women on the ship."

In response to this, another Potemkin crew member wrote: "Hold your horses! I didn't know Clewan was dating four women at once. Fawn, Tasha, Cathie, and Ruth. So, Clewan, what haven't you been telling us?????"

In another log, LCdrClewan writes: "My . . .girlfriend has an ancestor that served on this ship. . ."

Then, this month, he mentions something about Stacey (an Engineer NPC) hitting on him (actually, she wasn't hitting him; she was kissing him).

Just how many women are you going around with, Clewan?????  
(Editor's note: Women of the Roddenberry--beware!!! ~Lt Ellen)

#### USS Darmok

The USS Darmok is playing a little game of give and take . . .

She has lost her XO, LT1Trista, in a mirror universe, but gained none other than Commander Ahrele as their new XO! Sad good byes, but congrats to Ahrele, and welcome aboard!!

Looks like it is wedding bells for FsLt Sierra and Dr. Dare Ryder.

At press time, the happy couple is set to tie the knot on Friday, December 13th, 1996. Uh, oh!! It is a Friday the 13th!!!! Humm . . . good luck, you two!!

The Science Department is one to watch! Up and coming LT. Janar has so far blown through a CO and two Ensigns . . . what's going on?? Look out . . . tough post!! However, we hear that there is someone that makes her tongue a little tied! Could it be that the Chief Engineer has the "scientific touch"?

The crew is placing bets as to when the Counselor will get the new XO into her office for an evaluation . . . so far it seems the XO is winning!! Choose a side and ante up!!!

Stay tuned for more . . . Darmossip!! (Darmok + Gossip = Darmossip)  
~~by Lieutenant Janar

The PADD Staff

Award for Outstanding Quote of the Month goes to Ambassador Anders.

In a message dated 12/11/96 6:07:06 AM, USFAnders wrote:  
<<Gosh, I love her, I adore her...I am pretty tired...I loved it...she mentioned me many times...Make a note I liked it ;-)>>

INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

~~by Lieutenant Commander Tamara Zekad-Silona

I have recently begun interviewing members of the Odyssey crew. The following is an interview with our favorite captain, Christian Klindt:

Lieutenant Commander Tamara checked her chronometer and sighed. Captain Klindt was only a few minutes late for this interview, but she knew he wasn't particularly looking forward to it. She knew he wasn't a shy person when in command, but he seemed a bit uncomfortable with the idea of her asking probing, personal questions. However, he had agreed to give her this interview for her files and Tamara suggested that Commander Mason accompany him. Peri had a calming presence for everyone on the ship, and Tamara felt that Peri could be helpful just by observing the interview.

At that moment Captain Klindt appeared, Commander Mason following directly behind him. "Good evening, Counselor", Peri smiled as she stepped into the room. "Good evening", the Captain nodded. Tamara smiled back at Christian and Peri. "Now we can begin. Have a seat please, both of you."

Tamara glanced at her padd, then looked up at the Captain. "Sir, what is the most enjoyable aspect of your job as captain?"

Klindt smiled briefly. "I enjoy the opportunity to work with the diverse crew. I like to see what each one contributes to the ship."

Tamara made a slight notation. "What part of your captain's duties do you enjoy least?" The Captain frowned briefly, then said "I enjoy all aspects of my job." Tamara looked at Klindt in surprise. "Even the paperwork?" Christian looked at her blankly. "Yes, especially the paperwork."

Tamara leaned forward. "Everyone has something they don't enjoy. Come captain, there must be some aspect of your job you would forego if you could." The captain thought for a moment. "All right, I don't particularly like pressuring crew members into writing logs." Tamara grinned as she made another note, she disliked that part of her job

also.

"If you weren't the captain, what other position on the ship would you like to hold?", she asked. Christian looked thoughtfully into space. "I've always liked Operations Manager and Science."

"If you hadn't joined Starfleet, what other career path would have interested you?" "I would have been interested in joining the Diplomatic Corps," he said. Tamara looked up at that. "The Diplomatic Corps, Sir? How did you become interested in that?" "Well, as you know, I grew up on Vulcan, and I am always interested in learning more about other cultures.", he said seriously. Commander Mason smiled at that, recalling her own period of service in the diplomatic corps.

Tamara looked back at her padd. Captain Klindt noticed Peri's smile and returned it. "All right, Christian. Do you have any hobbies?" "Yes. I enjoy ice skating, swimming, and other forms of outdoor recreation."

The counselor leaned back in her chair. "What sort of music do you enjoy?" Captain Klindt thought for a moment. "I particularly enjoy the Vulcan neo-classical period."

"Please describe in detail one of your favorite holodeck themes, Christian." The captain glanced at Peri for a moment, then said "My favorite is a 'winter-wonderland' program. In it, a sleigh takes one around a snowy woodland area."

