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ESB News & Happenings

by Col Drego Tensa

Here's What's happening at ESB:

Promotions:

Rank Earned	<u>Stardate</u>	Officer
Major	062913	Dennis Howard
1st Lieutenant	062913	T'Pel Kestra

Assignments:

Position	<u>Stardate</u>	<u>Officer</u>
Entert. Section Ldr.	050413	LtCol S. Carter
Games Coordinator	050913	LtCol Benson
Graphic Artist	062513	1stLt L. A. Wilson

The Significance of July

July 1st: Canada Day (Fête du Canada) is the national day of Canada, a federal holiday celebrating the anniversary of the July 1, 1867, enactment of the British North America Act, 1867 (today called the Constitution Act, 1867), uniting three colonies into the single country, Canada. Originally called Dominion Day (Le Jour de la Confédération), the holiday was renamed in 1982, the year the Canada Act was passed. Canada Day observances take place throughout Canada as well as among Canadians internationally.

July 4th: the anniversary of The United States of America's Declaration of Independence from Great Britain, America's Independence Day, which occurred in 1776. Her war of independence was fought from 1775 to 1783. Interestingly, of all the conflicts Britain was engaged in at the time, it's the only one Britain didn't win. Today, the U.S. and Britain are friends and allies.

July 14th: this is the French National Day, formally called La Fête Nationale. While the date is the same as that of the storming of the Bastille in 1789, July 14 was instead chosen to commemorate the 1790 Fête de la Fédération. It is a symbol of the uprising of the modern nation and of the reconciliation of all the French inside the constitutional monarchy which preceded the First Republic during the French Revolution. Celebrations and parades are held all over France every July 14th.

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Tre'Gok's Handy Hand-Guide to the Universe: Risa

by LtCol Tre'Gok of Mirtak

A few weeks back, as I was preparing to leave the office, I received a message. It was from the lovely Colonel Y'Wanna, instructing me that it was time to take a holiday. Despite telling her I didn't need a holiday, she insisted that this wasn't optional, that I was being ordered to take some time off. She didn't want to force my hand but would take it higher if need be. So, I thought it was preferable to take a week's holiday than to be brought up on insubordination charges. Naturally, the next part was finding somewhere else to spend the next week. The first thing that came to mind was going back to Qo'noS and visit my family. It turns out that they've been busy redecorating, turning my old room into a weapons locker. How nice of them. So, I started looking at other possible destinations.

I thought about simply staying on Earth but then, an old friend contacted me. He told me that he had just gotten back from a trip to Risa, the so-called 'Pleasure Planet' and recommended that I check it out for my holi-



Risa

day. I thought it over, and decided that it was as good a place as any. Even Klingon's need to have a little fun now and again.

So, what was the place like? First, some technical information. A Class M, inhabited Federation planet, homeworld of the Native Risians, located in the same sector as the Federation Starbase 12. Risa is orbited by two moons and belongs to a Binary Star System about 90 Light Years from the Sol System.



Risa's two suns

According to the planet's history, it was once a dismal, rain-soaked and geologically unstable planet, populated by vast jungles and constantly plagued with violent earthquakes. However, the Risians developed an extremely sophisticated weather modification network which suppressed the natural, violent nature of the

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From Star Trek to Reality **Bv LtCol Two Wolves**

Whether you are a diehard Trekkie and true devotee of Star Trek or just had a passing interest, you have to admit that the show presented some very interesting, and back then, unheard of concepts.



The first was an alliance of different races of humans and aliens working together in a great intergalactic organization called Starfleet. The closest I can equate this with is by Major Dennis Howard the International Space Station.





The tricorder was a super advanced computer that was portable. Back then it was a science fiction whim, now we have laptops, I-pads and smart phones. What about computers that can take and give directions? For that we have SIRI, talking GPS units, and writing or personal assistance programs can be dictated to or will read back what you have written.





