

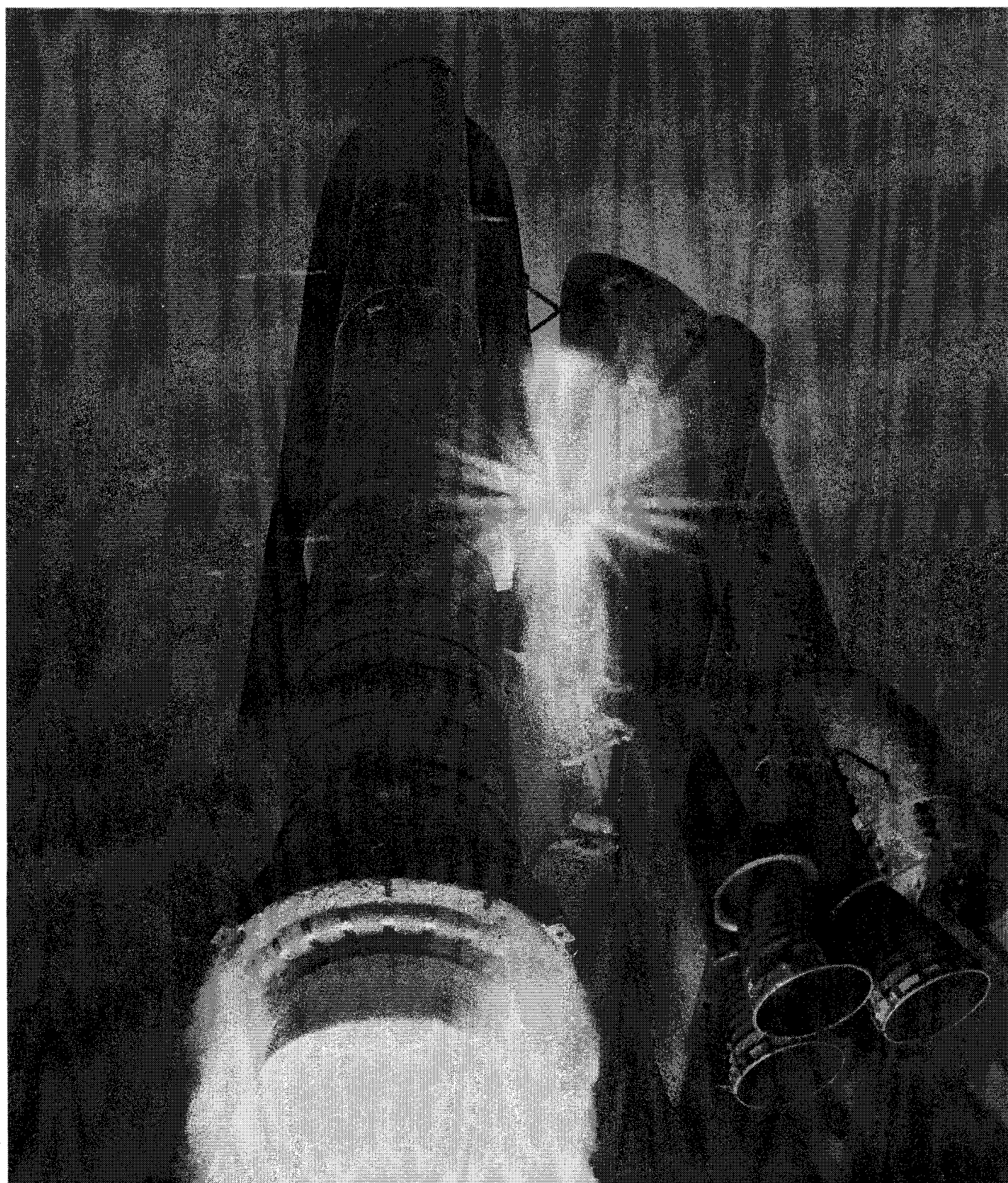
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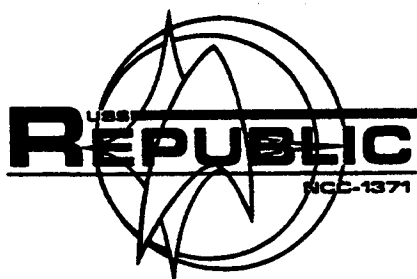
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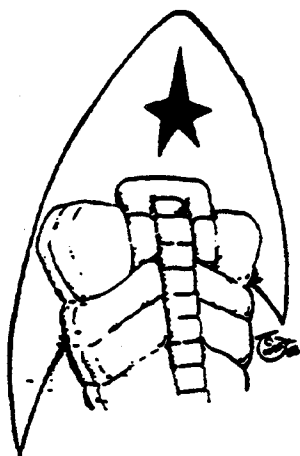
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FROM THE CENTER SEAT



by Fleet Capt. Kelly Hilliard

Seems like I just did this column--of course, it could just be my memory. We've had a very busy time of it lately. At Vulkon, we took time out to do a public appearance at Media play and won lots of nifty prizes, including a huge foam board Enterprise-D. Later in the month, we went to the Stone Mountain Highland Games (for those who missed it, you missed a lot of fun) as well as participating in the AIDS Walk Atlanta. We raised \$350 toward the \$1.2 million raised during the event. The plans for paintball have been delayed due to the slow response in getting the deposits in. If you want to go, please send Tonya your deposit of \$10 today. Activities for next month include seeing the premiere of Star Trek Generations. Please make arrangements to have November 18 off to see the opening show. I am currently trying to arrange something with the theater to possibly get free passes for us and to let us set up a table there, so we will need volunteers who are able to spend the day there. Contact me if you have any questions about this outing. We will be having a Christmas party at the home of our Security Officer, Tonya Spanks, this year. See her report for details. It is RSVP and a covered dish affair. If you have presents for anyone, this is the time to exchange them. There will be food, fund, and singing just like last year. I hope everyone can make it!

