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The following message from Alexander Siddig (Star Trek: Deep Space Nine's resident doctor, Julian Bashir) goes out to

Star Trek fans and anyone touched by yesterday's terrible events.

Dear All,

If Christmas is a time when we get together to celebrate the family, and Thanksgiving marks a day of gratitude for the community - New Year's a time of national cohesion ... then I hope history will remember Tuesday the eleventh of September 2001 as the day when humanity as a race came together to fight our common enemy within - our own messed up brothers and sisters who share this world with us.

I have been glued to the television these past two days, punching redial on my telephone every ten minutes or so for six hours yesterday until the international phone lines cleared up, just waiting to hear news of my little boy and his mother and his brother, all of whom I was worried about. During these past two days I have heard and seen gestures and moments of such courage and selflessness that I simply had to write to you, the only group of Americans I know (personally in many cases) if for no other reason than to remind you all that you are in sympathetic company all over the world. Your nation is not alone. The British Prime Minister has said today that this was not just an attack on the American people but on the free world. Leaders from nearly every country have unanimously stepped up to the plate to try and share your grief, offer their support and burden the responsibility of exacting some kind of revenge on the sad and lost people who did this. I like to think that the very few people who were in the vicinity and have so far survived these attacks have set an example for all of us. Their calmness, their understanding of what needed to be done, their ability to stop running and turn to help someone less fortunate than themselves are an example of what every one of us on this planet are capable of. If America is the leader of the free world (and I believe it is) then these Americans have lead by example.

It isn't my place to tell any of you how to react - your own personal consciences will, no doubt, be your guides but I would like to add 'my two cents' to your discussions on this topic and beg you to remember that many of the people who are saddened and shocked by all this are people who will, in the days to come, seem like your enemies - people who had no part in this, who also have children and lovers and family. Many Islamic countries have condemned this action including aggressive states like Syria and Iran - even Palestine. I am not a Muslim nor indeed am I a Christian, I am just another person stumbling through life, trying to stay on my own two feet - and I am not an American, but I can hear what the rest of the world has to say about this tragedy and from what I can tell, the rest of the world is holding out a friendly, helping hand. It's possible that you may not need any other country's help - but the hand is still there. I hope that when I see you again soon we can all say that our reactions to these atrocities have begun the process of putting an end to worldwide terrorism - not perpetuating it. I sincerely hope that none of your families have been personally marked by all this.



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George Takei ("Sulu") spent much of his childhood confined to internment camps as

one of 120,000 Japanese-Americans who were rounded up and detained in the United States simply because of their race, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. In his many Star Trek convention appearances, Takei has often spoken about this blemish on American history in an attempt to raise awareness and help prevent

such injustices from occurring again. Now, in the wake of terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C. on September 11, 2001 - which is seen as the greatest act of war upon the United States since Pearl Harbor - Takei is appealing to Americans to make the distinction between those responsible for the atrocity and those loyal citizens who happen to be of similar ethnicity to the suspected terrorists.

In a special message on his official website, Takei praises the heroes who have shown "uncommon courage and humanity" in their attempts to save the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters, and warns of the potent force that "a roused and united America can be."

And he believes that the government has learned from history. The nation's power "will be exercised with our American values intact," Takei writes. "Attorney General John Ashcroft forcefully stated that the target is the terrorist criminals and their associates - not Muslims, not Arabs, not Middle Easterners. Congress passed a resolution on Friday night to protect the rights of Muslims, Arab Americans and South Asian Americans. Unlike the racial hysteria that followed the Pearl Harbor bombing by Japan, when Americans of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in American concentration camps solely because of their ethnicity, the Attorney General was very clear that race, religion and background will not be the focus of this campaign. It will be the evidence of criminality."

Unfortunately, that sentiment of tolerance is not shared across the board, he points out. "Deplorably, we still have dangerously ignorant hysterics among us in America. There have been shots fired into mosques, Arab American businesses painted with the word 'Die!' and reports of a Sikh person shot and killed in Arizona. These rednecks are no better than the terrorists. Their acts shame America and besmirch the glory of our Stars and Stripes. They, too, must be tried and punished - unlike the victims of their ignorant racism." "Neither terrorism nor ignorance will stand in this America today," Takei concludes.



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## Patch Update



I ordered 2 (two) dozen patches from Tech Wear out here in Newark. He is charging us \$6 each so we can either charge the same amount or we can charge more (\$1 or \$2) and put that money in the general account. Let me know.

