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NASA NEWS

Annual Perseid Meteors Coming August 11 & 12

The annual Perseid Meteors will arrive this year during the early morning hours of August 11 and August 12. These meteors, or shooting stars, could reach 80 per hour under ideal conditions (i. e., very dark sky, good weather). The Perseid meteors are so named because they appear to radiate from the constellation Perseus. For mid-northern latitudes, the constellation Perseus will appear in the northeast sky at about 2:00 am. Observers who find a dark sky region for observing will have no trouble locating the obvious meteors. In the northern hemisphere, the best time to view the Perseids will be in the early pre-dawn hours of August 11 and August 12 although some meteors will be visible in the late evening hours of these days.

The Perseid meteors occur each August when the Earth runs through the dusty debris from periodic comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle. The meteors are caused when the sand-sized particles collide with the Earth's atmosphere at the extraordinary velocity of 59 km/sec. (132,000 miles per hour) and excite the surrounding atmospheric molecules, which then glow briefly. The most recent return of comet Swift-Tuttle to its closest point to the sun was December 12, 1992 and its next return to this point will not be until July 12, 2126. The first recorded sighting of the comet was by the Chinese in 69 BC and the Perseid meteors were first recorded in AD 36.

Asteroid 2002 NT7 Removed From IMPACT RISKS Page

August 1, 2002
Recent positional observations of asteroid 2002 NT7 have been used to update and improve this object's orbit and as a result, all possibilities for an Earth impact in the next 100 years have been eliminated. This object's orbit, along with the orbits of all near-Earth objects, will be improved continuously as additional observations become available. When the orbital information is sufficiently accurate, the future orbital extrapolations of these near-Earth objects will be carried out for more than 100 years.

Crewmembers Prepare for Spacewalk

The Expedition Five crew turned its attention this week to preparing for work outside the International



Space Station during a spacewalk scheduled to take place Aug. 16. Preparations included reviewing timelines, checking out equipment and moving the Canadarm2 – the station's robotic arm – into position for the excursion. Commander Valery Korzun and Flight Engineer Peggy Whitson will conduct the spacewalk, which is slated to begin at 2:40 a.m. CDT (0740 GMT). Korzun and Flight Engineer Sergei Treschev will perform Expedition Five's second spacewalk one week later.

Also this week, the crew continued science operations aboard the orbital outpost. Whitson worked with the Solidification Using a Baffle in Sealed Ampoules, or SUBSA, experiment. She and Korzun also participated in the Pulmonary Function in Flight experiment, which studies effects of long-term space flight and spacewalks on human lung function.



Hold the pickles; hold the lettuce. Space is serving up giant hamburgers. NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has snapped a photograph of a strange object that bears an uncanny resemblance to a hamburger. The object, nicknamed Gomez's Hamburger, is a sun-like star nearing the end of its life. It already has expelled large amounts of gas and dust and is on its way to becoming a colorful, glowing planetary nebula. The ingredients for the giant celestial hamburger are dust and light. The hamburger buns are light reflecting off dust and the patty is the dark band of dust in the middle.

Image Credit: NASA and The Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA)



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COLUMNS

hey pelgar
once i gave a person a small amount of money and he hasn't paid it back what should i do?

Dear Hew-Mon,
You say you "gave" it. Now you want it back. Maybe next time you should try "lending" it (with the appropriate legal paperwork, of course). What should you do? Learn from this experience, don't expect to see that money again, it's the price you pay for the lesson. Also, learn how to capitalize.

Pelgar,
Why, after all you do is criticize people, do they continue to write to you for advice? Anonymous

Dear Hew-Mon,
Because, deep down, they know I'm right and they want to be like me. There can be no other answer.

Dear Pelgar,
Do Ferengis have dentists??
capt rich

Dear Hew-Mon,
Of course we do, you don't think a gorgeously uneven, sharp-toothed smile comes naturally, do you? While you Hew-Mons obsess over straight, white BORING teeth, we Ferengi have transformed dentistry into an art form. And like British peo-

ple
on



your planet, our dental art is more abstraction and surreal than realistic.

