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# *USF PRADO*

Special Feature:  
Star Trek Culture - Part 2  
1991 - 2011



Gene Roddenberry ( 1921 - 1991 )

# From the Editor

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Greetings one and all!

While we carry over some of the celebratory mood of last month's issue for *Star Trek's* 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this month's main focus is the man behind it all. Gene Roddenberry. In a more somber reflection, we pay tribute to his genius and imagination, for this month marks 20 years since his death.

Would he have imagined his vision to continue on so strongly after he had reached his final frontier? We can't say for certain, but surely he had wished.

So, aside from the second part of the *Star Trek* Culture article, we also have a nice little tribute to "the man", and even some interesting and perhaps little known facts about him.

And since I haven't been able to find anyone that attended the big 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary Vegas Convention and would be willing to share their experience and perhaps pictures, I decided to take us all back in time to the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the help of a willing simmer. (But I'm still looking for the scoop on this year!)

Plus, we have a few "firsts" in this issue. Namely: the first two official strips from the new comic "Prime Defective", the first time Chief Squill is handing out his astute Ferengi advice, and the first issue of the Cookbook under a new culinary chef... or is she an alchemist? You could think so, considering what she "cooked" up for her debut.

And now... I won't hold you up any more.  
Enjoy the read!

*Lorí*

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**On the cover:** Gene Roddenberry (source unknown, picture modified), page design Captain Loriaarra

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# Briefings

## Star Trek



### Memorable Quotes

For the writers, *Star Trek* was a terrific opportunity to use the future as a metaphor for the upheaval of the '60s, but people were predicting I'd never work again.

— Leonard Nimoy

"Believing oneself to be perfect is often the sign of a delusional mind."

— Data to the Borg Queen, "*Star Trek: First Contact*"

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### Intelligence Report

by Lieutenant Commander Solik

### Retired?! I Think Not!

Leonard Nimoy has told us several times that he is retired. Well, if having a recurring guest spot on one of the hottest science-fiction shows (*Fringe*), and starring in the official alternative music video for "The Lazy Song" by Bruno Mars, is retiring, where do I sign up? Even if Spock never got to be the Federation President, Nimoy recently appeared at the President of Television at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Emmy Awards Ceremony.

Leonard's livin' the good life:

- <http://www.startrek.com/article/did-you-see-retired-nimoy-in-the-emmy-opening>
- <http://www.emmys.com/jane-lynchs-awesome-2011-emmys-show-opener-online-video>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dULOjT9GYdQ>

### Shoot for the Stars

It seems there's been a sudden resurgence of *Trek* actors all over the television industry, particularly in science-fiction. As some of you may know, Wil Wheaton has a recurring role on Syfy's *EUREKA*, and Brent Spiner guest-starred on *Alphas*. Well, they're making an appearance TOGETHER on CBS's *The Big Bang Theory*! This episode is set to air at 9 pm Eastern on October 13<sup>th</sup>. I know my DVR is set!

Next, Kate Mulgrew has been appearing on Syfy's *Warehouse 13*, as Agent Pete Lattimer's mother and "Warehouse regent", Jane. (I'm still waiting for them to say, "Let's go with Jane's way.") Her final appearance is set for this coming Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 pm Eastern. And if you were at Dragon\*Con in Atlanta early in September, you could have seen her at a panel with her on-screen son, Eddie McClintock. Mulgrew has also expressed a desire for a *Voyager* movie. Anyone else?

Just goes to show you never really leave science-fiction:

- <http://trekmovie.com/2011/09/25/wil-wheaton-and-brent-spiner-to-guest-star-on-the-big-bang-theory/>
- <http://www.treknews.net/2011/09/12/kate-mulgrew-says-she-wants-a-voyager-film-watch-her-discuss-her-role-on-warehouse-13-video/>

### **Everyone Just Wants a Little Validation**

Many people saw Neelix as a joke character on *Voyager*, not really having a place on the ship except for cooking and taking care of Naomi Wildman. Well, Ethan Phillips chimes in with his two cents, about his feelings toward Neelix, and how he felt the character contributed in any way he could.

Never underestimate the alien you pick up on the far edge of the galaxy:

- <http://www.treknews.net/2011/09/28/ethan-phillips-voyager-interview/>

### **To Shat, or Not to Shat...**

Unlike his former co-star, William Shatner has most certainly not retired. You can see him regularly starring in commercials for the Priceline travel service. He even got a spot as a roaster for Charlie Sheen this past month; the second time a roastee has been a roaster later on! He's even got his own opinion regarding the perpetual conflict between *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*. Also, be sure to get your copy of *The Captains*, Shatner's documentary in which he travels the globe to speak with the actors that portrayed the main Captains of the series; set to release on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Don't get too close when the Shat hits the fan:

- <http://www.treknews.net/2011/09/22/watch-william-shatner-roast-charlie-sheen-video/>
- <http://www.treknews.net/2011/09/15/william-shatner-says-star-wars-was-derivative-of-star-trek-video/>
- <http://www.treknews.net/2011/09/09/william-shatners-the-captains-to-be-released-on-dvd-in-october/>

### **Abrams Returns**

For several months, it's been a hot topic of discussion whether or not JJ Abrams will come back to direct the sequel to the critically-acclaimed, and highly criticized, alternate reality reboot of *Star Trek* of 2009. Well, it's been confirmed now. I mean, really, how are you going to start something and not finish it? That's just not good for your image, Mister Abrams.

In addition to Abrams, StarTrekNews.net confirms that all the main stars of the first film are returning.

Plan on full speed ahead from here on out:

- <http://www.treknews.net/2011/09/14/jj-abrams-confirmed-to-direct-star-trek-2/>
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## Event Calendar

(upcoming Star Trek and Star Trek related conventions)

**June 1-Oct. 31, 2011** – [Star Trek: Live](#) – Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island, Florida, USA

**June 1, 2011-Jan. 1, 2012** – [Star Trek: The Exhibition](#) – Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island, Florida, USA

**Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011** – [Official Star Trek convention](#)– Chicago, Illinois, USA

**Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

**Oct. 25, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Beaufort, South Carolina, USA

**Oct. 18, 2011-May 28, 2012** – *Star Trek: The Exhibition* – Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

**Oct. 28-29, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – South Orange, New Jersey, USA

**Oct. 31, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Wilmington, Delaware, USA

**Nov. 2, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Frankfort, Illinois, USA

**Nov. 4, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Elizabethtown, Kentucky, USA

**Nov. 10-13, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Woodlands, Texas, USA

**Nov. 15, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

**Nov. 17, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Gilbert, Arizona, USA

**Nov. 18, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Chandler, Arizona, USA

**Nov. 20-22, 2011** – *Star Trek: Live* – Mesa, Arizona, USA

For details on official *Star Trek* conventions, visit [www.creationent.com](http://www.creationent.com).

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by Lieutenant Commander Solik

# F2P

To some of you, this may just be two letters and a number. To hardcore online gamers, it means *mucho dinero en su cartera* (a lot of money in your wallet). In MMO-speak, F2P means Free-to-Play. Some games, such as *Guild Wars*, have always been free to play, with purchases available through the in-game store for “real money”. Other games, such as *STO* and *World of Warcraft*, require a subscription, either monthly or a one-time fee for a lifetime of play.