## Renewals

OCTOBER  
Manny Medina  
Ed O'Connell  
Michael Shahan

NOVEMBER  
Erica Stanley  
Michael Stanley  
Nancy Thompson

DECEMBER  
Joann Gallant  
Ashley Houser  
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## BIRTHDAYS

NOV 05 Armin Shimerman  
NOV 05 Eric Menyuk (The Traveler, TNG)  
NOV 09 Robert Duncan McNeill  
NOV 11 Max Grodenchik  
NOV 12 Wallace Shawn  
NOV Whoopi Goldberg  
NOV 19 Robert Beltran  
NOV 19 Terry Farrell  
NOV 21 Alexander Siddig  
NOV 24 Denise Crosby  
NOV 25 Ricardo Montalban  
NOV 25 Jeffrey Hunter  
Oct 7 Paul Trudell  
Oct 15 Robert Trudell  
Oct 19 Barbara Owens  
Oct 20 Paula Dunn  
Oct 30 Eric Kulas  
Nov 2 Tome Trudell  
Nov 4 Debbie Ouellette  
Nov 11 Marcus Owens  
Nov 12 Randy Jackson  
Nov 13 Elaine Jackson  
Nov 28 Angie Trudell

Your input is needed folks I want to know what you like and dislike about the newsletter. Here is why, if you don't say anything it is going to stay very similar to the way it is now (unless I get a divine inspiration to add stuff here and there), and I want to make sure you get what you want to see and read.



## Greetings Earthlings

CAPT Sidley E. Howard  
SQUICK  
CAPT S'Qid sutai Septaric

Oh where do I start.

This has been a long month. It started with our fund raiser at Fuddrucker's we made \$XX.XX, this goes into the MAX general fund.

The major event of my month was my trip to Las Vegas for the 35th Anniversary Convention. Carol F., Jane VB. and I flew into Vegas on Wed morning were we met up with Betty



D. We then stood in line for over 2 hours waiting to register for the convention. After that fiasco we then spent the evening at the Star Trek Experience competing in costume and trivia contests and meeting new folks from around the country and the world. The next morning I had to get up really early to go pick up Manny M. at the airport. Then it was off to the convention. I managed to get through the autograph line fairly quickly since I had a LaVar Burton to get. I "helped" Manny through the lines the rest of the weekend. I think I walked 100 miles the whole weekend running back and forth between rooms getting autographs and pictures. A couple of surprise guests made this weekend extra extra special, Virginia Hey (Zhaan), and Alan Ruck (Cameron) were great. Remind me to show you the pictures of "Picard". One of the best parts of the weekend came on Sat., I was wearing my new ENTERPRISE outfit when a guy comes up to me and asks if he can take my picture, of course I say yes then he precedes to tell me he is from Star Trek dot com and asks me to sign a waiver so that

he may use my picture. (go to [www.startrek.com](http://www.startrek.com) then click NEWS then click Convention Report Day 4). The weekend went way to fast I wanted to stay longer and have more fun, but we had to come home and we barely made it, we got back Mon at midnight. Because of this trip I am now developing a new character I will now be known as SQUICK a Ferengi female entrepreneur/ship commander. Ask me about the Raffle we are going to have.

On Sept 29 a group of us went down to the Renaissance festival. I bought a hat. It's cool.

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### INCOMING SUBSPACE TRANSMISSION:

#### HELLO IS THIS ON?

Well, I went to Ren Fest last month, it was a blast I had a great time. I went with Robin Goldblum and a few of her friends once there we met up with Sidley And Manny. I enjoyed the Theater in the Ground AND their portrayal of Beowulf it was entertaining as it was messy. I sampled some local Cuisine and bought a souvenir dagger. We took in some shows and finished the day off with

an old fashioned joust. I cant wait to go again. So far Enterprise is doing well cant wait for the next episodes. For those people who may not be able to attend the Indianapolis CON, MID OHIO CON will be held Nov 24th-25th at the Hilton Columbus, Easton Town Center tickets I believe are \$25 for both days or \$15 for a one day pass. featured guests include Andy Hallet "The Host" from Angel, Mark Lutz, David Carradine, Lou Ferrigno, Kathy Garver (Sissy from Family Affair), Jennifer Lavoie USA ECO CHALLENGE, Jennifer Janesko, Corinna Harney, Virgil "WWF" Lisa Marie Scott, Quinn Smith, and COMIC ARTIST DAVE GIBBONS! Legendary publisher of EERIE, CREEPY & more JAMES WARREN and there will be a multitude of comic book writes artist etc. you will find your favorite I will be going to this if I cant make it to Indianapolis, It will be fun that is all