Hey big ears,
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Dirty socks stink
And so do you.
Robert F.

Dear Hew-Mon,
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
You're a moron.

Dear Pelgar:
Did you know that Musk oxen disguised as bunches of bananas live among us?
Sincerely,
VEGGOMUSH
Dear Hew-Mon,
I was not aware of that piece of information. Keep us posted on those dreaded Musk oxen, would you?

Patch



The patches are here and are for sale. We are selling them for \$7 each. This amount covers the actual cost of the patch plus tax plus a small donation. Please get yours soon and encourage others to purchase some as well.

Renewals

August
Robin Goldblum

September
Terry McPherson
Marcus Owens
Barbara Owens

These people need to check with Manny to make sure we have a record of your payment.

Charles Connor
John Chubb
Mike & Erica Stanley

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.

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www.decipher.com
www.siscom.net/~mmeece/trekdirectory
<http://excelsior.iftcommand.com>
www.desktopstarships.com
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BIRTHDAYS

JUL 02	Brock Peters
JUL 13	Patrick Stewart
JUL 16	Camille Saviola
JUL 26	Nana Visitor
JUL 29	Wil Wheaton
JUL 29	David Warner
AUG 07	Cirroc Lofton
AUG 12	Jane Wyatt
AUG 16	Josh Clark
AUG 19	Jonathan Frakes
AUG 19	Diana Muldaur
AUG 24	Jennifer Lien
JULY 13	Erica Stanley
AUG 5	John Chubb
AUG 5	Sarah Moran
AUG 15	Cynthia Ayers
Sept 14	Manny Medina

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Greetings Max Crew
LCDR Terry McPherson

Greetings to the crew of the USS Maximillian. This is your friendly neighborhood Romulan First Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Tamok. By the time you receive this report, "STAR TREK II: THE WRATH OF KHAN" should be on the shelves for retail sales. Release date (according to my resources) should be August 6, 2002. Hopefully on VHS format as well as DVD. Well that's all for now folks. As always, LIVE LONG AND PROSPER. LT. CMDR. Terry McPherson.



Starbase Columbus (The Premiere Store and website for Star Trek Memorabilia at <http://www.starbase1.com>), and Trek Galaxy: Ohio Chapter (Creators of Trek Putt, <http://www.trekohio.com>), have joined forces to present an entire weekend of fun, entertainment, and Trek fellowship!

On Saturday, October 5th, at Starbase Columbus, the 10th Anniversary of the store dedicated to Gene Roddenberry will be celebrated by local Star Trek organizations, and Eugene Roddenberry Jr. himself! There will also be special events and games planned throughout the day! Encounter at Starbase: 10th Anniversary will run from 12pm to 6pm. Starbase Columbus is located at 5541 Westerville Rd. In Columbus. For directions please call 614-895-7827.

On Sunday, October 6th, at the AMF Main Lanes, Trek Bowl One, the first annual Star Trek Charity Bowling Tournament, will take place. There will be a 3 game tournament, with various awards and prizes going to lucky individuals! Trek Bowl will cost \$10.00, tickets will be on sale at Starbase Columbus, <http://www.trekohio.com>, by calling 614-595-1325, at the door, and also at the August and September U.S.S. Maximillian, U.S.S. Columbus, and U.S.S. Asgard Meetings. If you order in advance, besides a special ticket, you will receive a gift as well! All proceeds will go to benefit Toys for Tots, which collects toys for disadvantaged children. AMF Main Lanes is located at 4071 E. Main St. in Columbus. For directions please call 614-237-3723

For more information on these events, please visit <http://www.trekohio.com>. Live Long and Prosper!

Science Brief: From Apollo 11 to "Mars on Earth"

Special to *STARTREK.COM* by Keith Cowing, *SpaceRef.com*

This week's column is different than those I have written in the past. You see, I am sitting in a tent full of computers on Devon Island less than a thousand miles from the North Pole.

How is this relevant to space exploration?

