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My staff would like to extend a hearty welcome to our wonderful readers. We are very glad to bring you the October edition of the USF PADD cyber-magazine. I also want all of our readers to know that we welcome your comments. If you're not sure which screen name to email comments to, just send them on to USFShodan@aol.com (me!), and I'll make sure the right person sees them. Thank you very much. Happy Reading!

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Chief Editor USF PADD



Star Trek Fanatic Rambling

Written by: Andy Gabrilov

The Nutcase Journalist

I'm the person I'm trying you to hate most. Though, I'm sure that I can't be impolite as I would want to be. So, be patient. I'm gonna try to insult you as much as I can. Look, fact remains that as much as we like to sugarcoat things, the blunt truth is the best way to go. Don't like it? Don't read it. Simple as that. I'm Andy Gabilov, and I'm a journalist. I'm going to tell you as I see it. Don't think of it as an editorial. Think of it as a rather twisted view of the world we live in: mainly the one Star Trek fans live in. If you think we're normal? You better check to see if there's Star Trek merchandise in your room. If there is, you're not normal. If there isn't, HERETIC! Go buy something before you go about claiming yourself to be a fan! I'm not being funny! Stop laughing! Oh GRRRR!!! I said stop laughing! Oh this is what I get!

Anyways, don't like what I'm writing, you're welcome to complain. But, I'm not about to give you my character screen name. The captain's gonna get mad at me for disrupting the sim. Not to mention, I don't want my crew coming after me. It's not that I'm scared, mind you, though my captain's quite the slaver worker, and having people talk about his ****STAR**** simmer in a most disagreeable manner will probably have me working in Engineering, cleaning out the waste manifolds. I'm not modest, so don't even bother trying to tell me about it.

Want to find out who I am? Tough! :) Though, I'll be leaving little hints all over my articles. So if you're smart enough, you'll be able to figure it out. You know me :) You better know me. And, get used to saying my name. Because, I plan to be a regular topic of discussion! Now, READ! Or else, go to another article!

Join me and Scream

Imagine, if you will, a world in which the norm means total tolerance for the differences of the individual's personality, not his or her appearance. Imagine walking into a room wearing a part of plastic Vulcan ears, and not be snickered at, only asked where you had purchased such an item. Imagine strolling on your carefree way wearing the proud armor of a Klingon family. Actually, this world isn't exactly make believe. But in almost every sense of the word, it's a secret society. Now, when I say "secret society," I don't mean some sort of stereotypical version in which people must whisper the code word before entering. I mean a world in which almost half of the population doesn't really seem to understand. In a world tormented with images of pimple-covered, flushed-faced, genius-know-it-all, scotched-taped-black-frame-glasses, Vulcan-ear-wearing, getting-stuffed-into-the-locker, loner-internet-junkie geek, who would want to step out from the inner circle and ever proclaim, "I LOVE STAR TREK!"

To answer that question, I scream out to you, "I DO!!" Quite right! I'm proud to call myself a Trekker [Trekkie, whatever fits, which by the way is going to be another subject I want to talk about when I find whatever reason to write about it]. In fact, this little fact was the first thing I announced when I first stepped into high school. It's really a brave [and some would say stupid] thing to do considering Star Trek somewhat lost its charm throughout the years as it could be seen from shows like the Simpsons and various little sitcoms where the term Star Trek often related to some kind of geek phase in a person's life. Of course, I cared little for what people thought. When it was my turn to introduce myself, I jumped out and did what I needed to do:

"Hi! I'm Andy. I love to read, write, dance, and sing. I have a little brother, and I know for a fact that he counts more as a pet than as a sibling. What breed? Um, I don't know. The annoying kind, I guess. Anyways, I think that's about it. Oh, wait! There's one other thing! I am totally, absolutely, incredibly crazed about: Star Trek!"

This of course received quite the response, something I still remember to this day. I had a number of laughs with comments of my having "guts" being murmured around the room. I had the general idea that most people didn't believe me. But of course, I had the usual snickers around the room. It was extremely loud in this case. As for being bothered about my starting reputation, I would be lying if I said it didn't cross my mind that I had made the biggest mistake a teenager could do: announce publicly that I was stereotypically a geek.

Now, I know it sounds absolutely vain and quite conceited when I say what I'm about to say. But, honestly, I am quite the looker. Okay, laugh and snicker all you want. But there isn't a doubt in my mind that if I was just a little taller, I'd probably be able to be model. Not to say that I don't have my share of problems with acne. But, that problem isn't as bad as some of the cases

I've seen. But, when it comes to getting what I want with possible physical attraction, I can get someone wrapped around my little finger. Go ahead and don't believe me, but it's true!

