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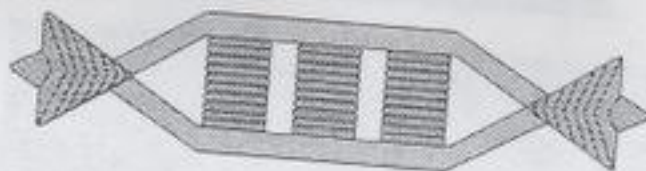
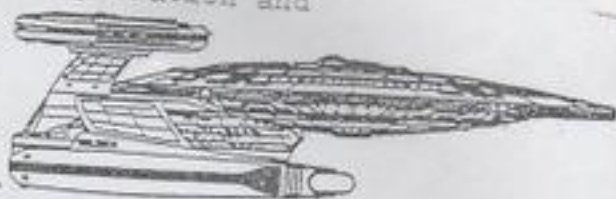


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From the Bridge of the MAXIMILLIAN

It's hard to believe it has been ten years since we lost seven brave souls in the pursuit of exploration and higher learning. Though I was only in highschool at the time it is only a day that will stay with me the rest of my life. I do not know why percisly but I have no higer respect for any ome then I do for astronauts. I am dedicating this issue to the memory of the crew of the challenger and all those astronauts who gave there lives so we could reach the final frontier. As a new year comes upon us so alot of new qua-ling-s. We as a crew have a.o. to do. We want to decide when we want to go to cinci to help with the trek exhibit, the dover space conference, Maroon, car washes, we have been invited to participate in the annie oakly parade in greenville ohio, the renaissance festival, we are hosting the annual putt-putt tournament, the bowl a thon for kids n kasp ,and of course recruiting drives, and more. Its going to be a fun and productive year, and I have the utmost confidence in this crew, we can acomplish so much as a team. We also need more people so if you know of anybody interested in sci-fi recruit them if you can. I must apologise for last month, but between the weather and real life I could not pull together a news letter and meeting. but we are still running good. Speaking of the news letter I am glad to see the diversity of articals you all are giving. Our chief engineer has written a great story that will appear in next months edition. Keep up the good work. And our chif of communications is doing great by keeping us informed of trek related material. I have found the master to the ships flier, but I am looking for ideas from the crew on how we can improve it and I also need help printing them up. I am also trying to find a flag pole and stand for our ships flag so if any body can help in that department it would be most help ful. We also have a department chif opening for chief medical officer anybody interested see me. well that will about do it for now , until next time

REACH FOR THE STARS AND GRAB THE FUTURE.



Jan./Feb. 1996

Dear Friends of Star Trek:

Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying all of your Star Trek presents! The Ayers family was blessed with many ST gifts again this year. All of our relatives know by now that a ST gift will be enthusiastically received and enjoyed. So, Ben and I have alot of ST reading to do and Ben has several ST models to glue together. I also splurged and bought autographed copies of four Next Generation stars through an autograph company. They are great! We have them proudly framed and hung up.

I also had a special time this Christmas going down to C.D.S.I. and seeing their planetarium show, "The Story of the Star." The show presented the idea that the Star of Bethlehem was probably not a comet or a meteor, but a conjunction of planets and stars in a constellation. They spoke about the conjunction of Venus, Jupiter, and the star, Regulus, in the Leo constellation. It was incredibly fascinating! I talked with one of the planetarium staff for awhile after the show and learned some information. I hope to write an article on the star of Bethlehem soon for the newsletter.

On to 1996! The next few months are going to be terrific for ST fans in Ohio! The major ST exhibit entitled, "Star Trek: Federation Science" is at the Cincinnati Museum Center (AKA Union Terminal) near downtown Cincy. The museum address is: 1301 Western Ave. 45203. The museum's telephone number is 1-800-733-2077. The woman in charge of volunteering is Jean Cassell and she can be reached at (513)283-7000. The exhibit runs from Feb. 3 to April 28. I'm sure it will be a must see! A good group of USS Columbus members went down for the opening banquet. So, if you want news about that, I'm sure they'd be glad to tell anyone about it. Ben and I are certainly looking forward to going down for it!