I am a participant in the NASA Houghton Mars Project (HMP), which is led by the



SETI Institute. Each year (this is the sixth) scientists and engineers come to this remote location (the largest uninhabited island on Earth) to perform research aimed at sending humans to Mars. (Pictured: Keith Cowing on Devon Island. Photo courtesy HMP 2002 - SPACEREF)

One of the things being investigated here is a concept for the spacesuits and tools that we'll need on Mars. Thirty-three years ago this week — a third of a century ago — Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the surface of another world. After just five more lunar surface missions we put a halt to human planetary exploration.

Human spaceflight has continued — and so has the development of spacesuits used in microgravity. However, advances in surface suits have not made all of the strides that will be needed. But we're getting close. Over the past several years here on Devon Island, spacesuit manufacturer Hamilton-Sunstrand has field-tested a conceptual Mars exploration spacesuit.

The suits used by Apollo astronauts were designed, at most, for several days' use on the lunar surface. By the time their short missions were over, the ever-present lunar dust and the harsh conditions had taken their toll and the suits were all but useless. The sort of suits we'll need on Mars will have to work for months, be fully serviceable, and most of all, be conformable in a

wide variety of situations, both routine and emergency.

In addition to being flexible and long-lived, these suits will also need to provide their wearer with a wide variety of information sources, both local and remote. As part of the HMP, Xybernaut wearable computers have also been tested, often in concert with the concept spacesuits so as to attempt to understand the information resources a Mars explorer would need at his or her fingertips. (Photo courtesy HMP 2001 - Pascal Lee)

When Neil, Buzz, and their fellow crewmember Mike Collins (who remained in lunar orbit during the mission) traveled to the Moon they carried all of the food, water, and air they'd need with them.

With some minor exceptions, nothing was recycled. This is fine if you are making a jaunt in the local neighborhood (lunar missions, even the longest, lasted less than two weeks.)

When we go to Mars we're going to have to be mindful of what we bring, what we recycle — and possibly, what we get from Mars itself. Looking back across decades of Mars base plans, one common component is a greenhouse of some sort. This structure would serve as part of a closed environmental life support system that would recycle wastewater and other materials, produce food, and regenerate the atmosphere that the crew breathes.

In an effort to start to understand what it would take to operate a greenhouse on Mars, my company, SpaceRef Interactive, has donated a greenhouse to the HMP. Dedicated to noted science fiction author Sir Arthur C. Clarke, the "Arthur Clarke

Mars Greenhouse" will serve as a testbed for the biological and engineering challenges that will face the operation of such a structure on Mars. Placing this greenhouse in a very remote and hazardous location allows systems to be tested for their robustness as well as their reliability. The greenhouse was finished just a few days ago. Science operations will begin next summer.

Thirty-three years ago on this date I was at Boy Scout camp listening to radio reports from the Apollo 11 crew as they sped towards the Moon. Today I spent most of my day with Tom Graham, a post-graduate student at the University of Guelph, as we finished installing insulation on our greenhouse. Other team members practiced sophisticated Internet communications to be used during surface exploration while others examined the large meteor impact crater that lies just over the hill from us.

It is our collective hope here on Devon Island that well before another third of a century passes, humans will be living and working on Mars. Hopefully this greenhouse will serve as a testbed for the knowledge that will be needed to make this come to pass.



Pascal Lee riding a Kawasaki ATV on Devon Island in a Mars exploration concept suit developed by Hamilton-Sunstrand.

The current series *Enterprise* takes us all back (or forward if you prefer) to a time when humans just begin to understand the technologies needed to explore beyond our solar system. We are in a similar situation now with respect to understanding what it will take to move outward to other planets. As such, an *Enterprise* mission sticker will be placed within our greenhouse to serve as a source of inspiration — and camaraderie — with the crew of the good ship *Enterprise NX-01*.