Tamara smiled in response. "It sounds charming. If you could have lived in any moment in time, when would that be?" Christian smiled at both ladies. "No time is better than the present."

"What do you find so wonderful about our time that is better than previous periods?"

"Well, all of the people that I care about are in this time, and in no other," the Captain stated firmly. Commander Mason smiled slightly.

Tamara made some notes in her padd. "If you had the power of Q for the day, what would you do?" Christian looked her straight in the eyes and said, "I would feed those who are not as fortunate as we are."

Tamara put down her padd and frowned. "That sounds like something from one of those old Miss America pageants in the 20th century, Captain." The captain just grinned and didn't reply. Tamara, determined to get a true answer from him, said "All right, Captain, after you've fed the hungry, stopped all wars, etc...what would you do with your powers, on a personal level?" Klindt sat for a moment in thought. Tamara made some more notes. "Take your time." Christian finally said, "I suppose that I would protect all of those whom I felt close to."

"If a crewmember showed promise in two areas, such as Science and Engineering, how would you make the decision where to place him?" The captain sat up a bit in his chair, happy to change the subject. "I would consider which department could make better use of him." Tamara asked, "Would the crewman's feelings be considered in the decision?" "Perhaps a bit. But I feel that whatever is better for the ship would prevail."

Captain, if you could live any one of your years over again, which would it be, and why?" Christian smiled to himself. "I enjoyed my second year at the Academy. I began to get the feel of the place, made great friends, and started on my career in Starfleet."

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A Note from The Dirt Editor, Lt Ellen Green:

The Dirt staff would like to resurrect the "Dear Counselor" column. If you have any questions, desire advice, etc., please e-mail

me at Lt Ellen (@aol.com), and I'll do my best to include your letter in the next issue of The PADD. All requests for anonymity will be honored.

*****USF TRIVIA*****

Welcome everyone to a new section of The PADD. As you can see if you allow your eyes to move upward a few centimeters, it's called USF TRIVIA. In this column, we intend to stump you. Thoroughly. We challenge ANYONE to get all of the trivia correct in any given issue. To answer the questions, just send a copy of the questions, with your answers, to TAMPADD1@aol.com. All of the questions must be answered in ONE email. The first three people who answer ALL of the questions correctly, will get their name in the next issue of USF TRIVIA. However, we don't anticipate having to print any names <g>. Perhaps, if you are able to answer more questions than anyone else, we might consider printing your name. For a small fee. (Just kidding!)

So power up your warp nacelles! Grab those Tech Manuals and Encyclopedias and have at it! You can thank the fine members of the trivia staff for your headaches: LtImike32, USF Badon, Lt1Josh, LtMobrien and, of course, myself.

Editor: Lieutenant Commander

Tamara Zekad

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- 1) Name the Butcher of Galitep. _____
 - 2) What is the name of Sarek's grandfather? _____
 - 3) Where was the clone of Kahless created? _____
 - 4) What is the Jokri River famous for? _____
 - 5) What was the name of the widow of Tarsus IV massacre survivor Thomas Leighton? _____
 - 6) What was the name of Khan's second-in-command on the USS Reliant?
(This is a gimme <g>) _____
 - 7) What is the registry number of the Farragut? _____
 - 8) Why did they stop making the Bird Of Prey in Generations?

 - 9) In the Voyager episode "Caretaker", what did Voyager use to destroy the Array?

 - 10) What is the shield modulation frequency for the Enterprise D?

ST: Rumors?!??!

By: Lieutenant Wes C (Lt WesC)

Hello! And welcome to the first edition of "Star Trek Rumors", which I guess would be considered gossip. Anyway, this edition is about upcoming series and movies, which I think are very interesting. So...ENJOY!

People are saying that ST9 will be called "Nemesis." I'm not

sure where

this rumor got started but most of the people you talk to will swear by it.

A rumor was sent to me that the ninth movie will involve the Romulans and Ambassador Spock -- Leonard Nimoy has said he wouldn't mind doing the role again. (Can someone find me an official source for this statement?)

Another one I heard from someone is that Tasha Yar will come back for the next movie and it will be about a war with the Klingons. I mean, full scale war with lots of battles and stuff. (I personally doubt the Klingon part, but Tasha Yar could be connected with the Romulan rumor...)

Someone told me they saw Levar Burton (Geordi) at a convention, and he said that he wanted to direct the next movie (source anyone?). Whether he wants to and whether he has any chance are probably different issues, however.

The rumor which has created so much controversy won't be posted in it's entirety here, as the other site which did that got shut down.

It involves a huge full-scale war (deja vu) between several of the new alien races introduced in NextGen/DS9, says that the DS9 cast will be in the movie with only a few TNG cast members, and also is supposed to be a launching point for the 5th series. Even though it would seem this is true since the Viacom people don't want it on the net, I personally don't buy it for a few reasons... namely, why would Paramount only make one real TNG movie? (Generations being sort of a transition).

