

THE MIGHTY MAX

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AUCTION: SUCCESS!!!!

Well we did it again folks. Our charity auction again beat last years totals all around the board. With the help of the Scorpions donations we raised a total of \$670. \$125 went to the Scorpion for their items. Rob's fund earned \$110, and our general fund earned \$435. Way to go folks you really deserve to big round of applause for your efforts.

We would also like to thank the members of the other clubs who found bargains here at the MAX Auction house. From the Columbus CAPT Carol Ford was again the big bidder this year with \$97, CAPT Doug Foulk came in second from that ship with a not so bad \$49, and Jane Van Bibber was not far behind with \$40. From the Scorpion CAPT Wes Kincaid was their grand champion with \$51, Kelvis was also sighted there with a purchase of \$13. Then from our own club Manny was the big winner this year with \$90, I came in second with \$59, ADM Dunn



was a tie between Cynthia A. and Susan M both with \$28, CAPT Charles was next in line with \$21, ADM Morris rounded out the big wigs with \$19, Elaine and the Jackson clan donated \$11.50, Newbie Robin G. had \$10.50 (not bad for a college kid), and finally the Stanley's with \$5 and one of Rob's models. Again thank you all for your participation.

I would like to thank Susan Germano from TNN for donating the case of water (you don't want to know how much it cost to ship it from Vegas to Ohio) and the box of magnets. These were wonderful additions to our auction. We do have some of these items left to purchase at \$1 each. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

See you all next year!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Check it out it is up and running, and is being updated on a regular basis

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was next with \$50, our local bid keeper was next with \$38, followed by the quick in and out of John Chubb with \$35 and blue beer, next there

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY MAX

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COLUMNS



Hey there Pelgar! How's your cat? I haven't heard you talk about it in a while. Is it still alive? The other day I had a really good idea about

your cat. You could use your ears for cat toys! It wouldn't hurt THAT much...
Heather

Dear Hew-Mon,

My cat, who many of you might remember, I've named Cat, already had the bright idea to use my lobes as a cat toy, but I have curbed him of this disturbing habit. My lobes are not for the amusement of a pet, I'm saving them for a special someone. I'll let you know who that is when I know.

Dear Pelgikins,

How are you my dear, sweet boy? Are those annoying Hew-Mons treating you ok? They must limit your mail because you haven't written me in months!!! If I don't hear from you soon, I'll disown you! By the way, I made sure to send you a bowl of fresh tube grubs and some clean underwear.

Love, Moogie.

Dear Mother,
How many times have I told you, don't bug

me at work! I'll be home in five-to-ten, depending on my behavior.

Dear Pelgar,
I find myself fondling my latinum for hours on end and randomly quoting from the Rules of Acquisition. This is interfering with my social life and my profits. Any advice would be gladly received and I will compensate you handsomely for your time when you get out of prison.

Jobok the Ferengi

Dear Jobok,

Ewww, didn't your mother ever warn you about fondling your latinum? You don't know where it's been! Or even worse, you DO know where it's been! That's quite an accomplishment; I'm in prison and you've made me feel... dirty.

Dear You've Got Bigger Lobes Than Me,

If you think human lobes are small you should take a look at Prince Charles' lobes. In today's newspapers they take up nearly a third of the picture taken. I hope this might change your mind on at least one particular human.

From

Lil' Lobes

Dear Hew-Mon,

Yeah, yeah, I get one of these letters a week, but you can't convince me that this "Prince Charles" guy's lobes are real. I mean come on. I was born at night, just not last night.

Patch Update



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

APRIL
Charles Connor

MAY
John Chubb
Sidley Howard

WEB LINKS

www.maximillian.org

www.starbase1.com

www.sfedora.com

www.scifi.com

www.startrek.com

www.trekweb.com

www.trektoday.com

www.treknation.com

www.ds9promenade.com

www.fanmedia.com

www.decipher.com

www.siscom.net/~mmeece/trekdirectory

<http://excelsior.iftcommand.com>

www.desktopstarships.com

www.stinsv.com

BIRTHDAYS

MAY 05

MAY 05

MAY 08

MAY 20

MAY 23

MAY 30

JUN 01

JUN 02

JUN 05

JUN 12

JUN 13

JUN 21

JUN 22

Marc Alaimo

John Rhys-Davies

Salome Jens

Capt Janeway

Joan Collins

Colm Meaney

Rene Auberjonois

Sally Kellerman

Marc Worden

Felicia Bell

Malcolm McDowell

Mariette Hartley

Tim Russ

MAY 22

MAY 30

JUNE 3

JUNE 11

JUNE 26

Doug Foulk

Matt Morris

Terry McPherson

Robin Kulas

Brandy Jackson

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.