So anyways, I've never really viewed myself as a geek. I still don't. So, you can imagine my surprise when I had people laughing behind my back simply because I announced I happen to enjoy Star Trek. It pretty much lasted for some time, and it still does. I had thought about reclaiming my words, shouting out, "I was just kidding! Ha-ha. You know, a joke? Do you seriously believe I'd watch something that stupid?" But I felt a horrible flutter in my stomach that told me that if I went through something like that, I'd regret it for the rest of my life.

Come sophomore year, I discovered a number of "in-the-closet" Star Trek fans. Practically everyone knew about me simply because I was known as the girl who was "a Star Trek fanatic." Generally, the image was quite true. I was the subject of many snickering little jokes like, "Hey, Andy? Did Scotty beam you up yet?" Those who were quite interested in Star Trek [I knew about two who were probably more of a fanatic than I was] made sure that such an interest was kept hidden from school life. Not that it really mattered because Star Trek never really did get into a lunchtime conversation, but all the same. Kinda hard to be friends with someone when they don't even know what your favorite show is, don't you think? Finally fed up with this, I stepped onto a chair during lunchtime. It was especially busy that period, and practically no one was in class. I had friends who looked up at me like I was crazy as I stood on that ugly orange chair that definitely clashed with the green carpet that covered the cafeteria floor. I really don't know what was going through my head when I stood on that chair, but I think all the teasing finally got to me. I thought about those other girls who were practically afraid to scream out their interests. I was beyond mad. Loudly, I screamed with all my might:

"QUIET! Hey you! Yeah, you in the ugly pink shirt, stop yappin' and pay attention! Good. Now that I finally have your attention, I have something to announce. As you know, I'm a Star Trek fanatic. Go ahead and laugh and snicker. I honestly don't care! I just want to tell you that at least I'm honest with myself! I'm proud of who I am and who I'll become, so I'm not at least bit ashamed of what I consider entertainment! And if you want to go about hiding behind those little fake acts you give to each other, than fine. But, don't you go about teasing me for being confident for who I am!"

I heard someone scream out, "GEEK!" To which I replied:

"Get that stupid image out of your head! I'm not a geek, and if I am just because I watch a show that's not popular in this period, I'm proud to take the title. At least I'm being true to myself, unlike someone who dyes her hair brunette simply because her boyfriend doesn't want a blond!"

Okay, it was a rude comment to make to the person who had called me a geek. So sue me. I was upset. Now that I think about it, I'm not exactly very upset to say the least because the next day, she got her original hair color back. She broke up with her boyfriend and told him to go find someone else if she had to change who she was for him. Later that month, she came to me and confessed she had started watching Star Trek. It's a wonderful thing to convert people.

My little outburst didn't get me in trouble. In fact, the teachers who enjoyed Star Trek and who I conversed with on a regular basis were quite impressed since a quiet little girl had voiced such a big opinion. Moral of the story?

Quite easy. Being a "in-the-closet" Star Trek fan is really your choice. I know that while you're reading this, you're probably thinking who I am to tell you what to do. I'm not telling you what to do. Maybe telling people you like Star Trek will open you up for jeering and quite a reputation you didn't think you'd ever have. But honestly, I'd rather live through something like that than have to hide my passion from the people I consider my friends. "Stay true to yourself" as the saying goes. Ew, that is way too cliché. How about I end this article like this:

We, as Star Trek fans, are persecuted. Harsh word, live with it, it's true, whether or not you want to admit to it. We are the ends to every joke. We are the extreme image of geekiness [there is no such thing as a geek, by the way; it's all propaganda]. So I ask you. Why should people who watch Titanic a hundred times in the theaters be ignored from the jeering when we get stared at weirdly for even being in line to watch Insurrection for the first time? Why should a Star Wars fan be respected while we are called geeks for even looking at Star Trek merchandise? I

say all this ends here! Let's start a revolution! We aren't as selective as most people think! Star Trek is a world wide success. People need to start realizing that the people they consider geeks are nothing more than ordinary people who just happen to enjoy science fiction. I say you storm into your cafeterias, offices, various stores, and just scream out like there's no tomorrow, "I LOVE STAR TREK!!" Kiss your spouse and tell him or her to "Live long and prosper!" Tell your kids that if they don't behave, you'll make sure someone invents a waste manifold to clean up! So what about the stares? What about the jeering? You're not some pimple-covered, flushed-faced, genius-know-it-all, scotched-taped-black-frame-glasses, Vulcan-ear-wearing, getting-stuffed-into-the-locker, loner-internet-junkie geek. And, even if you are, so what? You're just as human as the rest of us! So, I say, hold your head high, take a deep breath, and get ready to scream.



USF Web Site Updates

The New Outpost Cousteau Web page
<http://hometown.aol.com/usfsurak/index.html>

new Columbia web site is
http://members.tripod.com/Columbia_C

new ISS Reciprocity web site is
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Nebula/4690/Reciprocity/Reciprocity.html>



USF Host Retirements

We regretfully announce the retirement of the following former USF hosts:

USF Hayes, USFElias, USF Awolfe, USFUltimoH, USFGrant, USFZidda, USFDamara, USFDakor

Their memories will live on.