Earlier this year, Cryptic Studios' other successful MMO, *Champions Online*, changed to a free-to-play model, but with restrictions. For example, the player is restricted to a preset archetype of skills to use. Cryptic is imposing similar limits on *STO* when F2P launches. Now, yours truly is a lifetime subscriber, so I don't have to worry about those, but the differences between Gold (subscribed) and Silver (free) can be found [here](#).

Any questions you might have about *STO* going free-to-play can likely be answered at [this page](#), and there are links to their FAQ and forum message.

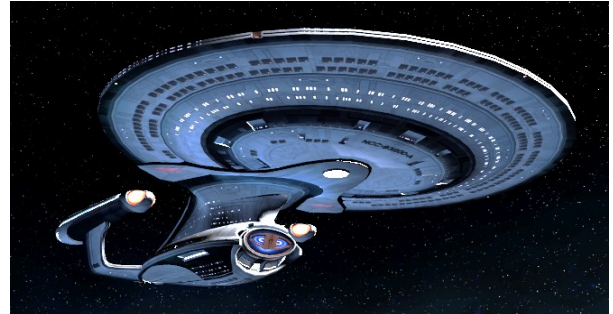


## All Good Things...

Executive Producer Dan Stahl announced last week that he'd be leaving Cryptic Studios, in order to pursue new challenges. He stated that he was proud of what *STO* became while he was there, and believes it will only continue to grow under his replacement. Read his full statement [here](#).

## New Take on Some Old Ships

As promised by the developers, we have some new costumes for cruisers. Note that **costume** means it's not a new ship, but gives you new parts for your existing ships. Before now, they've given us the *Rhode Island*-class, and now the *Venture* costume is available for your Exploration Cruiser, Exploration Cruiser Retrofit and Galaxy Dreadnought, and *Vor'Kang* costume is available for your Cruiser and Battle Cruiser.



Purchase of the *Venture* costume also gives you the universal console *Anti-Matter Spread*, which places an area-of-effect placate, confuse and perception debuff, and can be equipped on any Federation cruiser. It's essentially your own little shroud of protection, keeping your targets from attacking. The *Vor'Kang* comes with the universal console *Isometric Charge*, which can be equipped on any Cruiser, Battle Cruiser and Carrier, and unleashes an electrical charge on your target and chains to nearby enemies. Both costumes can be yours, each for 800 Cryptic Points. (\$10 USD)

## There is Honor in Education!

Last month, Cryptic released the Starfleet Academy uniform, and now we have the Klingon Academy uniform available. You can not meet your *Dahar* master without an honorable uniform! 240 Cryptic Points, *petaQ*! (\$3 USD)





(image used from [www.StarTrekOnline.com](http://www.StarTrekOnline.com))

## Current Foundry Missions published by USF Members

### Federation Missions

- “To Helna and Back”
  - **Description:** A missing officer ... a dead star system ... and a dire threat! Will saving one of your own be the only hope for saving the Federation? Ensign Helna, a valued crew member, has been abducted while on shore leave! How far will you go to rescue one of your own?
  - **Author:** Captain Havraha cha'AAnikh (in-game handle: @Havraha)
  - **Current Average Rating:** 4.1/5 (out of 1270 ratings)
- “Rema Donna”
  - **Description:** A Romulan mining facility needs help fending off a Gorn attack force! Is this your chance to make peace between the Romulans and the Federation, or will ghosts from the past get in the way?  
*(This is a sequel to the Cryptic mission “Divide et Impera” and the Romulan Featured Episode arc.)*
  - **Author:** Captain Havraha cha'AAnikh (in-game handle: @Havraha)
  - **Current Average Rating:** 4.2/5 (out of 907 ratings)
- “Animations with Helna”
  - **Description:** A harmless experiment threatens the safety of a starship, and it's up to your crew to save the day. While being treated to some awesome animations!  
*(This mission is made to showcase the animations available to choose within the Foundry. It does have an excellent story too, however! Many elements of the story will make more sense if you've played “To Helna and Back”, another Foundry mission.)*
  - **Author:** Captain Havraha cha'AAnikh (in-game handle: @Havraha)
  - **Current Average Rating:** 4.2/5 (out of 182 ratings)

### Klingon Missions

- “Time the Enemy”
  - **Description:** On a routine mission to expand the Klingon Empire's influence, how will your crew perform when it stumbles upon a new threat?



- **Author:** Captain Havraha cha'AAnikh (in-game handle: @Havraha)
- **Current Average Rating:** 3.9/5 (out of 1146 ratings)

Your playing the mission can help raise those ratings! What are you waiting for?!

# C—STORE SPOTLIGHT

## Borg Bridge Officer: Federation and Klingon 240 Atari Tokens each (\$3 USD)



If you got the Collector's Edition from Amazon.com, then this came with your purchase automatically, but it was released several months later. These ladies come in handy early on in the game, available before you even fill up your roster. They come with the traits **Borg Nanites** (health and shield regeneration bonus), **Efficiency** (bonus to starship systems), **Resilient** (damage resistance – Fed only), **Aggressive** (damage bonus – KDF only), and **Borg Neural Blast** (ranged stun).

They are Engineering officers by default, and unfortunately can't be changed, but come with *Emergency Power to Shields I* (shield regeneration), *Engineering Team II* (hull regeneration), *Directed Energy Modulation III* (bonus to shield penetration) and *Aceton Field II* (radiation damage over time). It's well worth it, even if you have to shell out the \$3 for it.

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## Watching the Universe

by Captain Loriaarra

(Special thanks to Commander Stacey "Bones" Harris and Captain William Styles for submitting the links to some of the news stories.)

### Cracking Enzymes

Understanding the structure of proteins is a vital part of figuring out what causes diseases. But computer programs seem to be lacking spacial reasoning when it comes to their methods of cracking the problem. Who did scientists turn to instead? Gamers! Yes, believe it or not, there exists an online video game, called Foldit, in which gamers compete to unfold chains of amino acids. And they actually cracked the structure of an enzyme of an AIDS-like virus. Who'd have thought online gaming could be good for something?!

Go gamers:

- <http://news.yahoo.com/online-gamers-crack-aids-enzyme-puzzle-175427367.html>

### Ebony and Ivory

No, I'm not recommending you'd listen to the song by Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder. Unless you just want to. But their song certainly comes to mind when thinking about this interesting pair of British twins. As if twins are not rare enough, but these two boys are actually as different as night and day, literally! One is dark-skinned, and one is light-skinned. Go figure!

This is for the geneticists among us:

- <http://newsfeed.time.com/2011/09/27/surprising-siblings-black-and-white-brothers-are-actually-twins/?xid=rss-fullworld-yahoo>

### Particle Warp

Lightspeed. That thing that Einstein's theory says can't be exceeded, and that we always exceed on a weekly basis while going at warp speed. - Well, anyways, some researchers claim that they clocked a subatomic particle going faster than the speed of light. Where's the cosmic highway patrol when you need them? But wait. There seems to be some skepticism.

