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Yes, I know it's short. I don't have any choice in the matter, because I only recieved 2 submissions this month, one from Cynthia, and one from Erica, plus the usual helping of Rob, and that's it, so if there are any complaints about the brevity of the Mighty Max, remember that I can only put in what I get, and if I get nothing, then we get short newsletters.

On the plus side, Future Tense, the book I've been plugging for the last few months, is finally really really done, and is available to sell for \$15.00. There will be copies available at the Maximillian and Columbus meetings, but if you'd rather wait, It is available through mail order, or from AMAZON.COM at <http://sl.amazon.com/seller/ft99>, so there you go for that one.

I hope everyone had a good thanksgiving and will have a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Unfortunately, I have to work both on Christmas day and New Years. (I work nights too...yuch) Sigh...

On a brighter note, it is now only one month until the elections, where with a little bit of luck I shall beat the tough competition of nobody and be the new P.R. officer. Yay.

That's about it...see The Green Mile and Toy Story 2. and Galaxy Quest. That's it. Enjoy the newsletter.

Admiral Rob's Storytime

By FADM Robert Lyon

HISTORY OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS

PART V: FIRST CONTACT

The human response to this crisis again took two forms. Li Kuan, a gifted strategist, attempted to unite Earth by force, but fell prey to his own dictatorial ambition. The Eastern Coalition he led remained a powerful symbol of world unity to many humans, but an adventurous pilot named Zefram Cochrane rekindled mankind's capacity to dream of a better life. From the most devastated area of Earth, Cochrane constructed and successfully flew the Phoenix, the first spacecraft to break the light barrier. A passing survey vessel, the T'Plana'Hath, from the planet Vulcan spotted the telltale warp signature of Cochrane's ship.

Shortly after he touched back down on Earth, they initiated the first overt contact between mankind and another intelligent species. The incident captured the imaginations of Earth's demoralized peoples, triggering a renewed determination not only to explore the stars (the deep-space vessel Valiant was the second warp craft launched, from the European Hegemony), but to make their own troubled societies.

This determination paid off three years later when newly commissioned Earth vessels initiated their own first contact, with the people of nearby Alpha Centauri. The Centaurans provided Humans with terraforming technology to aid in their rebuilding efforts. In exchange, they received warp-drive technology from Earth.

The Vulcans, Centaurans, and Humans forged an informal three-way alliance, a precursor to the full Federation. For forty years they engaged in peaceful trade and cultural exchange activities, materially and spiritually enriching all three races.

A Matter of Antimatter by LT Erica Sherman

Well, now that finals week is over it's time to have some fun for the next three weeks. I'm not going anywhere but I'll be busy here; Christmas dinner with my family and helping with church services.

Amongst all this the Dispatch has decided to have fun with us. If you've seen the size of the Sunday papers the past month you know what I mean. This week it's the same thing. I don't know which part of me is going to hurt the longest. Other than that, everything's fine. <continued on page 3>

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 8th

Election

February 12

March 11

TREASURY

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UPCOMING
SCI-FI EVENTS

December 25

GALAXY QUEST

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I had a wonderful time at my cousin's Bat Mitzvah. She basically did the service by herself; in Hebrew and English. Then there was a big party Saturday night.

One last thing. With the wonderful help of my church's congregation, the nine walkers were able to raise \$1,302.00 for this year's CROP Walk.

That's all for now. Sherman out.

Dear Max Friends

LCDR Cynthia Ayers

In the Wed. Nov.24, Dispatch, there was an article about the NASA Mars probe. On Dec. 3, NASA's Mars Polar Lander is expected to land near the south pole. The most amazing thing about this probe is that it is hopefully going to dig below the surface of the planet. They will use a scoop on the lander's robotic arm and also two penetrating probes that will "fire" into the stiff soil. They hope to get measurements from 1 to 3 feet below the surface. The probe is mainly looking for water or ice. However, it will also take pictures of the Martian South pole, and provide weather reports.

