



Crockett's Spirit

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A Message from the VC

by Col Drego Tensa

Esprit Starbase has been upgraded to Proboards version 5 and has undergone an immense graphical change. The upgrade was originally planned to occur by year's end but a recent incident has forced the change to be made immediately.

OC Stark went right to work posting all around the base and creating new threads. Having been so active, he was promoted to 2ndLt hardly more than a week after he arrived. In a welcoming PM I sent him, I encouraged him to read the Rules and Regulations, and the FAQ. Nevertheless, in the chat he identified himself merely as Stark without displaying his rank. I sent him a PM asking him to display his rank at all times in the chat. He never answered that PM (nor any PM I sent him) and he never entered the chat again.

His Words when he was promoted were, "Thanks, guys. It's nice to see a place that recognizes participation," as if he'd never been to such a site, and no "Thank you sirs" or "sirs and ma'ams," indeed, no real respect expressed to anyone at ESB. He eventually revealed to MajGen Tanner that he is Kal-El of OSB (a pal of Ryan Dean). I also know him as Sarek from another site.

I believe that his posts were a smoke screen to misdirect us all while he captured screen shots of every part of ESB to send to Ryan Dean. I know that he sent dean an email address he took from the Personnel list.

Dean, in turn, emailed MajGen Tanner and me telling us to stop using his graphics and that he was going to report us to Proboards. This caused MajGen Tanner and me great concern.

Stark/Kal-El/Sarek has been banned from ESB for misrepresentation, and his account has been deleted.

Star Trek: Renegades;

boldly going where no Trek has gone before!

by Col Y'Wanna

"...It is ten years after Voyager's return from the Delta Quadrant, and the Federation is in a crisis. The Federation's main suppliers of dilithium crystals are disappearing. Space and time have folded around several



planets, effectively isolating them from any contact with outside worlds. And this phenomenon is not natural – someone or something is causing this to happen. This necessitates drastic measures; some of which are outside the Federation's normal jurisdiction. For this, Admiral Pavel Chekov, head of Starfleet Intelligence, turns to Commander Tuvok, Voyager's former security officer and current head of the newly reorganized Section 31. Tuvok must put together a new covert, renegade crew – mostly outcasts and rogues – even criminals. This new crew is tasked with finding out what is causing the folding of time and space, and stopping it – at all costs. But will they be able to put aside their differences and stop trying to kill one another in time to accomplish their mission?"

Has this fragment made you curious? Because it has certainly made me want to see it. The ones responsible for this are none other than the team who brought you Star Trek: Of Gods and Men. Now they proudly announce Star Trek: Renegades. Why? Because they "feel the true home of Star Trek is as a continuing episodic series. The goal of this project is to make that happen." When is the release date? According to IMDB, in 2014, but who knows for sure?

What is, in fact, Star Trek: Renegades? You will be happy to know it is "a professionally produced television pilot to be presented for a possible online series." Yes, you've heard well- a possible new series- the very dream of every trekkie or trekker.

What to expect? "Renegades, as the name suggests, will be bold, edgy and a little dark. Renegades will feature a combination of familiar Star Trek faces, plus a collection of hot, new rising actors." The role of Captain Lexxa Singh will be played by Adrienne Wilkinson (Xena: Warrior Princess, Star Wars: The Clone Wars).

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Character of the Month: Zefram Cochrane

by LtCol Tre'gok of Mirtak



Zefram Cochrane - 2063



Zefram Cochrane - 2267

Greetings once more ladies, gentlemen and other worldly species of Esprit Starbase. You fine officers of this fine establishment have all heard of the great Zefram Cochrane; human scientist who is best remembered as the great man who invented the warp drive. Officially, he is the first human to have travelled faster-than-light, and it is thanks to this achievement that First Contact was achieved with the Vulcans. And this month, I hope to bring you a bit more information on the great man whom we have all come to know and love.

Cochrane was born sometime in the 2030's, in the Montana, North America, Earth. Born during the Third World War, Cochrane grew up with minimal knowledge of ECON (the Eastern Coalition, one of the factions of WWII). During the 2060's he was living in Bozeman, Montana, where he and his team of engineers had begun to develop the warp drive. This was no easy task though, and it took him a long time.