Come to your own conclusion:

- [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/22/cern-light-speed\\_n\\_977014.html?icid=maing-grid10|verizon-htmlws|dl16|sec1\\_ink3|98214](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/22/cern-light-speed_n_977014.html?icid=maing-grid10|verizon-htmlws|dl16|sec1_ink3|98214)

### "We all live in a... floating Spacestation..."

Yeah... that just doesn't sound as good as "yellow submarine". But I bet you couldn't see some of these vistas from a submarine. From huge hurricanes and tropical storms, through soothing nighttime lights, to the spectacular Aurora Australis, this gallery of videos taken from the International Space

Station is something not all of us get to see from where we live.

Enjoy the view:

- [http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/videogallery/index.html?collection\\_id=74731](http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/videogallery/index.html?collection_id=74731)

## **Twin Sunset**

Who of you has not mentally stood in Luke Skywalker's spot as he looks upon the twin suns setting on the Tatooine horizon? Come on, admit it. Either through the movie or in some Star Wars novel, you surely have had that imagine on your mind. Well, now researchers are saying that the view of a sunset from the newly discovered planet, Kepler-16 b (yes, they need to work on the name), is just like when Luke looked upon those twin suns in the movie!

Take a closer look:

- <http://www.space.com/12964-alien-planet-star-wars-tatooine-kepler-16b-infographic.html>

## **It Doesn't Want to Come Down!**

That's what she said. Or uhm... maybe he? - Get your mind out of the gutter! It seems having a satellite fall out of the sky isn't all that easy. (Don't worry, nobody has ever been hurt by falling space junk.) It seems the expanding and contracting atmosphere is playing a little game of chicken with the bus-sized spacecraft. Anybody want to take bets on when it'll crash? Oh, and finders are definitely not keepers.

Watch your heads:

- [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/22/cern-light-speed\\_n\\_977014.html?icid=maing-grid10|verizon-htmlws|dl16|sec1\\_ink3|98214](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/22/cern-light-speed_n_977014.html?icid=maing-grid10|verizon-htmlws|dl16|sec1_ink3|98214)

## **Eyes on the Solar System**

That's the name of NASA's 3-D exploration environment for our star system and a bunch of other stuff in the cosmos, including NASA missions. Sounds like fun? Watch the intro and let yourself be inspired to see more.

Go hop on an asteroid:

- <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eyes/>

## **Gravity Wells**

Just another fun thing for the end this month. - During my personal research on gravity wells, I came across this great illustration from a well-known webcomic site. I just wanted to share it. But don't fall off the cliff to the sun!

Simplicity:

- <http://xkcd.com/681/>

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## Special Feature

# ▲ STAR TREK CULTURE ▲

## Part 2: 1991 - 2011

by Captain Loriaarra

A year before I actually ever became a great fan of Star Trek – I had seen episodes of TOS on German TV, but absolutely did not like them due to the poor dubbing, as I later found out – the creator of this beloved universe had died. That was some 20 years ago, but his vision lived on in those that made this fictional place their own and continued the legacy.

In the second article in this series we will take a look at memorable events that took place from January 1991 through September 2011. As with previous years, a steady release of books, novels, and comics were a consistent feature.

### 1991



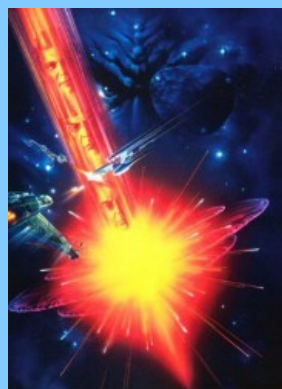
**April 16** - Filming of "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" begins. (This is the only *Star Trek* movie shot in Super 35 format instead of anamorphic.)

**September 23** - The first episode of TNG season 5 "Redemption II" airs. ("Redemption" was the last episode of the fourth season [once again a cliffhanger], and the 100th episode of TNG that aired.)

**September 28** - The TV special "Star Trek 25th Anniversary Speacial" airs, hosted by William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy.

**October 24** - Gene Roddenberry dies at the age of 70 (The episodes "Unification" and Unification II" are dedicated to his memory.)

**December 6** - "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" premieres. (This is the final ST film featuring the entire TOS cast together. The film was nominated for two Academy Awards. It was nominated for "Makeup" and "Sound Effects Editing." It was also nominated for the Hugo Award for "Best Dramatic Presentation" and five Saturn Awards, winning for "Best Science Fiction Film." Gene Roddenberry saw the movie three days before her died.)



### 1992



**April 6** - The noted science fiction author, Isaac Asimov, a good friend and adviser of Gene Roddenberry's dies at the age of 72.

**September 21** - The first episode of TNG's 6th season "Time's Arrow - Part II" airs, continuing a cliffhanger from the 5th season.

- Playmate Toys realeases the first TNG action figures, ships, and other role-playing items.





## 1993

**January 3** - *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* launches with the pilot episode "Emissary". (DS9's first season was abbreviated; it only had 20 episodes.)

**September 19** - TNG's 7th and final season begins with the airing of "Descent - Part II". (Professor Stephen Hawking appears as himself in this episode; the only person who has ever done so in any *Star Trek* episode.)

**September 26** - The first episode of the second season of DS9, "The Homecoming", airs. (Originally, this story had been pitched to producers of TNG, but then was used for DS9 because it seemed better suited for that setting.)



## 1994

**April** - Filming begins for "Star Trek Generations." (Five days of filming on the brig 'Lady Washington' that portrayed the USS Enterprise for the beginning scenes of the movie.)

**May 23** - The TNG finale "All Good Things..." airs. (Journey's End: The Saga of Star Trek was a TV documentary that aired prior to the final episode of TNG.)

**June 1** - "Star Trek Creator: The Authorized Biography of Gene Roddenberry" is published.

**September 26** - The first episode of DS9's third season, "The Search, Part I", airs.

**November 18** - "Star Trek Generations" premieres. (Initial ideas about the two Enterprise crews battling each other

were abandoned because no matter how producers looked at the scenario, it always had one of them come off as the bad guy. They therefore returned to the idea of having Guinan be the tie that binded them together. Once the death of Kirk had been suggested and accepted, it became part of the fabric of the story that was never came into question after that.)



## 1995

**January 16** - *Star Trek: Voyager*'s first season premieres with the episode "Caretaker". (This was the first *Star Trek* series that featured a female Captain.)

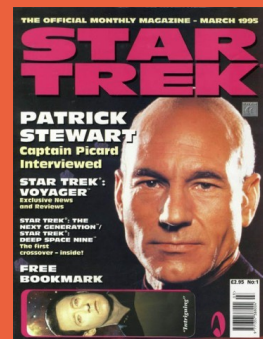
**February 28** - *Star Trek Monthly* begins publication. (The magazine's name was changed to *Star Trek Magazine* after its 110th issue. It is published eight times a year and features news, interviews, and reviews pertaining to all *Star Trek* series and movies.)

**August 28** - VOY's second season begins with the episode "The 37's".

**October 2** - DS9's fourth season begins with

the episode "The Way of the Warrior". (Michael Dorn as Worf joins the main cast.)

