



# Blue Alert

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## Letter From the Editor

By **CDR StarFinder Warp**

Internal PR Section Leader / Blue Alert Editor

I depart from my usual editorial comments and refer you instead to page ten and OSB Vice Commander Captain Marshall Crockett's message entitled "On Command," as well as to the following:

### ANNOUNCEMENT!

You are formally invited to join:

**CAPT MARSHALL CROCKETT**

OSB Vice Commander

for: *An Hour With the Vice*

Monday, 28 Feb 2011

1800 hrs OSB time

I'll be there. I hope to see you there too.

## Commander / Major Relationship

*Commander Benjamin Sisko & Major Kira Nerys  
Part 1: The Dark Side of the Deep*

by **LT Kira Marys**

Entertainment Correspondent

Deep Space Nine: a dream come true for Commander Benjamin Sisko. All his life he has strived for that particular command. The pinnacle of any man's expectations now stood above him, in the ancient Cardassian Prefect's Office, wearing a tight, orange jump suit.

KIRA: Yes?

SISKO: I'm Benjamin Sisko.

KIRA: I suppose you want the office.

SISKO: Well, I thought I'd say hello first and then take the office, but we could do it in any order you'd like.

KIRA: Hello.\*

What a lovely way to say hello! Don't you feel the harmony between those two lovebirds? More seriously, the tension between the Commander and Major could hardly bear more strain for a first encounter, which I found quite amusing!

Kira's a strong-headed Bajoran. She fought bravely against the Cardassians during their invasion of her homeworld. And now that Bajor's finally free from the alien oppression, her provisional government asks for the help of the Federation, inviting them to meddle into their internal affairs, irritating Kira who seeks total independence for her world. Hence the frigid attitude towards Sisko; the man representing that new influential and potentially threatening order.

On the other side, we have an African-American Commander who was thrown out of "civilised" space and ordered to a dismantled and defenseless space station against his wishes. While briefed by Captain Jean-Luc Picard, we witness Sisko's lack of enthusiasm for his new job and for Picard himself; the one responsible for Jennifer's death, former wife of Benjamin Sisko, during the clash against the Borg at Wolf 359.

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# Officer Profile

## **CDR Logan**

*Security Officer, Sr. PR Correspondent*

**By: LT Kira Marys**

Entertainment Correspondent



Name: Ashley

Age: 29

Position on the Starbase: Security Officer and Senior Correspondent.

Location: Australia.

Hobbies: Collecting, Reading, Watching Star Trek, other Sci-Fi shows and Documentaries.

Enjoys: Pepsi, Computers and Reading.

Hates: Brussel Sprouts.

Guilty Pleasures: Spending money for myself.

First Encountered Star Trek: 1995.

Other Interesting Facts: I was raised up with vintage motor cars and collecting.

**LT Kira:** How did you and Star Trek meet?

**CDR Logan:** Through a mate back in high school. Must have been over 10 years ago now, it was at my mate's place and while Star Trek: TNG was on. It got me hooked.

**LT Kira:** Which is the most valuable thing you have learnt from Star Trek?

**CDR Logan:** That everybody can find their place on Earth if we work together.

**LT Kira:** What is your favourite Star Trek race and why?

**CDR Logan:** Vulcans. I like the way that they show no emotions and only show Logic.

**LT Kira:** Your favourite ST character and why?

**CDR Logan:** It has to be Data because of his eagerness to become human, which he does in a way with the emotion chip created for him by Noonien Soong.

**LT Kira:** Any plans for the future you wish to share with us?

**CDR Logan:** To travel overseas, but how long 'til I do? I have no idea.

**LT Kira:** The things you like and dislike most about yourself and about other people?

**CDR Logan:** I like that I am friendly and helpful to the best of my abilities. As with things I hate about myself, I have no idea.

**LT Kira:** How long have you been on the OSB?

**CDR Logan:** About one and a half years.

**LT Kira:** Under what circumstances did you join the Starbase?

**CDR Logan:** I can't remember on how I came about joining the site.

**LT Kira:** What do you like most about Online Starbase?

**CDR Logan:** The range of talents that each Officer adds to OSB and the commitment that is dedicated to the Base.

**LT Kira:** As a security and public relations (PR) officer, what are some of your most critical responsibilities and what challenges have you faced so far?

