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VOYAGER FINAL SHOWS

- May 9 Homestead
- May 16 Renaissance Man
- May 23 2 hour Series Finale

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Charity Auction: SUCCESS



As you can see there was a lot of cool stuff that was auctioned off at our Charity Auction.

The second annual Charity Auction held by the USS Maximillian and their partner the IKB Scorpion was held on Sat April 14, 2001. Even though we had a very light turnout we managed to meet and beat last years total of \$252. When all totals were calculated and we ended up bringing in (drum roll please)\$532. WooHoo. The Scorpion took in a little over \$100 and the Robert S. Lyon Memorial Scholarship took in a little over \$100 and the rest will go into the ship's

treasury to be divided up into our charities and operating funds.

I started immediately following last years auction looking for items which proved to be helpful because we had lots to bid on and fight over.

We do however have lots of items left over, we determined that if it wasn't going to go for a decent price we were not going to auction it until next year. Which means we have a great start on items for next year.

Here is a close up of some of the items that were auctioned off at the event.



CAMP DOVER 10 years of peace



On the Weekend of April 27 -29 CMDR Medina and CAPT Howard embarked on an



away mission to the highly anticipated Camp Dover Peace Conference. This year marked the 10th annual event which for a weekend brings peace to the galaxy.



During the emotional Opening Ceremonies, Dover founder, the honorable Joe Manning read a touching poem about Vietnam Vets and the Wall in Washington DC. Joe also led a small prayer for those Star Trek fans who had passed away since last years Dover, which included our own Rob Lyon. It was a very touching moment and I

found tears welling up inside me again. Thanx Joe



The Guest this year were Bill Blair (photo on left) who has played many, many, many characters on DS9 and Voyager.

Debbie David (formally Carl David) who was Brent Spiner's stand in during ST: TNG run was also present.



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Sound Advise

Dear Pelgar,
Did you have a happy childhood? Tell me
about your mother.

Dr. Freud

Dear Hew-Mon,

Why? So you can write a book about my life
and profit from my experiences? I don't think
so, you tired and washed-up hack. I've read
your other books and you need some serious
therapy. You need to get over your whole
"mother" issue. Sometimes a cigar is just a
cigar.

Honorable K'Plett,

I am a student in a small Earth college
and am preparing to enter the profession
of teaching. I am curious... Is teaching an
honorable profession by Klingon stan-
dards? If so, would it secure me a place in
Sto'Vo'Kor?

Qapla!

Lt. L. A. H.

Dear Lt. L. A. H.,

Of course! Our warriors, scientists and engi-
neers are only as good as their instructors. I
salute anyone who wishes to be a teacher,
especially on your planet, where teachers do
not seem to earn nearly what they should.
They also have limited resources to shape
the generations of tomorrow, a foolhardy
approach by your leaders.

WEB LINKS

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www.scifi.com

www.startrek.com

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www.siscom.net/~mmeece/trekdirectory

http://excelsior.iftcommand.com

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TREK TRIVIA

1. What was Yar's job on the Enterprise D?
2. With which Voyager crewmate did Janeway once produce offspring?
3. Who was Kirk's History teacher at Starfleet Academy?
4. What does the NX designation on a ship mean?
5. What species was Kes?
6. Who brought the Psi 2000 virus aboard the Enterprise?
7. Who succeed Kai Opaka as spiritual leader of Bajor?
8. In what episode of the original series was the Vulcan mind-meld first shown?
9. What ship did Thomas Riker steal so he could attack a secret Cardassian military base in the Orias system?
10. Bashir arrived on DS9 on the same ship with _____?

BIRTHDAYS

May 5	Marc Alaimo
May 30	Michael Piller
May 30	Colm Meaney
June 1	Rene Auberjonios
May 14	Christine Cullison
May 22	Doug Foulk
May 22	Richard Watson
May 25	Monica Marie Trudell
May 30	Matt Morris
June 3	Jaime Didham
June 3	Terry McPherson
June 11	Robin Kulas
June 26	Brandy Jackson
June 26	Chaz McGinnis

Patch Update



Hi Sidley,
Shouldn't be a
problem.
Thanx,
Katarra

squidtrek wrote:
Just wondering if
the patch will be
done and sent by
May 12
Sidley H
USS MAXIMIL-
LIAN

Renewals

May

John Chubb
Sidley Howard

JUNE

Colin Brunton
Eric Brunton
Jeathelle Miller-
Green
Todd Miller-Green
Warren Miller-Green
Michael Stanley

Your input is
needed folks I
want to know what
you like and dislike
about the newslet-
ter. Here is why, if
you don't say any-
thing it is going to
stay very similar to
the way it is now
(unless I get a di-
vine inspiration to
add stuff here and
there), and I want
to make sure you
get what you want
to see and read.