The Starfleet elections are upon us, and in the last issue, I published the tickets/platforms for Dan McGinnis and Rob Lerman. In this issue, I have the tickets/platforms for Anita Davis and Janis Moore. I have also received the debate tape from JD Knight. Rob Lerman and Janis Moore were the only ones present, and the production quality is poor. However, it is worth viewing if for nothing else you can get an eyeball



on who is running. Their responses are worth noting as well. I will be showing the tape at the second meeting date in November (November 19), so please try to be there.

Please note, there will not be a meeting November 4. This is due to the majority of command staff being out of town. We will resume our meetings at the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 19. Be there or be beamed out at max dispersal!

As y'all should know by now, we are hosting next year's International Conference here in Atlanta. As such, I need your help. Firstly, I would highly encourage all members to go ahead and buy your memberships to the con now, possibly even giving them as presents. Every membership helps the Conference Committee. Second, if you have any skill, idea, or whatever you think will help, please let me know. Right now, I am in need of a Children's Activities Chairman, a staff photographer, a volunteer coordinator, and a Fund Raising Chairman. If you have an interest in any of these areas or would like to help or volunteer, please let me know.

Please welcome our two new department heads, FCapt. Mike Henigan--Ops and Lt. Cmdr. Dan Carson--CMO. Both bring a fresh outlook to these inactive departments. You will be hearing from both of them shortly, so keep your ears and eyes open for new and exciting things from them.

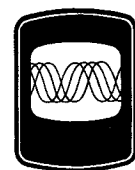
Well, I'll wrap this up (hey! what's with the applause?). This has been a busy and exciting year for the USS Republic. We have been one of the shining lights in Region Two. We helped host the IC this year, raised over \$1,000 for the flood relief, \$200 for MDA, \$350 for AIDS support programs,

\$700 for the IC this year plus attended four cons, a multiclub picnic/watergun battle at Stone Mountain, a trip to White Water park, and the Georgia Highland Games. And the year isn't over yet! We've filled out all the department heads and membership is on the rise. We won the bid with the assistance of the USS MacLeod and chapters of South Carolina for the 1995 Starfleet International Conference. All in all, a VERY good year. I'd like to thank all those whose help made this year what it was--Jeff Kirkland, Dan Carson, Shane Shadrix, Tonya Spanks, Dee and Holly. Great job, guys!!

Communications

"Hailing Frequencies"

by
Lt.Cmdr. Edmund Trafford



Some of you may have noticed a reprint of my ATTR article "A Look at Leadership" in the most recent issue of the Communiqué. I have had some nice comments on it from around the Fleet via the computer net, and of course, it's not my first such reprint. Now, you may well ask, "How can I get an article into the Communiqué?" That's a good question. Here's the answer--pay close attention: "First, you have to write an article for ATTR!" Isn't that easy? Over the past couple of years that I have been CoC for the Republic, I have been privileged to see a number of my columns reprinted in the Communiqué, and I want to assure all of you that there is no secret, no magic trick, to having articles appear in our national newsletter. All you have to do is WRITE THEM.

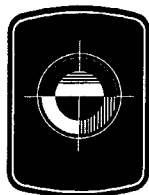
I had the recent pleasure of being appointed Fleet Associate Member



Representative by Vice Commander (<snicker>) Starfleet officers, we Gleason. In that capacity, I will be acting as a liaison between the Associate members of Starfleet (those who are members of the national organization but who, for one reason or another, are unaffiliated with a local ship or shuttle). I am really looking forward to some expanded service to the Fleet and hope that I will be able to pull some of these "at large" members to next summer's national con here in Atlanta by arranging some activities or giving a reception specifically for them. Watch the Communiqué for my maiden column! And keep in mind, even as we are currently involved in the recruiting drive announced by FCapt. Hilliard in the last ATTR, that prospective members don't necessarily have to be a part of local fandom. We may think it's more fun and more rewarding to be involved that way, but for someone whose work schedule, school schedule, GDI personality, whatever, doesn't permit full participation, Associate Membership is a real option. Please try to promote this alternative when trying to interest new members in Starfleet who may be reluctant to commit to local membership. This position will hopefully mean greater involvement in Starfleet for me, but what is really important is that it is one more feather in the Republic's cap for being active in Fleet affairs.

SECURITY

by Tonya Spanks,
Chief of Security



9408.13 Away Mission 1200 hours. The Republic traveled to the Land of Dixie--a neutral zone--for peace talks with the Klingons. Being model

arrived two hours early to ensure that there were no traps or bombs. At 1400 hours, the Klingons arrived, and we sat before a feast before talking. However, as soon as the food was gone, so was their will to talk. A battle erupted which lasted for hours with (luckily) no injuries and Starfleet emerging victorious (was there every any doubt?).

9408.20 Crew Holiday. "... do it all in a splash! White Water." Uh-oh, computer, delete the last two seconds of this log. (<Ahem!>) The captain has decided that the crew needs some down time (PRAISE LORD HILLIARD!) so we went to a vacation colony called White Water. At this colony, the members of the Republic were welcomed with open arms as we enjoyed water ride after water ride after water slide. We spent an exhausting 7 hours enjoying ourselves and would have spent more if it wasn't for the rain in the early evening.

9409.2 Holodeck Adventure 1900 hours. Members of the Republic decided to embark on another holodeck "movie" of a classic titled "Wagons East," but couldn't due to an eraser, so we watched a touching story about a man who rediscovers love through a child. I think I would like to have "A Simple Twist of Fate" for my own library.

9409.13 Away Mission 1300 hours. The Republic stops at Fernbank Academy on Starbase One for a viewing of a recording on Apollo 11--centuries old space flight. The space travelers of the 20th century and all those in connection with it should truly be commended.

9409.30 Away Mission--Vulcon '94. Day 1 0900AM Arrival. The Republic arrived at the Castlegate colony for a



two-day meeting with DS9's very own CoS Odo. Odo is the only known shape shifter in the Federation and has come to Castlegate to share some of his expertise with Starfleet. If only a better location had been chosen . . .