**CDR Logan:** As a PR Officer I write articles for the 'Blue Alert' as a Senior Correspondent. In the way of challenges, I'd say getting the articles correct and as accurate as possible. As a Security Officer, I keep an eye out for any bad posts or threads. An example of a security challenge is when someone removes a post and the thread no longer makes any sense.

**LT Kira:** What future plans do you have for the Starbase, where would you like to go from here?

**CDR Logan:** To hopefully get into the Senior Ranks of one of the Departments I am in.

**LT Kira:** If someone wanted to become a Staff member of Security or PR, what type of person in your opinion would fit the job?

**CDR Logan:** Someone motivated and dedicated (for both Departments). For PR, someone that is a good writer and that knows where to find the information needed for their tasks. In regards to Forum Security, someone that knows the rules and can follow them.

**LT Kira:** What words of wisdom do you have for members new to OSB that would help them get integrated?

**CDR Logan:** Get involved and have fun. Join in the hunt for Murray or add your opinion to one of the many threads on the base. ♦

### **A Nugget from Commander Logan:**

**Did you know that the Master Situation Monitor (the big display of the ship in Engineering) on the Enterprise-D included a number of in-jokes, including "the official USS Enterprise duck, the ship's mouse, a Porsche, a DC-3 airplane, the Nomad space probe, and the hamster on a treadmill that was alleged to be the true source of power for the ship's warp engines." \***

**\*Memory-Alpha and the Star Trek Encyclopedia.**

## Trek Tech: Tricorders – Part IV

By CDR SF Warp

Internal PR Section Leader / Blue Alert Editor

### TR-590 Tricorder X

#### Standard Tricorder

Succeeding the TR-580 Tricorder VII, the TR-590 Mark X Tricorder featured nearly identical control interfaces. The entire unit, however, was streamlined and made much smaller, featuring a more angular design. (DS9: "The Way of the Warrior"; VOY: "Initiations")\*

Functioning very much like the previous model of Starfleet tricorder, the Mark Xs were stored in most equipment lockers on board Federation starships. (VOY: "Relativity")\*

Discovered by the Maquis, the Mark X Tricorder could be prevented from attaining credible readings when subjected to concentrated thoron particles. (VOY: "Basics, Part II")\*

The Mark X Tricorder was reportedly heavy for its size as indicated by B'Elanna Torres when she received a small gift from Tuvok during a holodeck generated baby shower. Torres asked if it was her child's first tricorder as the gift was small yet heavy. (VOY: "Human Error")\*

The Mark X Tricorder could function even after submersion. (DS9: "Rocks and Shoals"; Star Trek: Insurrection) It could also function in hostile environments such as temperatures of 500 K (VOY: "Demon") and planets suffering nuclear winter. (VOY: "Friendship One")\*

Despite being introduced in 2372, Mark X Tricorders were already in use on board the USS Voyager during 2371. (VOY: "Relativity", "Fury", "Shattered")\*

#### Medical Tricorder

Introduced along with the standard Mark X Tricorder, a medical tricorder variant was in use aboard Federation starships as early as 2373.\*

Generally identical to the standard tricorder, the medical featured a detachable hand scanner (as in previous models) that fit into the back of the unit. It was distinguished by blue ID indicator lights and a blue-glowing sensor surface. (Star Trek: First Contact; VOY: "Favorite Son"; DS9: "Soldiers of the Empire")\*

The medical tricorder had duritanium casing, and measured 7.6cm x 9.8cm x 3.2cm, and featured an alphanumeric display. (VOY: "Retrospect")\*

#### Wrist Tricorder

A model of tricorder mounted in a arm/wrist brace was used in conjunction with holographic isolation suits during the Starfleet mission to the Baku homeworld in 2375. (Star Trek: Insurrection)\*

#### 2379

Introduced as late as 2379, yet another iteration of Starfleet Tricorder departed from the distinct, flip-open style preceding it.\*