In 2061, he was responsible for Earth's first successful demonstration of light speed propulsion, and though this was regarded as a major breakthrough in his work, his work was still far from over. Despite what most people thought, which was that Cochrane chose to undertake this challenge in order to help humanity to further themselves, it wasn't. His main goal was actually financial gain, in order to actually further himself from the poverty stricken America that had been left in the wake of WWII.

The Phoenix, Earth's first warp-capable vessel, was finally built in the hopes that it would allow him to "retire to a tropical island, filled with naked women." There was however some irony to the creation of the Phoenix. Although the ship went on to establish an era of peace and prosperity, he actually incorporated a weapon of mass destruction into its design. The vessel was constructed inside a missile silo, and the launch vehicle itself was in fact an old Titan II missile.

On the 4th of April 2063, the Phoenix was completed. Cochrane was preparing to test the vessel the next morning on the 5th of April. However, this was very close to not

happening. On the night of April 4th, he was very close to being killed. A Borg Sphere that had come back in time from 2373, fired on his hometown of Bozeman in order to kill him and prevent first contact. Several Borg photon torpedoes exploded severely close to him, as he desperately tried to escape. After the attack was finished and the Borg Sphere destroyed, several members of the USS Enterprise -E, who had followed the Borg through the time warp in order to stop them, tried to find him but to no avail. They thought him to be dead.

He was eventually located by Counselor Troi, who had gotten drunk in the process, but claimed that it was necessary in order to get Cochrane to talk. It was discovered that the attack had shattered his faith, and he was no longer intending to pilot the Phoenix the next morning. The Enterprise crew managed to convince him to continue with his project. However, when the crew presented him with some revelations about what the future was going to hold, such as a statue of him being built, and Geordi La Forge revealing to him that he had gone to Zefram Cochrane High School, this all became too much for Cochrane. He misled the crew into thinking he was "going for a wizz" so that he could escape from everyone. However, he was soon found and consequently shot with a phaser, set to the lowest setting, which was wielded by an impatient William Riker.

After a talk with Riker, Cochrane became more cooperative with the crewmembers, and by 10:00 am on the 5th of April, he had mentally accepted that he was going to make history, despite nursing a rather incommensurable hangover. He began to ready the Phoenix for take-off, though he was still uncomfortable with the notion of being idolized in the future. Within the hour, he was aboard the Phoenix when it launched, with Riker and La Forge as his crew. When the time came to activate the warp drive, La Forge and Riker gave each other a small grin as Cochrane uttered the word "Engage", thus becoming the first human to give that command.

Cochrane was amazed by the view of the Earth and the Enterprise from space and was also shocked by the sensation of travelling at warp speed. Just after 11:00 am on the morning of April 5th, 2063, Doctor Zefram Cochrane, Commander William Riker and Lieutenant Commander Geordi La Forge became the first humans to break the warp barrier. This launch was enough to attract the attention of a nearby Vulcan ship, the T'Plana-Hath. As a side note, this may not have been the first time that a Vulcan ship passed in close proximity to Earth since the Vulcans had been monitoring the Earth for decades before this historic flight.

That evening, Cochrane and many other human spectators watched as the Vulcan vessel landed in Bozeman, thus initiating Earth's First Contact with an alien species. The Vulcan Captain gave the traditional Vulcan salute. Cochrane attempted to recreate this, but after trying and failing, he instead grabbed the Vulcans hand, engaged him in a handshake and said "thanks." This day was later remembered as First Contact Day. It later became a worldwide holiday, with children being given the day off from school.

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The USS Voyager, whilst being 70,000 light years away from home, still celebrated it. Zefram Cochrane's favourite food was served - cheese pierogies - and rock and roll music was played on Tom Paris' jukebox. At the insistence of Neelix, Tuvok performed the traditional Vulcan salute and said the first words ever uttered by a Vulcan to a Human: "Live Long and Prosper." Although he didn't see the point of this, everyone still applauded.*

In 2064, Zefram Cochrane was asked to give the Commencement Speech to the graduation class of Princeton University. He accepted, and whilst giving it, he tried to reveal the truth about what had really happened when he had made his historic first flight. He said that it had involved a group of evil cybernetic beings, who had come from the future, and a group of humans from the same time. However, these remarks were mostly shrugged off by the audience, as he was known to have a tendency toward imaginative stories and intoxication. Soon after, Cochrane resigned himself to being the figure that he was known as in the future, as it was easier than trying to maintain the truth of what had really happened. He recanted the claims he had made at Princeton regarding First Contact and the two warring factions it had involved.