Aviation Classic Film

Festival Date of the Event January 01, 2003 - December 01, 2003

Type of Event Exhibit Expected Total Attendance 1,000-5,000

Brief Description One film a month featuring great aviation classics

USAF Museum
1100 Spaatz Street Wright-Patterson AFB OH
Diana Bachert
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Century of Flight Aviation Art Exhibit

Date of the Event January 01, 2003 - March 09, 2003

Type of Event Exhibit Expected Total Attendance 1,000-5,000

Brief Description Exhibition of original Keith Ferris paintings featuring military aviation with an emphasis on USAF

USAF Museum
1100 Spaatz Street Wright-Patterson AFB OH ZipCode 45433
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Wright Aviation Connection

November 06, 2002 ,8:00 a.m.
Educational Activity, attendance expected 100-1,000 Wright Aviation Connection Field Trip sponsored by the Wright State University Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The primary goal is to provide area educators with aviation information and experiences that they can take back to their schools to share with other educators and students. This connection to our famous Wright brothers is an important link in our understanding of their amazing accomplishments and their impact on the world.
Payne Recreation Center/Moraine AirPark 3800 Clearview Ave. Moraine OH 45439. Payne Recreation Center is located adjacent to Splash Moraine Water Park and Moraine AirPark, just south of Dayton, OH. Airport Code I73
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greetings earthlings

CAPT Sidley Howard SQUICK (Ferengi Entrepreneur)

Greetings Earthlings, I just spent a wonderful weekend in Chicago and Milwaukee. We went to Medieval Times restaurant, The Bristol Renaissance Faire, The Safe House (spy themed restaurant), and the IKEA store. It was great fun let me tell you. I also just received my newest toy back from the mechanic. My dragon slayer motorcycle, it is actually an old Honda 360, but it runs now and I'll be cruising around town while the summer lasts. That's about it for now

SQUICK



CMR Manny Medina Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report

General fund	\$488.10
Rob's Fund	282.50
JDF Fund	45.00
UN Fund	14.00
Balance	829.60
Deposit	24.00
sub-Total	853.60
Expenses	59.55
New Balance	\$795.05

Deposit

Memberships	24.00
Total	24.00

Expenses	
News Letter	32.05
Ribbon Supplies	26.60
Total	58.55
General fund	\$453.55
Rob's Fund	282.50
JDF Fund	45.00
UN Fund	14.00
New Balance	\$795.05

Conventions

Nov 1-3, 2002
Ohio Valley Filk Fest
Dublin, OH
www.electricpenguin.com/ovff/
Jan 10-12, 2003
Ohayocon 3
Anime convention
Hilton @ Easton
ohayoconprez@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 10	MAX meeting
Aug 24	Kings Island
	Stringtown
	Mcdonalds 7am
Sept 14	Max Meeting
Sept 28	Ren Fest
	Stringtown
	McDonalds 8am
Oct 12	Max meeting
Oct 26	Halloween Party
	Stanley's TBA
Nov 9	Mott's Museum
Nov 9	MAX meeting

Movies Coming Soon

15 Nov	Harry Potter 2
18 Dec	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
20 Dec	Star Trek Nemisis

I am now concentrating on talking with the Marcus Cinemas in Pickerington and Crosswoods. They seems to enjoy having us there at opens. Stayed tuned I'll keep you filled in.





TREK NEWS

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07.18.02 Mulgrew and Crew Host Fund- raisers

Kate Mulgrew ("Kathryn Janeway") spent a seven-year term playing the captain of a starship, now she's hoping to spend a term as Ohio's First Lady. Her husband, Tim Hagan, is the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, and Mulgrew is campaigning right alongside her husband, with several upcoming celebrity fundraiser events, including one with the rest of her *Star Trek: Voyager* cast mates.

On Thursday, July 25, Mulgrew will join Rosie O'Donnell for a Hagan reception at Paolucci's restaurant in New York City. Co-hosts for the event include Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Rory Kennedy, author Malachy McCourt, and playwright Matthew Lombardo, who penned "Tea at Five," Mulgrew's one-woman show about the life of Katharine Hepburn.