Distinguished by a slim, PADD-like appearance, the tricorder in use aboard such Starfleet vessels as the USS Enterprise-E in the late 2370s featured a large touchscreen interface. Silver in color, it was trimmed with black pads at the bottom and sides, with several buttons at the top. These buttons could be covered by a small hinged door, lined with indicator lights.\*

Among common data-gathering tasks, this version tricorder could be used to interface with starship systems including force field control.\*

The medical tricorder of the same make was identical. (Star Trek Nemesis)

#### Alternate Tricorders

Tricorders have appeared to be in use well into the 25th and even 29th centuries. Their design and function, presumably similar to their 23rd and 24th century counterparts, may vary due to changes in the timeline.\*

#### 2404

In an alternate timeline erased due to the actions of Admiral Kathryn Janeway, a new version of the tricorder was in use by the year 2404.\*

An extension of the Mark X model, this tricorder featured the familiar hinged cover design, but contained more touch control surfaces in place of toggle switches. The casing was black or dark-gray.\*

The medical tricorder variant featured a small antenna scanner. (VOY: "Endgame")\*

#### 2800's

During a possible version of the 29th century, the crew of the USS Relativity used a slim and sleek version of the tricorder, labeled a TR-890 Tricorder XV. Seven of Nine was given a TR-890 as she hunted for a temporal disruptor hidden on Voyager by Captain Braxton. (VOY: "Relativity")\*

In addition to the TR-890, a smaller, palm-sized device was in use during this period. Henry Starling found one aboard the Aeon and carried it with him at all times. He used it in an attempt to escape Voyager's transporter when the ship tried to retrieve the Aeon in 1996. (VOY: "Future's End, Part II")\* ♦



The TR-590 Tricorder X

\*Star Trek Wiki - Memory Alpha

## Congratulations

Hip, Hip HOORAY to January's OSB Promotee  
(Effective: Stardate 20110131)

To COMMANDER  
SF Warp

## Calendar of Events

### Article Submission for Blue Alert Newsletter

Place: PM to CDR SF Warp  
Time: 8 JAN 2011, 2359 OST

Anyone who wants to get published in our next newsletter must have their articles submitted by the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month.



## The Public Relations Department is Looking for Correspondents!

Do you have a way with words? Do you fancy yourself a writer or simply like to write? Are you creative, innovative and have a desire to succeed? Are you a person who possesses initiative, can work independently and takes pride in producing a quality product? If your answer is yes to these questions, then you're just the sort of correspondent material the Public Relations Department is looking for.

If you're interested in writing for the Blue Alert newsletter then please PM CDR Matt Foard.

## Recreations Department Openings!

Recreations is currently seeking to hire a new member into its department. If you like to read and discuss books, the Book Club is looking for a motivated team member to spur novel ideas and go where no reader has gone before.

If you are interested in this position then please contact CDRE Daxino Joel via PM.

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**PICARD:** I have been made aware by Starfleet of your objections to this assignment. I would have thought that after three years spent at the Utopia Planitia yards, that you would be ready for a change.

**SISKO:** I have a son that I'm raising alone, Captain. This is not the ideal environment.

**PICARD:** Unfortunately as Starfleet officers, we do not always have the luxury to serve in an ideal environment.

**SISKO:** I realise that, sir, and I'm investigating the possibility of returning to Earth for civilian service.

**PICARD:** Perhaps Starfleet Command should be considering a replacement for you.

**SISKO:** That's probably a good idea.

**PICARD:** I'll look into it.\*

Did you read that?!! We're in the very first episode entitled "The Emissary" and the Starfleet Commander supposed to be the main character in the series doesn't even want to be there!!! Well that's a first! No wonder he reacted so edgily at Major Kira's provocation. Here's another passage where diplomatic insults fly by between the two DS9 leaders:

(Kira is across the way in her 'shirt sleeves', hefting debris into a skip.)

**SISKO:** Major?

**KIRA:** Everyone else is busy repairing the primary systems. I suppose Starfleet officers aren't used to getting their hands dirty.