In the early 22nd century, Cochrane designed a new type of warp reactor that was to be fitted aboard J-Class Freighters. Around this time, he also collaborated with Henry Archer on the Warp Five engine, working hard at it, determined to make it a reality. In 2119, he opened the Warp Five Complex on Earth and gave a speech at the official opening ceremony. There he met Henry's son, Jonathon Archer, the future Captain of the Enterprise NX-01, whilst the elder Archer was giving his son a tour of the facility. Cochrane was also said to have given Henry a bottle of whiskey in celebration, on the day they broke ground for the Complex.

When he reached the age of 87, Cochrane left his home on the Alpha Centauri colony for one final interstellar expedition. He knew that he was dying from tiredness and old age, and chose to die in space instead of in his bed. His body was never recovered and he was presumed to have died. However this wasn't the truth. Far from it. Cochrane had ended up on an asteroid. He had been brought there, whilst in his disabled spacecraft and virtually dead from old age, by a cloud-like entity known only as the Companion. (TOS: "Metamorphosis")

Cochrane was soon revived by this entity and went on to live for almost 150 years. At one point he was forced to cannibalize his ship in order to create a home. Most necessities, including food and drink, were provided for him by the Companion with whom Cochrane could telepathically communicate. However, Cochrane found himself wishing to be free of the Companion's supervision as he had found immortality to be boring. In an attempt to gain his freedom, he told the Companion that he was lonely, so the entity decided to bring him other humans.

In 2267, James Kirk, Spock and Leonard McCoy were bringing the terminally ill Federation Commissioner Nancy Hedford to a hospital aboard the shuttlecraft Galileo when

they were transported to the asteroid as well. Cochrane was delighted to see the newcomers. He exchanged handshakes with all of them and was impressed by the Shuttlecraft. He originally kept the truth from the three of them, saying that he had crashed on the planet some time ago, and said nothing of the Companion, although he was soon pressured by Kirk to reveal the truth. They also talked about the changes in the Galaxy; the Federation and the universal translator were both new to him, and his knowledge of propulsion was also brought up to date thanks to Spock and Kirk. Kirk also noted that Cochrane didn't look a day over 35.

Soon after the officers' arrival, Cochrane was faced with the quandary of either escaping the Companion or helping Hedford to a hospital and risk the death of the Companion. Reluctantly, he chose to endanger the Companion, despite being exceedingly grateful to it for all of its help over the years. This choice led to him being struck down by the Companion and being rendered momentarily unconscious. During a conversation that Kirk had with the Companion, it referred to Cochrane as "The Man." This led to the discovery that the companion was actually a female, with feelings for Cochrane. The Entity decided to enter the body of Hedford, and after this, Cochrane finally had the chance to escape, but the merged entity couldn't. Feeling greatly indebted to the Companion, Cochrane made the decision to stay behind on the asteroid with the Companion now inhabiting the body of Hedford, although both now had normal human life spans. Before leaving, Cochrane made Kirk swear that he wouldn't reveal his location to the authorities, to which Kirk agreed. It isn't known what happened to Cochrane after this, but it can be assumed that Kirk kept his promise, and as such, it would have enabled Cochrane and Hedford to happily live out the rest of their days, without being disturbed.

And that, good officers, is all that is known on the great Doctor Zefram Cochrane. I hope this article has been good reading, and has told you something about Cochrane that you might not have known. I'll leave you now with one of his more well known quotes, that I have always appreciated:

"Don't try to be a great man. Just be a man, and let history make it's own judgements." - Zefram Cochrane - 2073



Cochrane's Ship, the Phoenix

Quotes taken from Star Trek: First Contact

* http://en.memory-alpha.org/wiki/First_Contact_Day

This Month in Star Trek

by Col Y'Wanna

→ April 4, 2063: the USS Enterprise-E, in pursuit of a Borg sphere, arrives in the past from 2373. (Star Trek: First Contact)

→ April 5, 2063: Zefram Cochrane launches the Phoenix and subsequent First Contact with the Vulcans occurs. (Star Trek: First Contact; VOY: "Year of Hell")

Trivia: Ronald D. Moore chose this date as it is his son's birthday. (AOL chat, 1997)

The events of the Voyager episode "Homestead" took place on this date in 2378.