Day 2 1200 hours. The Republic and all other visiting starships have been informed of Odo's late arrival due to an "incident" on DS9. All talks are rescheduled for later times.

1300 hours. The Klingons are here. Security has been beefed up to ensure the safety of the staff, ST personnel, civilians, and Odo himself, though I'm told that he can pretty much take care of himself.

1900 hours. Odo arrives at the Castlegate and first show us some of his previous achievements. During his talk, all of those who attended discovered that Odo is very open and attentive.

2100 hours. The evening closes with a SF party only in the fashion that SF can throw them, with two gallons of Romulan ale and other assorted drinks and lots of eats.

Day 3 1200 hours. The talks with Odo are winding down with no incidents from the Klingons. I'm very much surprised! The day is proceeding rather slowly.

1800 hours. The mission is over with no problems from any of the visitors, and the crew returns to their duties with a touch of reluctance, knowing that the away missions for the remainder of the year will not be on the heels of another.

Security Out.



CARSON HOPE



by LtCmr. Dan Carson,
Chief Medical Officer

(HA, Edmund!)

Hello, folks, and welcome to my first of HOPE-fully many chief medical officer's reports to come. The title of this column comes from the name of the critically acclaimed medical drama airing on thursday nights called CHICAGO HOPE. The name was picked for many reason, but the main reason was that our esteemed communications officer DARED me to call this column E.R. But since we of the Republic experience so few emergencies, and the title SICKBAY has become so generic, I decided to go with the more optimistic CARSON HOPE. So there!

Anyway, as I take on this duty as chief medical officer, I hope I can live up to the work of my predecessors (whoever they may have been) by having more regularly scheduled blood drives and maybe some cholesterol screenings. Another aspect of the position I hope to further is to keep an eye on more charities we can contribute to. One of which could be channel 5's Project Overcoat. More on this in a later column. Other charities may include MDA, the Empty Stocking Fund, and AIDS-related charities.

Another project I would like to work on is the establishment of our medical database. I realize this is something we have been talking about for what seems like YEARS, but I am hoping this is something that can be done within the next six months if se set



our minds to it. For example, one thing we need to do first is design and compose what I would call medical "flashcards". Each card would contain basic medical information about each member, such as emergency phone numbers, allergic reactions (if any), medication, etc. This information would then be input into our medical database for future reference.

This is hopefully a part of what I plan to do as chief medical officer. But, as you all know, I can't do it alone. I'll need all the help you can give me.

Hmmm, maybe an assistant would help....

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STAR TREK IN THE NEWS (SORT OF...)

We like to collect mentions of ST that appear from time to time in the media--not as direct ST allusions but just as indications that ST has become so much a part of our popular culture that no explanation is necessary when referring to it. The Atlanta Journal for Thursday, October 6, 1994, carried an article on MARTA's efforts to become more accessible to the disabled. The article quoted a wheelchair user as saying, "Now I can boldly go where other people could already go!"

STAR TREK IN THE NEWS (ALMOST...)

Writer Robert Bloch, 77, died in Los Angeles on September 23, 1994. Bloch, the author of numerous sci-fi, suspense, and mystery novels, will be remembered by ST fans for the Classic episodes "Wolf in the Fold," "Catspaw," and "What Are Little Girls Made Of?"

Disappointingly, the New York Times obituary did not mention Bloch's contributions to the ST series (particularly given the phenomenon ST has become in popular culture) but instead emphasized his suspense and "psychological" books and stories. Most sci-fi fans have never realized that Bloch wrote the novel "Psycho," immortalized by Alfred Hitchcock in the chilling 1960 motion picture with Tony Perkins. Indeed, fellow writer Harlan Ellison (who wrote the single most famous Star Trek episode ever filmed, "The City On The Edge of Forever") said that Bloch "was surely on a level with Poe." As a master of the "psychological" approach, Bloch detested the graphic violence of most modern horror movies. "I'm quite squeamish about them," the Times quotes him from a 1991 interview.

BOOK REVIEW:

"Dark Mirror"
by Diane Duane

by Lt. Cmdr. Edmund Trafford

I recently picked up the paperback release of this hard-cover novel, and I was both surprised and frankly disappointed. Diane Duane is one of the best ST authors around, and this book is probably the best yet of the STTNG series. The premise is obvious: "Dark Mirror" is a sequel to the Classic ST episode "Mirror, Mirror." The word "sequel" is not really the right word, however, because "Dark Mirror" is unfortunately more of an updating and retelling of the original story rather than a genuine follow-up. In the original story, we are left with the hope that after "our" Kirk appeals to "their" Spock's better side that the future of the



Empire would change for the better. The story is thus left hanging and we are left to speculate on what might have happened. This time around, Duane's *STING* novel involves a deliberate attempt by the Empire to cross over and infiltrate the Federation universe, seeking not "new life forms" but instead "new worlds to conquer." I kept waiting--and waiting and waiting--for the "Spock" issue to be resolved, since obviously the parallel universe of Picard, Troi, and Riker was peopled with blatantly evil characters. What had happened to Spock? Finally, over halfway through the novel, we learn that Spock rose to Admiral and was assassinated for his attempts to reform (or "subvert") the Empire. What we finally discover, then, is that nothing has changed (which was already obvious from the "evil" bridge crew we had already met) and so this new book just simply retells the original story in terms of Next Gen characters. At the end of the book, instead of Kirk appealing to Spock to reject the "illogicality" of Empire, "our" Picard has befriended the "slave race" Klingon, Worf. The reader is left with the hope that this one seed of decency sowed within the Empire will again have the opportunity to change the future of our parallel universe.