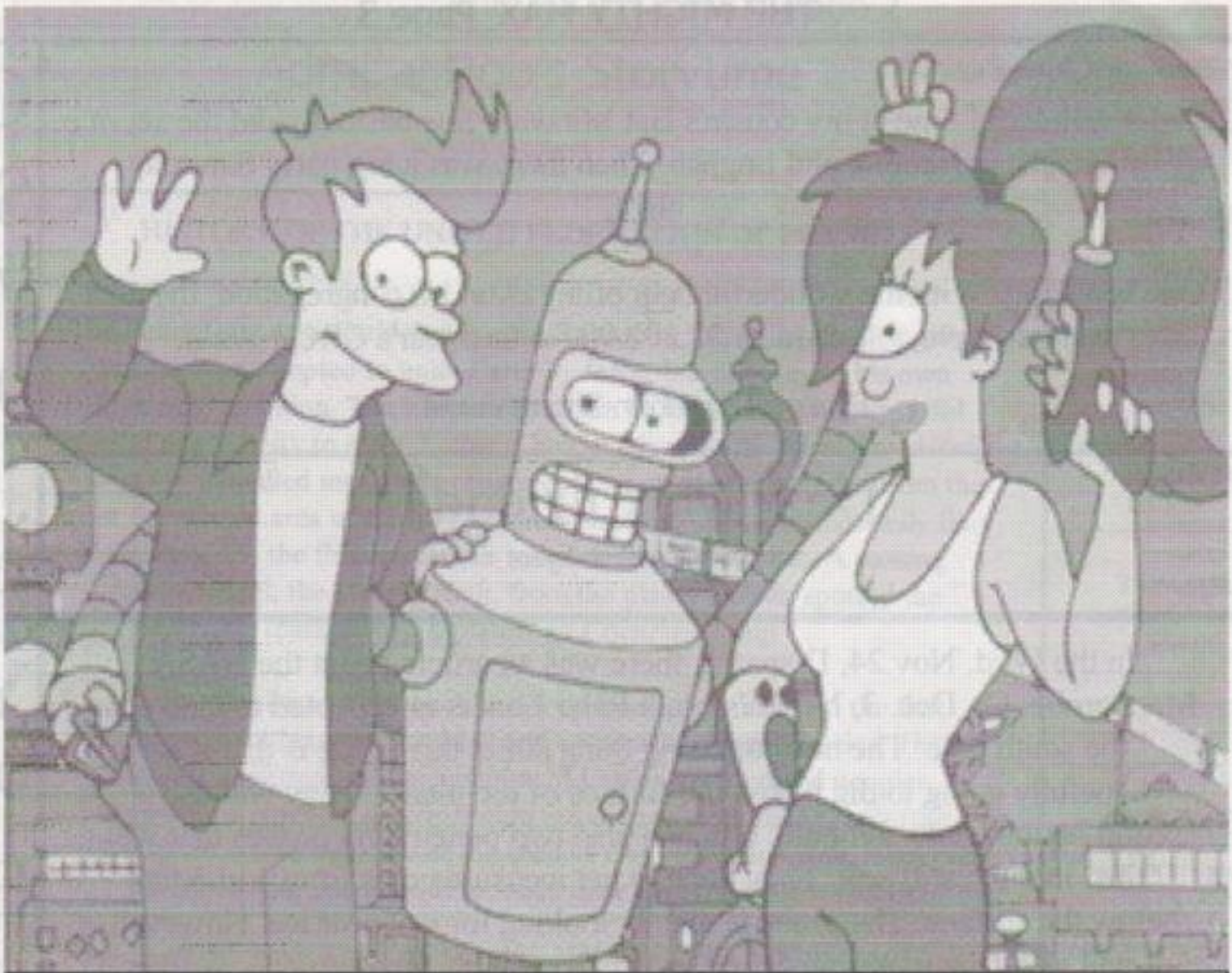
Whenever Christmas comes around, I think a lot about the star of Bethlehem and the three wise men. Who they were and what they saw in the sky is something to ponder. There have been many suggestions about what the star of Bethlehem might have been: a comet, a meteor explosion, a supernova, or a conjunction of planets in a certain constellation. I think that the star was probably a conjunction of planets because that is what astrologers of that time were mainly interested in and looking for in the sky. One possibility was the conjunction of Venus and Jupiter in the constellation Leo about 4 or 3 B.C. Venus would symbolize birth, and Jupiter and the star Regulus in the Leo constellation could signify royalty. Also, the Leo constellation would symbolize the Lion of Judah. Therefore, astrologers of that time could conclude that a Jewish King was about to be born. Whatever the star of Bethlehem was, it is an astounding event which holds alot of meaning for many people. For me, it symbolizes that we are all on a journey seeking and yearning for God, the King of the Universe. The skies proclaim it, but more important, we proclaim it in our daily lives.

Love long and rejoice always, Cynthia Ayers

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