→ April 9, 2152: Jonathan Archer is transported by Daniels, who reveals that the Suliban Cabal, and not the Enterprise NX-01, was responsible for the destruction of the mining colony on Paraagan II. (ENT: "Shockwave")

In 2342, Jean-Luc Picard arranges to meet Jenice Mannheim at the Café des Artistes in Paris, but never shows. (TNG: "We'll Always Have Paris")

→ April 16

2151: the Enterprise NX-01 is launched. (ENT: "Broken Bow")

2152: Archer, Tucker and T'Pol discuss about T'Mir and her early contact with Humanity. (ENT: "Carbon Creek")

→ April 22, 2376: The events of the Voyager episode "11:59" took place on this date.

→ April 2

1987: Gabriel Bell is born on Earth. (DS9: "Little Green Men")

2153: the Enterprise NX-01 arrives back to Earth for a refit after the Xindi attack on Earth in March. The IKS Bortas, commanded by Duras, is chased off by three Starfleet ships, after pursuing the Enterprise NX-01 to Earth from Klingon space. (ENT: "The Expanse")

Other events

→ In 1968, the United States of America launches an orbital nuclear weapons platform from McKinley Rocket Base, causing an international crisis. The USS Enterprise travels back in time from 2268 to study history and becomes involved in the platform crisis. (TOS: "Assignment: Earth")

→ In early April of 2151, a K'toich-class scoutship piloted by the Klingon courier Klaang crash-lands in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, resulting in first contact between Earth and the Klingon Empire. (ENT: "Broken Bow")

→ In 2152, the Enterprise NX-01 suffers severe damage from a Romulan minefield and is forced to undergo repairs at an automated facility. (ENT: "Minefield", "Dead Stop")

→ According to a clip created for the Picard family album in Star Trek Generations, which was not used on screen, Jean-Luc Picard won the Starfleet Academy marathon in April 2323 and graduated on April 20th, 2327 in the Yuri Gagarin Hall

→ Some of the events of the Eugenics Wars novel The Rise and Fall of Khan Noonien Singh, Volume 2 took place on April 21st, 1994

→ The events of the Pocket ENT novel The Expanse, an adaptation of the Enterprise episodes "The Expanse" and

"The Xindi", took place on April 24th, 2153

→ A Starfleet military exercise called Centerpiece 10 was held in the Cygnet region on April 7th, 2289. (Ships of the Star Fleet)

Source: <http://en.memory-alpha.org/wiki/April>

I'm Not In Love

by LtCol Two Wolves

Hopefully this article will answer the question, why do you should love Tyr Anasazi from Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda so much?

Obviously I can't merely say that he was sexy. That would make for a very short and very uninteresting article indeed. Some would also question my sanity, and ability to write.

I liked Tyr because even though he was supposed to be second fiddle to Dylan Hunt, he had a much stronger role and a dominating screen presence.

In the season opener Tyr was introduced towards the very end. In part two where he stalked Captain Hunt on his own ship sealed the deal for me. Here was a handsome black actor who was not in the typical role of the street thug, the crooked cop, or some other traditional black role.

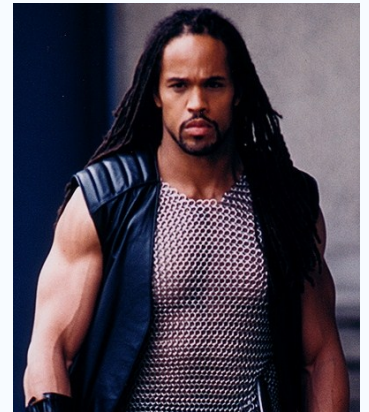
The Nietzscheans were themselves a very conflicted people. Genetically enhanced to be stronger, faster, more intelligent and practically indestructible, they were aggressive, conquering and enslaving weaker races. They also fought for domination amongst themselves like wolf packs.

During the entire 5 seasons of Andromeda there was very little mention of Earth. When it was, Seamus Harper wistfully recalled his childhood there because he was a runaway Nietzschean slave. The Nietzscheans had done to Earth what the Cardassians had done to Bajor. In the end, Earth was destroyed by its former slave masters in retaliation against the Human freedom fighters.