The book is excellent in that Duane's writing, as always, is top-notch. Her evocation of the alternate-universe Next Gen characters is horrifying: Troi is not just an empath but a true telepath with a mean streak who enjoys toying with other people's emotions and inflicting intense mental pain for her own pleasure. As chief of security, she oversees the operation of the infamous agony booth. Riker is a smarmy, calculating schemer obviously eager to replace Picard whenever the

opportunity arises. Wesley is involved in a plot to assassinate the captain, who is responsible for murdering Jack Crusher so that he could take Wesley's mother, Beverly, as the "captain's woman." (Readers for whom Wesley is not a favorite character will probably relish the scene where he writhes in the agony booth under Troi's not-so-tender care.)

What is disappointing to me is that Duane's re-creation of the *STING* world is not satisfying, it just somehow does not ring "true." Her moral inversion of the characters, mirrored in their Empire counterparts, is riveting, and the plot line itself is compelling as the Empire attempts to invade the Federation's universe and begin replacing Federation ships and crews, one by one, with Empire ships and crews, but I am never quite convinced that "our" characters are genuine. There is some drama here, especially as Picard, Geordi, and Troi are trapped aboard the "ISS Enterprise" and try desperately to escape detection by their "evil twins." Duane's Classic novels, especially *My Enemy*, *My Ally*, are among the very best Trek books ever written, and I think they remain superior to this one, though as I stated earlier, "Dark Mirror" is still, in my opinion the best of the entire *STING* genre to date.

"STAR BASED" REVISITED

by Lt. Cmdr. Edmund Trafford

I want to comment on Brian Hawkins' excellent article "Star Based" in the September 1994 *Communiqué*. He takes issue with those fans for whom consistency seems to be more important than an appreciation of what *Trekdom* is really all about, and he reminds us that



"Star Trek is about people . . ." Of course, he's absolutely right. And he's also wrong. Let me explain.

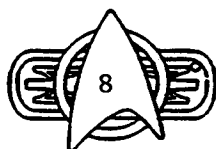
Star Trek, in its various incarnations, is successful for precisely the same reason that "Macbeth" or "Romeo and Juliet" are successful when staged in modern dress. That is, the themes of love and death and treachery and courage are timeless. There is human truth here whether the story is set in the Roman Empire, Renaissance Italy, in the present, or even in the future. As Brian rightly points out, Star Trek has never been about ray guns and green alien creatures and rocket ships. It is about the "human condition" and the interplay of characters and their motivations. Such themes are universal.

That said, I want to defend the fans' desire for consistency. The only other "canon" of popular fiction comparable to Star Trek is Sherlock Holmes. Fans of the detective stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle even have their own version of "Starfleet" called the Baker Street Irregulars. This organization is 50 or 60 years old and has counted many famous writers among its members, writers who have delighted in creating their own Holmes-inspired adventures and in clearing up and reconciling Conan Doyle's internal inconsistencies from story to story. The point is that the author intended these stories to be about one man (Holmes) in one era (late Victorian England) engaged in one enterprise (the detection of malfeasance). He did not create one story about a Holmes-like character who lived in Glasgow and another about a Holmes-like detective in South America and still another about a Holmes-like sleuth transplanted in time to the Middle Ages (as Umberto Eco did in the astounding "The Name of the

Rose"). But one man cannot possibly keep track of all of his cross-references and subsidiary characters and allusions and so forth, and so it falls to the fans to read into the "canon" a consistency which the author himself certainly intended. This kind of consistency is emphatically not "the hobgoblin of small minds" but a genuine concern for a satisfying and unified body of fiction. And I think we can expect no less from Star Trek.

There are obviously many examples of inconsistencies to choose from, but let me just take one brought up by Brian in his article. I, too, am confused (not to say "offended") by the reappearance of the Classic Klingon characters Kor, Koloth, and Kang in the DS9 episode "Blood Oath." I can accept with no problem the often-proposed explanation that Klingons "always looked like that" with the heavy brow ridges but the original TV series did not have the cosmetic technology to show them as they really were. In a stroke, this disposes of the necessity to explain the existence of a "fusion" race, and the Klingon impostor seen in the Classic "Tribbles" episode was and remains a surgically altered "normal" Klingon planted on the space station for the specific purpose of sabotaging the grain shipments to Sherman's Planet. No problem. My concern for "consistency" involves the time frame. Can we really accept that Kor, Koloth, and Kang--who must now be over a century old--are still alive and kicking? This is just unbelievable.. We all "know" that Klingons don't live that long.

Now, how do we "know" this? Here I must differ with Brian, who dismisses the various novels and other Trek sources, saying only that Paramount is the sole and final arbiter of what Star



Trek really is. I think that there are some ideas, some Trek concepts, which have become so widespread that they have achieved their own legitimacy among fans, and I think that for the Star Trek writers to just ignore them is simply arrogant. For example, it is the original writers who created all the Classic Klingons with "K" names. After the end of the original TV series, it was John Ford's outstanding novel "The Final Reflection" which attempted to explain this situation, giving credence to something (the "K" names) which the writers themselves had already established. I waited and waited during the STTNG seasons for an episode in which some particularly glorious action by Worf would earn him the honor of the "K" name; I fantasized that Riker would congratulate him with a hearty "Kai, Korf!" But such was not to be. Anyway, in his book, Ford plausibly explained the innate warlike nature of the Klingons as being a result of their rapid metabolisms. They simply "live" faster than many other species, and such an organism would naturally be more irritable and aggressive than others. Their rapid metabolism reasonably explains the "buzz" they get from fruit juice and their shortness of life span--they age faster (that is, those who manage to live "normal" lives; many die in combat). There obviously was a deliberate effort to invoke continuity by bringing back Kor, Koloth, and Kang in "Blood Oath." I think it was a failed effort because the premise itself was not convincing. The writers did not listen to the fans on this one. Star Trek being the cash cow it is for Paramount, one would think they would pay closer attention to what we really accept in "our" Star Trek universe. In summary, I have no problem with the way these three

Klingons look--they "always" looked like that--but I just cannot accept them on DS9.