For completeness, I've included the unlikely message I got claiming the next movie will involve Wesley Crusher and the Gorn... Find out about it here.

The Next Series:

People also say this will be called "Nemesis" too, for some reason. Part of the mysterious e-mail message (see above) said that the 5th series would not involve the Federation, and the stars would be characters in the movie.

Someone sent me a rumor that the 5th series will actually be with the Next Generation cast. This would be a cool idea but it doesn't seem very likely.

Yet another story is that the next series will be about Captain Sulu and the U.S.S. Excelsior. From what I've heard, George Takei (Sulu) has been the one spreading this rumor. Unfortunately, certain people (specifically Paramount) don't seem to like this idea. If you ask me, I think a series like that or even before Kirk's time would be great... but whatever.

The next interesting storyline involves the Maquis and a civil war within the Federation. This could have potential...

But I like this one better -- Star Trek: Klingon. It's supposed to be on board a Klingon ship, with "Gowron" from TNG as a regular and possibly Michael Dorn (which would have to be a record of some kind). Apparently Worf is court-martialed on DS9, and his Klingon honor is restored during a battle with the Jem H'adar. The part of this rumor which I seriously doubt is that Morgan Freeman will be playing the Doctor... but you never know! This sounds like a pretty good idea, but the amount of makeup work involved would be horrendous...

Anyone else with rumors, information, half-truths, or outright lies please mail them to me, at: LtWesC@aol.com

To Recruiting

By: Lieutenant ADF (Lt ADF)

Well if your really serious about Recruiting, think of it as a Game. You have to work the room to play your game. One way is to use the Ever Present "Anyone Interested in joining a simulation Group IM me" Then again if you see someone you think is good for the part you start a conversation by saying something like "have you ever simmed before" . Now you ask them if they would be interested in learning more, and if they say yes then you send them the application. After you send them the application IM them and tell them the following "I sent you the sim group application, read it, go over it, answer the questions then send the answers back to me" and always say "the faster you reply they faster they reply", then of course you say "if you have any questions just ask me" Now if the person keeps asking questions take your time to help them. They might be a beginner simmer....and who knows they might one day be your captain. Treat them like royalty, show them what the USF is made of. Then you "lay it on thick" by telling them the USF has 18 ships, including a klingon sim. The USF is blah blah blah just keep going on and on until they have no other choice but to be impressed. Then you repeat the words "and remember, the faster you read it and send it back, the faster you will get on a ship".

- 1 - Work the room
- 2 - Ask the person(s) if they would like an application\more info
- 3 - IM them telling them you sent the Application
- 4 - Tell them what to do with it
- 5 - Take time to answer questions
- 6 - Impress them with USF mumbo Jumbo
- 7 - Close the deal with the Faster Reply comment
- 8 - Recieve the application and Forward it to USF Recruit

Babble Article

By: First Lieutenant Sean (FstLtSean2)

This is an excerpt from the Star Trek The Next Generation Technical Manual.

BASIC CONTROL PANEL/

TERMINAL USE

Control/display panels aboard a starship are software-defined surfaces that are continually updated and reconfigured fir naximum operator efficiency and ease of use. Each panel is tied into a local subprocessor that continually monitors panel activity and compares it to predefined scenarios and operational profiles. This permits the computer to continually update the panel configuration to provide the operator with a current menu of the most likely current actions. This also provides the operator with sufficient information and flexibility to determine and execute nonprogrammed instructions, if desired.

Layout of the display surface is designed for maximum intuitive grouping of related functions and for logical organization flow of operation. The library computer access and retrieval system (LCARS) software continually monitors operator activity and continually reconfigures the display surface to present the operator with a selection of the most frequently chosen courses of action in that particular situation. The LCARS software also provides the operator with full information (to the level selected by the operator or by operating rules) to choose any other legal action..

Most panels are also configured to accept vocal input, although keyboard input is preferred in most situations for greater operating speed and reduced chance of input error by voice discriminator algorithms.

Cruise Mode operating rules allow each crew member to define a customized operating configuration for his/her work station. This means the crew members are free to configure panel layout and procedural menus to suit personal working styles and levels of training. In the case where a system upgrade has recently been installed, but the duty officer has not yet been trained on the new configuration, panel software can usually be instructed to emulate the previous version until the individual has been properly certified. Standard configuration can be activated at any time, and Full Enable configuration is automatically activated during alert status.

From the Ambassador...

By: The Ambassador (USFAnders)

AHHHHHHHHH, yes that is me. Can you say Busier 'en a bee three times fast.. I can't no time. Lots has happened, and hopefully you will be reading this before 97 if not, I am terribly sorry, my understanding is that PADD Staff will be attaching me to the other end of the rope when the big apple drops in there words, " a lynching" so if the next issue seems a little different.. well, you get the point.

Hope you enjoyed.

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