(So Sisko pitches in and moves rubbish too)

**KIRA:** In the refugee camps, we learned to do whatever needed to be done. Didn't matter who you were.

**SISKO:** I was just talking with our good neighbor, Quark. He's laying odds that the government's going to fall.

**KIRA:** Quark knows a good bet when he hears one. This government will be gone in a week and so will you. \*

Ow! That's got to hurt! The sharpness of her words translates the true meaning of her thoughts. Kira's straightforward attitude towards Sisko is nothing but the truth. And I sure won't blame her for being honest! Sisko knows where he stands in Kira's vision of the universe: as far away as she can throw him. But even though she doesn't agree with Bajor's provisional government nor the Federation, she reluctantly respects authority and will do her job to the best of her ability; a point she has in common with Benjamin Sisko.

Strangely enough, fate it seems has a good sense of humor. Benjamin Sisko, the man who despised his new home, has been foretold by Kai Opaka, spiritual leader of the Bajorans, that he was to become the Emissary. More than that, Opaka asked him to find The Celestial Temple and so he did when he entered the wormhole and communicated with the entities inhabiting the Skies. Will his new ties with Bajor's religion bring him closer to Major Kira? One thing's for sure, it convinced Sisko that Deep Space Nine was the right place to live. ♦

\*Dialog Source: <http://www.chakoteya.net/DS9/401.htm>

## Planets of the Federation: Acamar III Alien Species: The Borg - Part II

**By LT Andrew Conlan**  
PR Correspondent

This month's edition of the Blue Alert debuts a new monthly series about the planets that make up our Federation.

To start things off, our first planet to be featured is Acamar III.

Acamar III, a Class M planet is located in the Acamar system near the borders of Orion space. The world is home to an humanoid spacefaring race called Acamarians. A small group of these Acamarians have become infamous throughout nearby sectors as vicious pirates.\*

The planet has 32 standard hours in a day, and 382.3 days in a year. There are perpetually overcast skies down on the surface as a result of the upper layers of the atmosphere being filled with extensive cloud formations.\*

70% of Acamar III's surface consists of predominately hilly, rocky terrain, with mountain ranges marking the boundaries of the continental plates.\*

A vast continent-sized region, known as the Wasteland, has been rendered completely barren as a result of Acamarian clan warfare. As a result of the use of biological and chemical weapons, the soil there is contaminated by chemical agents and has been found to be dead at the microbial level. Fused craters mark the positions of former cities in that region.\*

Physically, Acamarians are humanoid and can be easily distinguished by a pronounced vertical cleft in their foreheads. Culturally peaceful, an individual's affiliation with a clan is the cornerstone of Acamarian society. There are however subtle reminders of their violent and warring past. High-ranking Acamarians still employ poison-tasters and never travel without bodyguards.\*

Acamar III is home to the cralluck, a large flightless bird that roams the planes; the gryll, a six-legged mammalian pack hunter; and, finally, the mooshor, a large burrowing predator which combines the worst features of Earth's polar bear and lion.\*

**Conlan's Rating: 1 star.**

**Pros: None.**

**Cons: Vicious Pirates, Wasteland, Mooshor.**

**\*Nuff said.**

Seriously, go there only if you're a Klingon who'd enjoy hunting such a fierce predator as the Mooshor. The rest of you would be better off visiting the planet in a holodock while making sure the safety features are securely in place.\* ♦



Acamar III (Ugh!)

**By LT Hana Diosas**  
PR Correspondent

Borg infants were not accepted into the collective until they matured to a certain age. Upon reaching this age, as-similated infants and youths were placed inside maturing chambers. (TNG: "Q Who")\*

Borg drones were equipped with myriad technologies integrated into their bodies which enabled them to perform their duties within the Collective, several of which were universal to all drones. A neural transceiver kept them connected to the hive mind. (VOY: "Scorpion, Part II") A personal force-field protected each drone from most energy-based attacks. (TNG: "Q Who") As of 2373, each drone possessed a pair of assimilation tubules embedded in one hand for the purpose of instantly injecting individuals with Borg nanoprobes. (Star Trek: First Contact) A cortical processor allowed a drone to rapidly assimilate visual information. Borg drones were also equipped with a neural processor, which kept a record of every instruction that particular Borg received from the collective hive mind. Captain Picard used this processor to discover that the Borg were attempting to use the deflector dish of the Enterprise-E as an interplexing beacon to contact the Borg in 2063. (Star Trek: First Contact)\*