**November** - *Star Trek Continuum*, the official *Star Trek* website comes online. (This site was eventually renamed [StarTrek.com](http://StarTrek.com) and features an extensive database, episode guides, interviews with cast and crew, and videos of series episodes, etc.)







## 1996

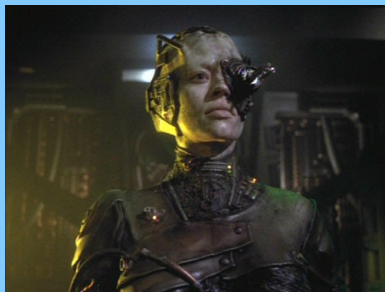
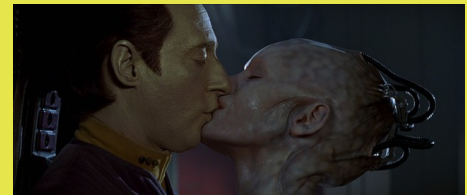
**April 8** - Production begins on "Star Trek: First Contact." (Tom Hanks, an admitted Trekker, was set to play Zefram Cochrane by newly-recruited director Jonathan Frakes, but ended up being too busy with his own directoral debut.)

**September 4** - The first episode of VOY's third season, "Basics - Part II", airs.

**September 8** - *Star Trek* celebrates its 30th anniversary with a special tribute broadcast. (For this event nearly the entire casts from all four *Star Trek* series are present. Mae Jemison, the first "real" astronaut to ever appear in a role on *Star Trek*, and Buzz Aldrin were also present.)

**September 30** - DS9 begins its fifth season with the episode "Apocalypse Rising".

**November 22** - "Star Trek: First Contact" premieres. (The film was first named *Star Trek: Resurrection*, then several other titles were proposed, such as *Star Trek: Destinies*, *Star Trek: Future Generations*, *Star Trek: Regenerations*, *Star Trek Generations II*, and even *Star Trek: Borg*, before the final title was chosen. It's the first *Star Trek* movie that features the TNG cast alone.)



## 1997

**September 3** - The first episode of VOY's fourth season, "Scorpion - Part II", airs. (This is the episode where Seven of Nine appears for the first time. She eventually becomes an invaluable part of the Voyager crew.)

**September 29** - DS9's sixth season begins with the episode "A Time to Stand". (The episode "Call to Arms" at the end of the fifth season was the beginning of the Dominion War storyline that is continued here and throughout the end of DS9's series life.)



## 1998

**January** - Production on the movie "Star Trek: Insurrection" begins. (Industrial Light & Magic was busy with working on *Star Wars Episode I*, so director Jonathan Frakes looked to a new visual effects company for the first time after *Star Trek V*.)

**September 30** - "Image in the Sand", the first episode of DS9's seventh season airs. (This episode is the first appearance of Ezri Dax, the ninth host of the Dax symbiont.)

**October 14** - VOY's fifth season begins with the episode "Night".

**December 11** - "Star Trek: Insurrection" premieres. (This is the shortest of all *Star Trek* movies and the only one that does not include any scenes on or near Earth. It also

is the first to feature the new Starfleet dress uniforms. A different ending to the movie had been shot, where Ru'afo disappears after being shot into the planet's rings which causes him to age in reverse, but was not used because it was "too soft".)





## 1999

**June 2** - The last episode of DS9, "What You Leave Behind", airs, ending the Dominion War story line and the series' seven season run. (Despite the shows problems, one of which was the difficulty for casual viewers to follow its story due to its non-episodic nature, it remained a fan favorite throughout. Interesting to note is that several producers and writers involved with DS9 had also had their hands in other sci-fi series, such as *Battlestar Galactica*, *The 4400*, *Farscape*, and *Medium*.)

**June 11** - DeForest Kelly dies.

**September 22** - VOY's sixth season begins with the episode "Equinox - Part II".



## 2000

**October 4** - The first episode of VOY's seventh season, "Unimatrix Zero - Part II", airs. (The first part of this episode had ended with Captain Janeway having been assimilated by the Borg, reminiscent of Captain Picard's assimilation in the TNG two-parter episode "The Best of Both Worlds". In this follow-up episode, Janeway plots to release a virus into the collective to help the drones resist the Borg Queen.)



## 2001

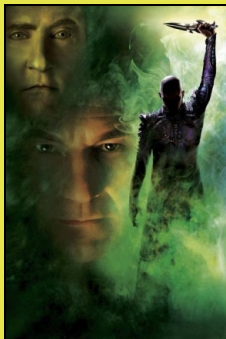
**May 10** - Paramount Pictures announces that the next *Star Trek* series will be called *Enterprise* and play some 100 years before TOS times.

**May 23** - VOY ends its seven year run with a two hour long series finale called "Endgames". (Most memorable to many fans of the series were the repeated clashes the Voyager crew had with the Borg. And this episode takes it to the final climax. Admiral Janeway, disregarding the temporal prime directive,

returns to the Delta Quadrant and brings Voyager home, while at the same time killing the Borg Queen and destroying their transwarp conduits and hub. A triumphant ending.)

**September 26** - *Star Trek: Enterprise*'s first season premieres with the episode "Broken Bow".

**November 28** - Filming on the movie "Star Trek Nemesis" begins. (Besides the main cast, only Majel Barrett and Whoopi Goldberg had roles both in this movie and *Star Trek Generations*. Brent Spiner co-wrote part of the film's story.)



## 2002

**September 18** - ENT's second season begins with the episode "Shockwave - Part II".

**December 13** - "Star Trek Nemesis" premieres in theaters. (The last movie featuring the TNG crew follows some four years after the previous one, *Star Trek: Insurrection*. There are a lot of references in the film to all *Star Trek* live-action series, and reminiscent scenes pertaining to previous movies. Nemesis was also the first *Star Trek* movie to include a car chase, and was the lowest earning *Star Trek* film.)



## 2003

**September 10** - The episode "The Xindi" airs as the first episode of ENT's third season. (The opener for this season was the beginning of a year-long Xindi plot arc about the super weapon probe, with which they were seeking to destroy Earth.)



## 2004

**October 8** - ENT's fourth season begins with the episode "Storm Front". (The ENT crew find themselves on Earth, but in the past, where the events of World War II have been altered by the Temporal Cold War. This is the second episode where the temporal agent Daniels apparently dies.)



## 2005

**May 13** - The final episode of ENT, "These Are the Voyages...", airs. (This episode marked the end of consecutive *Star Trek* series runs since the beginning of TNG in 1987. ENT had been created in hopes to revitalize the *Star Trek* franchise; it was suppose to be set apart from all others before it. It started strong, but rating dwindled in the next few seasons. While

many critics remained impressed with the series, it was canceled at the end of its fourth season, concluding a much shorter run than many before it.)

**July 20** - James Doohan dies.



## 2006

**September 8** - *Star Trek* celebrates its 40th anniversary. (In celebration, several classis novels are released with new cover art on top of the many new books with a speacial anniversary signage.)