Roughly a month later on Friday, August 23, Mulgrew will join her *Voyager* costars Robert Picardo ("The Doctor") and Ethan Phillips ("Neelix") in hosting a dessert reception for Hagan in Cleveland following the opening night performance for the Cleveland Playhouse run of "Tea at Five" (tickets for this run of the show go on sale Monday, July 22, see related story here)



Shatner ("James T. Kirk").

The Extravaganza includes a daytime entertainment show, a private cocktail reception and a black tie dinner. The rest of the *Voyager* cast will be joining Mulgrew, Picardo and Phillips; Jeri Ryan ("Seven of Nine"), Robert Beltran ("Chakotay"), Tim Russ ("Tuvok"), Garrett Wang ("Harry Kim"), Roxann Dawson ("B'Elanna Torres") and Robert Duncan McNeill ("Tom Paris").



To round out the weekend, on Sunday, August 25, McNeill will host a pre-show brunch reception for Hagan prior to Mulgrew's Sunday matinee performance of "Tea at Five."

08.01.02 Las Vegas Convention Launches with Experience Bash

On the eve of Creation Entertainment's Official "Real Deal" *Star Trek* Convention at the Las Vegas Hilton, home of "Star Trek: The Experience," there's going to be a special party to kick things off. The event will be held tonight, August 1, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at "Star Trek: The Experience."

At the Opening Night Party, also being sponsored by TNN (where fans can watch *Star Trek: The Next Generation*), fans can enjoy music from Neil Norman & His Cosmic Orchestra starring Robert Picardo (*Star Trek: Voyager's* Doctor), Jeff Rector and other celebrity guest vocalists.

The opening night party will also feature a costume contest, prize raffles, appetizers included from Quark's Bar & Restaurant, dancing and a free gift with each ticket purchased. Tickets for the event are \$99, and space is limited, with reservations being taken at (702) 697-8750.

This convention also marks a first by happening in Las Vegas and in cyberspace simultaneously with the Vir-Con virtual convention (see story here). So even if you're not headed to Las Vegas, you can still go in a virtual sort of way.

This weekend's convention is packed with *Star Trek* stars and events, such as William Shatner ("James T. Kirk") presenting Leonard Nimoy ("Spock") with Creation's Lifetime Achievement Award, a *Star Trek* Stunt Show, auctions, celebrity panels and more

07.18.02 Enterprise Nabs Five Emmy Noms

The first season of the latest *Star Trek* spinoff is getting off to a strong start award-wise. *Enterprise* was named five times in four technical categories among the nominations for the 54th Annual Emmy Awards announced this morning.

Two episodes, the pilot "Broken Bow" and the comet episode "Breaking the Ice," are competing with each other for Outstanding Special Visual Effects For A Series. The other contenders are Showtime's *Stargate SG-1* (also nominated twice) and WB's *Smallville*.

The Risa vacation adventure "Two Days and Two Nights" is nominated for Outstanding Hairstyling For A Series. It's going up against ABC's *Alias*, UPN's own *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*, and HBO's *Sex And The City* and *Six Feet Under*.

"Broken Bow" is also up for Outstanding Makeup For A Series (Prosthetic) and Outstanding Sound Editing For A Series. In

Makeup the competition is *Buffy*, CBS' *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, and *Six Feet Under*. In Sound Editing, it's *Smallville*, *CSI* and NBC's *ER* and *Third Watch*.

These technical categories will be part of the Creative Arts Awards presentation Saturday, September 14, which will be telecast on the E! cable network. The main Emmy Awards show will take place Sunday, September 22, live on NBC.

In the acting categories, none of our beloved *Enterprise* cast members got noticed, but as far as *Star Trek* alumni are concerned, it's like a broken record: Kelsey Grammer, Kim Cattrall and John Larroquette are all recognized yet again for their stalwart TV work. Grammer ("Cause and Effect"), Outstanding Lead Actor In A Comedy Series for ... take a wild guess ... *Frasier*, Cattrall ("*Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*"), Outstanding Supporting Actress In A Comedy Series for *Sex And The City*, and Larroquette ("*Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*"), Outstanding Guest Actor In A Drama Series for *The Practice*.