No one ever dreamed we would make the warp speed jump from telephone and snail mail to the world-wide web, or Internet, which closely resembles subspace communication.





My absolute favorite is the communicator, which was small enough for Kirk and Company to carry everywhere to keep in touch. We now have cellphones to talk, text, email, listen to music or play games.





Finally, who can forget those special glasses Captain Ben Sisco had to wear in order to pilot the Jem'Hadar ship? They kind of resemble Google Glass Glasses don't they?

Though I hail these advances I'm still waiting for someone to invent and perfect the transporter because I love the idea of instantaneous travel.

What favorite Star Trek invention would you like to see in our time? ♦

EDITORIAL: Farewell, V'Ger

V'Ger has reached the edge of our solar system and is about to enter interstellar space, the first human-made object to do so. Yes, I know that this is actually Voyager 1, not the fictional Voyager 6 from Star Trek: The Motion Picture, but I can't avoid thinking of it as V'Ger!

Voyager 1, which was launched in 1977, is a nostalgic link back to a time when the Apollo moon missions were a recent memory and when every Star Trek fan was certain that we would soon witness even more exciting manned space exploration, boldly going where no-one had gone before. Surely 36 years later in 2013 there would be humans on Mars and maybe an asteroid, right?

But that never happened.

So I want to thank you, V'Ger, for reminding cynical old me of what we could do back in those days, and for renewing my optimism that we can do it again.

Farewell, V'Ger, and good luck! Your journey is really just beginning, it will be a few billion years before you reach another star system. One word of advice, though: during your long lonely trip please try to avoid any thoughts about returning to your home planet the way your cousin did in the movie. That might not be a good idea. •



At the heart of V'Ger: Voyager VI

Trek Humour

Reasons Why Kirk and Janeway Would Make a Great Couple:

- 1. She's a woman. He's Captain James T. Kirk!
- 2. When the ship gets lost (yet again), she can make him stop and ask for directions. (based on 1)
- They can go on away teams and have "adventures".
- 4. Animal guide, lizard, meet animal guide, tribble!
- 5. They both know how to live without replicators.

Source: spacefreak.tripod.com/stjokes/kirkjane.html

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planet, and put in its place a tropical paradise with pristine Comments by Col Y'Wanna beaches and tropical resorts. In short: the perfect tourist destination.

heard, Risa is known for its population's open and frank woke up, the Briori were gone. Shame on them! What reliasexuality. And the guidebooks don't lie. The Risians themselves are near human, but distinguishable by a small, decorative emblem located between their eyes. The Risians calendar. (DS9: "Little Green Men") Just so you know. I often initiate or respond to the desire for sexual relations through the use of small statue called a Horga'hn, which is the Risian symbol of Sexuality and Fertility. The following should be known to those interested in purchasing a Hor- you still have doubts about Roswell. It all makes sense ga'hn statue: public display of one of these is announcement that the owner wishes to engage in the Risian sexual rite of Jamaharon. By now, Risa has developed the reputa- Cleveland Indians broke Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting tion of being the most peaceful planet in the Alpha Quadrant. No weapons are allowed on the surface. You can imagine my surprise when my prized bat'leth was taken from 1969, at Tranquility Base. (TOS: "Tomorrow is Yesterday") me when I signed in at the front desk! But I soon forgot about that when I looked through the handy little guide handed to me when I got to my room.

Let me tell you, those places I've been to were brilliant. I could feel my stress melting away. I was put in a villa right next to the Suraya Bay. The bay itself was a perfect place to sit, relax, and do a bit of light reading as well as div-