Promotion Updates

Congratulations to the following people:

Sandy Haran Xiva was promoted to the rank of Captain and given the CO spot on the USS Eclipse. Her new XO is Commander William Blake.

Kate T'Lara, formerly XO of the USS Aldrin, was promoted to the rank of Captain and given command of the USS Roddenberry. Her new XO is Commander Ray Packard.

The Lothlorien's new Executive Officer is Commander John Styre.

Captain Alexander Quatto was promoted to the permanent position of Commanding Officer of the USS Federation.

Fleet Captain Jason Granyx Storm is the new CO of Starbase Everest. His new XO is Commander Mike Hunter.

Commander Ryan Stephen is the new XO of the Integrity.

Thomas Trekker, formerly XO of the Integrity, is now Captain of SS Nigala
Commander Karis Tok is once again XO of SS Nigala.

New Commander Terlak Kendall is now XO of the USS Aldrin.

New Commander Jadzia Chall-Trekker is now XO of the USS Darmok.

New Fleet Captains:

Dante Aristotle Surak of Outpost Cousteau
Gorkon of the USS Integrity
Jason Storm of Starbase Everest

New Lieutenant Commanders:

Zoltan Kukuk of the Excelsior
Keldar of Outpost Cousteau
Elle Back of Starbase Everest

New Sim:

The ISS Reciprocity is led by Captain Jared Liam St. Cloud and Commander Adam Android. We are very glad to have your group join the United Space Federation! It has come to this editor's attention that Commander Adam Android's "Birth Name" is actually "Tralerian Colony Cybernetics Research Facility Project No. 9964-983-462"

Stuart Scully is now Vice Admiral of the USF due to the retirement of Vice Admiral Ultimo. This left an open spot at the Rear Admiral rank. Admiral Clements chose to promote two people to this rank: Periwinkle Mason and Eileen Shodan. Ultimo's leaving also left an open spot in HC: Elizabeth Hanson is now a Commodore.



Star Trek Trivia

Benjamin Sisko

1. What actor played Benjamin Sisko?
2. When did Sisko Enter Starfleet Academy?
3. When did Sisko graduate from Starfleet Academy?
4. Where did he meet his future wife Jennifer?
5. What station did he first serve on?
6. What was his father's name?
7. What was his Son's name?
8. Who was his hero?
9. What was his first ship he served on after Starfleet Academy?

10. Where did he meet Curzon Dax?
11. Whom did he serve under on the USS Okinawa?
12. What ship did he serve on at the battle of Wolf 359?
13. What position did he hold at that battle?
14. Where was he posted after the battle of Wolf 359?
15. When did Sisko take command of DS9?
16. What was the name of the Kai that named him The Emissary?
17. Who was the Maquis smuggler he fell in love with?
18. What famous starfleet captain's autograph did he get despite regulations?
19. What date was he promoted to captain?
20. What did Sisko and his son Jake, pilot to Cardassia in 2371?

Kira Nerys

1. What post did Kira hold on DS9?
2. What did she do before she took that post on DS9?
3. Where was she born?
4. What year was she born?
5. What D'Jarra was her family in?
6. What resistance cell was she in?
7. Who recruited her to that cell?
8. How old was she when she joined the resistance?
9. What game did she play with her brother's when younger?
10. What was her mother's occupation?
11. What camp was her family interred at?
12. What was the name of the chemist she killed on Terok Nor?
13. What was the name of the notorious labor camp, Kira helped liberate?
14. What was the name of the Vedek that she became involved with on DS9?
15. What year did they become involved?
16. Whom did Kira serve as surrogate mother to?
17. What year did she give birth to the child?

18. In 2371 Kira was kidnapped, and surgically altered to look like what Cardasian operative in the Obsidian Order?

19. Why was she kidnapped and altered?

20. What common past time did Kira especially dislike participating in?

See answers at the end of this edition of the USF PADD cyber-magazine.



USF Host Gossip

Collected by Ann E. Mouse, who freely admits to plaigerizing

Someone overheard Commander Booker saying, "I have this problem with memory, I can't remember things that happen over four months ago. Please note, that date corresponds with the date of me turning 21. Go Figure."

Apparently Commander Dan Mancuso is president of the "popcorn, rice and assorted heckling crowd."

Retired Vice Admiral Ultimo is known as "The Big Hair™" - that is a trademark... and Commander Back is known as "The Big Ego™" (another trademark!).

Captain Quint Kivo is the Peanut Gallery President.

Rear Admiral Eileen Shodan is the Brownie Queen.

Commodore Elizabeth Hanson is famous for her Torture Chamber™.

