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The Black Elk Embarks! 40th Member Reached, Vulcan Found, DVD Rocks, Colin writes, and the Security Report Returns!



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Hand held:
I'm on the way, give me a hand
Cute, mate, mate, mate, mate, mate
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Roleplaying Roundup

Episode One: On The Edge of Night

Narrated by LT Charles Connor

As the U.S.S. Black Elk entered the nebula, searching for a lost ship, they knew all was not right, and soon as the ship began losing structural integrity, their fears were confirmed. Still, despite the near losses of a few of their most valuable assets, they escaped the strange nebula, rescuing the lost ship as well...but little did they know that they had brought along

some stowaways.

They struck quickly and silently, taking control of several members of the command staff, and steering the ship, locking it on an unstoppable course to a sun. Even worse, the systems became unstable, leaving the Captain stranded in a cramped forcefield, and no hope was in sight...things looked bleak for the crew of the Black Elk.

Finally, the crew was able to find out the problem: The inhabitants of the nebula needed to find a new sun to sustain their energy forms or they would die, and the Elk was the only way of them getting to the sun in time.

The ship delivered them to their new home, with promise of a new, better coexistence between the life forms and the Federation.

Episode Two: Planet of the Tribbles

Narrated by LT Charles Connor

After the trials of their previous adventure, the crew of the Black Elk decided it was time for some shore leave. They decided to set down on a "Risa" like planet, where an ops officer got into a fight (And lost his camera), and soon everyone else discovered this planet's strange secret...

It was infested with trillions of tribbles.

All was well until the Klingon

ship declassified, revealing Commander Krunk, hero of the Tribble wars. He demanded the right to destroy the insignificant planet, which was in a neutral position, due to the possibility of the Tribble menace spreading. Much debate followed, and the Captain gave him a deal, where if he could not find an agreeable solution, the planet, and all of the thousands of people on the planet, would be destroyed.

The Medical Officer got to work immediately, but suffered setbacks when a Giant mutant Tribble was born. Fortunately, it was subdued before anyone was injured. And eventually a way was determined to safely sterilize the tribbles...and even Krunk was satisfied, after some Bloodwine got in his system.

Though some young lieutenants took a pet with them...

Episode Three: Unknown Past

Narrated by LT Charles Connor

The U.S.S. Black Elk was finally heading back to normal space after the events of the last few weeks, when suddenly, during a routine warp travel, they suddenly hit a "Ion field", which left them helpless without warp drive. Fortunately, the shuttles were still capable. The ship sent a shuttle to a nearby Earth-type world..where they quickly found out that it was

more Earth like than it seemed!

The Ion field had catapulted the ship into a deadly parallel universe, where the citizens of Earth were locked in a deadly battle with intergalactic despots, the "Daleks." Boldly choosing to throw the prime directive aside, the captain decided to help this Earth, by offering assistance. After a misunderstanding and subsequent capture of a few of

the crew, the Black Elk proved it's worth by destroying much of the invading force. However, the way back proved to be deadly as the Black Elk was destroyed on it's trip home. While the crew survived, rescued by the U.S.S. Maximilian, the ship was lost...and no one knows what will happen to this crew which so much has happened to in so short a time...

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words. The taller figure carefully, almost reluctantly, injects the Captain.

"Now, the laser scalpel."

The Captain, awake this entire time, seeing these aliens arguing over her fate,

cannot move. The terror within her holds her still.

The leader makes an incision along the forehead of the Captain. Blood gushing

everywhere, but the Captain does not feel a thing.

From out of nowhere, the Bolian asks "Do you hear something?"

"Hear what?" The leader questions.

Behind the three bickering aliens, Seven of Nine fires one, two, three phaser

bursts knocking each 'doctor' out cold.

"Seven? Is that you?" Asks the Captain, still out of it from the hydroprovolien.

"Yes, Captain. You are damaged. We must you get back to Sickbay." She says,

fearing for her Captain's life.

"Where? Where is the rest of the crew?"

"We haven't found them yet. We believe they are farther underneath."

"What? Where are we?"

"We don't have time to talk about this now." Trying to get the Captain to cooperate.

Seven frustratingly taps her combadge, "Seven of Nine to Voyager, five to beam up."

With the help of the Doctor, Janeway enters Astrometrics.

"Doctor, I'm fine, really."