Nor can I accept the new Romulans. Not only did they never have the prominent forehead bulges over their slanted eyebrows, neither did the Vulcans, nor do Vulcans now. True, Vulcans and Romulans have lived apart for some thousands of years, and the double system of Romulus/Remus may have had some effect on the Romulans' physiology. But these kinds of genetic changes occur extremely slowly on the evolutionary time scale--100,000 years is a quick change--so it is absolutely unbelievable and scientifically unfactual that the Romulans of STTNG suddenly sport prominent eyebrow bulges. Unless, of course, "they always looked like that," which means--of course--that they look exactly like Vulcans, except that Vulcans don't have prominent eyebrow bulges. See what I mean about consistency? You cannot have it both ways--it's physically impossible to have "new" Romulans who don't resemble their Vulcan cousins. Why doesn't anyone pay attention to these things when researching script ideas? Brian is certainly right that Star Trek is first and foremost a "people" story. But an internal continuity which remains generally faithful to the original sources, recognizes genuine scientific concepts, and respects ideas which have gained their own currency among the fans only enhances the effectiveness and believability of the human drama.

PAINTBALLING!! PARTY!!

by Tonya Spanks



Paintballing has been temporarily postponed until spring for a few reasons: (1) Distance. Acworth is not the only place with paintballing arenas.

(2) Season. It's getting cold, folks! I know I'd be huddled in the bushes trying to keep warm. (3) Moolah! I've only received one deposit (and it ain't mine) and I know I'm short of money because of more than one reason. It will happen, folks, just bear with me while I do more research.

Jingle bells, Klingons smell, Cardassians eat live eggs! I've stolen the Christmas party out from under the captain this year (providing I can get that cage in the basement for my mother--just kidding!). The party will be December 17 from 5PM until the Klingon nog is gone. I ask that you (yes, you and you and you) please bring a covered dish and an appetite for food and fun. I will be cooking a turkey and providing a nontraditional piece of entertainment. How do you beam over here? Take I-20 east to the Wesley Chapel exit. Make a right turn and continue straight for 1 mile. Make a left turn onto Kelly Chapel Road (just past the flashing lights). Go to the second street, Liffey Lane, and make a left. Go all the way down and make a right onto Cobb then a left onto Harvest Hill Court. My house is 4253, the second on the right, with Jeff's car in the driveway. Call me at 808-5910 to RSVP and/or confirm transporter coordinates.

DS9 AIR SCHEDULE

The following is the DS9 broadcast schedule as of October 7, 1994:
October 29: "The Abandoned"
November 5: "Civil Defense"
November 12: "Meridian"
November 19: "Defiant"

November 26: "Fascination"

ELECTION NEWS

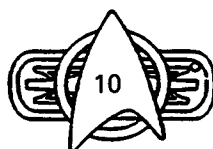
The following information was taken from the computer net. Please read it thoroughly and consider it carefully as you vote for Commander/Vice Commander of Starfleet:

My name is Vice Admiral Anita Davis and this year I am a candidate for the position of president of Starfleet, with Commodore Marlene Miller (Vulcan Academy of Science) as my running mate. What follows is our statement platform which expresses some of the areas of concern that we would address if elected to office. The issues are not all-encompassing, and we are open to hear your ideas.

We also feel that you should know a little about us, so that you can have as much information as possible on the persons you are being asked to vote for. In the end, Marlene and I hope that you will agree that we are the more qualified persons to implement the changes necessary to continue Starfleet into the future.

Between Marlene and myself, we bring together very broad ideas and skills which we are certain will aid us in coordinating the activities and operations of Starfleet that the membership wants.

Marlene is a full-time businesswoman. For 27 years, she has been vice president and chief financial officer of her family's business, Miller Rod & Gun Inc. In addition to handling the purchasing and payroll of the company, she must keep abreast of the ever changing Federal tax regulations and Federal firearms guidelines. Marlene's communications skills have been enhanced by her day to day contact with



the consumer public, and it is a major plus for a club such as ours.

Marlene's involvement and service to Starfleet goes all the way back to 1981. Among other positions, she has served as Assistant Chief of Security, Assistant Chief Medical Officer, and CMO aboard the USS Lagrange, earning her promotions from Ensign, one grade at a time. She was also Director of SACOM, Assistant Surgeon General of Region 01, and helped to start two Starfleet chapters, the Nightingale (now decommissioned) and the USS Renegade, also in Region 01. She has been extensively involved at the national level as well, having founded the Starfleet Alumni Association and resurrecting the Vulcan Academy of Science and expanding it over the past five years.

Outside of Starfleet, Marlene lives an equally varied life. She is a Sunday school teacher at the synagogue she belongs to, moderates two BBS sub-boards, a member of the YSU Alumni Association, treasurer of the chess club, member of the Certified Hershey's Chocolate Lovers' Club, and as they say . . . much, much, more. Marlene has two pets, a parakeet, brilliantly named Bird, and a noisy dog named Brandy. She is a member of both the National Rifle Association and the ACLU. Marlene has been a good friend and a sound advisor for over six years, and doesn't hesitate to voice her opinion.

About myself, I've been in Starfleet for nearly seven years. I have had the pleasure of commanding one of the finest vessels in Starfleet, the Renegade (a Belknap Class Strike Cruiser) with a great crew which makes it all go well. Prior to the Renegade, I was aboard the USS Lagrange as a communications officer.

I have been privileged to serve Starfleet in a variety of capacities, from Starfleet Academy PGS Director to most recently as Vice Commander of Starfleet. I chose to step away from the position as Vice Commander due to what I viewed as very serious ethical differences with the president.

Outside of Starfleet, I am a police officer, a Detective-Sergeant with the Youngstown Police Department, and I have served my community for 16 years. I currently work plain clothes and investigate aggravated assaults and robberies. I've also worked as a front-line supervisor of the patrol division, supervising personnel under various states of operation, from dead calm to hostage negotiations. What I have learned through courses in personnel management and leadership, as well as on the job training, is that good open communication goes a long way to alleviating the most serious situations. A further benefit is that I have come across people of all beliefs, practices, color, nationality, and orientation. I have learned over the years to hear and listen to as many viewpoints as possible and through combined efforts working together, things do get accomplished.