Hailing Frequencies
Open
CAPT Charles Connor



Greetings From the Captain's Chair

Happy 10th Anniversary to the Max
It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the 10th Anniversary of the Maximilian. And more so to be Captain for this special occasion. Ten years is an Outstanding achievement for any organization. I looking forward to the next ten years for our twentieth anniversary. This year, I believe, is going to be a good one for the MAX, and I wish each member the best for the upcoming yearwell in closing I have one thing to say "pass the salt and pepper and give me some of that thar chicken."

until next time See you in the future.
Captain Charles Connor Aka S'daak

Greetings!
Robin Goldblum



The Past's Future

Birds screeched and flew out of the way as she ran through their forest domain. An arrow whizzed by her ear and crashed into the tree next to her. Woodchips dug into her cheek, drawing a thin line of blood. She took no notice of it as she continued to flee.

Sasha glanced behind herself. There was no sign of her pursuers but that didn't mean they weren't far back. She ducked behind a huge oak tree that was surrounded by thick, green bushes. In silence, she waited, holding her breath in anticipation. After a few seconds, a group of soldier ran past the oak tree. The sharp metal blades of their swords reflected the sunlight and their heavy armor clinked noisily. The thundering of her heartbeat filled her ears while she stood perfectly still. The soldier continued on, neither seeing nor hearing her.

Relief washed over her body like a great waterfall. Air whistled in and out between her lips as she struggled to capture her breath. She was careful to hide herself among the bushes as she sat down with her back against the tree. Tears of fury and rage welled up in her eyes but she would not let them spill. That was for another time.

Sasha thought back to the jumble of faded, torn papers contained in the strange box she'd found in her father's potato field. It was though them that all her questions about the past were answered and the truth of her existence was discovered. Her world was much like any other seventeen-year old girl's living in the year 216 R.A. (real age). Her father owned a small piece of farmland in the northwestern continent, and they lived in a one room shack. The floor was made of dirt and the walls of rotting, bug-infested wood. A dirty, stone well was the source of water for her father, younger brother, and herself. Their mother had died along with their younger sister during childbirth five years earlier. It was a painful experience, but medicine was rare and usually didn't work. All one had a chance to learn was their father's trade, so her destiny was farming.



CMR Manny Medina
Executive

Treasurers Report
The auction was a biggest money maker yet; I want to thank Sidley for doing a great job and for donating so many items to the auction. Dover has come and gone I had a good time I wish I could have spent more time there because I also attend Vulkan we spent most of Saturday there John Billingsley, DR Phlox was very entertaining. He didn't look anything like I though he would look he had long hair and funny little glasses kind of dorkey looking but very nice. Are you ready for Marcon it should be lots of fun hope to see all of you there.

Treasurers Report

As of May 10, 2002

General fund	\$298.81
Rob's Fund	172.00
JDF Fund	45.00
UN Fund	14.00
Balance	510.81
Deposit	19.00
sub-Total	529.81
Expenses	-0-
New Balance	\$529.81

General fund	\$603.81
Rob's Fund	282.50
JDF Fund	45.00
UN Fund	14.00
New Balance	\$945.31

Deposit

Patch Sale	14.00
Donation	12.00
Auction	671.00
Total	695.00

Expenses

Scorpion	127.50
New Letter	27.00
Food Drive	125.00
Total	279.50

CDR Manny Medina

Manny Medina
Treasurer



Greetings Earthlings

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Greetings Earthlings,
Happy Anniversary MAX!
I have been a member of the Max for 6 of our 10 years, and let me tell you what a ride it has been.

The auction was a huge success we took in a total of about \$650. \$125 went to the Scorpion, thank you very much for participating. Rob's Fund, JDF fund, and UN Fest fund also benefited from that adventure. Next year we definitely invite more clubs to participate. Have fun at the dinner and we'll see how the next 10 years treat us.

Until Next month
Same Trek time
Same Trek channel

SQUICK



Greetings Max Crew

Thinking he was going to Arrakis to pick up some mined spice, he inadvertently ended up lost in the spice mines on Kessel without his communicator. We expect to hear from him about 12 parsecs.