"Captain, you suffered major injuries. You're in no condition to be on duty."

Says the Doctor, trying to reason with her.

"Tell me Doctor, if your crew was lost, would you wait in sickbay until they die,

or would you do everything in your power to save them?"

"I suppose the latter, but..." as he is cut-off by the Captain.

"But nothing. Let me get to work, all right?"

"Yes Captain."

Janeway turns to Seven; as she staggers over she asks, "What have we got?"

"It appears the anomaly was not a gravatational force, but a gigantic transporter.

When we came in contact with the anomaly, it transported the crew to a nearby planet."

"And you?" still startled from recent events.

"My ocular implants shielded me from the transport." She says, feel-

ing somewhat superior.

"Have you located the other crew members yet?"

"No, I'm having trouble. The planet's thermosphere is interfering with my scans." Now feeling not so superior.

"Have you tried using a polaron beam to disperse the thermosphere?"

"No, the power consumption would have been too great. I need command codes."

"Don't worry, I've got it taken care of." Janeway says with a smile.

"Computer. Launch a polaron beam at the nearest planet's thermosphere."

"The computer replies, "Launching a polaron beam requires 47 terajoules of energy.

Command authorization required." "Command authorization Janeway beta-5-3-1-omega."

"Command authorization accepted. Firing polaron beam."

Janeway turns her attention to Seven, "So, did it work?"

"Yes, I'm reading 142 lifesigns, all Voyager crewmen."

"Beam them up."

"Yes, Captain".

THE END

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Star Trek Voyager: The Marquis
A Story by Colin Brunton

The Maquis
Colin Brunton

*Captain's Log: Stardate 57647.5
Sensors have picked up a strange
space anomaly emitting a few
lightyears from
the Bajor sector. As if the Bad-
lands aren't strange enough, there
is unusual
gravitational radiation emitting
from the center of the anomaly.
Starfleet Command
believes that the Maquis, the resis-
tance force against the Cardas-
sians, might have a base
near the anomaly.*

The bridge has gone to red alert; crewmen are rushing everywhere as fast as a starship traveling at Warp 10. Kathryn Janeway is in her ready room, as fast asleep as Rip Van Winkle. She is awakened by a blaring beep on her combadge. The Captain takes a few moments to reassemble herself, and then lightly taps her combadge. "Yes?" she says a bit dazed. "We're approaching the anomaly Captain," says the brisk, young Tom Paris. "I'll be right in." The Captain steps up on to the bridge. She walks around triumphantly, remembering everything her ship went through. Janeway and her crew had been lost in the Delta Quadrant, over 70,000 lightyears from home. For nearly six years, they battled

against the odds. Traveling past the Borg, the Hidrogen, the Malon.

Finding new life and new civilizations, new technologies along the way. All the data collected will keep Federation scientists busy for decades. The logical Vulcan, Tuvok, says, "The anomaly is within 2,000,000 kilometers, Captain." "Take us out of warp, Ensign," she tells Paris. "Yes, ma'am," Tom says, somewhat reluctantly. Janeway turns to Kim, "Status report." "The anomaly's changing position every few seconds. I can't get a lock," Harry says, confused. "Keep trying, Enhance the sensor range if necessary." "Yes Capta...CAPTAIN, the anomaly's getting closer! 1,500,000 kilometers. 1,200,000 kilometers. 1,000,000 kilometers!" "Captain, if the anomaly comes within 500,000 kilometers of us, the gravity of the anomaly will be too great for us to free ourselves," says Tuvok, remaining calm. "That settles it. Tom, get us out of here, full impulse," she says coolly, trying to maintain crew morale. "It's too late Captain, we're being pulled in." Says Harry with a distinct hint of fear in his voice. Janeway addresses the entire crew.

"All hands brace for impact."