Fleet Captains "Rigel and Gorkon are the masters in the art of flirting. Dont try to compete... however, classes are available for those wishing to get better. ;)"

Retired Fleet Captain "Damara was Seven of Nine before there was a Seven of Nine. Watch out for her husband {retired Commander} Sarvok though. He won't take too kindly to your trying to see just how Borg she is. ;-)"

Commander "Nikki has been seeing and feeling ghosts lately. Be careful as the Stealth might be haunted now."

"Uity has the hair.... don't touch it... it's the stuff legends are made of."

"Don't use the word p-i-n-k around {Fleet Captain} Killian, I think she's allergic."

"Zier makes neat Jedi pictures. must-learn-programming-tricks."

"Back has the biggest ego in the fleet. They actually had to expand his cell."

Fleet Captain "Sierra.... well, she's the goddess. (What's that log count again?)"

"Jack SaintDuiex created the Frag... so he's much cooler than anyone."

Fleet Captain "Surak can name any log or sim plot after a song. He's got the skills (BOSS!)."

"I didn't read the hosting contract, but I think ABC owns all our butts."

I'm supposed to wash his car tomorrow I think."

"Hosthood, the place where insanity is not only the way of life, it is a must."

HISTORY OF THE BLUE STUFF:

By USFBack

All I know is that one night Surak and I were sitting around the Potemkin drinking and running the security department <If you had Si and Robert Mason as your CO/XO, you'd drink too ;)>, and we ran into ten forward for refills. No one was working, we started looking around... and what do we find? Cases of this blue stuff™. It had quite a strong taste, did some major damage, and we're halfway sure it wasn't some type of cleaning product. Still not sure. It's become a staple of the Potemkin.... and now the host string.... ever since. I believe the HC is voting a week from Sunday on it becoming the fifth food group. You know the four food groups right? Ketchup, potatoes, beer, and other. Oh, and have I introduced you to my EGO™ yet? It stays in the quarters next to mine training for the celebrity death match with Uty's hair. ;)



Birthdays for October-November

By Lt. Doug Zax
(JLtDougZax@aol.com)

I only have a short list of sim birthdays, and I need more. I need every host to compile a list of birthdays on their ships. Send it in an e-mail to me with the ship's (or station's) name. Include, along with the birthdays, the full name of the character, his or her rank, and screen name.

USF Birthdays

U.S.S. Potemkin

Oct 27 - Fleet Captain M'Hawarr (FCptSierra)
Nov 3 - Dr Garret Brighton (Garetbrigh)
Nov 3 - Lieutenant Commander Elana Back (LCdrElanaB)

U.S.S. Lothlorien

Nov 26 - Lt. Starbuk (LtjStarbuk)

U.S.S Integrity

Nov 14 - Fleet Captain Gorkon (CaptGorkon)

U.S.S Federation

Nov. 9th- Commodore Ahrele Johannson (ComoAhrele)

U.S.S Darmok

Nov. 9th- Commodore Ariell Johannson-Riker (ComoAriell)

S.S Nigala

Nov. 19th- Charlette Sandrine {Civillian}

U.S.S Roddenberry

Oct. 31st-Commander Ray Packard (USFRay)

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## Star Trek Actor's Birthdays

Oct 04 - Duncan Regehr  
Oct 15 - Mark Lenard  
Oct 24 - John Winston  
Oct 27 - Robert Picardo  
Oct 30 - William Campbell  
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Nov 05 - Armin Shimerman  
Nov 05 - Eric Menyuk  
Nov 09 - Robert Duncan McNeill  
Nov 11 - Max Grodenchik  
Nov 12 - Wallace Shawn  
Nov 13 - Whoopi Goldberg  
Nov 19 - Robert Beltran  
Nov 19 - Terry Farrell  
Nov 21 - Alexander Siddig  
Nov 24 - Denise Crosby  
Nov 25 - Jeffrey Hunter



# Rate That Movie Results

by Lt. Doug Zax (jltDougZax)

The results are in!!! Here are the results:

9. Star Trek: The Motion Picture with an average score of 7.66
8. Star Trek V: The Final Frontier with a score of 7.166
7. Star Trek III: The Search for Spock with a score of 6.33
6. Star Trek: Insurrection with a score of 4.16
5. Star Trek: Generations with a score of 3.833
4. Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home with a score of 3.66
3. Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan with a score of 3.5
2. Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country with a score of 2.833

Drumroll, please.

And the number one Star Trek movie is (not suprisingly):

1. Star Trek: First Contact with a score of 2.677



The following **Hermes spoof** was submitted by LCmrDuCant.