end transmission



Greetings folks,  
The recent events pertaining to the Sept 11th attacks reminded me why Rob, Greg, and I founded this vessel, to have fun and help others so what I am doing is pulling from my collection two items to be put in an auction, what I would like is every member to donate one item to this auction which will make this a large auction, with the proceeds going to the relief fund. I would like this auction to go for about 4 months. these attacks have touched everyone in a different way I feel it is our duty to do what we can to help, and continue to help not only as a ship but as individuals.

VADM Turock Tkill (me)



### 10.10.01 Dispatch: TNG Delivers TNN Its Highest Ratings Ever

*Star Trek: The Next Generation* has proven to be pure latinum for The National Network (TNN) as the cable outlet has announced its highest ratings ever from the launch of its exclusive syndicated run of the *Star Trek* franchise. Last week's *TNG* marathon, called "Next Gen on TNN: A 5-Day Mission," gave TNN its highest-rated and most-watched week ever, according to a network press release, with an average 0.9 Total Day rating (789,000 households) and an average 1.7

Primetime rating (1,424,000 households) for the week of Monday, Oct. 1 through Friday, Oct. 5. In the Adults 18-49 category, TNN experienced a dramatic jump of 233% in Total Day and 113% in Primetime over its averages of a year ago. TNN devoted its entire program schedule last Monday through Friday to "5-Day Mission" with three *Star Trek* movies and 77 episodes of the most popular *TNG* episodes, kicking off with the documentary "America Loves... *Star Trek*." (See related story here.) On Monday, October 8, *TNG* moved to its regularly scheduled timeslot, Monday through Friday at 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., Eastern and Pacific. TNN will begin broadcasting *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* in the fall of 2004 and *Star Trek: Voyager* in late 2006. "The curtain has risen on the new TNN," said Diane Robina, executive vice president and

general manager. "Our *Star Trek* marathon has exceeded our expectations in bringing to the network new audiences, particularly in TNN's target demographic, Adults 18-49. Throughout the week, TNN showed significant gains in key demographics, demonstrating the strong appeal of the *Star Trek* franchise within the TNN brand." To help promote and celebrate the launch of *TNG* on the network, TNN Online has posted the "TNN Starfleet Challenge," where users answer several fun *Star Trek*-related survey questions.

# ELECTION PLATFORMS



## CAPTAIN

Greetings Earthlings,

If you do not know me I am CAPT Sidley E. Howard of the USS MAXIMILLIAN. This is my platform for re-election as Captain. I would like to thank you for your nomination for re-election for Captain. I have enjoyed serving as your Captain and I hope I may continue as such.

If you haven't guessed by now I am one of the worlds biggest Star Trek fans. I love Trek and I love doing anything related to trek. For the past 9 months I have thoroughly enjoyed editing and producing The Mighty Max Newsletter every month for the members of the MAX. I take great pride in the MAX and when I am out and about I am always recruiting members, and talking to members of other clubs in order to open communication lines between all ships in Ohio, the Mid-West, and the country.

Being Captain of a ship like this has its rewards, but it also has its headaches that go along with it. I have had some wonderful experiences over the past two years, but I have also had to deal with several not so pleasant events that I would not wish upon anyone. I will say however I stand behind every decision that was made because "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few". 2001 has been our best year so far with our fund raisers and planned events and yet it has also been our saddest year with the passing of our founder and friend Rob.

This ship has been able to donate hundreds of dollars to local charities (\$200 to JDF, \$200 Food Drive, \$200 UN Festival) as well as keep our finances in the black. I plan to arrange more fund raisers for this upcoming year so that we may give some more to our community. We have held many events that were successful i.e. auction, MAXOLYMPICS, Kings Island, and Ren Fest and we have met several new friends along the way. I plan on having some recruiting drives for upcoming movies and at local events so that we may show the general public we are intelligent and caring folks. I am also hoping to get the MAX involved in some more volunteer work, like helping with events (races, walk-a-thons, community events, arts festivals, and more)

I know that with your vote and the help of the command staff and crew this ship can go farther and do even greater things.