The cold, dark, putrid stench of rotten flesh permeates the atmosphere as three men, shrouded in mystery, begin to dissect their first victim, the Captain. "First, we need to cut along the upper rim of her cerebral cortex," says the tallest of the three. The other, shorter figures, one a Bajoran, the other a Bolian, nod in approval. "Laser scalpel" The taller one commands leisurely, as if he had done this many times before. "Sir, shouldn't we inject her with a hydroprovolien first?" Says one of the shorter figures in almost a supranano voice. "No! Not after what she's done to us!" His frightening rage makes the two take a few steps back. "But sir, we're not trying to kill her," Says the Bajoran figure carefully enough not to upset the taller individual any further. "I don't care! Just do as I say!" The two take a few more steps in the opposite direction. The tall man tries to calm himself, "Okay, hand me a hypospray with 20 millileters of hydroprovolien." The Bolian does as is told, his hand still shaking from the leader's frightening

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The Mighty Max DVD Section

Okay... this is just too cool. As you all know by now, Paramount Home Video is releasing the original - the classic version - on DVD. And they ain't never looked (or sounded) so good.—Digital Bits.com

Since the quality of these discs is pretty even, what follows will describe the general quality of all the volumes in the series (individual differences or abnormalities in quality will be noted if necessary). Let's talk video first. Paramount recently undertook a complete digital remastering of the entire series, for broadcast on the Sci-Fi Channel. Fully digital, high-definition transfers were done of all the episodes in the series, using the original film interpositives from the studio's vaults. Then, the D1 master tapes were "cleaned" using special digital filters to reduce the amount of dust and dirt visible. The result, on virtually every episode, is a crisp and vibrant picture, with terrific contrast and lush, accurate colors. The video isn't exactly reference quality. There's a lot of grain that shows on the print, which results in

some artifacting and blotchiness after MPEG-2 compression. You'll also still see occasional dust and scratches on the film. And there's been some kind of digital edge enhancement applied to the video, because some of the edges seem unnaturally sharp. But all this aside, the picture looks WAY better than I can ever remember having seen it before. I think if you're a fan of the series, and you've seen these episodes previously, you'll be blown away.

But if you dig the look of these discs, wait until you hear them. Specifically for DVD, Paramount is remixing the audio of all of the episodes in Dolby Digital 5.1, and I can say with assurance that it makes a BIG difference. All of the mechanical tape hiss in the original masters has been eliminated, along with bad music and sound effects edits and the like. And the original mono tracks have been digitally extrapolated to create a three-dimensional sound environment for home theater. The result is wonderful ambience and some nifty panning and surround sound effects. When the opening credits appear, you'll hear the En-

terprise woosh over your shoulder. The enhanced surround sound adds just the right amount of gee-whiz to the DVD experience, and helps to make the episodes fresh again for those of us (and I know you're with me on this) who have seen them dozens of times over the years. Very cool.

The only extras provided are preview trailers for the two episodes on the disc, plus two more trailers for the episodes on the next volume. You can access the trailers for each episode in that episode's submenu page, or all four trailers on the disc can be accessed by highlighting the "Enterprise arrowhead" symbol on the main menu (it's that shinny thing Kirk wears on his uniform). As for the menus themselves...

they're simple, but okay. I might have liked some animation, and maybe some sound effects, but I can understand Paramount wanting to keep it simple - they DO have to crank out a LOT of these discs after all. My only peeve, is that I don't like how you only get to view one scene at a time on the scene selection menu. And since you have to change pages to view the

next scene, your player takes a long moment to switch pages. Silly. Why not just have two pages of 3 or 4 scenes each? That would be much easier (and faster) to navigate. One last note:

Paramount's included a full checklist on the case insert (which also lists the chapter stops for each episode). It reveals that there will be 40 DVDs in all (released, we assume, in 20 waes of 2 discs each), with each disc containing 2 episodes (except for the 40th disc, which will contain episode 79, Turnabout Intruder, as well as dual versions of The Cage.). Got all that? Well there's more - Paramount is already at work on episodes of The Next Generation, as well, which should begin to appear in the Fall of 2000.

All in all, as something of a recovering fan, I think these discs are nicely done. No, they're not deluxe editions, and I prefer the way Fox is releasing the x files a season at a time with plenty of extras. But these discs give you just what you want - full-on, phasers-firing trek action. It's just great having the series on DVD.

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said. "It means there could be room for an Earth-like planet closer to Epsilon Eridani and, perhaps, in a habitable zone."

SHATNER PERFORMS SONG FOR DISNEY MOVIE

(8-8, Startrek.com)

Today sees the release of Disney and Pixar's straight-to-video "Toy Story" spin-off, "Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: The Adventure Begins." Tim Allen reprises his "Toy Story" and "Toy Story 2" character, Buzz Lightyear in a non-CGI animated family special which features William Shatner (Captain James T. Kirk) singing "To Infinity and Beyond" under the final credits.