# Standard Lost or Damaged Form\*

USF-101a

Official Document

1. **Item in question:** Raven, black. Pet of Lt(jg) Race Mannix, *USS Hermes*.
  2. **Quantity of item:** 1 bird
  3. **Serial number of item(s):** EDGAR
  4. **Was item(s):** Lost  Damaged  Quite possibly!
  5. **Reason item(s) was Lost or Damaged:** Normal wear and tear.  Time replacement item.   
Unaccounted for.  Away team mission.  Malicious intent (Also include any and all pending charges and name of individual(s))
- It is believed that Commander Koric Hawkins is responsible for said missing Raven's unaccountability. EDGAR, at the time of his disappearance, was believed to have discovered something that would relate said commander to the unexplainable then disappearance of Fleet Captain Grant. He was last seen racing after Commander Hawkins screeching "BAD MAN HAWK! BAD MAN HAWK!!" However, no charges have been brought forth at this time, pending the investigation of EDGAR's disappearance as well as the pending investigation of Hawkins' subsequently possession by an evil crystalline entity.
6. **Current Disposition of item(s):** The Raven, EDGAR, is considered MIA at this time.
  7. **Issuing Authority:** *Birds "R" Us*, Sector 001, Earth, NYC, NY
  8. **Does item(s) require replacement:** Unable to answer at the present time due to unimaginable amounts of grief being experienced by owner.

LtCommander Sabrina Tearin DuCant, Second Officer, HRD  
[Individual filing Request](#)

Commander Koric "BadMan" Hawkins, Executive Officer  
[Senior Officer](#)

Fleet Captain Leetanzia Storm-Grant, Commanding Officer, USS Hermes  
[Commanding Officer](#)

\*FORM Created by the one and only Fleet Captain Jason G. Storm



## Tactical Tips To Keep You Alive

Lieutenant Commander Wil Shade  
Chief Tactical Officer, USS Potemkin

As I stated in the previous edition of *Tactical Tips*, we will use this issue to discuss "Slicing the Pie", a technique used to clear a room from a position of safe cover. But first, we must go over *Creating Distance from Cover*. While there are some techniques which recommend

"crowding the cover", they are rarely employed. We will concentrate on the reasons why you should create distance from cover.

**Crowding the cover limits your field of view.** It also reduces your ability to pivot, and quickly respond in multiple directions. As the situation moves, you may have to quickly adjust your position as well.

**Leaning against cover causes your balance to shift and will even make you more stationary.** If anything, you may lose your balance and cause an involuntary movement which would give away your position.

**In an armed confrontation, you need to have the ability to move at an instant.** Remain on your feet and ready to move. Just remember, stationary tactics can be deadly - - for YOU!

**When approaching a suitable barricade, get there as quickly as possible.** Get at least an arm's length from the barricade to the front of your body. If you are using a weapon, remain a distance equal to the length of the phaser when extended at eye level, with an additional 6 to 12 centimeters as a buffer. Practice doing this spontaneously. If you end up too close, simply shift your feet to move your entire body back.

Now we come to "*Slicing the Pie*". While this technique is most effective when clearing a room, it can be successfully employed in almost any other confined space mission. Basically this technique will prevent you from trying to see everything that is beyond cover at once, and will keep you from exposing too much target area.

Always approach a doorway from either extreme side. At first, stay flat against the wall while maintaining your proper distance from cover - in this case the side of the doorway. Maintain your balance and lean over at the waist, just enough to expose your eye and enable you to see a small section of the room.

If that section of the room is clear, return your balance by shifting the rest of the torso and lower body under the head. Don't put too much weight on one foot, keep your knees slightly bent, and the upper body slightly forward, but not crouched.

Now, after you have shifted your body back under you, repeat the process for the next section of the room. When that section is determined to be clear, return your balance as I have indicated to you. Continuously and patiently repeat this process until you have reached the other side of the doorway and have cleared the room. With practice, you will be able to use this technique efficiently and effectively.

Next time, we will begin a discussion of *Patrol Fundamentals*.



## Wtaa Readies Star Trek Water

Submitted by Cdr Tamara

Canadian Cool Clear Wtaa and Starbase-1 Coffee are teaming up to launch a new brand of bottled water based on the film *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*. In the film, Dr. McCoy mentions "Altair Water," which is supposedly bottled in the mountains of planet Altair VI and "is widely regarded as the galaxy's finest natural beverage."

Wtaa says it will use state-of-the-art water purification systems to create its 24th century Altair Water brand, which will carry a label that has been designed using various *Star Trek* icons. The bottled water will be available in the United States and Canada in sizes ranging from 12 ounces to 1.5 litres.

Starbase-1 Coffee is a company that makes, markets and distributes *Star Trek* themed gourmet

food.



## Wisdom of the galaxy

Special Thanks to Lynn for contributing this.

If I could offer you only one tip for the future, Star Wars Episode 1, merchandising would be it. The long term profits from buying Star Wars merchandising have been consistently stated by collectors, who's "Wookie with bowcaster still in its original box" is now worth enough to put all their kids through college, whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience. I will dispense this advice now.