Suraya Bay

ing. Aside from that, there was the Galartha, a perfect spot to do some rock climbing. The cliff itself changes pitch as you climb and creates footholds to ease your ascent. There's also the Temtibi Lagoon Resort, unsurprisingly located near the Temtibi Lagoon. Watching the suns set over 31st, 2151. (ENT: "Civilization") Nice aliens, these Akaalis. the Lagoon is most certainly a beautiful sight. Another great place to relax is the Risian steam-pools. Spend an 2153. (ENT: "The Xindi") Which ceased to exist soon after. hour in them and you'll most certainly feel like you don't have a care in the world. And if you're looking for a place to (ENT: "The Forge", "Awakening", "Kir'Shara") By the way, I just waste a day, I highly recommend visiting the Risian Water Recreation Park. On top of all this, there are various nightclubs to visit, but be on your guard, as there is the occasional crime. It's doesn't happen often, but just be wary. And finally, if you need a nice relaxing massage, then Risa has over 200 registered Nuvian masseuses.

So, thanks must be given to Colonel Y'Wanna for forcing me to take a vacation. If she hadn't done so. I wouldn't have had one of the most relaxing, and funnest weeks ever. I would definitely recommend it to anyone looking for a holiday, and I will most definitely be returning there next year. •



Risa Tourist Resort

This Month in Star Trek

Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan were abducted by the As for the culture of the planet, as you've most likely Briori in July, 1937. (VOY: "The 37's") And, by the time they ble abductor does that, really?

> Rita Hayworth was featured on the July page of a 1947 personally don't care, but I love the episode.

> A Ferengi shuttle crash-landed near Roswell, New Mexico on July 2nd, 1947. (DS9: "Little Green Men") In case now, doesn't it?

> In July of 1941, a pair of "journeyman hurlers" for the streak. (TNG: "The Big Goodbye"). Well, good for them!

> The Apollo 11 lunar landing took place on July 20th, Thanks heavens Kirk managed not to mess things up, as would usually happen when humans got back in time!

> The first rover vehicle launched by NASA landed on Mars on July 4th, 1997. (ENT: "Terra Prime") Well, no comment on this one.

> The Earth spaceship Charybdis was launched on July 23rd, 2037 as the third attempt to explore beyond the Sol system. (TNG: "The Royale") And the result was a casino on frozen methane in the middle of nowhere's planet.

> Hoshi Sato was born in Kyoto, Japan on July 9th, 2129. (ENT: "Exile", "In a Mirror, Darkly, Part II") Happy birthday!

> Enterprise deployed Echo One in July, 2151. (ENT: "Silent Enemy") Echo One was the first subspace amplifier deployed by the United Earth starship Enterprise, just in case you wonder. Now, I hope you do not think of asking what a subspace amplifier is!

> Enterprise made First Contact with the Akaalis on July

Enterprise first entered the Delphic Expanse in July,

The Vulcan Reformation began in or around July, 2154. strongly dislike the Vulcans of the ENT era.

Jean-Luc Picard was born in La Barre, France on July 13th, 2305. (TNG: "Conundrum") What? Hoshi Sato and Jean Luc Picard are of the same zodiac sign? Who would have guessed?

Jean-Luc Picard graduated from Starfleet Academy on July 20th, 2327. (Star Trek Generations). With an artificial heart.

Beverly Howard and Jack Crusher were married on July 20th, 2348. (Picard family album). And Picard's artificial heart secretly mourned. *Pubs Section Leader heartily explodes from laughter*

The USS Enterprise-D was commissioned at the Utopia Planitia Fleet Yards on Mars on July 27th, 2363. (TNG: "Data's Day") And Data learns two important things: that humans are highly illogical and to dance. •

Source: en.memory-alpha.org/wiki/July

Did You Know... by LtCol Shavle Carter

Welcome back my lovelies to another "did you know" moment in the universe of Trek. Today we are going to ject; a tv series in the making. Well it looks like the steamlearn something about the TNG (The Next Generation) series, something that many people would overlook and not NASA and the Pentagon have invested 35 million dollars in think about when it comes to the realm of Trek.