**September 16** - Celebratory re-mastered versions of TOS episodes begin airing.

**October 5** - The "40 Years of Star Trek: The Collection" auction runs from October 5-7 in new York.

**December 15** - "It's a Wrap!" online auction begins.



## 2007

**September 28** - TNG celebrates its 20th anniversary. (Many new book releases are part of the celebration.)

**November 7** - Principal photogra-  
phy begins on the  
movie "Star Trek."

(Throughout the year, more information about the new movie "Star Trek" was released to the publish, including that Leonard Nimoy and Zachary Quinto were both cast in the role of Spock.)







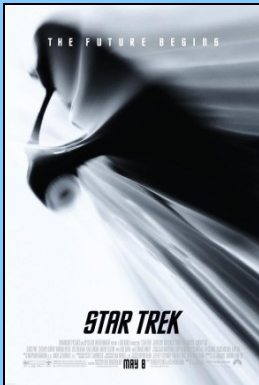
## 2008

**January 18** - The first "Star Trek" trailer is released during the showing of J.J. Abrams' movie Cloverfield.

**November 14** - "Star Trek" theatrical trailer debuts in theaters.

**December 18** - Majel Barrett dies. (The "First Lady of Star Trek" was the only performer who had a roll in all *Star Trek*

series. She was an integral part of continuing the legacy of *Star Trek* and her late husband, making appearances and contributions to the *Star Trek* spin-offs and attending at least one major convention each year.)



## 2009

**May 8** - *Star Trek* is released in theaters. (Though this was the main public release of the movie, it had been shown prior to this on April 4 [surprise screening in Austin, TX], April 7 [the gala premier in Sydney, Australia], April 30 [official American premiere at the famous Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood], and in other advanced screenings since May 7 nationwide. J.J. Abrams used a lot of live sets and locations for the film because he wanted to make it look "real". There are also numerous references to the TOS series and movies that help the movie feel as part of established Trek and not a totally new thing. The movie earned acclaim by film critics and fans alike and earned the highest opening weekend gross of all *Star Trek* movies. It is the first film of the franchise that has won an Academy Award.)



## 2010

**February 2** - *Star Trek Online*, a MMORPG, is released. (Three days later, the game was released in Europe. [It had been in closed beta stage since October 22, 2009.] The game is set in the year 2409, some 20+ years after the destruction of Romulus, and allows players to align themselves with the United Federation of Planets or the Klingon Empire. Completion of missions, some of which are special episode missions that focus on a specific race, is the foremost way to move up in rank and earn rewards in the game. Eventually, the game also came to include the Foundry, a tool that allows players to generate their own missions and publish them for others to play.)

## 2011

**September 8** - *Star Trek* celebrates its 45th anniversary.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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# Great Bird of the Galaxy

by Lieutenant Ian Kail

Gene Roddenberry, the man behind the iconic *Star Trek* phenomenon that swept the planet in full force for 45 years, was not only the creator of the show, he was also the producer. *The Original Series* (TOS), his first creation, ran from 1966-1968. Then, the brilliancy of the creative mind of Mr. Roddenberry struck some 25 years later with the creation of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. It began airing in September 1987; the legacy of a vision reborn.

His death on October 24, 1991 affected so many – Hollywood mourned right along with his family, close friends, and above all, his fans – though, it did not mean the death of the adventure. Soon after came *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, followed by *Star Trek: Voyager*, and the latest one was *Enterprise*. Amazingly, Mr. Roddenberry's legacy has thrived throughout the years in fans around the world.



Even though Mr. Roddenberry has departed this world, I like to think that he's somewhere watching us, guiding us to his own personal "Wagon Train to the Stars." He was a brilliant, shining light for those that held some of the same beliefs as he did. He not only produced and directed the show, but he spoke with many outside the Hollywood realm, which consisted of gatherings from the Library of Congress to NASA.

But what do we really know of this man? Where did he grow up? What was his youth and young adulthood like? These are some of the questions I have searched to satisfy my own personal curiosity of him, and perhaps enlighten a few of you along the way.

## Gene Roddenberry's Life in a Nutshell

Once upon a time in a place not so far away...

It all began with the birth of the man we have come to know and love, Gene Roddenberry. He was born in El Paso, Texas in August of 1921. Sometime after, his family moved and he spent some of his youth in Los Angeles.

During the start of WWII, he was a volunteer in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 and was ordered to training, which later resulted in him getting a pilot's license. Roddenberry made rank as a Second Lieutenant and, according to what I found in my searches of information, he was sent to serve in the South Pacific, a combat area. Go figure, huh, he flew a B-17 Bombers. He participated in nearly 90 missions. Toward the end of his services, he was decorated with the "Air Medal" and the "Flying Cross."

Roddenberry found his notch in writing while stationed in the South Pacific; writing a few stories and selling them to a magazine. At the end of the war, he joined the Pan American World Airways. It should be noted that Mr. Roddenberry had attended and studied literature at Columbia University.

At Gene Roddenberry's passing, he was survived by his wife Majel Barrett, who had once portrayed Nurse Chapel in TOS, and his 17-year-old son, Gene Roddenberry, Jr., as well as his two grown daughters from a previous marriage. He also had two grandchildren at the time of his death.



I found out when doing research on Mr. Roddenberry that many that knew him often and lovingly referred to him as the "Great Bird of the Galaxy."

Though he is gone, he is missed. But wherever his heart and soul has gone, his wife Majel Barrett is right at his side as she was for so many years of his life. Majel passed away on December 18, 2008.

May the stars always shine , and the futuristic utopian world that Gene Roddenberry created never be forgotten!

**In loving Memory: Gene Roddenberry 1921-1991**



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# USF Features

## The Galaxy Class Package

by Captain Lorianra

On September 7-8, 1996, Star Trek celebrated its 30th anniversary at the US Space and Rocket Center and the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The event was named *Star Trek 30: One Weekend on Earth*, and the entire TOS cast was in attendance as special guests, as well as Majel Barrett Roddenberry.

While that was some 15 years ago, Lieutenant Katherine Swan, currently CMO of the USS Ares, has fond memories of that celebration. She was working at Druthers restaurant at the time and would have been barely able to afford the cost of the regular tickets (single event and day passes started at \$25), but her Uncle surprised her and gave her the Galaxy Class package as a birthday present.