Enjoy the power and beauty of your Death Star. Oh, never mind. You will not understand the power and beauty of your Death Star until its been blown up, twice. But trust me, as you tumble down the shaft towards the main reactor you'll look back and realize that putting a lid on that exhaust port would have solved this whole problem in the first place.

You are not a Jedi yet, young Skywalker.

Dont worry about the fact that young Anakin and Queen Amidala are supposed to do-it in the next film. Or worry, but know that worrying is about as effective as the world and his dog telling Lucas that Jar Jar sucks. The real troubles in the next film are likely to be plot and casting choices that you'd have never made yourself in a drunken fit.

Go and see the film once a day until it bores you.

Sing along with the theme tune.

Quit moaning about how certain aliens sound like Japanese or Jamaicans.  
Dont put up with people who can't quit moaning about it.

Do or do not, there is no try.

Don't waste your time betting on Sebulba. Sometimes Anakin was ahead and sometimes he was behind. The race was long, but you knew, in the end, he had to win it.

Keep the good bits of the films, and edit out the mindless dross. If you succeed in doing this, please send me a copy.

Keep your old film posters. Throw away your old cinema tickets.

Trust in the force.

Dont feel guilty if you don't know when you're going to grow up and get a life. The most interesting people I know were having light saber battles with their friends at 22. And at age 50, George Lucas owns half of California.

If you're a stormtrooper, get plenty of your mates before trying ANYTHING!

Learn to speak over 3000 languages yourself, and shoot your protocol droid. Believe me, you won't miss it when it's gone.

Maybe you'll finish what you've begun, maybe you wont. Maybe you'll become a Jedi, maybe you wont. Maybe you'll reach your 800th birthday, but look this good you will not. Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much or berate yourself too harshly. Your choices are half guided

by the force, and so are everybody elses.

Enjoy the force. Stretch out with your feelings. Dont be afraid of what some burnt out old smuggler who can do the Kessle run in under 3 parsecs might think of you. He's just jealous.

Dance, even if you have nowhere else to do it than at the end of a long chain in Jabba's palace

Ignore the person who has a bad feeling about this, everybody else does.

Don't ever read the reviews in film magazines. They'll only tell you what some bitter old has-been film critic thought.

Get to know your family. Or run the risk that the girl you're trying to score and your arch enemy will turn out to be your sister and your father.

Be nice to wookies. They're seven feet tall, bad tempered and you never know when they might rip off your arms and beat you to death with the wet bit.

Understand that blockbusters come and go, but with a precious few flics you should hold on. Work hard to bridge the gaps of credibility and consistency, because the older you get, the more you're going to think that everything they release these days is crap

Live on Alderan once, but leave before it gets blown to smithereens. Live on Tatoonine once, but leave before you become a moisture farmer.

Drool at the special effects.

Accept certain inalienable truths :

Plots will have inconsistencies. Special effects will take priority over script, and the comic sidekick will annoy the hell out of you. And when he does, you will fantasize that when you were young, plots were always consistent, the scripts were so sharp you could cut yourself, and the comic sidekicks were NEVER as bad as Jar Jar.

Worship Bobba Fett.

Dont expect to beat the rebel alliance. Maybe you'll have 20 of your best legions on the surface of Endor's moon. Maybe you'll have the entire star fleet and a frikin Death Star in orbit around it. But you never know when 200 furry muppets and a fleet of space gypsies are going to blow you all to heck.

Don't mess with Obi-Wan Kenobi, or by the time your 40, you'll sound like someone who breaths with the aid of a dustbuster.

Be careful which films you buy the directors cut of, but be patient with the directors that supply them. Releasing a directors cut, wide-screen, remastered edition is a form of rip-off. Dispensing it is a way of taking the same move, adding in 30 seconds of extra footage and selling it to the same bunch of spineless zombies that bought the last 5 editions. But trust me on the merchandising.

by Cathal O' Siochru  
(with thanks to Baz Lurman  
and George Lucas)



# 2nd Annual Galaxy Ball

## October 30, 1999

<http://members.aol.com/galaxyball/>

The 2nd Annual Galaxy Ball hosted by Robert Beltran of Star Trek Voyager will be held in Los Angeles at the Marriott Hotel Los Angeles Airport. The event is in support of Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles.

The event will include some guest talks as part of the day activities leading up to the Galaxy Ball on the evening of the 30th October. Some of the guests will appear during the day giving guest talks and signing autographs for those attending the event.