Greetings Earthlings

CAPT Sidley E. Howard
CAPT S'Qid sutai Septaric

Greetings Earthlings,

Spring time is here and convention season has just got started. CMDR Medina and myself spent the weekend at Camp Dover while LCDR Owens and LCDR McPherson came up for the day on Saturday. A good time was had by all. I was really impressed with Debbie David (formally Carl David) who was very open about her life change and what she got to do on the set of Next Generation because she was Brent Spiner's stand in. Bill Blair was also interesting to listen to, he has played so many aliens he even lost count.

Last Saturday was a very busy day for some of us. First we (Marcus, Terry, Addy, John U., and Barb) helped with the local Star Trek Clubs presentation of Trek Clubs presentation of canned goods at the 10tv Food Parade. As a whole we donated 3048 lbs of food (about \$900).



When that was over with I went on to the OSU Ren Faire for awhile to gather information.

Then I managed to take a very short nap to prepare for the Reynoldsburg HS After Prom Party. Thank you Marcus, Terry, and Matt for helping with this event. They graciously donated \$35 to us for our JDF fund. I personally had a good time, if I didn't have to work in the morning I would've stayed longer.

NEWS FLASH...



Sorry all, this month I've gotten busy with things, haven't had much to report....

Attended Dover..... next year I have to stay there, driving back at 2am is bad idea.

Help with the food drive ... We did good!!!

Attended the High School party, hopefully this will end with a few new memberships.

Beyond that I've been busy with work, house, and family things. Hope your summer is as happening as mine, I just hope thing slow down a bit after Marcon... but until then, forgive me for being brief, I'll try being Boxer's in June (haha-haha).

-Nato Out.



NEW EVENTS

There two new events that I just learned about recently that we should give consideration to.

First, COSI in Toledo has put out an invitation to all Star Trek clubs to come to their branch for the weekend of July 13-15 2001. The Toledo COSI is opening a new summer attraction called Spacetacular from June 29—Sept 4 2001. I'll pass around the flyer if you have more questions.



What is Spacetacular?

COSI Toledo's summer summer celebration. Every day is a galactic celebration of outer space. (Don't just come to what is happening.)

AND... Alien Encounter (July 13-15)

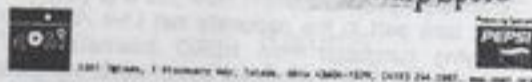
A unique Sci-Fi experience where you can come face to face with your favorite Star Trek alien race from a far away galaxy.

Have you ever participated? We are looking for Star Trek clubs to come to COSI to interact and educate our visitors about Star Trek. We would like groups to come in costume and great speakers.

COSI will provide you with space to display any promotional materials. We can offer you the COSI discount to come back, if needed. COSI will offer 10% off admission to anyone that is pre-registered. For more information, please contact the Toledo COSI branch at 419-244-2287 or visit our website at www.cosi.org

You will need to register your club for this far out material. For questions and additional information please call special events: (419) 244-2287 ext. 129 or email me at cositoledo@yahoo.com

Fun At Warp Speed



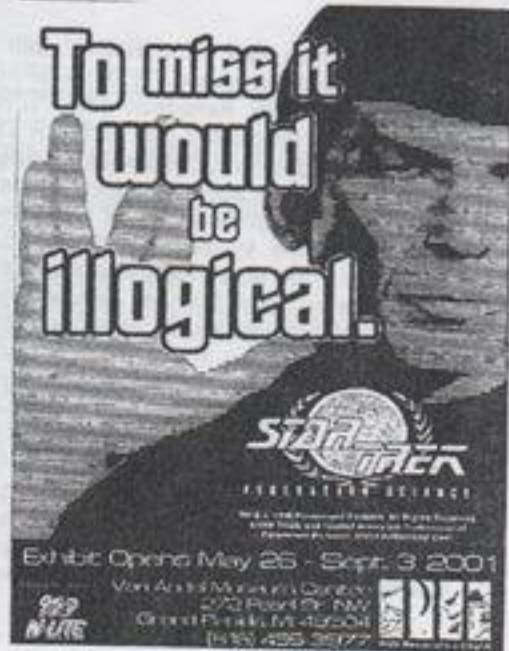
Second, the Van Andel Museum Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan is hosting Star Trek Federation Science form May 26— Sept 3, 2001. I have estimated it at a 5 -6 hour drive, but let me tell you I believe it is worth it.

Top ten ways to tell that you are a BIG Klingon fan.