If you can't warp down to Cincy, another great opportunity right here in the Cols. area is a C.D.S.I. special exhibit called "Movie Special Effects: Hollywood comes to COSI." The exhibit runs from Jan. 29 to May 5. There are props to see and interactive exhibits from Star Wars, Star Trek, and many other films.

A fun thing that Ben and I experienced this month was being able to "listen" to Alexander Siddig answer questions online on CompuServe. It was exciting to hear people asking him questions from England and Italy. He did a great job and seemed very nice. The online session was sponsored by SF/Fantasy Forums and Doctors Exchange (Alexander's fan club).

It truly is a great time to be alive! There is so much going on with discoveries in space, engineering, medicine - just about every field. There is something about space almost every day in the newspaper, esp. in the Dispatch Sunday Insight section, and in Time magazine almost every week.

Keep writing Star Trek letters to networks and Paramount. They need to hear from us! Also, let me know if you have anything you want me to put in the newsletter.

Love long and rejoice always,

Cynthia Ayers



From the



COMMANDER ELAINE JACKSON
FIRST OFFICER

Well here we are in a brand new year. I hope everyone will have a happy and prosperous year. With the weather here lately we didn't get to meet in January. In one way I'm glad because mentally I was not ready, whereas a counselor when you need one. One of my things I am working on is getting my reports in on time. There are so many things going on or coming up soon around ONTO for us to try and do this year. Now that the weather is getting nicer I'll hopefully be able to collect more cans and turn more money in at every month. SO if you would like me to turn in cans that you have I will do it. I heard that the winterfest at Cherrington elementary went pretty well. I ended up having to take LT. COMMANDER Randall Jackson to sick bay, but I am glad to report he's doing fine. I did get to go back for about an hour or so.



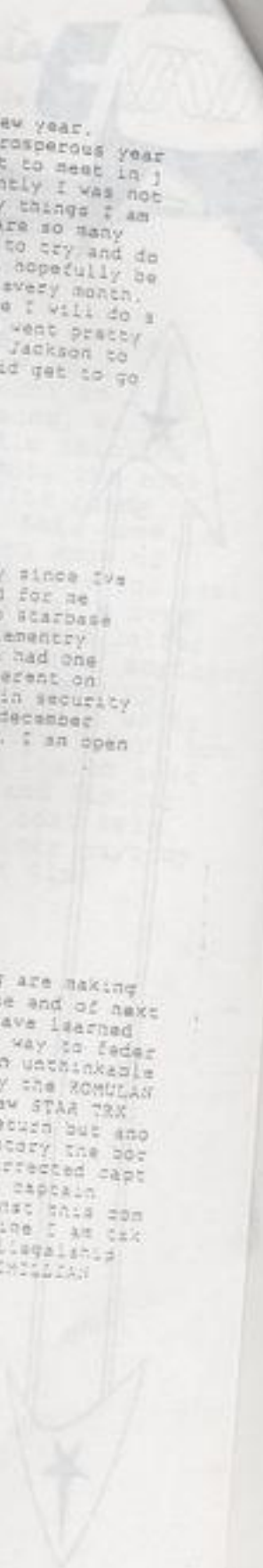
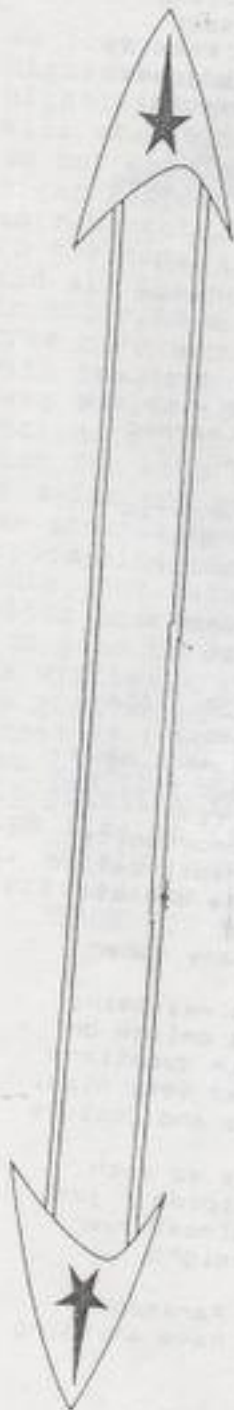
LT. COMMANDER RANDALL JACKSON
CHIEF OF SECURITY

Not much has been happening in security since I've been on board the MAXIMILLIAN, which is good for me right now (until recently) on a mission to Starbase Cherrington better known as Cherrington elementary (this was my youngest goes to school.) We had one youngster escape the KLINGON jail. Things will be different on our next away mission. I would like to hear from those in security on any ideas for fund raisers from now until at least December or on something we can do every month on regular basis. I am open for suggestions right now.