### Schedule of Events

2pm Guest Talks & Autographs  
(LIMITED TICKETS)

7.30pm Galaxy Ball Celebrity Dinner

Cabaret & Song by  
Tim Russ  
Robert Beltran  
Robert McNeill  
with Neil Norman & The Cosmic Orchestra

Comedy By Ethan Phillips

Dance the night with Louie Beltran & The West Coast Players

### Confirmed Guests

Kate Mulgrew  
Bruce Boxleitner  
Robert Beltran \*  
Ethan Phillips  
Jason Carter \*  
Tim Russ \*  
Garrett Wang  
Robert Trebor  
Walter Koenig \*  
Robert McNeill \*

Guests with \* will appear at day activities and the ball. Other guests will appear at ball only.

Day activities start at 2pm. The Galaxy Ball will be at approximately 7.30pm, Buffet Banquet. Music and Dance provided by <http://www.louiecruzbeltran.com>. Tickets for the event are purchased directly from Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles.

All profits from the event stay with the charity. For information on Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles and how to become a member, please ask for an information package when booking.

### Ticket Prices

Day Events ONLY \$35  
Galaxy Ball ONLY \$65

Combined Day & Galaxy Ball \$85 (Save \$15)  
Please note 4% will be charged on credit card transactions.  
Please make checks payable to:  
Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles, Inc.

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of Los Angeles, Inc.  
8949 Reseda Blvd.,  
Suite 109 Northridge,  
CA 91324-3943  
Tel (818) 718-6363  
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Marriott Hotel Los Angeles Airport  
Rates for the Marriott are \$99 per room inclusive of occupancy tax (Max of 4 persons per room).  
Rate does not include breakfast. To book please call reservations: Telephone 310 641 5700.  
You must say it's the event rate for Down Syndrome Association Galaxy Ball.

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## Editor's Ramblings

By USFShodan

One thing that seriously impressed me about DeForest "Doctor 'Bones' McCoy" Kelley was that he and his wife, Carolyn, had been married for 55 years. I hope my marriage lasts that long.

Star Wars question: Ewan MacGregor played the young Obi Wan Kenobi. How do you pronounce the name Ewan? It's a name I'm unfamiliar with. If you know how to pronounce it, would you please email me the enunciation at [USFShodan@aol.com](mailto:USFShodan@aol.com). Thanks. :-)

Will Star Trek: Voyager get better now that it's the only series the franchise has to concentrate on? One can only hope. I'll start watching it again if it goes back to being an ensemble show rather than the 7 of 9 show. I was rather fond of the original characters, including Kes. I still miss Kes.

You cannot get a virus/worm/trojan horse simply by reading email. If you download a file, especially a program with a .EXE, .COM, .BAT, or .SHS extension, then you might consider worrying.

Congratulations to Captain Quint Kivo on the birth of his newest baby sister (we're talking real life here, not sim life). Alexandra was born on 12:05pm ET 10/13/1999. She weighed in at 6 pounds and 13 ounces. Reports were heard from Captain Kivo that she is the cutest baby girl around.

Speaking of real life, I had my second child in June of this year. Samuel weighed four pounds and fifteen ounces. He was joined by his big sister Eileen, who was thrilled to pieces to have a baby brother.

Apparently Star Trek is being used to teach science (Scientific American, January 1999). I got a chuckle when I heard that. Thanks to Fleet Captain Surak for this info.

Turn your eyes skyward on October 23rd. That is the date that Jupiter will be closest to Earth,

according to a Newhouse News Service article. Look to the east after sundown for it. It should be visible all night long (although appearing to move) because Jupiter will be in opposition to the Sun. This article recommends a 2:00 AM viewing time. I remember looking at Jupiter through my brother's telescope when I was a teenager (no, I'm not going to tell you how long ago that was). It was really neat. I recall seeing the four largest of its moons, which should definitely be visible this month.

I want to give a special thank you to my good friend friend Jim for the Captain Janeway card-board stand-up he gave me. It is a fine addition to our family room. :-)

This has nothing to do with Star Trek, but I thought it was almost hysterical. The first Y2K problem in Maine: many people now are driving horseless carriages.

New contact name for the USF Log Book is: ::drum roll:: USF Log Book@aol.com! Email that screen name for more details. :-)



## Star Trek Trivia Answers

### Benjamin Sisko

1. What actor played Benjamin Sisko?  
Avery Brooks
2. When did Sisko Enter Starfleet Academy?  
2350
3. When did Sisko graduate from Starfleet Academy?  
2353
4. Where did he meet his future wife Jennifer?  
Gilgo beach on earth
5. What station did he first serve on?  
Starbase 137
6. What was his father's name?  
Joseph Sisko
7. What was his Son's name?  
Jake Sisko
8. Who was his hero?  
Buck Bokai
9. What was his first ship he served on after Starfleet Academy?  
USS Livingston
10. Where did he meet Curzon Dax?  
Pelios Station
11. Whom did he serve under on the USS Okinawa?  
Captain Leyton
12. What ship did he serve on at the battle of Wolf359?  
USS Saratoga
13. What position did he hold at that battle?  
Executive Officer
14. Where was he posted after the battle of Wolf 359?  
Utopia Planitia Fleet Yards.
15. When did Sisko take command of DS9?  
2369
16. What was the name of the Kai that named him The Emissary?  
Kai Opaka
17. Who was the Maquis smuggler he fell in love with?  
Kasidy Yates



18. What famous starfleet captain's autograph did he get despite regulations?  
Captain James T. Kirk
19. What date was he promoted to captain?  
SD:48959.1
20. What did Sisko and his son Jake, pilot to Cardassia in 2371?  
a Bajoran Solar Sail Vessel.