Enter Tyr Anasazi, the man with an utterly barbaric history to overcome. His own family group, the Kodiak Pride, was attacked and slaughtered down to the last man. At age 16 he alone managed to escape with his ancestors bones. Dragos bones are considered a sacred totem amongst the Nietzscheans and whoever possesses are deemed safe.

However, he never becomes completely tame. Being an Alpha male, he is one of the meanest and most ambitious of the bunch. He simply didn't snatch the Captaincy from Dylan Hunt, but he set about to prove that Hunt was incompetent to lead. He was not right all the time, and yes he was a very conflicted and complicated man. But he had a magnificent and charismatic presence.

I said that I was not in love, but I was.....



Tyr Anasazi

Guest Fiction

OFFICER AT LARGE – 02

Reflections of Bones

By: Captain Marshall Crockett of Starfleet

In my continuing quest to learn more about this undiscovered country we call space, I routinely book passage on a variety of freighters, unflagged vessels, and other ships of questionable repute. Over the course of the past month I have taken a number of small jaunts to relatively benign planetoids and even a few desolate moons. I keep telling myself, "it's all about the quest..." But, that never seems to overshadow the fact that I've had a pretty lackluster month.

During my voyage to Delta Upsilon VI, a small class 'M' planet that was rumored to have a strange form of indigenous plant life able to survive in water that would, on most other planets, kill all vegetation, I had time to relax and reminisce about some of my more favorite experiences in Starfleet. One such encounter was with the venerable Dr. Leonard H. "Bones" McCoy.

I was actually a young cadet at the academy, two years from graduating and entering the communications field, when I happened to run into Dr. McCoy at an academy function. I had volunteered to emcee a dinner in which the Commandant, Admiral Chamberlain Fuller, was receiving the Distinguished Service Cross from the Starfleet Commander. The program was very interesting, but the best was yet to come.

From the back of the room, about half way through the ceremony, I noticed a slight man enter. He was in a crimson and black Starfleet Dress uniform and his hair was a sophisticated combination of gray and white. His escort was none other than the Starfleet commander. It sure looked like Dr. McCoy...but he wasn't in the program as a presenter OR a guest speaker. As the slideshow continued behind me, I watched...in great anticipation...to see who was advancing toward the stage.

In short order, my mouth dropped; it was Dr. Leonard McCoy, and he was walking right toward me. The exploits of the crew he was part of and the stories of that historic five-year mission, the experience with the V-ger probe, the near-death experience during his encounter with Khan that resulted in the death of his best friend, the carrying of Spock's katra to the point of near insanity, the travel back in time to save earth from an orbiting probe, the search for Sha-Ka-Ri, and the escape from Rura Penthe in time to save the Khitomer Peace Conference were all required learning. And, there he stood, not more than three feet from me with his hand extended.

"Leonard McCoy," he said with a wry smile.

"Well, of course, sir. It is, indeed, a great honor to meet you," I replied while not knowing really what to say!

Then he leaned toward me and spoke more softly into my ear, "what a dog and pony show this turned out to be." His quip left a smirk on his face that was vintage 'Bones.' I couldn't help but smile.

After the ceremony concluded, I was at the lectern gath-

ering my notes and the guests were in the lobby shaking the hand of Admiral Fuller, rubbing shoulders with any and all big-whigs in attendance and hoping for a glimpse of our surprise guest before his departure. I had neither the time, nor the desire, to be part of the crowd. Apparently, neither did Bones.

"Nice job, son," a voice said from my left. I turned to take a quick look and nod my appreciation when I saw Dr. McCoy standing alongside the stage with his jacket flap opened and a brandy in his hand. "What a time."

"Yes it was, sir," I said.

Bones walked over and took a seat on the front of the stage next to me. He set his brandy down and ran two fingers between the green uniform collar and his neck in an effort to 'get more comfortable.' "You know, it was the darnedest thing today; helping present a medal to the commandant. I know a lot more people who deserved to be decorated like that but who would probably not even show up for the ceremony."

"Your former crewmates?" I asked.

"You got it, sonny." He raised his glass in a one-man toast. "To the crew of the USS Enterprise, NCC-1701-A. May you have fair winds and following seas." Then, he drank alone. "Take a seat, son," he said to me and patted on the stage to his right.