Thank you for your vote  
CAPT Sidley E Howard

greetings

I want to thank the members who nominated me for the position of CO. What are my goals and agenda? Well, first off to improve communication between the membership and the command staff, so we can eliminate the miscommunication which leads to the hard feelings and breaks down morale.

This is one of my main goals. Increase memberships by having more recruiting drives, and try to encourage members to participate more in activities, more after ship activities such as games and contests. I have whole list of ideas.

I want to take what I have learned in quality committees and in the retail sales market and apply them here.

The committee meetings I have attended isn't any different then the way we run on the MAX. There is a well, define set of ground rules on how meetings are conducted these rule ensure everyone has a voice no one gets left out and there is no hard feelings among the committee members.

I currently chair the quality committee at lucent which has taught me a great deal about dealing with people and to have a good ear to listen to people and their ideas. I know how to deal with criticism and how to give constructive criticism to others.

I haven't any political motivations for running and those who know me can say at least one thing about me is that I am

Absolutely fair on every issue. I may play devil's advocate on the issues but that is only to point out the difficulties you may face not to discourage you from implementing your idea.

I treat everyone the same. My only concern is the health and welfare of the crew of the Maximilian.

I hold all conversation with strict confidentiality so you can talk to me about any issue. If anyone has a problem on the ship or the way things lets talk about it. let's solve the problem for the long term.

This isn't a complete list but it does summarize what I intend to do  
thank you for your time  
God Bless America

LCDR CHARLES CONNOR

## FIRST OFFICER

Greetings to the crew of the USS MAXIMILLIAN. As you are aware, or not aware, January is the elections for the Command Board. Yes, it has been two years already. Time passes by

when you are having fun). I will be as succinct as possible. I am throwing my hat in the ring, so to speak, for FIRST Officer. As most of you know, I was the Captain of this fine Ship three years ago, but due to health concerns, I had to step down. It was a difficult decision. But enough of the past. Last month I received two nominations to run for First officer, unopposed. Commander Manny Medina is not running for First officer but instead, he has been nominated and has accepted to run for treasurer. I wish him good luck. I will, with the best of my ability, fulfill the obligations as First officer.

GOOD LUCK to all the candidates.  
As always, LIVE LONG AND PROSPER.  
LT.CMDR. Terry McPherson

## TREASURER

Thank you for the nomination for treasurer. It has been an Honor serving as your XO, but I feel I am ready for a change. I would like to thank Captain Sidley Howard and the ships board for all it's hard work and dedication to the U.S.S. Maximilian.

I am qualified for the treasurer positions because I work for a Government financial institution, which pays billions of dollars daily. I have worked for DFAS- Columbus for past 15 years in various positions. I also take care of household records (balance two checkbooks and paying household bills).

As Treasurer, I will keep financial records, submit monthly reports, do quarterly summaries and keep an open book policy. Financial records meaning keeping the check book balance on a monthly basis. Submit monthly reports to the newsletter. A quarterly summary means a summary balance sheet for four months. Open book policy means the book is open for review at anytime.

CDR Manny Medina  
Manny Medina  
Executive Officer





The Wright Experience: Discovering the Secrets of  
November 15, 2001  
7 PM  
Educational Activity  
100-1,000  
Engineers Club of Dayton  
110 E. Monument Street City Dayton  
45409

Ken Hyde, from the organization The Wright Experience, will present "The Wright Experience: Discovering the Secrets of the Wright Brothers" at 7:00 PM at the Engineers Club of Dayton. Mr. Hyde will discuss "The Wright Experience and their efforts to rediscover the lost aeronautical heritage of the Wright brothers. The Wright Experience is working to accomplish this through a comprehensive effort to acquire artifacts and documentation on the work of the Wright brothers as well as constructing accurate working reproductions of all the Wright developmental aircraft. The talk is part of a speaker series sponsored by Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 13 MAX meeting
- November 3-4 UN International Fest IDIC
- November 10 MAX meeting
- December 8 MAX meeting/XMAS party with USS Colum bus at Karl Road Library

### 09.28.01 Science Dispatch: One Step Closer to a Working Transporter

It may be another 150 years before a starship's transporter can be graded for biological matter including humans (as mentioned in "Broken Bow"), but scientists have come one step closer toward making that day happen.