SPOILERS



Musings From The Puddle Resurrected

Konnichi Wa

05-05-02

3rd Article in a row...that's a record! Now this is REALLY amazing! Like Terry growing his hair back amazing! Good Luck Terry.

It's the Max's 10 Birthday! Joy! Oh Boy...and on.

I would like to take this time to dedicate this article to the one person who made the Max what it is today. Without whom, this ship would have never started or been the success it is. That is Me. I rule. Bow and worship the Mighty Blobbin. Your King, Emperor and minor deity...

Wow, I guess I should not write an article every month...I run out of things to talk about. Oh well.

Seriously, I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have made the last 9...er, 10 years a shining success. A beacon of hope throughout the world.... Sorry, I would especially like to thank Matt for his tireless effort to get this ship off of the ground after its trek (he he) to Columbus. I would also like to mention Terry for his years of putting up with my fantastic wit. Sidley for putting up with my 80 billion e-mails over the last 3 months...with half of them coming right back at me. Manny for his "Buy All" attitude at the Auction. Mike and Erica Stanley for coming back after I pleaded, begged and did their yard work. Chris (I am not on this ship anymore) Stephenson for his work on getting the original website going and filming every blessed thing we did. (Now that's gotta be boring TV). Robin and Tom for there "always with us" attitude...(except since I have returned...they hate me). Cynthia for her attentive eye on everything Star Trek and Star Reality happening in the nearby area and keeping us abreast of it. Doug for...well...umm...just being Doug, I guess. And the ever happy Elaine and the gang for the good times and hot....well I see I have taken up a little to much space here. For everyone I have forgotten, its not because you do not Rock, because you do...its because I am tired of pecking at the keyboard and my memory sucks.

Take care and God Bless everyone and may we have another 10 Trekiriffic years! Man, that's bad.

Well until next time...

Blobbin, The Proud Owner Of His Very Own Meth Lab

News Flash...



Max Minuets April 13th, 2002

[5:24] MEETING STARTED

Crew Introduced

Officer Reports

*Treasury

General Fund	=298.81
Rob's memorial Fund	=172.00
Jr. Diabetes Fund	=075.00
Food Drive Fund	=014.00
Total Accounts	=529.81

*Captain's Report

Channel 10 Food Drive (Crew Voted to Donate 125.00 to Event) [Vote Passed] [5:30] Rob's Memorial Fund (Crew Voted to donate money to Suicide Prevention)

[Vote Passed, but which prevention program tabled until discussion in June when we will vote on which one <OR> Ones the money will be donated to]

Game Night (post meeting activity from Feb.)

Everyone seemed to enjoy this and we will plan this activity again sometime soon...

Newsletter Expense: Crew Voted to pay Sidley for the Feb Newsletter Expense 27.00 [Vote Passed]

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Doug Foulk Announced the USS Columbus will be at the hilltop library next weekend (April 20th), and that in May the Columbus will be returning to the Karl Road Library.

*Kelvis (Battle Station Scorpion) Introduced his Crew and presented Greetings to all.

*Elaine (Max Crew) Announced her youngest to take classes and get college credits (sounds like AP Classes)

*Elaine (Max Crew) Announced her Oldest is Finishing her GED.

[5:45]

*Cynthia Ayers (Max Crew) Announced her son is in the Honors program at Fisher Business College

*Cynthia Ayers (Max Crew) Asked who was attending vulcon, wants to carpool with someone.

*Matt Morris (Max Command) wanted to know the location of the ships Flags.

*Charles Connor (Max Command) Presents new membership Flyer to the crew (print copies to follow later)

*Crew Discusses plans to do a Membership Drive for StarWars Movie (will Vote at next meeting)

*Ohio State is having a "Reinfest" on May 4th from 11am to 6pm

*Marcus Owens (Max / Committee X) voted to accept Sidley's Food chooses [Vote Passed]

*Marcus Owens (Max / Committee X) need to schedule a meeting between Marcus and Matt Morris about plans and Ceremonies, before next meeting.

*Marcus Owens (Max / Committee X) Sid to Provide Laptop to Play

Music, Audio and MP3 Selections

*Marcus Owens (Max / Committee X) Need to keep everyone informed of required actions (more email!!!!)