The next hour was the best hour of my young life and solidified my desire to be a career Starfleet officer. If I could be half the man he is, I'd be twice the man I am. What an experience.

Until next time... ~mtc. ♦

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The Renegades' antagonist in the film, Borrada, will be played by Trek veteran J.G. Hertzler (Martok, DS9; Koval, Of Gods and Men).

Also currently in the cast are Walter Koenig (Chekov, Original Series), Tim Russ (Tuvok, Voyager), Gary Graham (Alien Nation; Soval, Enterprise), Garrett Wang (Harry Kim, Voyager), Robert Picardo (the holodocor, Voyager), Ethan Phillips (Neelix, Voyager), Manu Intiraymi (Icheb, Voyager), Corin Nemec (Stargate SG-1), Courtney Peldon (Entourage, Home Improvement), Larissa Gomes (Saw VI, Saw 3D), actress/stunt performer Tarah Paige (Make It or Break It, Rise of the Planet of the Apes), Vic Mignogna (Dragonball Z, Star Trek Continues) and Richard Herd (Admiral Paris, Voyager).

What else do the creative staff say about it? "Renegades will be a departure from previous Treks – delving into the dark side of the human psyche, pushing our heroes to their limits, forcing them to carry out actions that they never would have as Starfleet officers. The rules have changed, and they realize they might be the last hope to save the Federation. Star Trek: Renegades will be action oriented, filled with suspense and espionage; all while exploring new worlds, encountering both familiar and new alien species, and boldly going where no Trek has gone before."

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to seeing Tim Russ' project "boldly go where no Trek has gone before." If you are not convinced yet, you can find more details on their official website: <http://startrekrenegades.com/home/>

And there's even more amazing news: you can get involved in ST Renegades. Just check this webpage for details: <http://startrekrenegades.com/home/get-involved/>

Wild P i m P i m



Story by
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A barely known acquaintance of mine was planning to attend this huge gaming convention called Pax East. When I say huge, I talk about tens of thousands of people massing in the narrow alleys of Boston's Convention and Exhibition Center; strolling from one exhibitor booth to another, yearning for branded gifts and the latest scoops from their favourite companies.

Since I'm this behemoth fan of BioWare's Mass Effect trilogy - best video game I ever played and I played very few! - I decide to tag along for the ride, convincing 2ndLt Lance A. Wilson to accompany me. It would be THA best opportunity to try on my pristine Human Medium-size Mercenary Armor and share my unquantifiable love of Mass Effect with players and cosplayers alike. And so my journey begins...

First few minutes in Boston, Lance suggests we park the car in a downtown parking lot as to have dinner at Legal Seafood. Yeah, seafood's a specialty over in America's Walking City. Nearly two hours later, I'm heart-stricken by the amount I have to pay for the parking; \$36.00 US. WHAAAAT!!!

I pay the outrageous fee and hurry to the Omni Parker House Hotel - about 5 blocks from there - to put as much distance as I can with the odious lady who robbed me.

The hotel valet asks us if we'd like to pay \$39.00 per night for him to park our car. Erm, let me think... That would cost me \$195.00 for the duration of our stay. NOOOT! As I am boiling with discontent bordering rage, Lance proposes to leave me at the desk with our luggage while he goes in search of an affordable parking. He comes back 45 minutes later, he has found a cheaper parking at a daily rate of \$38.00.

THA HECK!

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First thing the next morning, we drive in search of a parking that would not discriminate human beings. We find one at \$24.00 but I have to wait in line to get in. So be it. I position my car in the right lane, behind a dozen cars in front of me. A truck honks his horn for me to move out of the way while a bus driver yells at me for obstructing the lane. **WHAT!!!** The bus driver is the sole vehicle immobilized in the left lane and I should be the one to move!!!! Angrily I lose my spot to let the truck pass, along with my sanity. I start crying and complaining, whining that I wish to go back home. Lance offers me to drive. I just don't answer.