Physicists in Denmark reported on Wednesday (coincidentally, the day *Enterprise* premiered) that they were successful in making two samples of trillions of atoms interact at a distance, in an experiment that may someday lead to *Star Trek*-style "teleportation" and rapid quantum computing, according to a Reuters article.

Eugene Polzik and his colleagues at the University of Aarhus forged quantum "entanglement" between two blobs of cesium gas, meaning that the arrangement of one set of quantum particles was reproduced more-or-less instantly in a similar collection of distant particles, without physical contact. Albert Einstein once described such quantum entanglement as "spooky action at a distance."

This is not the first time such a spooky action has taken place. In 1998 scientists at the California Institute of Technology teleported a beam of light across a laboratory bench. But the Denmark experiment is a milestone for achieving such a quantum feat on more than four particles at a time. "It is the first result where two macroscopic material objects have been entangled," Polzik explained to Reuters.

"This work should pave the way for a new generation of experiments to teleport states of matter," said Ignacio Cirac, a quantum physicist at Austria's University of Innsbruck. He believes further experiments will follow which could "revolutionize the field of quantum information."

The results were reported to the science journal *Nature*, which points out that the current definition of "teleportation" does not involve "the wholesale deconstruction and reconstruction of humans, *Star Trek*-style," but rather a way to transmit a message from one place to another without sending photons across the intervening space.

## Conventions

October 5 - 7, 2001  
MAQUIS GRAS 2001  
Ramada Inn - Portage, Indiana  
219-762-5546 or 1-800-437-5145  
Reservations due by September 1, 2001  
Special Guest Stars:  
Gweneth Walsh - B'tor Duras from *Star Trek: TNG*  
Robin Curtis - Lt. Saavik from *Star Trek III: Search for Spock*  
For more info contact Cindy at 219-759-2272  
[www.maquis.com/mfa](http://www.maquis.com/mfa)

October 5,6,7 2001  
Context XIV  
Info:  
PO Box 163391  
Columbus, OH 43216  
614-889-0436

October 26,27,28 2001  
Ohio Valley Filk Fest XVII  
PO Box 20125-0125  
Columbus, OH 43220  
614-851-0936

October 26,27,28, 2001  
Vulcon Cleveland

Nov 2-4 2001  
Beach Bash 2001  
Myrtle beach, SC  
<http://beachbash.virtualave.net>  
<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/beachbash>

January 4,5,6 2002  
Four Captains Convention  
New York City (area)  
Slanted Fedora Entertainment  
William Shatner, Patrick Stewart, Avery Brooks, and Kate Mulgrew

## Movies Coming Soon

- |         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| 72001   | The Knights of the     |
| Quest   |                        |
| 2 Nov   | Monsters, Inc.         |
| 16 Nov  | Harry Potter and the   |
|         | Scorer's Stone         |
| 21 Nov  | Black Knight           |
| 19 Dec  | The Lord of the Rings: |
|         | The Fellowship of the  |
|         | Ring                   |
| 18 Jan  | Pluto Nash             |
| 8 Feb   | The Time Machine       |
|         | Rollerball             |
| 15 Feb  | Queen of the Damned    |
| 14 June | Scooby Doo             |

I am in talks with AMC about these movies, I also am talking with the Scorpion because they seem to be very successful with their jail and bail at movies.



# TREK NEWS

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## Convention Report: Day One - Viva Las Vegas

Slanted Fedora's 35th Anniversary Star Trek Convention at the Alexis Park Hotel in Las Vegas kicked off on Thursday and is under way. After a politely chaotic morning spent registering and settling in, fans were making new friends and seeking autographs in the Athena Ballroom as well as in the corridor outside the main hall, the Parthenon Room. It seems there are so many Star Trek stars here that the hotel doesn't have space to put them all.

Greeting fans and presenting them with complimentary bottles of Starbase-1's Star Trek Altair Water (a welcome sight, given the desert heat) was TNN's Debra Fazio. The Director of Communication for TNN, Fazio is here to promote the cable network's status as the new television home to reruns of *Star Trek* (see related story here). Things really got rolling in a big way as Slanted Fedora's Dave Scott gave the congregated fans in the Parthenon Room a few etiquette pointers (or, in his words, "Convention 101"), advising fans to get their photos early and to be sensitive to other fans by not standing throughout. The convention is loosely giving a day to each series, with scheduling conflicts unfortunately forcing Shatner and Mulgrew to appear today, which was earmarked for TNG. Other events on Thursday alone include several theatre pieces performed by *Star Trek* stars. Spiner and McFadden will be performing a short piece together; Rene Auberjonois ("Odo") and Nana Visitor ("Kira Nerys") will be performing playwright A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters"; Wil Wheaton and friends will be performing the improv/sketch comedy piece "Crush This"; and Jerry Hardin (Samuel Clemens on the TNG episode "Time's Arrow") will be performing his one-man Mark Twain show.