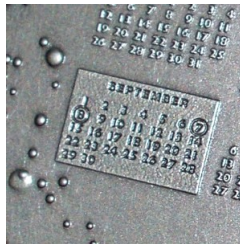
### Package Deals:

#### **Constitution Class (\$150)**

- Two day pass to the Convention center
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- Ticket to Saturday Night Tribute to Gene Roddenberry
- and a special commemorative gift

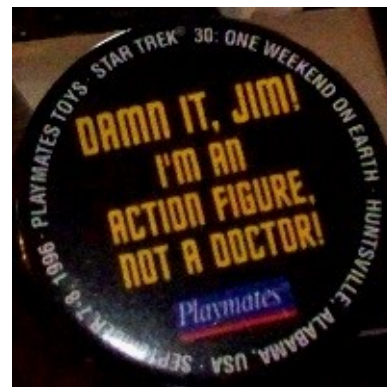
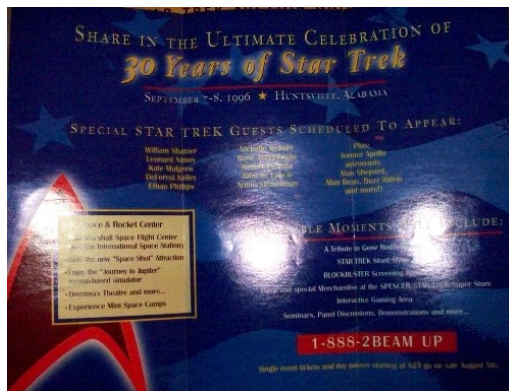
#### **Galaxy Class (\$350)**

- Everything in the Constitution Class package *PLUS*
- a Mini Space Camp Experience
- Invitation to the VIP Gala Reception with the Star Trek guests and Apollo astronauts
- Priority access to the autograph sessions
- and a special limited edition gift



"The Galaxy Class was the big package. With that you received a special collectable commemorative gift in which there was a pewter disk with the year's calendar on the back and the month of September raised and the day circled. Also, I received a commemorative T-shirt and an ID

tag," Swan elaborates on her experience. "I [went] to dinner at the space center, but I didn't do the gravity thing."



Aside from commonly present sights for Star Trek conventions, such as the merchandise dealers and the autograph lines, Swan also encountered plenty of fans in costumes. "With me being as short as I am, I had two Klingons put their elbows on my head and threaten me to move. I was their leaning post," she recalls, "It was an awesome event."



The most memorable impression she took away from being at the celebration was "the fact that the actors are just normal people and approachable to the fans." That sentiment seems to echo what Lieutenant Commander Solik wrote in his article in the last issue of the PADD. And while Lieutenant Swan was unable to attend the 45th anniversary celebration this year due to work, her closing words highlight how much she enjoyed reminiscing: "It was only the second convention that I had gone to, but it was a blast."

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# Comics & Humor

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## USF "Ad-lib"

*Off-the-Cuff Excerpts from USF Sims*

Ahhh... the scent of nature:

**CommanderTrellis:** @::walks back to a dazed looking Damon:: What a wonderful smell you've discovered for us.

**Damon:** @ Wait till you're walking behind one of them.

**CaptainTashal:** =/\= ACTION: As if on cue, one of the waka farts loudly. =/\=

**CommanderTrellis:** (NOOOOOOOO!)

**FstLt\_Lobren:** (LOL) @ Ohhhh Geez!!!!

**Ens\_Mitch\_Kryer\_:** ( ew...)

**Damon:** (LOL)

**LT\_Jack\_W\_Striker:** @ What in god's name was that?

**CounselorNTazzia:** @ ::catches wind of something nasty and looks at Kryer as if he did it::

**FstLt\_Lobren:** @ :: waving his hand in front of his face::

**CaptainTashal:** @ **Waka**> ::swishes its tail to distribute the smell::

**CommanderTrellis:** @Geez! ::coughs:: Is that normal?! My eyes are watering.

**CaptainTashal:** (ROFLMAO)

**Ens\_Mitch\_Kryer\_:** @:: looks at Taz:: What?

**CounselorNTazzia:** ::coughs but doesn't reply::

**CommanderTrellis:** (LOL at the Waka)

**FstLt\_Lobren:** @ Ummm... Sir? I'll take point.

**Damon:** @::pats the rubbery nose of the waka:: outsiders.. ::shaking his head::

- *underappreciated beasts of burden, like this bovine (waka), always seem to get the most interesting reactions when they just act... natural (USS Excelsior sim)*

We're not on Risa any more:

**CommanderBones:** @ ::dreaming of a hot, manly masseuse on Risa giving her a foot massage...smiles a bit until she realizes the touch is too realistic to be a dream. Slowly opens her eyes to some sort of giant rodent working on her feet and calves. Jumps back a bit on the grass bed, startled::

**CaptainTashal:** @ **Head Patkani**> ::peers into the hut and checks on Bones::

**CommanderBones:** @ ::stands up on the grass bed and backs up to the hut wall waiting for the room to stop spinning, then looks down at her attire....which is practically nothing but a piece of grass underwear and some shells and paint:: Uh, where the hell are my clothes?

**CaptainTashal:** @ **HP**> Una mangie, mangie Aurie Quya. ::smiles::

**CommanderBones:** @ Yeah well ::still standing on bed:: are you in charge here? I demand my clothes!

**CommanderTrellis:** (::wonders if Bones has ever uttered those words before::)

**CaptainTashal:** @ **HP**> ::blinks:: Og? Mahajel randarie, hippa tabo. ::hands flailing::

**CommanderBones:** @ ::gestures to herself:: Do you or do you not have my pants? (lol of course I have)

**CaptainTashal:** @ **HP**> ::shakes head, looking confused:: Og ga, Aurie Quya. Oph, godda. CIIIIIRE.

**CommanderBones:** @ ::sighs and sits down::

**CaptainTashal:** @ **HP**> ::motions to his mouth:: Omna? Tay, omna. HmMMM. ::rubs belly::

**CommanderBones:** @ No, I'm not eating or drinking anything else....I don't trust you. The last time I drank something of yours, I woke up naked looking like Bozo the clown.



**CommanderTrellis:** (OMG Wakas, monkeys, and clowns. Oh my.)  
**Ltn\_Ian\_Syvek\_Kail:** ( LOL )

- *you never know how much you need a Universal Translator until you wake up as the queen of the rat people... all hail Queen Bones! (USS Excelsior sim)*

Run, Doctor, run!:

**CaptainTashal:** =/\= ACTION: The Patkani start dancing around their queen. =/\=

**CaptainTashal:** =/\= ACTION: The music and singing and shouting carry over the river. =/\=

**CommanderTrellis:** @::hearing some noise across the river:: Is that a party?

**Damon:** @ That's the village I'm trying to get you to. ::points over the trees::

**CommanderBones:** @ Well, great party ya'll but time for me to get going... ::tries to tiptoe through the crowd and out of the damn village::

**CaptainTashal:** @ **Head Patkani**> ::sees her trying to get away:: Awaka!! Aurie Quya.

**CommanderBones:** @ Oh hell. ::takes off running as fast as she can go in bare feet and leather straps::

**CaptainTashal:** =/\= ACTION: With a loud shout of worry all the villagers start running after Bones. =/\=

**CommanderTrellis:** (I got this image of Madagascar going on across the river. Is King Julius there Doc?)

- *I don't think any of the Excelsior crew will quickly forget the image of a half naked, painted woman running along the river bank, followed by a whole bunch of rat-like midget people*

God among... rats:

**CaptainTashal:** =/\= ACTION: The Patkani are catching up on the Doc. =/\=

**CommanderBones:** @ ::gets to Lobren and scrambles up on him like he's a lifeline:: Lobrick!

**Ltn\_Ian\_Syvek\_Kail:** (lol Doc)

**CaptainTashal:** =/\= ACTION: The Patkani, at seeing Lobren, suddenly screech to a halt and fall on their faces in front of him, calling out, "RAPA KEETA!!" =/\=