Drones also contained fail-safes designed to deactivate and even vaporize their own bodies, thereby allowing the Collective to eliminate damaged or dead drones without leaving remains to be exploited by outsiders. (TNG: "Q Who") The captured drone Third of Five also made comments indicating that this vaporization may have been a form of resource re-absorption. (TNG: "I Borg") One of these fail-safes was intended to automatically deactivate drones experiencing strong emotional states, which the Borg interpreted as a sign of disconnection from the hive mind. (VOY: "Human Error")\*

The precise origins of the Borg are unclear. As of 1484 they were reported as controlling only a handful of systems in the Delta Quadrant, but by 2373 they had assimilated thousands of worlds. In addition to this stronghold in the Delta Quadrant, the Borg also dispatched vessels throughout the galaxy via transwarp conduits.\* ♦



Juvenile Borg drones

\*Source: Planets of the UFP

\*Source: Memory-Alpha

## Little Known Facts

### About Captain Kirk - Part IV

**Contributed by CDR Yu'Wanna**  
Deputy Chief, Public Relations

Scotty often says "Ye cannae change the laws of physics." This is untrue. Captain Kirk can change the laws of physics. With his fists. Or with a phaser shot. Or by simply giving the order.

Captain Kirk doesn't read the database. His yeoman does. He stares at the yeoman until he gets the information he wants.

Captain Kirk sold his soul to the devil for his rugged good looks and unique fighting ability and all of his hidden talents. Shortly after the transaction was finalized, Captain Kirk phasered the devil in the face and took his soul back. The devil, who appreciates irony, couldn't stay mad and admitted he should have seen it coming. They now play Fizzbin every month. And, of course, Kirk always wins...

Ghosts are actually caused by Captain Kirk killing aliens faster than Death can process them.

When Enterprise is captained by Kirk, she never retreats, she just attacks in the opposite direction.

Captain Kirk doesn't need pickup lines, he can simply say, "Now."

Captain Kirk is not a representative of the Federation. He IS the Federation.

Newton's Third Law is wrong: Though it states that for each action, there is an equal and opposite reaction, there is no force equal in reaction to a Captain Kirk phaser shot.

\*Inspired by: <http://www.chucknorrisfacts.com/>

## OSB Fiction Writing Contest

**By: CDR StarFider Warp**  
Internal PR Section Leader / Blue Alert Editor

**Created by: CAPT Marshall Crockett**  
OSB Vice Commander

**The Public Relations Department is always looking for creative writers. Contest Submission Guidelines are:**

**Maximum Length:** 750 Words

**Deadline:** 8th of the following month, 2359 OST; PM CDR Warp

**Topic:** Finish the starter at the bottom of this section

**Genre:** Any Star Trek genre is acceptable

**Don'ts:** Don't kill off any main characters, have relations between any characters beyond the ones established in ST canon, use foul language, overt sexual innuendo or verbiage, or any other distasteful item not covered here but would make you go, "What? Seriously?"

**FEB TOPIC:** "The Red Alert sounded and the entire bridge crew jumped. When the captain commanded, 'On screen,' the image displayed before them..."

**THE WINNER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!!**

## Starfleet Alerts - Part II

**By CDR Logan**  
Sr. PR Correspondent

**YELLOW ALERT** - This Alert is the second highest alert on Starfleet vessels, It is designed for a state of preparedness in case the situation that the ship is in escalates to something more serious. In this state of preparedness, Yellow Alert can be ordered by the Commanding officer, Ops, CEO, TAC/SC, TAC/ASC or by the supervisor of any current primary mission operation. Additionally, the main computer can automatically initiate Yellow Alert status in some cases upon detection of certain types of unknown spacecraft, as well as upon detection of certain types of malfunctions or system failures. During a Yellow Alert Second shift crew personnel are alerted and those in key operations positions are directed to prepare for possible duty on five minutes notice.\*

Specific systems on the Enterprise-D preparations include:

- Level 4 automated diagnostic series are run on all ships primary and tactical system to determine ships current readiness status.\*

- If presently off-line, the warp power core is brought to full operation condition and maintained at 20% power output.\*

- The main impulse propulsion system is brought to full operational condition. At least one backup reactor element is brought to hot standby.\*

- All tactical and long range sensor arrays are brought to full operational status. Secondary mission use of any sensor elements can be overridden if required by the bridge.\*

- Deflector systems are brought to full standby. Secondary deflector generators are brought to partial standby. All operational backup generators are energized to partial readiness\*.