[5:56] MEETING CLOSED

*After meeting activity "MAX CHARITY AUCTION"

The Max's Scavenger Hunt...

The first USS MAX Scavenger Hunt is now Closed!!! I would like to thanks all members who participated in this years practice event and announce the Start up of the Official "Max-Hunt 2002" in June. I have reviewed the Last Years game play and revised the rules to make the game more interesting for everyone who plays.

Anyone interested in next years should sign-up... Next Month(June) I'll be handing out Scavenger Hunting Licenses (It's just a tracking number to help me track who's brought in what...), you'll receive a Hunters Package, while all that you need to start hunting.... In Addition to opening the competition up to outside Hunters (crew from other ships) I'll be designating weight in stations (turn-in points for items found). you'll need to read the full instructions in your Hunters Package Available in June at the Max, Columbus, and (hopefully) the Asgard Meetings..... (more once a get the rules finalized).

-Nato





July 04, 2002

3 PM

Other

5,000-10,000

The world's only Aircraft Parade begins at 3:00 pm. Antique tractors and autos pull light aircraft of all descriptions through the city streets of New Carlisle, just a stone's throw from Huffman Prairie where the Wrights perfected the airplane. The Wright Brothers and Wright aircraft replicas lead the parade. This year will feature a flying replica of the 1905 Wright Flyer 3. Out-of-town participants are most welcome. Just let us know you're coming so we can schedule a tow vehicle. Fly into Barnhart Memorial Airport several hours before the parade starts.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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|---------|-----------------------------|
| May 11 | MAX meeting/
anniversary |
| June 8 | MAX Meeting |
| July 13 | MAX Meeting |

Movies Coming Soon

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 16 May | Star Wars: Epi
sode II - Attack
of the Clones |
| 14 June | Scooby Doo |
| 3 July | Men In Black 2 |
| 15 Nov | Harry Potter 2 |
| 18 Dec | The Lord of the
Rings: The Two
Towers |
| 20 Dec | Star Trek Nemesis |

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

Conventions

- May 17-19, 2002
Motor City Comic Con
Novi, MI
www.motorcityconventions.com/
- May 24-26, 2002
MARCON
Columbus, OH
July, 2002
ORIGINS
Columbus, OH
- July 12-14, 2002
Shore Leave 24
Baltimore, MD
www.shore-leave.com/
- July 26-28, 2002
ScaperCon 2002
Cincinnati Marriott North
Scapercon@blue lady.org
www.blue lady.org
- 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

STAR TREK NEMESIS

The latest issue of Star Trek Monthly magazine, just out in the UK, features the fourth of a regular set of interviews with Trek executive producer Rick Berman. In the interview, conducted recently by journalist Ian Spelling, Berman talks about the status of the tenth Trek feature NEMESIS, the proposed release date of the film, the FX work being done by Digital Domain, and the future of the Trek film franchise. Here are some excerpts:

Q: Where are things at on STAR TREK NEMESIS?

Berman: "We're done shooting. We finished on schedule. 9 March 2002 was the last day of production and Stuart Baird is starting to wade through the assembly and the cut. We're also working daily on keeping the visual effects schedule up to date. The sequences that have visual effects in them have to get to Digital Domain on the right days so that everything gets done in a timely fashion, so to speak. There are hundreds of effects shots."

Q: There were rumors that some of the actors were called back for some additional shooting. Is that true?

Berman: "That's absolutely not true. I love those stories. A few of the actors had to come back to do green screen portions of sequences they had already done. In other

words, if you do a sequence that involves visual effects, you will shoot 90 percent of it on the set and then some of it has to be shot against a green screen. That's done on a different day. Brent Spiner and Michael Dorn were both involved in the last days of shooting, which were the green screen days."

Q: A lot of the Star Trek actors, from across the various shows, have expressed interest in seeing and participating in a Star Trek film that encompasses as many shows and characters as possible. As a producer, does that idea intrigue you?

Berman: "We'd be talking about forty to fifty people. I like taking these movies one step at a time. I don't think The Next Generation family is necessarily ready to hang up their space suits yet, but future films involving characters from numerous series, including ENTERPRISE, is something I've definitely thought about."

"My guess is that if The Next Generation features turn into something else, if we begin doing films that aren't strictly about The Next Generation crew, then we'd probably incorporate not so much the casts of different shows or ships of the different series, but specific characters from the different series that could be integrated into one film. This is something that has been thought about, but not thought about to any degree because we're right in the middle of shooting a movie with The Next Generation crew."