While Buzz Lightyear's character in the "Toy Story" films is that of a toy representing a (science) fictional character, "Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: The Adventure Begins" follows the adventures of the "original" Buzz Lightyear, the one the toys were designed

SECURITY REPORT LCDR TERRY MCPHERSON

Greetings to the crew of the U.S.S. Maximillian. This is your friendly Neighborhood vulcan speaking. First off I would like to thank the Command Board and of course Captain Sidley Howard and Commander Manny Medina for their faith in me to fulfill the duties of the position of chief of security. I will faithfully uphold the standards set by my predecessors.

I will keep this article relatively short. I saw Titan A.E. and loved planet Bob. I also played Klingon Academy and have seen Elite Force for the PC, and in they both were, in one word, "Fascinating."

And a MAJOR SPOILER for Voyager fans, this coming season Tom and B'Lana will finally get together and tie the knot, so to speak. Look for a possible pregnancy by the end of the season.

And in closing, once again I'd like to give thanks to the Command Staff for this opportunity, and I will not let you down.

And as always, Live Long and Prosper.

LCDR Tamak "Terry McPherson" Out

UPCOMING VOYAGER EPISODES IN SYNDICATION

Week Forty-Eight

8/07/00 217 11:59
8/08/00 218 Relativity
8/09/00 219 Warhead
8/10/00 101 Caretaker [Part I]
8/11/00 102 Caretaker [Part II]

Week Forty-Nine (unconfirmed)

8/14/00 103 Parallax
8/15/00 104 Time and Again
8/16/00 105 Phage
8/17/00 106 The Cloud
8/18/00 107 Eye of the Needle

Week Fifty (unconfirmed)

8/21/00 108 Ex Post Facto
8/22/00 109 Emanations
8/23/00 110 Prime Factors
8/24/00 111 State of Flux
8/25/00 112 Heroes and Demons

Week Fifty-One (unconfirmed)

8/28/00 113 Cathexis
8/29/00 114 Faces
8/30/00 115 Jetrel
8/31/00 116 Learning Curve
9/01/00 117 Projections

WEEKEND EPISODES

8/19/00 149 The Swarm
8/26/00 150 Future's End

STAR TREK SPOILERS

Greetings, Critch here with a quick look at some upcoming episodes.

The final season of Voyager begins this October, and after the big wrap up of Unimatrix Zero, there looks to be a surprise when B'Lanna and Tom finally get married, right before Tom enters the Delta Flyer into a intergalactic race, much like the Pod Race from Star Wars. There also could be a baby on the way, as creators say they want to show a real relationship. A little late for continuity to show up, but hey, it's something.

Rumors on the end of the series: One rumor has Janeway giving her life so that the ship can survive, another has the Voyager caught in a temporal loop that will send them right back to when they started, and yet another has Janeway waking up and seeing Bobby Ewing in the shower...

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A MATTER OF ANTIMATTER LT ERICA SHERMAN

Lots going on this month. On Tuesday, August 15, and Wednesday, August 16, there will be a Maximillian boat outing at Alum Creek State Park. On both days we will meet at the Marcus Imax at Crosswoods Center at 10:00 AM. From there the group will go to the park and meet me and my family at the beach. You will need to bring your own food. There are concessions available at the park if you choose to buy lunch instead. Now, the most important thing: BRING SUNSCREEN! There are a few people who have first hand experience in not doing so. (*Nyah—Ed.*)

The next thing is actually for next month. I need to have the money in, by the boat outing, for those who are going to the Columbus Crew game after September's meeting. Also, if anyone's interested, the U.S. Men's National Team will be playing a World Cup qualifier in Crew Stadium on Wednesday, October 11, at 7:30 PM.

That's enough for now. Sherman out.



A PIC OF CDT LIZ EWEN FROM CANADA

DOLLARS AND CENTS LT SHERMAN, TREAS.

As of Friday, July 28, we have \$414.78. Deposits were from membership dues (\$10) and raffle at the X-Men recruiting drive (\$11). Withdrawals were for a booth at the U.N. Festival (\$50). Sherman out.

MAX FILES FOR JULY

AUGUST 2000

On August 5th LCDR McPherson and LT Stephenson ventured to the U.S.S. Kittyhawk's 6th Anniversary.