Last week's Slanted Fedora 35th Anniversary Convention at the Alexis Park Hotel in Las Vegas was one of the biggest gatherings of *Star Trek* stars and personalities in recent memory. Picking up where our Day One report left off, the following is a continuation of our convention coverage.

## DAY TWO - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Events got rolling on the second day of the convention in multiple venues throughout the hotel, with the day devoted primarily to *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* and its stars. In the main hall, the Parthenon Room, the first chunk of the day was spent by DS9 stars Nana Visitor ("Kira Nerys"), Cirroc Lofton ("Jake Sisko"), Nicole deBoer ("Ezri Dax"), Andrew J. Robinson ("Garak"), Armin Shimerman ("Quark") and Alexander Siddig ("Julian Bashir") signing autographs for fans. Later events in the Parthenon Room during Friday included sessions with the individual DS9 stars throughout the afternoon, closing out with a group session of all the actors. The session ended with a song from James Darren (DS9's holo-crooner Vic Fontaine).

Over on the Zeus Stage, the "small" ballroom, numerous more intimate presentations filled out the day's events, including a special panel of Klingons including Robert O'Reilly ("Gowron"), Barbara March and Gwynyth Walsh (the murderous Duras sisters, Lursa and B'Etor) and Spice Williams (Vois from *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*). Also on the Zeus Stage were visits with Original Series cast members George Takei ("Hikaru Sulu"), Walter Koenig ("Pavel

Chekhov"), Nichelle Nichols ("Uhura"), James Doohan ("Montgomery Scott") and Majel Barrett-Roddenberry ("Christine Chapel," "Lwaxana Troi"). A truly special event on the Zeus Stage was an hour with some actual space travelers, Apollo and Gemini astronaut Dick Gordon and NASA Shuttle Commander and pilot Rick Searfoss, talking with fans about what it's really like to venture into the final frontier — while apologizing for using too many NASA acronyms in their vocabulary. On the actual day of the 35th anniversary of the first airing of *Star Trek*, the Slanted Fedora convention in Las Vegas celebrated the classics — Leonard Nimoy, James Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, Walter Koenig and Grace Lee Whitney.

## DAY THREE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Nimoy ("Spock") inspired the audience with a Vulcan salute — saying, "It's a very magical gesture. Every time I do that flashbulbs go off" — and explained its origins. As a child Nimoy saw that gesture used by rabbis during a Jewish ceremony (he was supposed to keep his eyes squeezed shut but he peeked). He later learned that the V-shaped gesture represents the letter Shin of the Hebrew alphabet, which is the first letter of the Almighty's name. Nimoy at first could not form his fingers into that shape, but eventually, "I learned how to do it — thought it would come in handy someday." That day came during the shooting of "Amok Time."

While answering questions, Nimoy revealed that he was indeed limping during the original pilot episode, "The Cage." He said that Gene Roddenberry asked him to limp because he thought he would do a pre-episode where Spock's leg was injured. "But we never did an episode on Spock's leg!" As for upcoming projects, Nimoy revealed that he will make a second appearance on the animated series *Futurama* along with William Shatner (who was at this convention on Thursday). Nimoy was later joined by Doohan, Nichols, Takei, Koenig and Whitney, all on stage together. Mostly they talked about what they've been up to, both professionally and personally. Nichols — who will be seen in the movie "Snow Dogs" (previously titled "Winterdance") with Cuba Gooding Jr. and James Coburn in January — turned to Doohan and said, "Jimmy, we know what you've been up to!" At age 81, Doohan is the father of a 17-month-old baby girl. He now has three girls and four boys, "and they're all brilliant," he beamed. Others also could not help but brag about their offspring — Whitney showed large glossy photos of her grandchildren, and Nimoy constantly bragged about his director son Adam Nimoy, even trying to solicit work for him from those who have film projects coming up. They also proved that they haven't forgotten what it's like to fly on a starship when it's under attack — in unison they moved to the direction of, "Lean to the left, lean to the right, take a hit!" (On the latter, they shook in their seats.) Nichols closed the session with a song that demonstrated her impressive vocal range.