As it is known, the USS Bozeman was lost to the Federation for about 90 some years in a temporal anomaly. Oh dear, that's a long time when compared to the human lifespan. Luckily, the Enterprise D crew with its



USS Bozeman NCC-1941

captain - Jean-Luc Picard - saved the day by accidentally getting sucked into the vortex and colliding with them. The impact blew the Enterprise to bits and created a tear in the spacetime continuum. It resulted in an endless repetition of the Enterprise's destruction.

a vortex, and Q says he's boring. However, after enough times of exploding each other out like a never-ending fire- fuel cells will enable horizontal travel while 6 turbofan jet work display (which could be seen as potentially exciting to engines will allow to lift off and land vertically on any suran omnipresent being might I add), they came up with a way to pull (or push) both of them out of the anomaly. Unfortunately, however, the Bozeman was stuck forever in the long Aeroscraft ML866 will be able to carry up to 66 tons of 24th century, such a shame.

Yet that is not what I am here to teach you, that wasonly the back story. At the end of the "Cause and Effect" episode, the captain appears on the bridge of the Enterprise's view screen. Now it's not the captain as a character that's important, it's the person behind the mask that is. Here's the "did you



Grammer as Capt. Batesman

know" for the day: actor Kelsey Grammer played Captain Morgan Bateson in that one scene moment!

Kelsey is known for his acting on Frasier, Down Periscope, Cheers, X-Men, Boss, etc. However, who'd have thought he'd go all Trek on people? Amazing info no?

Well that's all for today, until next time. Oh! If you would like to know more about Grammer, check out the link below for more details. ♦

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Aeroscraft: The Future of Aviation by Col Kira Marys

Last month I was telling you about the Lantern City propunk influence has reached farther than I thought. Both the creation of a zeppelin-like aircraft which will be manufactured by Worldwide Aeros.



Aeroscraft

The main structure of the ship will be composed of carbon fiber and aluminum. A quantity of 1.3 million cubic me-How quaint, Jean-Luc was crazy enough to get stuck in tres of helium - either compressed or released - will make the vessel fly. Electric aft-propellers powered by hydrogen face, even water!

> Destined to be used by the US military, the 230-footcargo and fly at 220 kilometres per hour. Bigger models have been devised. From the look of it, I wouldn't be surprised to see Aeroscrafts sold to passenger airlines in a near future.



Aeroscraft: the Flying Luxury Hotel of Tomorrow

Worldwide Aeros have built a half-scaled prototype called Pelican in a huge Californian hanger in Tustin; once a military base built during World War II. The flight test was conclusive; it flies! ◆

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Encore Fiction

Origins

by MajGen J. Tanner

delicately wrapped package on his lap. It was his you... it's too late to get on his good side." birthday and he reflected on his life; a life that bethe captaincy. He remembered that first assign- hill of hair could perform his duties. ment aboard the USS Eclipse. He delicately finat one time he had been much greener, but not of stand a word he's saying." the sickly kind.

into Sickbay and was shocked to see no one else language or regret ever coming aboard this ship. around.

"Hello," he called out.

some strange squeaks. He looked toward the lo- pleaded, "How do I apologize to him?" cation of the sound and saw an oversized fur ball or pet?

"Anyone in here?" he called louder.

back onto the console. Maybe I shouldn't touch it.

"Okay, okay, don't split a hair; you have enough split ends as is. What bozo you talking a medical blue uniform entered from a conjoining room. She looked directly at him. "Who are you?" she asked rather gruffly.

"Petty Officer Deklyn Fox, ma'am. I was told to that the crew used to 'initiate' new recruits. report to the Chief Medical Officer for a physical."

yelling at you."

continuing squeaks didn't sound too friendly.

"That's the Chief Medical Officer?"

"No, that's Dr. Kenny to you!" the woman stated in a brusque manner.

"Wha ...? I don't ... " he gently ushered the Lieurange of the small furry doctor. "I don't under- across his desk and hit his communicator. stand, Miss..."

"Lieutenant Alvarez to you."

"Lieutenant, how can he be a doctor? I don't even know what species he is."