After an hour spent roaming the streets further and further away from our hotel, we come back to the \$24.00 parking and finally, half an hour later, I can set my mind on the convention. The hotel personnel tell us where the free shuttle will pick us up for the con so when the time comes, we go in line. People were waiting on the wrong side of the road, based on the hotel personnel's claim. So I walk to the front of the loooong line in my shiny armor and ask if someone had told them to wait on this side of the road rather than the other. People shrug, they don't know. One of them informs us that last year's shuttles embarked passengers on the other side of the street. So I'm like: "Alright everyone! We're on the wrong side of the road! We need to cross over!" The fifty or so gamers follow me to the other side... Only to see the bus pass in front of them without stopping for we were on the wrong side of the street. I'm pretty sure they all wanted to kill me, but maybe not as much as I wanted to kill myself right then and there!

Fortunately, the convention was a blast. On March 23rd, I got to meet Rana McAnear, the model used to create the face of Samara; a character from Mass Effect 2 and 3. She was disguised as Samara from head to toes and had the friendliest attitude toward fans. It was her birthday so she had brought a birthday hat with her as you can see on the photo, over the tip of her weapon.

The moral of this story: while in Boston, use the bus and fall in line!

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Brain Benders

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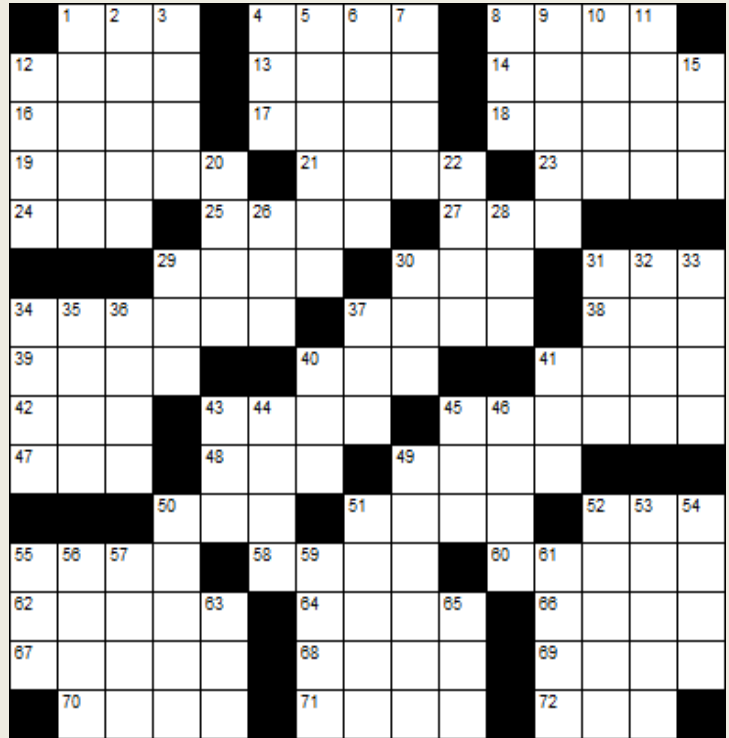
1. High card
4. "The Thin Man" canine
8. *Her ship crashed while investigating Sputnik
12. Expert
13. Golden Triangle country
14. Dwindles
16. Lab gel
17. Window section
18. Old Roman port
19. *He was in a body-meld for over a month
21. Calf's meat
23. Top-of-the-line
24. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
25. Black, as la nuit
27. George ___
29. Pinnacle
30. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
31. ___ Master's Voice
34. Rudder lever that steers a boat
37. The "E" of B.P.O.E.
38. Harvester ___
39. Beseech
40. *First born son of 19A
41. "___ bitten, twice shy"
42. Order between "ready" and "fire"
43. Hammer or sickle
45. Home wrecker
47. ___ Today
48. Flow's partner
49. Radial, e.g.
50. Hilo garland
51. Petty quarrel
52. ET's ride
55. Pond organ-ism
58. Race
60. *Ambassador for over 100 Earth years
62. Drive out of bed
64. Nile bird
66. Old Italian bread
67. Beat
68. Nevada city
69. "___ Poppins"
70. *Great Granddaughter of 8A
71. Units of work
72. Timid
15. Motor oil viscosity std. ltrs.
20. "Trick" joint
22. Connect
26. Dinghy pro-peller
28. ___ and outs
29. Thickness
30. Sort
31. Full house, e.g.
32. Ancient Andean
33. *His bomb killed 31 Humans, including Admiral Maxwell Forrest
34. *She was accused of 33D's treacherous act
35. Camera dia-phragm
36. Dalai ___
37. Moray, e.g.
40. Blubber
41. "___ moment"
43. Golfer's gadget
44. Final notice
45. ___ Appia
46. Song and dance, e.g.
49. *She executed her right to claim kal-if-fee
50. Catch, in a way
51. Cavalry weap-on
52. Dickens's ___ Heep
53. The Staten Island ___
54. "Fine by me"
55. Dadaism founder
56. Oaf
57. Swallow
59. Emerald Isle
61. "___ for the poor"
63. ___ Aviv
65. "Help!"