**FstLt\_Lobren:** @ :: looks at the natives::What does that mean?

**CaptainTashal:** =/\= ACTION: The UT kicks in and translates, "Mountain God". =/\=

**CommanderBones:** @ Mountain god?

**FstLt\_Lobren:** @ Mountain God? Who?

**CaptainTashal:** =/\= ACTION: The Head Patkani slowly gets up and approaches. "Ohhh... god of mountain. You have our service." =/\=

**FstLt\_Lobren:** @ :: says to the leader:: Do you know this one? ::points to Bones::

**CaptainTashal:** @ **HP**> Golden Queen almost ran into river. No good. Bana in there, and Chiwai.

**FstLt\_Lobren:** @ :: tries to sound... God-like:: You all did good. You protected the .... Golden queen. :: tries not to laugh::

- *yes, we totally had fun with this whole crazy plot on the Excelsior, as you can tell (just to help you imagine this, Lobren is a large Brikarian, think "walking brick wall")*

**Have any interesting lines from one of your sims? Send them our way!** We'd love to share the fun and laughs. Use the [feedback](#) link (select "PADD Editor"). For verification purposes, the date of the sim from which the information is taken **must** be included.

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# Prime Defective

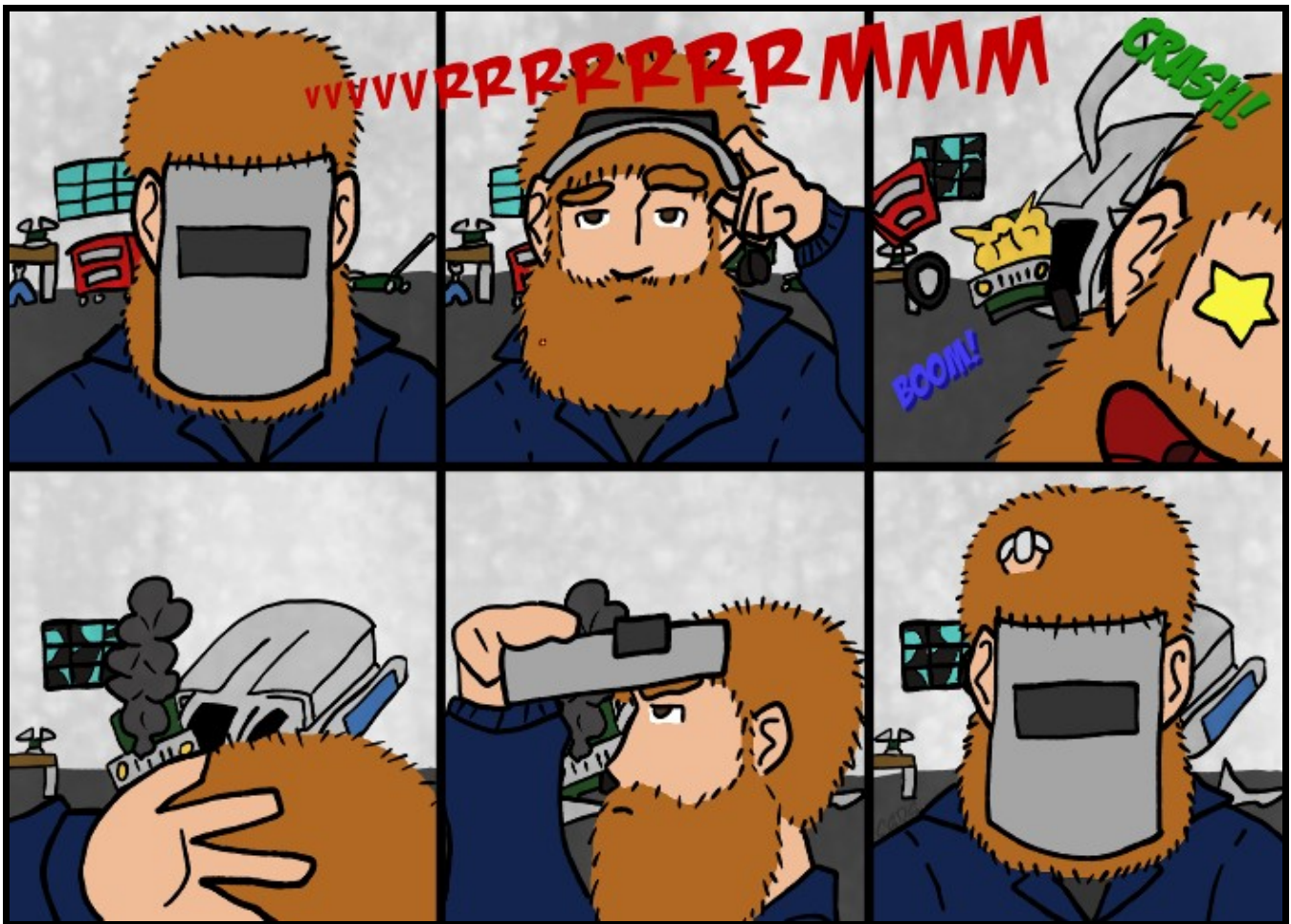
Here's the first two issues of the new series, "Prime Defective". A lot of still shots, I know. We're trying to set things up here.

Enjoy.

David

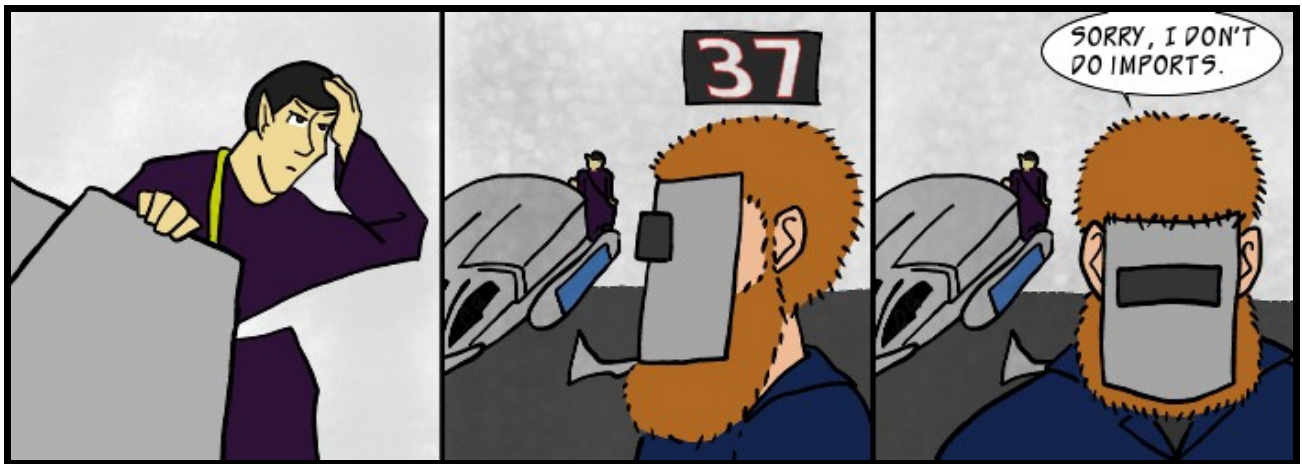
(aka First Lieutenant Fred Fogarty)

COMIC 001



AND...