"Oh well, Mister Encyclopedia, you know every species in this galaxy?"

Fox wasn't sure if Alvarez was just in a bad mood or if the attitude came naturally for her. "No ma'am," he answered sincerely trying to stay on her good side despite the situation.

"He's a Tribble if you must know and a fine doctor. As long as you don't get on his bad side," she explained as more high toned squeals came The Captain sat in his ready room, staring at a from the other side of the room. "Unfortunate for

He had never heard of Tribbles before, and he gan as a 17 year-old enlistee and progressed to couldn't even begin to understand how the little

"Well how was I supposed to know... he's not gered the green ribbon on the present and knew even wearing any... uniform...and I can't under-

"His translator is always breaking." She He was walking through the doors that lead crossed her arms over her chest. "You'll learn his Get sick much?"

"I am so dead..." Fox pinched the bridge of his The only sounds that bid him welcome was nose. Finally he looked up into Alvarez's eyes and

Alvarez sighed and her facial expression sitting on a console. Some sort of stuffed animal seemed to soften. "Tell you what Fox, you seem like a nice guy. How about you go back to your quarters do some research on Tribbles and find a The squeaks became louder and more in- way to make nice with the guy. I'll tell him you had sistent. He walked over to the strange life form some other pressing assignment, but you'll be and picked it up. Its squeaks went to an ear pierc- back latter. I'll do a little chit-chat maybe soften ing tone as it practically jumped out of his hand him up for you. Something tells me it'll all work out in the end eh?"

"Thank you Lieutenant. I'll owe you one."

The feel of the velvet ribbon lured his thoughts about?" A feminine voice called out. A woman in back to the present in his lap. He remembered his research into Tribbles had turned up that he was a victim of a practical joke. Dr. Kenny had turned out to be a sophisticated remote controlled toy

Fox smiled at the memories as he opened up "Then why you looking at me? He's the one the gift. His heart suddenly decided to sprint a mile as a ball of fur suddenly leaped out and at-Fox looked over at the thing on the console. Its tacked him. He caught his breath and laughed as he realized it was the same toy from all those years ago. A small note accompanied it.

> It read: "Dr. Kenny's revenge has been long overdue. Happy Birthday!" Admiral Alvarez.

Fox smiled and began to laugh as a thought tenant out of what he hoped was the hearing occurred to him. He laid the Tribble on the chair

> "Ensign Michaels, report to my ready room." Dr. Kenny was about to strike again.

Brain Benders

ACROSS

- 1. Amiss
- 4. "Cast Away" setting
- 8. Cotton fabric
- 12. Acclaim
- 13. Erupt
- 14. Alpha's opposite
- 16. Creole vegetable
- 17. Marcel Marceau, e.g.
- 18. *He led the Cardassian Rebellion against the Dominion.
- 19. *She looked like a Bajoran
- 21. Disease cause
- 23. Blood's partner
- 24. Atlanta-based station
- 25. Alliance
- 27. Mamie's man
- 29. Dart
- 30. A pint, maybe
- 31. Drink suffix 34. *He said.
- "There are five lights."
- 37. June 6, 1944
- 38. McCarthy quarry
- 39. 100 cents
- Zeppelin 41. Astin of "Lord
- of the Rings" 42. Absorbed, as a cost
- 43. Astute
- 45. *Nerys was surgically altered to look like her
- 47. Blue
- 48. Egg cells
- 49. Londoner, e.g.
- 50. Pecan ____
- 51. "Yes, _
- 52. J.F.K. overseer 20.
- 55. Andy's radio partner
- 58. Hate group

- 60. *a four-billion year-old genetic puzzle brought her to Loren III
- 62. *Last Prefect of occupied Bejor
- 64. Purple berry of 31. Square footage the Amazon rainforest
- 66. "Do ___ others as..."
- 67. Bathroom item
- 68. Camping gear 69. Ponzi scheme, e.q.
- 70. Mass number
- 71. Flight data, briefly
- 72. The "p" in m.p.g.