Last year, *Star Trek: Voyager* secured eight Emmy nominations in six technical categories for its final season, and won two. Jay Chattaway took the statue for Outstanding Music Composition For A Series (Dramatic Underscore), and the special effects team led by Dan Curry won Outstanding Special Visual Effects For A Series.

All the *Enterprise* nominees are as follows:

Outstanding Hairstyling For A Series:

"Two Days And Two Nights"

Outstanding Makeup For A Series

(Prosthetic):

"Broken Bow"

Outstanding Sound Editing For A Series:

"Broken Bow"

Outstanding Special Visual Effects For A

Series (2):

"Broken Bow"

"Breaking The Ice"



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If Moya survived her trip down the wormhole ("Dog With Two Bones"), Chiana, Rygel, and I hoped she'd fly to her original destination: **Arnessk**, a planet where Jool's people had an archeological dig. Elack ("Crichton Kicks") agreed to take us there.

Raise a glass — the long shot paid off. We found D'Argo, Jool, and The Old Woman with the Interior archeologists. Jool couldn't remember what happened in the wormhole, just said Pilot would explain when Moya returned. No one had heard from Aeryn.

Instead, everybody'd gone ga-ga over the site's dusty history. Once upon a time, Arnesskan Priests built a temple there that somehow ensured peace between the Scarrans and Peacekeepers. Five hundred generations later, party poopers fired three **Damaz Probes** onto Arnessk, creating the **Damaz Triangle**. This screwed up the planet's magnetics. Eden vanished, the peace was shattered, and the planet became an inhospitable rock. During certain periods, people can still survive there — that's when the Interiors schedule their digs. When the deadly magnetics intensify again, everyone has to leave.

The dig leader, Instructor Vella, was the site's Nutty Professor, minus the sense of humor. She'd already located two Damaz Probes.

If she found the third, she believed she could free the planet from its magnetic prison. *Whatever*. I just wanted to rejoin Moya and find Aeryn.

Sadly, up in orbit, old Elack was entering termination shutdown. While Rygel urged the ship to hang on, Sikozy meddled with my Module.

Can't protest (much), 'cause she got it flying again and even rigged it to pick up Peacekeeper transmissions. I just wish she'd been faster to intercept the news that Grayza, Braca and *muchos* PK commandos were planning a surprise visit to Arnessk.

Down below, oblivious to that particular threat, The Old Woman was all freaked out over some cryptic apocalypse or something. Instead of giving me a straight answer about Moya or Aeryn, she taught me how to turn on and drop out by snorting bug guts, then raved about the dangers of the Damaz Triangle. Tagging along behind her was Oo-nii, who looked like a

cross between a *Brady Bunch* Tiki idol and a Martian Aqua-Dude. Still don't know what his deal is.

I also don't know the deal with D'Argo and Jool. Turns out, D'Argo enjoys playing Indiana Jones almost as much as Jool does. He and Jool seem close, but I wonder if they're truly compatible. After all, Jool worshipped Vella, who didn't

think Luxans were the brightest crayons in the galactic

box. Color me unsurprised.

The day grew more confusing when Grandma declared that the planet's Interior "defilers" must die. To persuade me, she hit me with a faceful of herbs, inducing my biggest Technicolor vision yet: the Arnessk glory days. Temple. Priests. Probes — I even saw where the missing one landed. And a golden tile....

I woke up in the water, with Oo-nii Hasselhoff dragging me to shore. By the time I dried out, I realized Grandma'd scampered off with my pulse pistol and learned Vella'd been turned to stone by a Serax carver — a slick excavation tool and an even slicker murder weapon. D'Argo was drunk, grouchy, clutching said carver, and standing over Vella's remains. Call me

crazy, but I still suspected Grandma.

Looking for her, I discovered the golden tile from my vision. Gave me goosebumps, chills, the works — because I'm sure one of the markings on it was ancient Egyptian. As in, from Earth.