- Phaser banks are energized to partial standby. Power conduits are enabled, and targeting scanners are activated.\*

- Photon Torpedo launchers are brought to partial standby. One torpedo device is energized to partial launch readiness and primed with a standard anti-matter charge, unless specifically overridden by Ops or Tactical.\*

- The Battle Bridge is brought to partial standby status and backup bridge crews are notified.

- Two of the shuttle-bays are brought to launch readiness.\*

- Onboard sensors record the location of all personnel and alert Security of any anomalous activity. Location and activity information is recorded for post mission analysis.\*

Next up: Red Alerts. ♦

\*Sources: Star Trek Freedom's Wiki and Memory Alpha

# Fiction

## The Temporal Puzzle

By **LT Hana Diosas**  
PR Correspondent

The captain, science officer and medical officer made up the away team. Exploring the ancient stone ruins, the science officer passed under a narrow arch and vanished into thin air as the other two looked on. Stunned, the captain then placed her hand through the arch, and it had the same effect. The Captain's hand vanished. She pulled her hand back out. "Would it be safe if we went through?"

Franklin shrugged, "I don't see why not. Besides, we have to bring the Commander back one way or another."

Andalus sighed and nodded her head. She crouched and passed under the narrow arch, followed by Franklin. The Captain stood up and looked around, the ground was completely covered in vegetation, an exact opposite of the other side of the arch.

Andalus and Franklin simultaneously flipped out their tri-corders and walked in opposite directions. The Captain hit her combadge, "Andalus to Rockwell! Come in Commander!" There was no answer.

"Captain, there is some type of unidentifiable radiation that is blocking the com signal."

Andalus looked up at Franklin, "Will it harm us?"  
"No, it should be fine."

Andalus nodded and walked forward with her tri-corder, "Commander, I am reading a human life form,"

Franklin ran over, "In which direction?"

Andalus raised her hand, "North, about 10 kilometers."

Franklin nodded and they proceeded forward. After about a minute or so, they passed through another force field, this time revealing a frozen tundra. Franklin wrapped her arms around herself and shivered.

Andalus lifted her tri-corder to her face, "It is a-about negative t-twenty degrees!"

"W-we have t-to go b-back!" Franklin yelled over the whistling of the strong winds.

Andalus shook her head, "No, it isn't much longer until we reach Commander Rockwell!"

"We c-could die b-before we e-even find h-him!"

Andalus bit her lip, "Since t-the last e-environment didn't last f-for very l-long, we m-might hit a-another soon!"

"It i-is a r-risk!"

"One, I am willing to take!"

Franklin pursed her lips and followed the Captain forward. They passed through another force field, this time revealing a desert setting. Commander Rockwell was

sitting propped up by a rock. "Commander!"

Rockwell blinked his eyes, Franklin knelt down beside him and scanned him with her tri-corder, "He is severely dehydrated."

"How could he possibly be this dehydrated in a matter of minutes?"

"I don't know bu..." Franklin was cut off

"What?" Rockwell said in a weak voice, "I have been here for hours!"

Andalus looked at Franklin.

"It seems to be some sort of temporal anomaly, since hours here feel like minutes in the tundra climate, then minutes there must seem like seconds back in the tropical forest climate, and seconds..."

"I get the idea, Franklin. I think we had better get back to the ship."

Franklin and Andalus both carried Rockwell back to the normal planets surface and the Captain hit her combadge, "Three to beam up directly to sickbay."

"Aye, sir."

Andalus and Franklin sat Rockwell on the table. Franklin and some nurses began scanning and treating Rockwell.