DOWN

1. Foreshadow
2. Desire
3. French bread
4. Matterhorn, e.g.
5. *She cried at her mentor's funeral
6. Contents of some cart-ridges
7. Fishing, per-haps
8. Low card
9. Kenyan tribes-man
10. "What's gotten ___ you?"
11. Pull (in)
12. Box office take

ESB Crockett's Spirited Crossword Puzzle *Vulcans - by D. Tensa - April 2013



Answers to Previous Puzzle

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| W | A | C | K | O | | T | O | E | | D | R | O | I | D |
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| N | E | S | S | | | R | O | E | | D | Y | N | E | S |



More Brain Benders

SUDOKU PUZZLE

April 2013

Very Easy, Non-Symmetrical
by Tensa

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| | 6 | | 2 | | | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| | | 3 | | 5 | | | | |
| | 7 | 5 | | | 9 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | | 7 | | | 8 | 2 | 1 | |
| 8 | | 6 | 1 | | 5 | | 3 | |
| 9 | | 4 | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 9 | | | | 2 |
| | | | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | 1 | | 2 | 7 | | 4 | |

Solution to March's Sudoku Puzzle
Hard, Symmetrical

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| 3 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| 9 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 |
| 8 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| 1 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 7 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 6 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 9 |

WORD SEARCH

April's Topic:

Look for 26 "More Starfleet Captains"
by Tensa

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| R | I | F | K | I | N | L | M | M | R | T |
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| G | A | R | T | H | S | J | R | R | E | Z |
| W | H | I | T | E | U | C | T | A | K | S |
| D | I | E | G | O | L | E | G | A | T | O |
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Solution to March's Word Search:
"Federation Starships"

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| I | R | S | N | I | H | M | R | G | P | P | F | E |
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On Command

Open Door Policy
by MajGen J. Tanner

Last month in March's issue of Crockett's Spirit, Colonel Tensa wrote a very good article on the chain of command. It was a good outline and example on who everyone reports to.

Here at Esprit Starbase we don't implement the chain of command as part of a power trip or for delusions of importance. We implement the chain of command for a couple of good reasons. The first reason is because it gives the base a military feel. It's another dimension to provide ambience as though a member is part of Star Trek's Military Assault Command Operations (MACO). Another reason for the chain of command is to give structure for the flow of information. It helps keep everyone in the loop as long as the chain is not broken. Also, a department head, deputy or the vice commander can possibly take care of a matter sooner because it's under their jurisdiction.

Now that I've said that, I also want the members of ESB to know that I also have an open door policy. I am interested in helping members with problems or listening to suggestions. If there is ever anything you feel you need to discuss that can't go through the proper chain of command for whatever reason, then feel free to PM me and I'll address your concerns as soon as I can. Here at Esprit Starbase the whole staff is here to help you with what we can.

Joking Around

by Col Y'Wanna

10. Homer Simpson -- "Cardassians?!?! DOH!!!"
9. Yul Brynner -- "Make it so, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera."
8. Sean Connery -- "Picard. Jean Luc Picard"
7. The Godfather -- "mmhghmmmsdfdfmmmmrhyhr" Data -- "That you must wear the concrete suit in The airlock tonight."
6. Rodney Dangerfield -- "Hey, I tell ya Will, I get no respect."
5. James Earl Jones -- "Will, you are my son. Admiral Nechaev has forseen that you will kill her. Together, we can rule the fedration!"
4. Clint Eastwood -- "Go ahead Q, make my day!"
3. George Foreman -- "Y'know, Shatner and I would make a great acting team."
2. Ross Perot -- "My, those Ferengi were handsome little devils!"
1. Harrison Ford -- "Never tell me the odds Data. And Kirk, don't call me junior. I hate it. I really do."

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