LT. JOHN S. CRUSS

All the crew know that the Borg are making their way through Federation space by the end of next year, but through my defiber contacts I have learned that a Borg faction will be making their way to Federation space by mid-February and commit an unthinkable act. Ally with a Federation enemy. Namely the ROMULAN EMPIRE. This alliance will be discussed more in the new STAR TREK novel by William Shatner. Its current title is the return but another working title is the fires of Olympus. In this story the Borg and the ROMULANS join forces to capture the newly resurrected capt James T. Kirk so they can destroy their mutual enemy, Captain Jack-BUC Picard. Can the ENTERPRISE crew prevail against this non-correct? Read the book and find out. In the meantime I am looking for a team in DARK WANGZ players in order to find illegalities. Builder Tobias Vaggs in an effort to shake up the MAXIMILLIAN WISE TO SUCK.

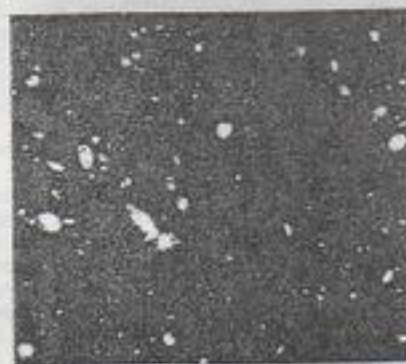




LT. DOUG KINZER

Greetings to the crew of the Maximillian. I have just returned with a group of marines from Tauch. We had been assigned to a group of archeologists who were excavating a temple there. AFTER the local government gave permission for the federation archeologist to come, they learned a group of pirates was trying to get information on the dig site, and the artifacts that might be found. As a result, two twelve-man squads and myself were sent to protect the dig. We arrived a few days early. We also made a point to talk it up in the local bars, that we were well armed and itching to kill pirates. We also let it be known that the MAXIMILLIAN was close by and ready to deploy reinforcements as needed. At the dig site we made ourselves and our type 2 phase rifles very visible. The pirates, if there were any, never showed.

Our assignment on Tauch 3 ended up being more like shore leave than guard duty. The temple was incredible and so were the artifacts. We really learned a lot from the archeologist. NEW recruits to the MAXIMILLIAN should think about picking fleet marines for their branch. We get great assignments like this all the time.



Deep space: Galaxies crowd together in this Hubble time-lapse photograph.

Hubble's time travel finds galaxies

The most distant image ever captured by the Hubble Space Telescope shows at least 1,500 galaxies in a region more than 10 billion light years away.

The time-lapse photo was taken Dec. 18-28 and released Monday at the American Astronomical Society in San Antonio. Astronomers say the photo may hold clues to questions about the expansion and eventual fate of the universe.

"We might somehow be seeing our own origins in all of this," says Robert Wil-

liams, head of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

Astronomers say the galaxies, which are in varying stages of development, probably date to when the universe was less than 1 billion years old.

The telescope's target was an incredibly tiny point in the sky where the handle meets the bowl of the Big Dipper. Most of the galaxies are so faint even Earth's largest telescopes missed them.

"They're all stacked up against one another in this picture and the challenge now is to disentangle them," says astronomer Mark Dickinson.



News From Around The Star Trek Universe..