On the fourth and final day of an event that saw more than 70 stars and 8,000 fans in attendance and thousands of dollars raised for charity, Slanted Fedora's 35th Anniversary Star Trek Convention at the Alexis Park Hotel in Las Vegas celebrated the most recently completed chapter of the *Star Trek* saga and built anticipation for the next one.



## DAY FOUR - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Roxann Dawson ("B'Elanna Torres"), who directed a couple of episodes of *Star Trek: Voyager*, told the crowd that she had just finished directing the seventh episode of *Enterprise*. "It'll be an enormous hit," Dawson promised regarding the UPN series premiering on September 26. "You are gonna love this show."

Throughout the day almost all of the *Voyager* cast members were asked if they took anything home from the set when the show completed production in May. Dawson said she took a piece of engineering; Tim Russ got a piece of the console he spent seven years working behind. Jeri Ryan admitted, "I have a Borg alcove in my house." Robert Beltran didn't take anything but he wished he could have kept his bridge chair — "It was finely molded after seven years." In a rare convention appearance, Jeri Ryan admitted that her final day of shooting on *Voyager* was not her most emotional day. "The sad day for me was the last day we were all together as a cast, which was [during "Homestead"] when Neelix decided he was going to stay behind," Ryan said. "And the last scene that we shot with Johnny [Ethan Phillips] where all of us were together, was him walking down the corridor and we're all lined to say goodbye to Neelix. And I was just blubbering! ... That was a tough day."

As something of an apology for being evasive in previous convention appearances, Braga started off by saying, "I hope you have questions about *Enterprise*. This is the first time I can actually talk about it." He pointed out that the new *Star Trek* series will kick off the fall season with a two-hour pilot in which a Klingon crash-lands in Oklahoma, which is the first time humans see a Klingon. The show will star Scott Bakula as Jonathan Archer, the 22nd-century captain of the first Earth ship capable of traveling into deep space. "What's great about having Scott Bakula in the role is that, you kind of feel like you already know him... He's got a friendly presence, he's down-to-earth, and that's really how we see Captain Archer. He's a more accessible captain — he's one of the guys." He also described the character as "a cross between Chuck Yeager and Indiana Jones." He added Scott Bakula was the producers' first and only choice for the part. The day — and the convention — climaxed with craziness Sunday afternoon as the majority of the *Voyager* cast appeared on stage both separately and together, and had the audience in stitches most of the time. Garrett Wang, famous for his impersonations of fellow cast members, compared how the different characters on the bridge pushed buttons on their consoles: Tuvok was very "athletic"; Paris seemed like he was about to say, "Would you like fries with that?"; Seven of Nine pushed buttons like she was getting a manicure; Janeway was always "perplexed" and Chakotay had a very staccato motion, "like a bully giving you noogies." The weekend concluded with a party at Quark's Bar within the *Star Trek*. The Experience attraction at the Las Vegas Hilton. George Takei was on hand to take pictures with attendees in front of an ice sculpture celebrating the anniversary of the first airing of *Star Trek* on September 8, 1968. Convention organizers Dave and Jackie Scott said, "It was a fabulous event. It was a celebration befitting the stars and the date, and we were proud to be part of it."

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## "Liars, Guns And Money, Part 1: A Not So Simple Plan"

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I never doubted Zhaan. After three days of waiting at the coordinates she'd named, the crew believed her intuition was in error and that she had only imagined being contacted by Stark's spirit. But Zhaan insisted he would come, and I never doubted her. When the image of Stark's face appeared from his face mask and spoke to us, Zhaan's faith was vindicated.

We found Stark alive and in physical form aboard a small ship nearby. His return was a dual blessing; his miraculous resurrection after the Plokavians executed him by molecular dispersal was welcome to us all, but the news he bore was even greater — especially for Ka D'Argo. Stark informed us that D'Argo's son, Jothee, was set to be sold in a lot of ten thousand slaves at an auction and came bearing a plan that would allow the crew to purchase the lot, Jothee included. If we were not all killed in the process, that is. Stark's plan — to rob a Shadow Depository to raise the money to purchase the slaves — struck me as foolish and suicidal. At first the crew agreed

with me, but one by one they all became convinced to enlist in this scheme.