Andalus returned to the bridge. Khmer was sitting in the Captain's chair. "Captain, you're back early. It has only been about 5 minutes."

"Lieutenant, there was some sort of temporal anomaly, I am guessing it is caused naturally by the radiation in the atmosphere or something. There wasn't any technology on the planet."

Khmer lowered his eyebrows, confused, "Scans didn't show any radiation."

"Tri-corders picked it up while we were on the planet. Scan again."

Ensign Razma Nez pressed a few buttons then turned to the Captain, "Scans show radiation but it only just now showed up on scans."

Andalus snapped her fingers, you could almost see the light bulb turn on in her head. "Because the desert is moving forward by hours, it is ahead of us, it is in the future."

Then why is each section a different climate?" Khmer asked.

"Maybe that is the future of the planet."

"A planet chopped into various times." Marlett said. "Like a jigsaw puzzle, put together the wrong way."

Andalus smiled.

"Captain." Franklin's voice boomed over the com system."

"Yes, Commander?"

"Commander Rockwell is fully hydrated and ready for duty."

"Alright, send him down!"

"Aye, sir!"

"Helm, set a course!"

"Course set, sir!"

"Engage!" ♦



# Entertainment

## ACROSS

1. Third planet in the Romulan system
6. Moray, e.g.
9. \*Evil twin
13. Clear, as a disk
14. Sports \_\_\_\_
15. Amber or umber
16. "Snowy" bird
17. Outlaw
18. Doozies
19. \*A certain queen's intermediary, once
21. Perturb
23. Ballpoint, e.g.
24. Hobbled gait
25. Backstabber
28. Dresden's river
30. \*Adversary of Rakal (Troi)
35. Black, in poetry
37. Charged particles
39. Corner
40. Punish, in a way
41. Star ship journeys
43. "Guilty," e.g.
44. Sour
46. Pluck
47. Aforementioned
48. \*Double-crossing Romulan senator
50. Again
52. "Don't give up!"
53. Hang loose
55. "Uh-uh"
57. Friend of Hamlet
61. \*Romulan commander, Adversary of Picard
65. Past (archaic)
66. Toni Morrison's " \_\_\_\_ Baby"
68. Everyday
69. Use a mortar and pestle
70. An ET drives it
71. Handy
72. \*Tasha's bain
73. Chester White's home
74. Parsonage
22. Clock std.
24. Rank of 72A's father
25. Go over
26. Banana like plant used in making Manila hemp
27. Contents of some cartridges
29. \*Assimilators, with "the"
31. Saws with the grain
32. Brilliance
33. Churchill's " \_\_\_\_ Finest Hour"
34. Exciting
36. Doofus
38. \*Black, slick and evil
42. Dictation taker
45. Slugged
49. Decorative Japanese pond fish
51. Native American money, once
54. Exotic Egyptian flower
56. W.W. II conference site
57. Cronos
58. Shrek, e.g.
59. Aggravate
60. " \_\_\_\_ and the King of Siam"
61. "Iliad" city
62. Been in bed
63. Alternative to acrylics
64. "Trick" joint
67. Astern