## Kira Nerys

1. What post did Kira hold on DS9?  
Executive officer, and Bajoran liason
2. What did she do before she took that post on DS9?  
She was a Bajoran resistance fighter
3. Where was she born?  
Dahkur province, Bajor
4. What year was she born?  
2343
5. What D'Jarra was her family in?  
Ih'valla
6. What resistance sell was she in?  
Shakaar
7. Who recruited her to that cell?  
Lorit Akrem
8. How old was she when she joined the resistance?  
Twelve
9. What game did she play with her brother's when younger?  
Springball
10. What was her mother's occupation?  
Icon Painter
11. What camp was her family interred at?  
Singha
12. What was the name of the chemist she killed on Terok Nor?  
Vaatrik
13. What was the name of the notorious labor camp, Kira helped liberate?  
Gallitep
14. What was the name of the Vedek that she became involved with on DS9?  
Vedek Bareil
15. What year did they become involved?  
2370
16. Whom did Kira serve as surrogate mother to?  
Kirayoshi O'Brien
17. What year did she give birth to the child?  
2373
18. In 2371 Kira was kidnapped, and surgically altered to look like what Cardasian operative in the Obsidian Order?  
Liana
19. Why was she kidnapped and altered?  
To expose Legate Ghemor a member of the Cardassian underground movement.
20. What common past time did Kira especially dislike participating in?  
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| Sunday    | Starbase Everest | 8:00         | Orbital Velocity | FCptJStorm              | CdrHunter              |
| Sunday    | USS Federation   | 8:30         | Private Room     | USF Quatto              | filled                 |
| Sunday    | USS Fragglerock  | 8:50         | Sector001        | USFLaZana               | USFOtter               |
| Sunday    | USS Excelsior    | 9:00         | Orbital Velocity | CptArronax              | USFLe                  |
| Sunday    | USS Lexington    | 9:00         | IRC              | USFABC1701              | USFJaren               |
| Sunday    | USS Marquesas    | 10:00        | Private Room     | USFKharn                | USFWinter              |
| Sunday    | Outpost Cousteau | 10:00        | Private Room     | USFSurak                | CmdMancuso             |
| Monday    | USS Columbia     | 9:00         | Private Room     | USFCNelson              | USFTundrV              |
| Monday    | USS Eclipse      | 9:00         | Orbital Velocity | USF Sandy               | USFWBlake              |
| Monday    | SS Nigala        | 10:00        | Private Room     | USF Trek                | CdrTok                 |
| Monday    | USS Aldrin       | 11:00        | Private Room     | USFKillian              | USFKendall             |
| Tuesday   | USS Roddenberry  | 9:00         | Private Room     | USF TLara               | USF Ray                |
| Tuesday   | Atlantis (SOG)   | 9:00         | Private Room     | USFEliz H               | USFCaitlin             |
| Tuesday   | USS Hermes       | 10:00        | Private Room     | USFHawk                 | =OPEN=                 |
| Wednesday | USS Stealth      | 9:00         | Orbital Velocity | USFRigel                | USFThrevor             |
| Wednesday | USS Halifax      | 10:00        | Private Room     | USFBooker               | =OPEN=                 |
| Wednesday | USS KemoSabay    | 11:00        | Private Room     | USFAhrele               | CmdrKayla              |
| Thursday  | USS DarkPath     | 9:00         | Private Room     | USFMstrad               | USFRigel               |
| Thursday  | USS Potemkin     | 10:00        | Private Room     | USFSierraM              | USFBack                |
| Thursday  | USS Agamemnon    | 10:00        | Private Room     | USF Jaren               | CmdrRoel               |
| Friday    | USS Lothlorien   | 9:00         | Private Room     | USFKivo                 | USFStyre               |
| Friday    | USS Integrity    | 10:00        | Private Room     | USFGorkon               | USFStephen             |
| Friday    | USS Darmok       | 11:00        | Private Room     | USFAhrele               | USFJadzia              |
| Saturday  | USS Odyssey      | 9:00         | Orbital Velocity | CommoMason              | USFTXTrek              |
| Saturday  | ISS Reciprocity  | 12:00        | Private Room     | USFZorr0                | USFAdamAndroid         |

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