D'Argo, fearing that the crew would not be brave enough to carry out the plan, took it upon himself to infiltrate the Shadow Depository alone... and was promptly captured. With one of their own to recover, the crew began to plot their own invasion of the bank.

The Delvian, pretending to be a client of the bank, requested a short-term deposit box in which she stored a crate containing a sedated Rygel. The Hynerian's mission upon waking up inside the bowels of the Depository was to swap Zhaan's box for one containing a large amount of currency. All seemed to go smoothly, until a new client arrived at the Depository... Scorpius.

Crichton and Aeryn, from one of the Depository's control rooms, watched as Scorpius changed the cooling rod in his brain. They realized that the cooling device must be what allows Scorpius to balance the conflicting temperature needs of his hybrid Scarran / Sebacean physiology. That revelation offered the Human what he's long sought: a weakness

in Scorpius that he could use to his advantage. Back aboard Moya, Crichton asked Zhaan to create a substance that would react to heat and produce an explosion, hoping to use the substance against Scorpius. Zhaan created a gel called Jelifan paste and promised the Human his desired reaction. Armed with the Jelifan paste, Crichton returned to the Depository, where Rygel had fulfilled his role in this mad endeavor, swapping Zhaan's box for Scorpius'. Unfortunately, when the bank's proprietor, Natira, mentioned that a Delvian woman had deposited the crates that were now keyed to Scorpius' code, he grew suspicious. When Natira informed him that this Delvian traveled with a Nebari, a Luxan and two Sebaceans,

those suspicions were confirmed. Crichton struggled to plant the Jelifan paste into Scorpius' cooling rod, but the Scorpius Clone in the Human's brain fought to stop him. The Delvian, the Nebari and the Hynerian hurried to leave the Depository with their plundered currency, but time was growing short. Scorpius and Natira ordered the bank locked down and placed on full alert — and I feared that the Human and his secrets of wormhole technology had fallen into Scorpius' hands...



## Star Wars Episode II

STAR WARS



### Music, Effects and Pickups

October 05, 2001

Composer John Williams visited Skywalker Ranch this week to kick off his work of scoring the music for *Attack of the Clones*. Williams watched the current rough cut of the film on Monday, then met with George Lucas and Editor Ben Burtt on Tuesday to step through the film scene-by-scene and share ideas about specific musical objectives.

According to Lucas, the visual effects for Episode II are moving along well. Over 800 shots are now complete, with an additional 200 shots very near completion. These shots represent nearly half of the total required for the film, ahead of schedule when compared to Episode I.

Lucas and Producer Rick McCallum are preparing to leave for London later this month for a week of looping (where actors record film dialogue in a sound studio) and a week of pickup shooting of new material.

### Starfighter Exhibit West Coast Premiere

October 09, 2001

"Oakland -- that's where the autopilot's taking us!"

The *Art of the Starfighter* traveling exhibit continues its tour of Smithsonian Affiliate museums, with its next stop in Oakland, California. The Chabot Space & Science Center will host the exhibit starting Tuesday October 16 through January 6, 2002.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is the actual full-size Naboo starfighter model used in the filming of *The Phantom Menace*. The gleaming yellow vessel has a wingspan of 7 meters (22 feet) and measures 11 meters (35 feet) in length. Accompanying interpretive text, artwork and interactive kiosks explain the design evolution of the majestic craft.

*Star Wars: Art of the Starfighter* is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and Smithsonian Affiliations, in conjunction with Lucasfilm Ltd.

### Introducing Message Boards

October 11, 2001

Over one million registered members of starwars.com now have a place to talk about their favorite subject matter: the *Star Wars* saga. The Official *Star Wars* Website proudly presents a brand new section: the message boards. Here, registered members can post messages in a variety of forums, including Episode II and III discussions, topics about *The Phantom Menace* and the classic trilogy, and sections set aside for collecting and expanded universe talk. For fans not wanting to have the surprises of



Episode II ruined, there is a forum set aside where you can speculate away, talk about official news, and make plans for next year's theatrical release in a spoiler-free environment.

Those new to message board environments, and even experienced posters, should check out the Frequently Asked Questions list and the Terms of Service. Remember that courtesy and common sense prevail at these boards, and our administrators (forum Jedi) are here to help and protect you, not to fight wars for you.

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