I enjoy lifting weights and driving fast cars very fast. Like a lot of folks, I have a college degree in an area totally unrelated to my profession, a BA in Russian language and Soviet Studies, and I have a big collie-mix named Saavik who thinks he is a lap dog.

Marlene and I differ on several important Trek things. She is a Next Generation person, and I prefer the movies and Deep Space Nine. I am a Romulan, Marlene is a Vulcan, but there is respect for each other and who knows--maybe one day, I'll convert her to the Romulan way.



What we hope to bring to Starfleet is a return to the time when there was an invitation to new ideas, without the abandoning of the fabric that has held our club together through some very rough times. We will always act honorably for Starfleet, for Starfleet deserves nothing less. Marlene and I will not make a bunch of campaign promises that will be ignored or forgotten; we will pledge only one thing, a full commitment to Starfleet first and foremost. Thank you for hearing us out, and may the wind be always at your back.

For some time now, Starfleet has been much like a ship adrift on the sea, with no set course or destination in sight or mind. Unfortunately, we have not seen any action which indicates that there is any movement to correct this situation. We are going in so many directions that the fragmentation and political bickering have turned a lot of people off. The results of this chaos can be seen in the decline of our Starfleet membership (a drop of over 1,000 since the 1992 high of 7,200). It is not the fault of any one person. In fact, determining who is at fault or pointing fingers is a terrible waste of energy, and fault finding all too often gets in the way of that which is really important, developing solutions to a problem.

What we feel is important is to define or discover the mission of Starfleet and then implement a plan to successfully complete the mission. Marlene and I don't have all the answers. No one can. But we think we have a fairly good starting point for Starfleet, and we hope that you will agree and support us.

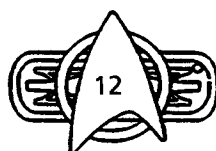
The Role of Star Trek in Our club. Starfleet should be a place for the enjoyment of Star Trek in its many time frames and huge diversity. The

emphasis must be on Star Trek and making it more personal for each of our members. Starfleet does not have to justify its existence. That we like and enjoy Star Trek is reason enough for being here. If we do good things for our communities along the way, that too is well and good.

There is no finite definition of what Star Trek is, since its meaning and importance may vary from person to person. We believe that Starfleet, however, must respect each person's enjoyment and involvement in Trek as that person sees it. Starfleet is unique in that our club allows for diversity. We would continue to encourage this diversity and not give preference to one Trek genre over another. This way allows for maximum enjoyment of Starfleet by all members.

On the matter of changing the Starfleet constitution. We have seen the loggerhead that resulted in trying to make a wholesale replacement of the Starfleet constitution. There have been two failed attempts in less than one year. The attempts have proven to be quite costly, the last costing over \$3,000 to print and mail on the part of Starfleet and also to those of us who mailed our ballots in to the CPA. Both failed attempts proposed throwing out our present constitution totally and replacing it with a larger but far more confusing document. We would recommend that specific areas of the present constitution be amended, rather than throw out the baby with the bath water. There are parts of the constitution that have served us well, and as it presently stands, the constitution is acceptable in several states.

The areas of the constitution that we believe need immediate attention deal



with the ability of the membership to recall or remove the president or vice president of Starfleet, and a constitutional requirement for an annual audit of the financial ledgers as a part of the president's financial accountability.

Chapters are the foundation of Starfleet. Star Trek is the soul of Starfleet, but chapters and members are the heart of our club. It is the chapters (each ship and shuttle) that go out and recruit our members. Starfleet Headquarters does not recruit, but it is the duty of HQ to encourage and recognize the chapters' effort on behalf of Starfleet International. We need encouragement and recognition, from time to time, of a job well done, but instead what has unfortunately developed over the years is a widening of the gulf between the chapters and headquarters. The gap must be closed, and any suggestions that Starfleet International separate itself from the chapters and regions is an aberration. The Internal Revenue Service does not go after the treasury of individual chapters (it is not cost-effective). Tax-exempt status (not having to pay taxes on purchased items or services) just is not important enough to split up Starfleet. We need to keep Starfleet a whole entity.

Recruiting material and membership kits will be made available to chapters to keep on hand for their recruiting efforts. The commanding officers, who we trust to oversee the operations of their chapters, are surely more than capable and trustworthy to maintain membership packages.

Not only does this ensure that new members will immediately receive what they have paid for (always an incentive), this procedure will result in the savings of thousands of dollars since Starfleet

would not be paying the postage to send out individual membership kits.

The Office of Graphic Design would be required to assist in developing recruiting kits which would be available to all chapters for their usage and modification on a strictly voluntary basis.

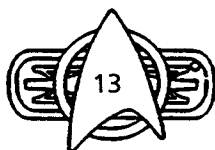
Not all chapters have access to graphic workshops or high-powered computers. OGD would be there for them or simply for those individuals seeking fresh ideas, help, or who have suggestions to help Starfleet's recruiting efforts.

Our Financial Responsibility. We pledge that we will be financially accountable for the management of your money. The president and vice-president must be accountable, individually and jointly. We would include in each issue of the *Communiqué* a full copy of the bank transactions of the preceding month. Every six months, the ledgers would be reviewed by a totally independent Board of Trustees, and at each National Convention, the financial ledger would be present for the membership to check. An accountant would be retained to oversee the filing of necessary tax forms, since we believe that the best person for this requirement is a professional tax accountant.

Last on this subject, the full Executive Committee would be bonded. The cost is \$124 annually for coverage up to \$250,000.

Doesn't it take too long to get your membership packet?