The image above was posted by TrekWeb, and is the first glimpse of an official logo design for the tenth Star Trek feature film. The image features a new Romulan insignia. The design consists of a bird of prey with its wings outstretched. In its talons, the bird clutches two spheres, representing the planets Romulus and Remus, which feature heavily in the film. Underneath the bird, is the familiar Star Trek name above the word 'Nemesis.' Main filming work on Trek X has now finished, with visual effects work on the film now underway.

**WARNING:
SPOILERS**



TREK NEWS

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04.26.02 Big Shock: Star Trek Most Searched-For TV Classic

Who'da thunkit, but *Star Trek* is now quantifiably a cult favorite on the Internet, per the Lycos search engine.

In 2001, *Star Trek* not only was the most searched-for classic TV show, but it beat out second-place *Cheers* by a 5-to-1 margin. *The Hollywood Reporter* reported this morning. And according to Aaron Schatz, author of the Lycos 50 newsletter, that result does not count searches for *Star Trek* sequels, prequels and movies.

"Classic" is being defined as TV shows that began their run in 1990 or earlier. The other classics counted in this top-10 list include, in order, *The Dukes of Hazzard*, *Taxi*, *M*A*S*H*, *The A Team*, *I Love Lucy*, *The Brady Bunch*, *Gilligan's Island* and *ALF*. Just missing the top 10 were *Lost in Space*, *All in the Family*, *The Avengers* and — surprisingly, noted Schatz — *The Twilight Zone*.

Although Lycos doesn't release exact numbers, Schatz said that searches of *Star Trek* typically outnumber those for popular TV fare. But lest we get too big-headed here in *Trek* land, the *Reporter* article pointed out that searches for certain current TV shows — including *Big Brother*, *Survivor*, *The Simpsons*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *South Park*, *Friends* and others — routinely exceed the top searched-for "classic" shows.

04.30.02 Casting Roundup: Stewart is King, Farrell and Dorn Nab Roles

Following his starring turn in the upcoming "King of Texas," Patrick Stewart ("Jean-Luc Picard") is set to play yet another kind of royalty. According to *Variety*, the actor will portray King Henry II of England in a remake of "The Lion in Winter" for Showtime. The remake is based on James Goldman's 1968 Academy Award-winning



screenplay for the original movie, which starred Peter O'Toole as Henry and Katherine Hepburn as Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine. Glenn Close will play Queen Eleanor in the Showtime version, which

will be produced by Hallmark Entertainment and Flying Freehold Productions.

The film is set in 1183 during the Christmas holidays, as Henry gathers his extended family together — his three sons, his imprisoned wife Eleanor, his mistress, Princess Alais of France, and her brother, King Philip of France. Henry plans to name the successor to his throne, but everyone involved has a stake in the outcome, and the various family members resort to scheming and deception to determine the fate of the empire.

Stewart will also serve as executive producer for "Lion," along with Wendy Neuss Stewart (who produced *Star Trek: Voyager* and co-produced *Star Trek: The Next Generation*), Robert Halmi, Sr. and Martin Poll. Poll also produced the original "Lion." Vicki Letizia serves as Showtime's creative executive.

Production kicks off early 2003 in Hungary. Those seeking to get a Stewart fix earlier should tune in to TNT's "King of Texas," which bows June 2 at 8 p. m.



In other *Trek*-related casting news, the actors behind one of *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine's* most beloved duos both have roles in the pipeline. According to the *Hollywood Reporter*, Terry Farrell ("Jadzia Dax") will star in a Lifetime original movie tentatively titled "Losing It." The movie focuses on Farrell, who plays the coach of a girls' basketball team, and a parent (Adrian Pasdar) who reacts violently at a game. "Losing It" is slated to bow in July. Meanwhile, Farrell's TV husband, Michael Dorn ("Worf"), has nabbed a part in Disney's "The Santa Clause 2," which reunites Tim Allen with his role as jolly Father Christmas.

05.01.02 TV Guide's Star Trek-Packed Tribute Issue

As if celebrating *Star Trek's* 35th anniversary with 35 different covers to its regular edition weren't enough (see related story here), *TV Guide* is publishing a special tribute issue, completely dedicated to *Star Trek* that hits newsstands this Sunday, May 5.