STAR TREK: THE RETURN HARDCOVER

by William Shatner
Actor/writer/director William Shatner, who's alter ego Captain James T. Kirk died in *Star Trek: Generations*, reveals the secret of the return of Kirk in his second original *Star Trek* novel *Veridian II*: a world has been saved, and the U.S.S. Enterprise lies in ruins. But as the Vulcan ambassador visits the grave of his dear friend, the adventure is just beginning! The Borg and the Romulan Empire have joined forces, their collective eye set on their key weapon: the miraculously resurrected Kirk! A confrontation is waged between old generation and new; friends are reunited and secrets revealed as Picard, Riker, Spock, Dea, McCoy, and all the Federation's best become embroiled in a cosmic saga that will test their loyalties to the limit. (0-671-52610-3) SF/TV&F ICAUT: 2) HC, 6x8, 388pg \$22.00



Imagination building on fact—a new space video narrated by Patrick Stewart.



STAR TREK: THE KLINGON BOOK OF VIRTUES

Wisdom from Star Trek's
Warrior Race

by Marc Okrand
"Revenge is a dish best served cold." Yet, even the villainous Khan knew who to quote when he was rocketing into battle with Kirk and Company. Now, Marc Okrand—author of *Conversations of Klingon*, *Power Klingon*, and noted expert on the Klingon language and lore—has gathered a fascinating collection of Klingon proverbs and quotes—in both English and Klingon—for contemplation by the "meek" races. Remember: "Four thousand throats may be cut in one night by a runlike man!" (0-671-



Visitors get a chance to command the Starship Enterprise.

Fans may boldly go to 'Star Trek' exhibit

By Michael Grossberg
Dispatch Entertainment Reporter

Going Places doesn't know how to use a phaser, why warp drive allows starships to go faster than the speed of light, or what exactly happens when captains Janeway, Sisko, Picard or Kirk beam up from an alien planet.

But Going Places — always willing to boldly go places, preferably places where no one has gone before — is willing to learn how all that is possible (or in real life, perhaps impossible) from "Star Trek: Federation Science," a touring exhibit that opens Saturday at the Cincinnati Museum Center.

The \$1.3 million exhibit, based on the television series and films, encourages visitors to explore space science, life support, physics, astronomy and other sciences.

Visitors will be able to visually beam down to an alien planet, command a starship, program a voice-activated computer, navigate through an asteroid field and turn into a Klingon.

"Star Trek: Federation Science" has tremendous potential to encourage the exploration of science and technology by visitors of all ages," said Richard Glover, museum president.

Designed and built by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, the 6,000-square-foot exhibit includes more than 40 displays divided into theme areas related to parts of the Starship Enterprise. The central focus is the bridge; other areas include engineering, sick bay and a simulation of the transporter room.

What better time to explore such arcane matters than during

1996, the 30th anniversary of the first *Star Trek* television series?

Cincinnati Bell Telephone is hosting an information line — 513-230-TREK (8735) — for museumgoers to preview the exhibit during the three-month run.

Also connected with the exhibit: "Star Trek Jeopardy" (noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 10-11), in which Trekkers can test their knowledge of the *Star Trek* universe; "What's My Next Line?" (noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 17-18), in which movie and TV clips will be shown to see whether fans can remember the next line of dialogue; and a *Star Trek* Science Fiction Festival (1 and 3 p.m. Feb. 24-25 and March 16-17), featuring panel discussions with writers Laura Resnick, Geoffrey Landis, Steven Leigh, Jack Nemerstein and Maureen McHugh.