Historically, the Office of the Chief of Computer Operations has lagged in the processing of membership applications. The purpose of computerization is to speed up the process, yet it is no different now. Few people have the freedom to give a full day's work to



Starfleet, but Marlene and I are most fortunate in that our Office of Computer Operations will put in a full day of work to get the job done. As a result, there will be no more two-month delays or backlog of hundreds of membership packages. The three main individuals involved in processing of mailed-in membership packets (the president, vice-president, and Chief of Computer Operations) are able to devote no less than 16 hours per day to see to it that you receive what you have paid for and in a timely manner. You deserve that, and we hope to be allowed to provide that service.

Because of all the problems of schlepping (Marlene's) Starfleet records from one administration to another, we suggest that one of the purchases Starfleet should authorize immediately is the purchase of a desktop scanner. Just about ALL fleet records could be scanned as could copies of all newsletters, brochures, pamphlets, etc. which we would like to keep for historical archives.

Instead of having 25 boxes each weighing in excess of 20 pounds, we could have one or two bundles of 3.5" floppy disks which would fit neatly in some unoccupied corner of someone's closet until needed. Not only would it take up a lot less room, but it would be easy to document and archive for future use. Imagine how much easier it would be to search a disk for a particular word or phrase than to have to remember which box the actual document is in and on which page you may find it.

With Anita and Marlene, you have almost 21 years of involvement and dedication to Starfleet at all levels.

Leadership with the ability and willingness to hear all sides and to communicate with, not at, people.

Leadership with proven management skills. Leadership you can trust to do the best for Starfleet first and last.

We seek your support in this coming election, and if you feel that the above ideas are similar to your hopes and dreams for Starfleet's future, please vote for us in October and November. Anita Davis, candidate for President of Starfleet, Marlene Miller, candidate for Vice President of Starfleet.

MORE ELECTION NEWS

Following is some information received by mail and by computer net from Rear Adm. Janis Moore, also a candidate for Fleet Admiral:

Please allow me to introduce myself and begin to explain my key positions in the upcoming elections. I am currently the Regional Coordinator for Region Four, a position I have held for nearly six years. I have been a member of Starfleet for almost 14 years and, as a Trekker, I've had the chance to see fandom at its best--and at its worst.

Fortunately, Starfleet is one of the finest fan organizations I have ever had the privilege to be a part of, and I want us to be able to continue the tradition of excellence which we have established over the years. To do that, we will have to work together.

Presently, as you all know, Starfleet finds itself in hot water with the IRS and possibly the State of California and the State of North Carolina over the issue of back taxes which has come to light since Starfleet was incorporated in 1991. I do not fault Rob Lerman and his administration for the unenviable position the Fleet finds itself in because I firmly believe that Rob had no idea of these problems until they came to his attention as Fleet Admiral--just as I, as a member of the Admiralty Board at the

time, had no idea that Starfleet was being incorporated or that Starfleet owed the IRS and (then) the State of North Carolina tax returns.

Right now, we need to let the accountants and lawyers whom Fleet has hired do their work and make the best of the situation. While we should be concerned, we should not panic. But, at the same time, we should ensure that we never, EVER again allow our leaders to put us in the type of bind we're in now.

I believe in an open, even-handed and fair administration of Starfleet activities with a fully informed membership. I believe in honest, friendly communication and that Starfleet should practice IDIC with the same fervor that it preaches it. There is room in this great organization for all, including the Klingons and the Marines. Working together is the best way to share fun. If you join in these beliefs with me, then please give me your vote in this election. I'm going to tell you what I'm not going to do, which I feel is more important. Also, something else I feel is more important is the membership of Starfleet, and I'm not talking about those folks, the high-profile mucky-mucks. I'm talking to you, the rank and file members, the person who goes to his meeting, maybe gets his newsletter, and for them it's enough. The member who never, ever attends a meeting but writes articles, poems, stories, the member who role plays with other Star Trek fans who want to do the same thing. The grunt who does the work and doesn't get any recognition, but doesn't demand any either. The Starfleet party animal who thinks the rank stuff sucks and would rather be out painting the town security red (within reason, of course!). The member who is too far away to attend

any ship's activities and their only source of information is the Communiqué, or the member who's not interested in anything else but going through Starfleet Academy, or the member who just wants to have fun, dress up in costume. These are the members who need to be served.

As you know by now, the tax situation is a grave one, and that's the perfect example of our leadership failing us by now keeping the whole Fleet updated. How about those glowing numbers of members that we're supposed to have-- 8,000 plus. Are all these going to stay in the Fleet when they find out that they are going to have to file tax forms and keep a lot more accurate records of finances than they do now? Will all of these people renew, are they renewing even now? I think not. Will they renew when they still can't get their membership packets within a timely manner when they are promised?

Communications to and from our membership have to be maintained. The Fleet Status Update is a good start, but we need more. But what needs to be done is to go to the membership and find out what they want. This is something that I strongly believe in and will see that it is done.

I can and do promise that I won't use the position to further the "careers" of friends, relatives, or colleagues. I will never take it upon myself to know what the membership is thinking or feeling. I will keep an open dialog with the membership and will do the best job I can to ensure that the membership is receiving the materials that they pay for and answer the mail that they write. I pledge to the membership that I'll continue to work on updating the bylaws of Fleet so that the concerns of the membership are met. I am not now, or



ever have been, a politician. I leave that to others. I say what I mean and mean what I say. I have and will be choosing people who will not be "yes" men, those who will fight for the membership. That is one of the reasons that I chose VADM Denise Peterson for my Vice Commander. She, like me, is dedicated to the Fleet membership. Neither of us is a pushover or middle of the roader. We will stand at the front and demand excellence from all of the staff that will be chosen. Honesty and integrity won't be just the "buzz words" of the campaign but rather will be the basis upon which our administration will flourish.