Packed with stories, interviews, pictures and surprises (among them a special pull-out poster of the collage created by combining all 35 covers of the regular-sized recent *TV Guide* issue), the issue is available with three different covers, with Captains Sisko, Janeway and Archer each individually sharing a cover with Captains Kirk and Picard, all on a silver holographic background.



The oversized 96-page issue has articles on *Star Trek's* Captains, First Officers, Crews and Aliens, as well as in-depth looks at the

creative minds behind *Star Trek's* 35 historic years and a peek ahead at the upcoming "Star Trek: Nemesis." Also included are articles about *Star Trek's* actors, its fans and what talk show host Craig Kilborn would do if he got to be Captain.

The special poster features images of all 35 *Star Trek* covers from the April 20 special issue of *TV Guide* on one side. The other side contains new depictions of the five main ships, complete with ship "specs" created exclusively for the magazine by the *Star Trek* production department at Paramount.

TV Guide's 35th Anniversary Tribute to *Star Trek* issue sells for \$5.95 and will be on sale until July 22 - or until supplies run out.

05.03.02 Science Brief: Explaining the Universe—Big Bang or Big Splat?

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

In the *Voyager* episode "Death Wish," a member of the Q Continuum (later named "Quinn") seeks asylum on the U.S.S. *Voyager* after he is inadvertently released from imprisonment inside a comet. While being chased by his fellow Q, he transports *Voyager* back in time to one of his favorite hiding places: the very birth of the universe. Torres observed that the ship would not survive the formation of the cosmos — because at first blush, one would think that such a location might be a bit dangerous, even for the omnipotent Q.

One of the most widely accepted views of how the universe came to be is the "Big Bang" or "inflationary" model of the universe. According to this model, everything everywhere came into existence billions of years ago in a colossal explosion — hence the name "Big Bang." Eventually, according to the model, the expansion of the universe will slow and reverse with everything collapsing back in on itself, only to explode once again. As such, to hide in the Big Bang could get a little toasty.

Recently, NASA announced that the Hubble Space Telescope has identified the oldest burned-out stars in our own galaxy. According to NASA, "These extremely old, dim 'clockwork stars' provide a completely independent reading on the age of the universe from previous methods." These stars are 12 to 13 billion years old. Earlier observations by the Hubble indicated that the first stars in the universe formed less than one billion years after the universe's birth, thus providing more insight into the Big Bang model. (Photo courtesy NASA and H. Richer, University of British Columbia)

Not everyone thinks the Big Bang model explains the origin and fate of the universe. An earlier concept, the so-called "Steady State" model, suggests a universe that has no beginning or end — one that always has and always will exist. Recently, the journal *Science* published an article which would call into question the very notion of the Big Bang. Princeton astrophysicists Paul Steinhardt and Neil Turok (no relation to Tuvok, as far as we know) suggest that the universe swells and contracts again and again in an endless cycle. This new concept expands upon what has been called the "Big Splat" theory (also known as "The Ekpyrotic Universe"), which was announced last year.

In this paper, the authors describe two infinite "branes," or membranes. One brane forms our own universe; the other forms a mirror universe (not an unfamiliar idea — see "Mirror, Mirror"). Both universes exist a very small distance apart from one another. According to the model, these two "branes" approach and impact each other. The energy of these collisions creates all of the matter and energy we see in our universe. Once this has happened, the branes bounce off of each other and separate again. The new universe, located on its own brane, expands and eventually dies out. The ashes of this dead universe are then brought back to life as one brane impacts with the other again. According to the promoters of this theory, this bounce-collapse-bounce process will repeat itself again and again ... infinitely.

Perhaps the "Big Splat" is a more accurate model for how everything came to be than the "Big Bang." Only time and more research will tell. Meanwhile, this does provide an explanation as to why Quinn found the "Big Bang" to be a comfortable hiding place. Perhaps it isn't as violent and noisy a place as we currently think. And you know how easily annoyed the Q are.

TARS (A)PE

First season reruns Mon-Thurs 8pm. New episodes Fridays 9pm on



THE FUTURE IS NOW
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"Into the Lion's Den, Part 1: Lambs to the Slaughter"

Crichton's mission to the Command Carrier was underway. If all went well, he would secretly destroy Scorpius' wormhole research, while Scorpius, unsuspecting, saw to it that Crichton's friends received favors in exchange for the human's scientific "help."

All did not go well.