On August 6th the 3rd Roleplaying Episode took place, titled "The Unknown Past"

On August 12th LT Stephenson attended the Ohio State Fair and worked at Schmidts alongside members of the U.S.S. Columbus and the U.S.S. Asgard in order to earn money for the ship.

July 2000

On July 2nd the 3rd Weekly Roleplay Session took place at LT Stephenson's house. In attendance were FADM Lyon, CAPT Howard, LCDR Oulette, LT Stephenson, and LT Sherman.

On July 8th the U.S.S. Maximillian had their monthly meeting.

On July 9th the 4th Weekly Roleplay Session took place.

On the weekend of July 13, 14, 15, and the 16th, members of the Maximillian went to the Gaming convention "Origins". Several members worked at it, and some of their labors can be seen at www.wizards.com/origins. Also that week was the X-Men recruiting drive, where we raffled off hundreds of dollars worth of comic books.

On July 23rd the first Roleplaying game got started with the adventure:

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sun.

"Detecting a planet orbiting Epsilon Eridani -- a star very similar to our own sun and only 3.22 parsecs (10.5 light-years) from Earth -- is like finding a planet in our own backyard, relatively speaking," said Dr. William Cochran of the University of Texas, who led the effort.

Epsilon Eridani has made news in the past. In 1998 scientists discovered the star had a sizeable dust disk encircling it -- just the sort of material planets are thought to condense from. The dust disk also appears to have a bright patch that may be caused by a forming planet.

The discovery of an actual planet allows Epsilon Eridani to join the ranks of stars with full-blown solar systems. But as with most previous discoveries of extrasolar worlds, this planet was detected indirectly. No telescopes are yet powerful enough to see reflected light from a planet that far away -- but when the star itself wobbles due to the orbit of an unseen object, scientists can determine how big that object is, and how far it is from the star.

So far, this method has only uncovered planets that are characterized as "hot Jupiters," so-named because they are all large worlds orbiting very close to their stars. The orbit of Epsilon Eridani's planet breaks that pattern somewhat by being more distant.

All the planets found so far that are the size of Jupiter are much closer to the parent star." Cochran

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GREETINGS EARTHLINGS

CAPT SIDLEY HOWARD, COMMANDING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT CMDR MANNY MEDINA, XO

Subject: Vote for Ohio's Quarter

Executive Officer Report

For your information... With the upcoming anniversary of the Wright Brother's First Flight everyone would like a chance to vote on the Ohio Quarter Design. The quarters are being issued in the order in which each state entered the Union. Ohio's quarter will be minted in 2002. Through the attached website, you can vote on which quarter design you'd like to see on the back of "Ohio's" quarter. Voting is open through the end of the week, and, as far as I know, there's no rule on being an Ohio resident in order to vote. Let's not let our partners in North Carolina get all the credit for the discovery and impact of flight! A couple of the designs also refer to Ohio's pioneering role in space travel, a topic near and dear to our hearts!!!!

I am getting excited about the Slanted Fedora convention in Raleigh N.C. 9/08/00 thru 09/10/00 the main guess will be Leonard Nimoy. Also appearing is (Garak) Andrew Robinson, (Bashir) Alexander Siddig, (Bobbie Fett) Jeremy Bullock.

I have been attending the role playing game I have been enjoying it, there were 8 member of our ship playing on Sunday we all lived but the ship suffered damage thanks to some one I wont name.

CDR Manny Medina

Manny Medina

Executive Officer

<http://www.ohio200.org/quarterVote/index.cfm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE OFFICERS REPORT LT CHARLES CONNOR, 2ND OFFICER

August 2000

- 10-13—Gencon in Milluakee featuring J. Michael Strazynski
- 12—Monthly Meeting
- 15-16—Alum Creek (meet at IMAX at 10am)

September 2000

- 2—Kittyhawk Trip to Kings Island
- 7-9—Slanted Fedora Con in Raliegh
- 9—Max Meeting at the Southeast branch of the Library followed by Crew game.
- 16—JTFA Meeting
- 30-1—Slanted Fedora Con in Charleston, WVA
- 30—Trek Putt ONE

October 2000

- 6-7-8 Science Fiction Founders Summit
- 14 Meeting
- 23—Critch Awareness Day
- 27-28-29 Vulkan

Greetings. X-MEN was a smashing success of a movie. If anyone hasn't seen this film you have to see this movie. I've seen it twice and I plan on seeing it a third time.