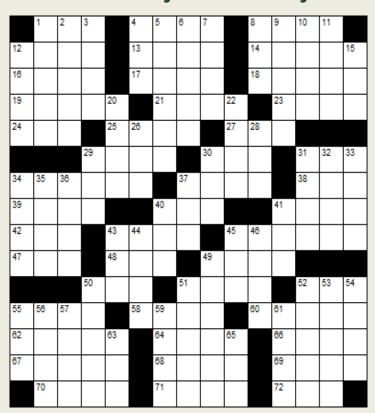


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- 1. Like some buckets
- 2. Blue-ribbon position
- __ jacket
- 4. Dogma
- 5. Faucet
- 6. *He was involved in the plot to kidnap Captain Jean Luc Picard
- 7. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
- 8. Herd of whales
- 9. Candidate's concern
- 10. Exec's note
- 11. Lab gel
- 12. Emcee
- we having fun yet?"
- __-bodied
- 22. *She sheltered Garak, Damar and Kira Nerys 65. "_

- in a basement on Cardassia **Prime**
- 26. Ceiling
- 28. E or G, e.g.
- 29. To's partner 30. Make sense, with "up"
- 32. College bigwig
- 33. "Giant" author Ferber
- 34. Breakfast. lunch or dinner
- 35. Mercury, for one
- 36. Attracted
- 37. Animal house
- 40. Grassland
- 41. Dog command
- 43. Ornamental Japanese carp
- 44. *He arrested Miles O'Brien on charges of sedition against the Cardassian Union
- 45. Bank offering, for short
- 46. Airport pickup
- 49. ___ split 50. Church song
- 51. *He cooperated with Captain Jean-Luc Picard in track-Ing down the **Phoenix**
- 52. Parry
- 53. Rose petal oil
- 54. Bit
- 55. Infomercials. e.g.
- 56. A whole lot
- 57. "Comme ci. comme ça"
- 59. When repeated, like some shows
- 61. Astrological transition point _ Con-63. Big _
- ference _ alive!"

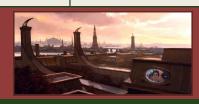
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More Brain Benders

SUDOKU PUZZLE

July 2013
Hard, Non-Symmetrical
by Tensa

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Solution to June's Sudoku Puzzle Medium, Non-Symmetrical

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WORD SEARCH

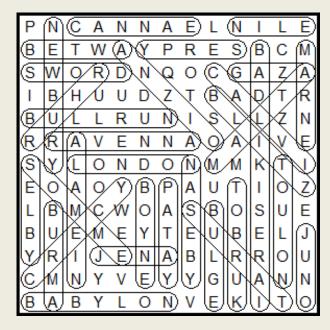
July's Topic: "World Capitals"

Look for 37 National Headquarters

by Tensa



Solution to June's Word Search: "History's Battles"



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From the Ready Room ESB Under Construction

by Col Drego Tensa

Esprit Starbase is undergoing extensive architectural and cosmetic remodeling. Also, all of ESB's documentation is being rewritten. These endeavors are being put forth in order to ensure that ESB is completely unique and the most modern facility of its kind in this or any other quadrant. Unfortunately, these modifications and rewrites are taking far more time than Major General Tanner or I would like.

General Tanner has to divide her time between her Esprit Starbase duties and duties she must contend with planet-side. I, likewise, despite my having greater freedom than most, have numerous duties here at ESB as well as duties I must perform planet-side. It is thus that the general and I are limited in what we can accomplish regarding the changes that are being made to ESB and ESB's documentation.

Major General Tanner and I know that you all are aware that Esprit Starbase's remodeling is going to take rather a long time and we appreciate your patience and indulgence. Esprit Starbase is not a pretty building or a nicely worded document. Esprit Starbase is you. You all are ESB's true foundation. Thank you!