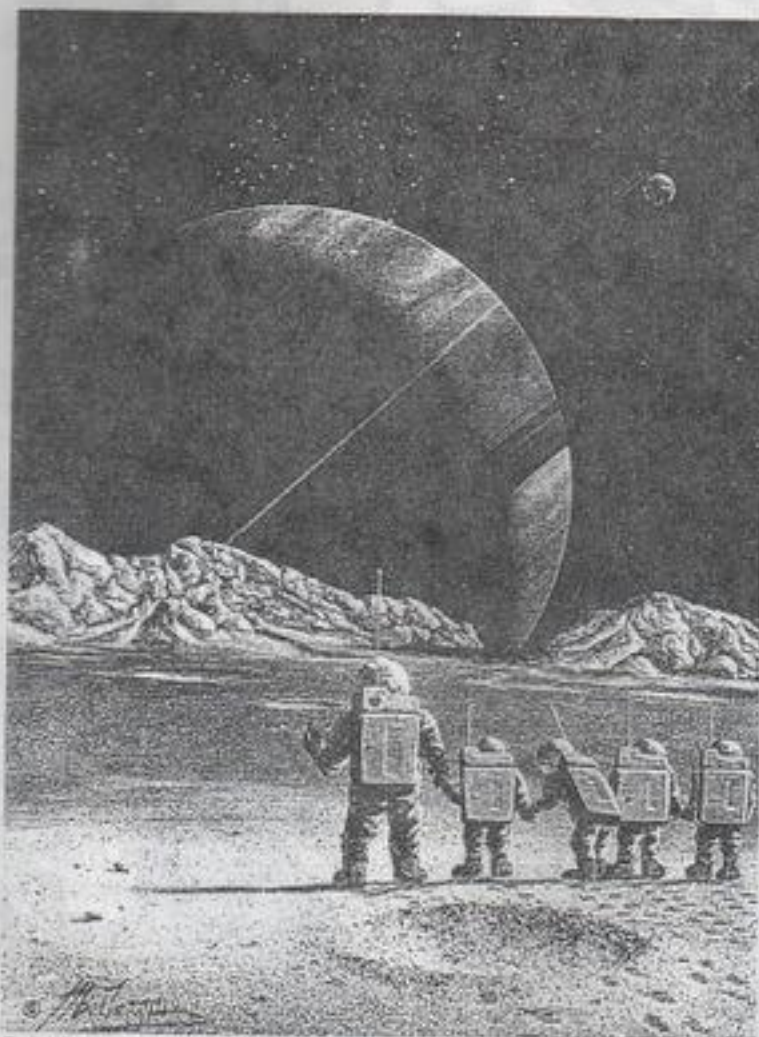
Then there is the museum's futuristic Starfleet Store, which opens Saturday with posters, music, models and memorabilia from the original TV series and from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Star Trek: Voyager*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* and *Babylon 5*.

To miss this exhibit would be... illogical. Beam me to Cincinnati!

The *Star Trek* exhibit continues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays — through April 28 — at the museum, Union Terminal, 1301 Western Ave., Cincinnati. Federation Science tickets — \$2, or \$1 for children — can be added to adult museum tickets. After 5 p.m., tickets can be purchased separately for \$4, or \$2 for children.

For more information, call 800-753-2077 or 513-257-7020.

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The families wanted a living memorial. "We didn't want to dwell on how the crew died, but what they had lived for," says Chuck Resnik, brother of astronaut Judy. June Scobee quit her job as an education professor at the University of Houston to found the Challenger Center, an organization promoting

space science for kids. Members of each of the seven astronauts' families sit on the board. Among the initial supporters: Morton Thiokol and Rockwell International, which built the orbiter.

"O.K., astronauts, let's go." A team of fifth-graders at a Challenger Center in Framingham, Mass., one of 30 around the U.S., receives its orders: Launch a probe to Halley's comet. "We don't dwell on the sad part," says teacher Mary Liscombe. "We say, 'The mission continues.'" Grace Corrigan, who lives nearby, often visits the center, which she supports with proceeds of her 1993 book, *A Journal for Christa*. "That's Christa's mom," the kids whisper. Christa's own kids, kept out of the public eye, are big now. Scott is in college, downloading musical riffs from the Internet. Caroline is 16 and a horsewoman. Their father, now a federal judge, took up flying and, three years ago, married a reading

teacher. He too supports the centers. The faculty nationwide includes some of the 114 Teacher in Space finalists—not least, Christa's backup, Idaho teacher Barbara Morgan. NASA chief Daniel Goldin has appointed a committee to decide whether to end the Teacher in Space program. But for now, Barbara, 44, still has a flight physical every year.

"What happened was horrible, and you can't ever

erase that," she says. "But our job as teachers is to help kids reach their potential. *Challenger* reminds us that we should never quit reaching for the stars."

One frequent visitor to the Challenger Center in Houston is Dick Scobee's grandson, the infant in Kathie's arms when she watched that fatal flowering in the sky. "I like the shuttle simulator best," says Justin. "It would be fun in space. You can float because it's zero g. I would like to become an astronaut."

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