The July 30th Roleplaying session went well though I was almost an hour late getting there. Fortunately there was plenty of time for a quick game. This adventure which some have titled "FRANKEN-TRIBBLE", others "THE GIANT KILLER TRIBBLES FROM HELL" and still others "THE PLANET OF THE TRIBBLES", went somewhat well and the crew had many bumps and bruises but it was one heck of a shore leave...now they just need a shore leave from the shore leave...

I am really excited about the role-

play sessions because it gives our ship more opportunity to get to know the current as well as the new membership and I look forward to more gaming sessions (Every Sunday at the Casa De Critch!) Oh by the way this roleplaying session featured the first ever attempt of someone (Cadet McWilliams) attempting to read the mind of a tribble. It was Different. "Cute cute squeak squeak feed me love me feed me love me"...

At present I am working on a sequel to "Franken-Tribble" Which I will present at one of our future RPG sessions.

Until then I will See you in the future....Same Tribble Time...Same Tribble Channel...

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VULCAN DISCOVERED JUST A COINCIDENCE?? NAHHHH.....

From Christian at Trektoday.com comes this...

Robert Myers at Space.com has put up a very interesting article - apparently, scientist hunting for world orbiting stars outside our solar system have announced they've found a Jupiter-sized planet orbiting the nearby star Epsilon Eridani. Several Star Trek books have listed this star as the home star of Vulcan, the famous Star Trek planet.

Epsilon Eridani is a star very similar to our own sun, and only 10.5 light-years way from Earth. The newly discovered planet follows an oval orbit, and is roughly the same distance from Epsilon Eridani as the Asteroid Belt is from our sun. This is actually a rather unique discovery, as previously all planets found so far that are the size of Jupiter were found to be much closer to the parent star. The fact that this planet is so far away means there

theoretically could be room for an Earth-like (M-class?) planet closer to Epsilon Eridani, perhaps even in a habitable zone.

Epsilon Eridani was mentioned in several Star Trek novels as the system in which Vulcan is located. If I recall correctly (though I unfortunately don't have my books here, so I'd appreciate any corrections, the system was mainly chosen because of how far away from the sun it was. Gene Roddenberry, however, preferred the star 40 Eridani as Vulcan's sun, as this star is of about similar age to our own sun, giving a better chance for life to develop in that system. An explanation of why Gene and three astronomers connected to the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics thought so can be found here.

More info on this discovery can be found by reading the full article. Interestingly, the lead

astronomer for this discovery, Dr. William Cochran, has a name that is very similar to Zefram Cochrane, who in Star Trek lore made actual first contact with the Vulcans. The new planet will likely be dubbed Epsilon Eridani b.

FULL ARTICLE FOLLOWS

It may be as close as we're going to get to finding the homeworld of Mr. Spock.

Scientists hunting for worlds orbiting stars outside of our solar system have announced they've found a Jupiter-sized planet orbiting the nearby star Epsilon Eridani - a star named in some Star Trek books as being the home star of the fictional planet Vulcan.

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MAXIMILLIAN.ORG IS RE- NEWED 2 MORE YEARS

The U.S.S. Maximillian Website domain name has been renewed for 2 more years.

After 3 years in existence, 2 under maximillian.org, the website will now hold the name maximillian.org into it's 5th anniversary in September of 2002, after the ships 10th anniversary. It should be noted that

through the internet, the Maximillian has received 4 members, 1/10th of our member pool, including PO3 Colin Brunton, who masterminded the redesign of max.org earlier this year. He is currently working on a new redesign for the 3rd anniversary in September of this year.

MAXIMILLIAN REACHES 40 MEMBER MILESTONE

In this past August, our growth spurt in the past year has brought the U.S.S. Maximillian to a new milestone: 40 members. This height surpasses our previous high of around 35.

In membership news this month: Nathan Cobough renewed his membership. New members are: Am-

ber Stutz from Utah, Jaime Didham from Newfoundland, and Claire McWilliams from Gahanna.

Also, Warren Miller-Green was born to Jaethelle and Todd Miller-Green In July, LT Stephenson was named as his godfather.

In just the past few months 12 have joined.