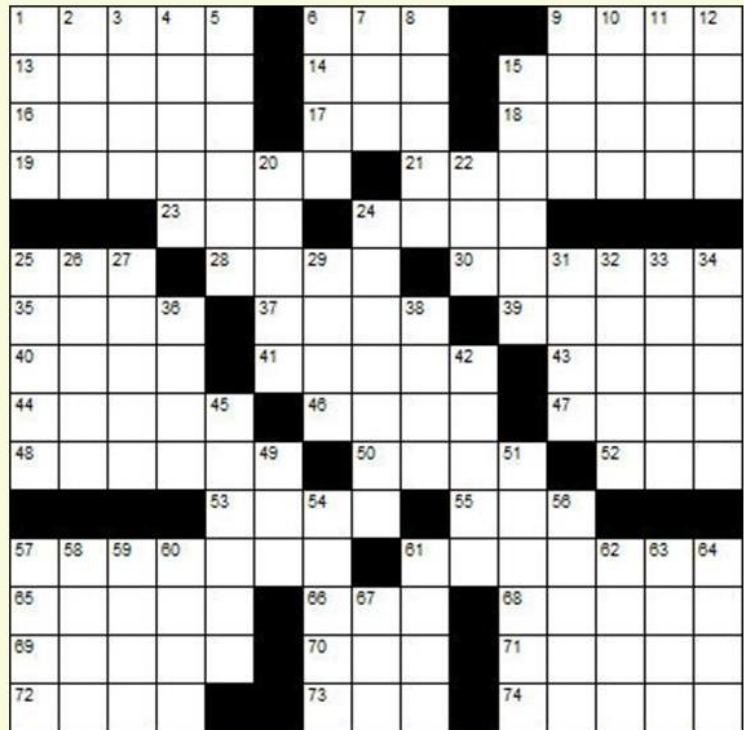


## DOWN

1. Casting need
2. "Cogito \_\_\_\_ sum"
3. Artist Chagall
4. Deplete
5. Couch
6. Declines
7. Victorian, for one
8. Hawaiian island
9. Boor
10. \_\_\_\_ podrida
11. Beat badly
12. Scottish Gaelic
15. Cheap tie
20. Dark

## Online Starbase's Blue Alert Crossword Puzzle

\*TNG Villains? - Edited by SF Warp - February 2011



## Answers to Previous Puzzle



SF Warp



Happy Valentine's Day







# Miscellany

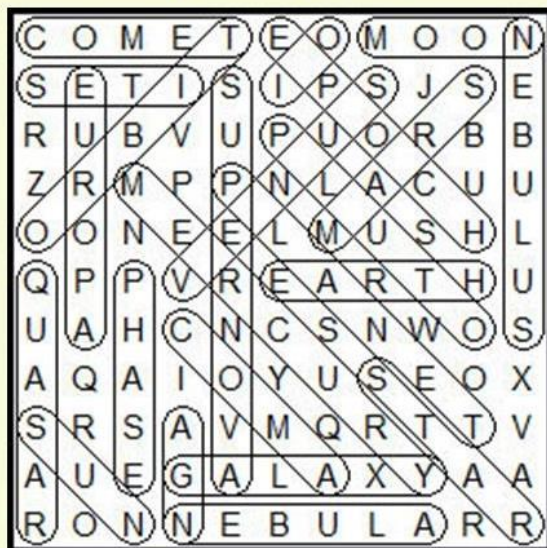
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### Recreations Department News from Commodore Daxino Joel

We've got a whole lot going on within the recreations department. The ever popular "Caption This" is going strong and doing very well. The "Book Club" is thriving with all kinds of suggestions for books that would be great to read. In our simm, the USS Phoenix is warping through an intrigue filled adventure with another exciting mission fast approaching. If you'd like to join in on the simm, you're more than welcome. There are plenty of openings and one of them is waiting for you.

We have the "Forum Games" continuing, into perpetuity. "From the Mind to the Padd" is where you can write your own short stories, novels, essays, poetry and fan fiction. The "Member Art Gallery" is where you can post expressions of your creativity in myriad forms of art.

So come in, have fun, and let your spirit of adventure take you throughout the galaxy!

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## On Command

by **CAPT Marshall Crockett**  
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Fellow members of OSB. As your vice commander I must do my part to make this community functional as well as enjoyable. Many of you have noticed that this starbase operates in a very different way than many other Trek-based websites/forums. Our officers have actual jobs and are expected to produce, our members are participatory but are also recommended to get involved in departments and do more than just exist and post, and our staff is held to a higher standard than any other site of which I have been a part.

So, here is why I need your feedback. In each department, the chiefs are posing a question: Would you support an 4-week Officer Training Academy for our new ensigns (and possibly LTJGs) to help with the development of our officer corps? As one of my best friends eluded this week, you reap what you sow. If we are to maintain our unique feel, a change in culture may be necessary. I look forward to your feedback. Please PM me at any time with your thoughts.

## ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS!!!!

If you were a staff officer in OSB's past, please contact LCDR Cottingham with your office, dates and historical recollections. The Public Relations Department's History Section needs your input for Online Starbase's newly established Historical Archives.

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