I don't pretend to know everything, but I do know how to go about finding the right people to do the job and/or get the information needed to continue. All groups will be treated equally. That goes for everyone, regardless of how they choose to play Trek, whether they're Rangers, Marines, Klingons, Romulans, etc. There is room out there for everybody, and all will be represented. This is the campaign, if you wish to call it that, but I think of it as a commitment to the membership that my administration will be one of the toughest but one of the best Starfleet ever had. And my staff's personal motto is "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one."

NOTES FROM NUMBER ONE

by Cmdr. Jeff Kirkland, Executive Officer

Hailing frequencies open! For all crewmembers who missed the last convention--you missed a good time. Not only was René Auberjonois a good and fun speaker, we also had Dave McDonnell as a speaker.

Let me back up a minute. We arrived at the convention on Friday and set up the display. Friday night, we went to "Media Play" where we helped them with a premiere party for DS9. There was a trivia contest, costume contest, and snacks. A lot of fun was had by all.

On Saturday morning, we checked in and picked up our staff badges and went to work. Fleet Captains Hilliard and Hennigan went to work immediately until 12:30, at which time Security Chief Spanks and I took over and worked until 2:30, when we were relieved of duty. Most of the day, the Red Cross was there to collect blood from the ongoing blood feud. The Starfleet table was manned by members of the Republic and MacLeod and the USS Savannah. Saturday night, we co-hosted the Dragon Con party. Seems we are doing the International Conference next year . . .

Sunday morning, we got up and packed up and moved out of our room. Then we went down and got our assignments for the day. After the convention, we all went to Dee and Holly's home for supper and the season opener of DS9. The food was good and fun was had by all.

Our last meeting was very short, and we went to Stone Mountain to the Highland Games. We had a good time while we were there.

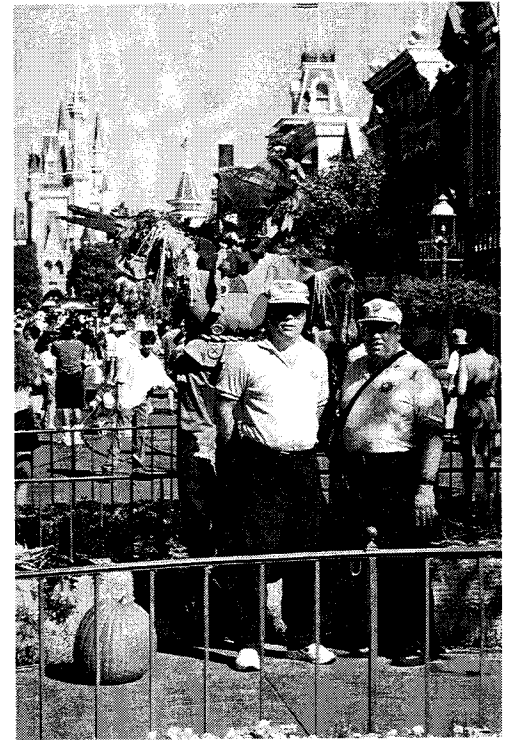
I'll see you in mid-November. Frequencies closed!



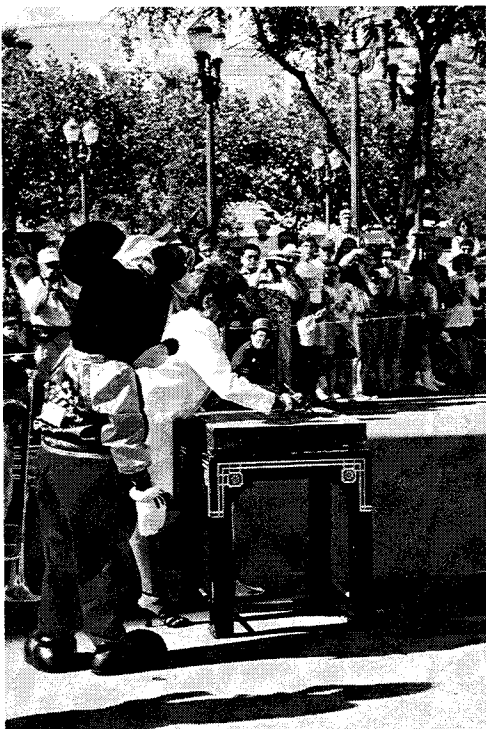
Activities of the Captain & Crew of the Republic



Partying at Media Play



Command Staff Visit the Magic Kingdom



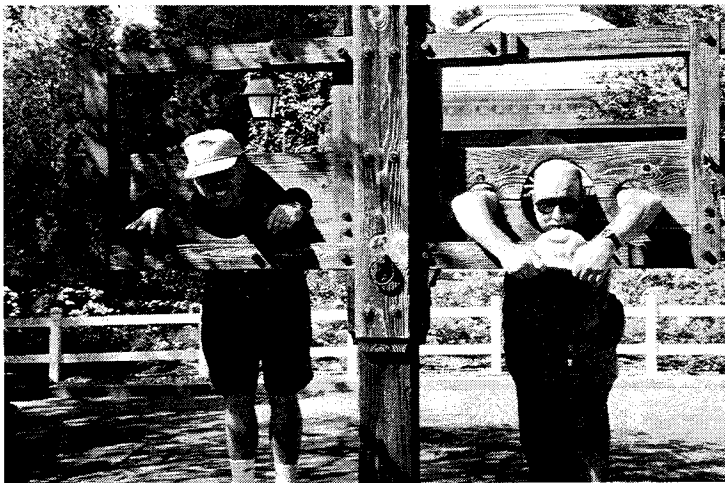
Nichelle Inducted into the Walk of Fame at MGM!



Presentation of Gift to Rene'



A View of the Atlantis Liftoff



CO & XO pay the ultimate price for forgetting their wallets!



Command braves the Tower of Terror Halloween Night!

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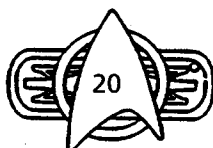
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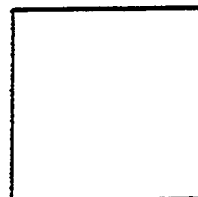
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