The Peacekeeper crew's hatred of the visitors was palpable. Ignoring this public sentiment, Scorpius acted in good faith, bringing Talyn aboard for a full systems replacement and granting Crichton complete access to the wormhole project.

While Crichton began work alongside Scorpius' lead scientist, Co-Kura Strappa, Aeryn adapted to being an outcast in her

former home. I sense that her interactions with Officer Henta, a fellow pilot and former close friend who now despised her as a traitor, were particularly disheartening.

By contrast, Lieutenant Braca granted Rygel a full report on the Hynerian political situation — which brought the Hynerian good news. And a Peacekeeper surgeon removed the clavicle rings that had symbolized D'Argo's imprisonment for so long.

The Restorative Chamber, where D'Argo recovered, proved an excellent location for

private talks because its mists interfered with the ship's surveillance system. Crichton and Aeryn discussed strategy there. D'Argo and Jool also enjoyed a few quiet words — before a Peacekeeper warrior burst in and attacked the Luxan. The fight was fierce; the Peacekeeper died.

A Lieutenant Reljik attempted to blame this incident on D'Argo. Scorpius, however, reminded Reljik that the lieutenant was responsible for the conduct of troops under his command — and told him that if any harm came to the visitors, Reljik would be held responsible, whether or not he knew about it. Despite Scorpius' assurances of safety, D'Argo insisted on returning to Moya — but not before demanding the Peacekeeper file of his wife's killer, Macton.

Crais, meanwhile, worked to repair Talyn with the help of a former comrade, Larell. She and Crais had been very close during his captivity, a closeness both were eager to renew. Unfortunately, Crais couldn't tell if her affection was genuine or merely an excuse for spying on him.

Once he explored the wormhole project's true scope, Crichton realized that sabotaging it would be more challenging — practically and morally — than he'd imagined. He began to have second thoughts. Was it possible to destroy the project without

massive loss of life? More abstractly, was it acceptable to destroy the Peacekeepers' primary defense against the dangerous Scarran Imperium?

Moya and I, nervously awaiting news from the Command Carrier, were delighted to see Chiana, Jool and Rygel return with D'Argo. But then Chiana had a vision of me screaming — which immediately came to pass, as Moya was struck by a painful Peacekeeper immobilizer Pulse. We were all taken captive. I shared Moya's resolve to die before accepting enslavement. Thankfully, we

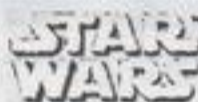
had allies aboard the Command Carrier, though they were unaware of our plight. Indeed, Crichton was so deeply absorbed in his equations that, despite himself, he began uncovering the true solution to wormhole travel. He broke off at once upon hearing of our capture, and, with Aeryn, confronted Scorpius.

Scorpius was not at fault. He had been trumped by Commandant Mele-On Grayza, a new name to us, but one carrying a great deal of weight among the disgruntled Peacekeeper crew. Scorpius ordered our release, but the formidable Grayza vowed that she would return — to terminate his wormhole project.

Scorpius now increased pressure on Crichton to solve the wormhole conundrum. He would stop at nothing to save his project, even if it meant committing himself to a sixty-cycle journey across the galaxy to exterminate Crichton's homeworld for revenge. Distracted, neither he nor Crichton suspected that Lieutenant Reljik and his band of malcontents, now endorsed by Grayza, were planning to assassinate them both....



Star Wars Episode II



More International Magazine Covers

May 01, 2002
Here's another round up of international magazines with Episode II features and covers.

In the June 2002 edition of *Total Film* magazine in the U.K., Samuel L. Jackson dominates the cover as the no-nonsense Jedi Master Mace Windu.

In the Czech Republic, *ABC* magazine has a six-page feature on Episode II, plus a pull-out poster. The Jedi duo of Mace Windu and Obi-Wan Kenobi are on the front of *Cinema* magazine. The Czech *Premiere* features a great cover photo of Anakin and Padmé reminiscent of the original art of Luke and Leia from the 1977 *Star Wars* poster.



In Spain, *Cinemanía* is running multiple *Star Wars* covers for their May edition, no. 80. The issue comes with a multi-page article along with a special supplement detailing the characters, locations, vehicles and other

items from Episode II. Young magazine readers in Australia will get their pick of Episode II coverage in *Barbie Mag*, the May edition of *Disney Adventures*, and the April/May edition of *Dmag*.



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April 22, 2002
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