At this point, Sikozy finally came planetside to warn us about the Peacekeepers' arrival, but Miss Fashionably Late only reached D'Argo in time. The rest of us found out the hard way. Grayza captured us. Then....

...then things got weird. Grayza'd brought Scorpius along — on a leash. She claimed he was a peace offering. Claimed she wanted to be friends with me. And I — don't get me wrong, I felt dirty, sick — but I wanted her. Needed her. I can't explain it. Then.... I kissed her.

And that was just the beginning.



STAR WARS



If you're in Milwaukee this weekend and have a complete deck of *Star Wars* Trading Card Game ready to play, you and a guest just might end up in Sydney, Australia as part of the first ever *Star Wars* Trading Card Game Championship.

Gen Con Game Fair, a celebration of card, roleplaying, board and miniature strategy games, is on this weekend in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. August 10 is the day that a winner will be crowned in the TCG Championship. Unlike other championships, which are invitation only, this *Star Wars* one is open to everyone.

To participate in the event, players need to sign-up by 9:00 am, August 10, at the Trading Card Game Ballroom in the Midwest Express Center. The Championship is open to all *Star Wars* Trading Card Game players who own complete decks and pay a small registration fee.

The Championship runs all day Saturday, with players competing to win one of 32 prize packages totaling over \$20,000 in prizes. Here's what's up for grabs:



1st Place:

A trip for two to Sydney, Australia, including 7 days accommodations, passes to Fox Studios Australia, where Episode II was filmed, and \$1,000 spending cash.

* A Sony entertainment package, including a 32" HDTV, surround sound stereo system, PlayStation 2, the Episode I DVD and a selection of LucasArts games.

* A complete set of Hasbro's *Star Wars* Unleashed figures, and the exclusive *Celebration II* figure, Jorg Sacul.

* *Star Wars* TCG booster packs and promo cards

2nd Place:

* A Sony entertainment package, including a 32" HDTV, surround sound stereo system, PlayStation 2, and the Episode I DVD

selection of LucasArts games.

* A complete set of Hasbro's *Star Wars* Unleashed figures, and the exclusive *Celebration II* figure, Jorg Sacul.

* *Star Wars* TCG booster packs and promo cards

3rd & 4th Place:

* A Sony entertainment package, including a 32" HDTV, PlayStation 2, the Episode I DVD and a selection of LucasArts games.

* A complete set of Hasbro's *Star Wars* Unleashed figures, and the exclusive *Celebration II* figure, Jorg Sacul.

* *Star Wars* TCG booster packs and promo cards

5th - 8th place

A Nintendo Game Boy Advance, complete with THQ's *Attack of the Clones* game pak

* A complete set of Hasbro's *Star Wars* Unleashed figures, and the exclusive *Celebration II* figure, Jorg Sacul.

* *Star Wars* TCG booster packs and promo cards

9th - 16th place

* The exclusive *Celebration II* Sacul action figure

* *Star Wars* TCG booster packs and promo cards

17th - 32nd place

* *Star Wars* TCG booster packs and



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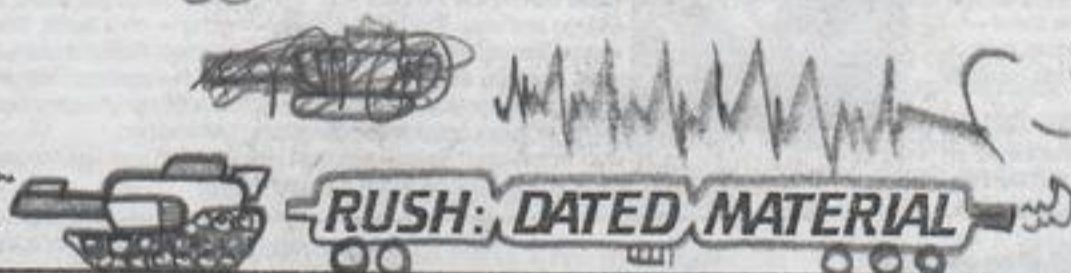
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