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# Data Network

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## Did You Know?

by Captain Lorianra

Did you know *THIS* about Gene Roddenberry?

- ◆ He became interested in science fiction after reading an issue of *Astounding Stories* while still in Junior High.
- ◆ He served on the Los Angeles Police Force from 1949-1956. His badge number was 6089 and he was the spokesman for LAPD Chief W.H. Parker.
- ◆ He has a building named in his honor on the Paramount Studio lot.
- ◆ His pseudonym Robert Wesley, which he used when getting started as a professional writer while still an officer of the LAPD, was used in the TOS episode "The Ultimate Computer" as the name of a character, the Commodore that commanded the USS Lexington.
- ◆ His first TV script sale was the episode "Defense Plant Gambling" for the show *Mr. District Attorney*, in 1953.
- ◆ He won the Writer's Guild Award for the *Have Gun Will Travel* script "Helen of Abajinian".
- ◆ He was traveling on a Pan Am flight on June 19, 1947, when it crashed into the Syrian desert, killing almost half the occupants. He rescued the Maharani of Pheleton from the wreckage.
- ◆ Some of his ashes took a trip into space aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1992. In 1997, a portion of his ashes were sent into orbit for six years, launched by a Pegasus XL rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base near the Canary Islands. Another flight to launch more of his ashes into deep space, along with those of his wife's, is planned for 2012.
- ◆ He has an asteroid named in his honor, "4659 Roddenberry".
- ◆ He was the first TV writer to receive a star at 6683 Hollywood Blvd on the Walk of Fame. It was presented to him 1985.
- ◆ He has a planetarium named in his honor in El Paso, Texas. The city also declared October 4<sup>th</sup> as "Roddenberry Day".

(All information was found at the following sites: [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org), [TVRage.com](http://TVRage.com), [TV.com](http://TV.com), and [TrekMovie.com](http://TrekMovie.com).)

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# Gossip & Advice

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## "The Ferengi's Ear"

My first month of answering questions! How exciting!

Many people asked why I was using some guy named Quark as my picture for the article. Apparently he's a bartender on a space station or something? What Ferengi works as a bartender? He should have gone into weapons dealing. He would have made a fortune during the war...

Anyway, the answer is simple, really. I'm a wanted man in several systems, and this is the best way to bring in money until the statute of limitations runs out. Like the 125th Rule of Acquisition says, "You can't make a deal if you're dead." So I went on Google and found a picture of what looked like a gullible, trustworthy Ferengi and e-mailed it to the editor. A fool-proof plan, if I do say so myself.

And now, without further delay, I will answer my very first questions for the Ferengi's Ear...

### **1. I don't know why everybody says I'm playing around with too many men. Is there such a thing as too many?**

Of course not! There's a Rule of Acquisition (which isn't numbered, because Grand Nagus Gint spilled his coffee on his notes before they could be published) which says, "Exploitation begins at home." Each man you bring home is another potential customer! And what better way to recruit customers than by sleeping with them? Just be careful to remember the 40th Rule of Acquisition: "(He) can touch your lobes, but not your latinum."

### **2. I always get confused with the latinum. Strips, slips, and bars or whatever. I don't know what they're worth. And how do they compare to regular money?**

There's only so much I can tell you on that subject. In the order of least valuable to most valuable, there are slips, strips, bars, and bricks. The value of each is known only to Ferengi (mainly so that each one has their own exchange rate), and though we keep track of the exchange rates for our own purposes, we don't tell outsiders. That way, when money changes hands, we can ALWAYS get the better deal, no matter what. And like the 1st Rule of Acquisition says, "Once you have their money, you never give it back." A skilled merchant, however, will come to a Ferengi already knowing the exchange rates from past experiences, and can deal with us more fairly.

Keep sending me your questions! And always remember the 284th Rule of Acquisition: "Deep down inside, everyone's a Ferengi."

*Chief Squill*

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**Need some advice?** Use the [feedback](#) link (select "The Ferengi's Ear") or e-mail your questions and/or comments directly to [CaptJerridB@aol.com](mailto:CaptJerridB@aol.com).

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# USF Cookbook

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Hello!

I'm your new cookbook editor N'Tazzia. I look forward to working with you to provide some interesting and tasty recipes each month. If you have some recipes, Trek related or not, please send them to me for publication! I'd love to post them for the rest of the USF to enjoy! Maybe you can get creative and come up with an original recipe or two. Anyone want to take on that Bajoran delicacy, searingly spicy hasperat?

This month we will start off with a couple of recipes that should go over big at your upcoming holiday parties! A couple of alcoholic beverages. Please remember: no drinking these under 21 and ALWAYS drink responsibly....otherwise...ENJOY!

*Taz*

P.S. I've included one non-alcoholic Star Trek beverage for those of you who prefer not to drink.

Let's start my new position as recipe editor off with a bang...or is that a blast? Oh heck – Let's party!

## Romulan Ale

*(Presented with fond regards to the USS Excelsior's Chief Medical Officer, Stacey "Bones" Harris!)*

**Makes** approximately one 750ml bottle.

### INGREDIENTS:

2 Cups Blue Curacao

1 Cup Clear Rum, no flavor or spice

½ Cup Grain Alcohol – (NOTE – You may substitute Vodka if you can't get or do not want the Grain Alcohol).

½ Viso Will Energy Drink– (NOTE – If you can't get Viso Will, you can use any Cranberry Lemonade, just know the color will be off, since Viso does not color their drinks).

### PREPARATION:

(1) Mix in a sealed bottle.

(2) Chill till ice cold.

(3) Serve. Die. (You may want to sample as you go as individual tastes differ.)

**WARNING** - This drink is made with Grain Alcohol (aka, Everclear)... While very little is used, this drink is not for the weak (or smart). Geek in the City© TM and the USF are not responsible for what you do during and after consumption of Romulan Ale... *And remember, don't drink and Warp!*

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## Cloaking Device

### INGREDIENTS:

Romulan Ale (see above)  
Absinthe

### PREPARATION:

- (1) Mix 1 part Romulan Ale with 1 part Absinthe.
- (2) Shoot!

Why call it the Cloaking Device? Simple. After a drink or two, you will be absolutely convinced you're invisible!

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## Raktajino

(Non-alcoholic Version)

### INGREDIENTS:

4 cups STRONG Coffee or Espresso  
½ cup Chocolate milk mix or chocolate syrup  
½ tsp ground allspice  
½ cup Powdered Creamer  
½ cup Sugar

### PREPARATION:

- (1) Mix ingredients together until incorporated/dissolved.
- (2) Serve immediately either heated or over ice to taste.

**Makes** approximately 4-5 servings.

Like to share a favorite recipe? Don't be shy. We loved to hear about food. Use the [feedback](#) link (select "USF PADD") to submit recipes and food-related articles.

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