- 10 You ask that the school/college/work add gagh to the menu.
- 9 Real women begin to look repulsive. B'Elanna, B'Etor, Lursa, K'Ehleyr and other Klingon Women look very sexy.
- 8 You Wear your D'q taHg everywhere.
- 7 You teach your marshal arts class how to fight with bat'telH.
- 6 you wear your battle sash over your tux at the last wedding you went to.

- 5 You write all of your letters in Klingon TNG True Type Font.
- 4 When the Klingons speak Klingonese in the movies or TV Show you don't need a translator or subtitles.
- 3 You idea of foreplay is to have your partner to claw at you and throw thing at you.
- 2 Haggis becomes the only terran food you are willing to eat.
- 1 You now growl at people that anger you.

To miss it would be illogical.





Hailing Frequencies Open

LCDR Charles Connor

Hailing frequencies open:

Is it May already. Time is moving quickly. Well the auction went well we reached our goal of doubling last years total. and there was quite a lot of stuff to auction. I of course spent more then I had intended. I was involved in a minor accident my car was rear ended by another car at work. Fortunately there was no injuries. I hope to have my car back from the body shop by the next meeting. I heard that Leonard Nimoy Mr.Spock will be in Indianapolis later

this year

for another Con with John DeLancie, I'm already making plans to go. It may be the last chance to actually see him. VIP tickets are \$200 but i think it would be worth it. for more info check out sfedora.com

well that's all for now see you in the future

LCDR
Charles
Connor



A Star Trek Alphabet

A is for aliens (and don't forget the lumps)
 B is for battles with lots of thuds and bumps
 C is for the Captains (Picard's the best by far)
 D is for Delancie, Sue's favourite guest star
 E is for enjoyment, the thing some fans forget
 F is for feline, Lieutenant Data's pet
 G is for Guinan, try her recipes and rave
 H is for the Horta, always handy in a cave
 I is for insignia, of which Trek has more than enough
 J is for Jones, Cyrano, purveyor... well of 'stuff'
 K is for Klingon, don't get these big guys mad
 L is for Lore (just like Data, only bad)
 M is for Morn, Quark's favourite bar-stool prop-er-up
 N is for the Nagus, old when Quark was just a pup
 O is for the O'Briens, sole happy family in Trek
 P is for phaser to make your opponents hit the deck
 Q is for ?, (sorry, no prizes for guessing who)
 R is for RedShirt, career choice few survive to rue
 S is for Surak, Spock and Sarek, which just about says it all
 T is for transporters to save you walking down the hall
 U is for Uniforms, with frequently changed designs
 V is for Vulcans, fond of hand-straining finger signs
 W is for Wesley, the boy we love to hate
 X is for xenopolycythemia, almost McCoy's agonizing fate
 Y is for Yar, Tasha, who did something very strange with time
 Z is for Zek (Grand Nagus, a worthy (?) being to end this rhyme.)

NERO OHIO

What is NERO OHIO? NERO is a LARP (live action role playing) game that encompasses aspects of costuming, gaming, live action battle, and companionship.

Come and experience the nation's most exciting and entertaining LARP system! Now you and your friends can take part in the nationally run Live Action Role Playing campaign from NERO International. The fantasy setting is a medieval based world with powerful magic, strange creatures, and plenty of fame and fortune. Play the hero or the scoundrel, but either way be prepared to reap the consequences because the NERO game world is a cohesive national setting in which the NPC's and plot lines reoccur from event to event! As a NERO player you will be able to play the same character at over 20 international locations in

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www.warweb.org

Guest Writer

~Where No Man Has Gone Before~ with special guest stars Gary Lockwood ("2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY") and Sally Kellerman ("M*A*S*H") may have been the syndicated pilot of STAR TREK for the past three decades. But now in the new millennium it has been decided apparently by the powers that be for the original broadcast premiere pilot to now become the syndicated pilot. That episode was and is ~The Man Trap~ guest starring the late Emmy winning actor Michael Zaslow (who is remembered by daytime soap opera fans as GUIDING Light's villainous Roger Thorpe) as the first doomed Enterprise crewmember in the history of STAR TREK which had also been the first recorded opportunity for Dr. Leonard "Bones McCoy" to say ~Dead, Jim!~ thus having two reasons for being arguably the most memorable introduction to STAR TREK. My votes for the best alien creatures from the original STAR TREK include the shape-shifting salt-vampire that could appear as any crewmember

on board the Enterprise including especially Dr. McCoy. My other votes also include the silicon-based Horta ("The Devil in The Dark"), the reptilian Gorn ("Arena"), the brain-bulging Talosians ("The Menagerie"), the feminine Companion (~Metamorphosis~), Trelane (played by William Campbell from "The Squire Of Gothos"), Balok (played by Clint Howard from "The Corbomite Maneuver"), ~Redjac~ (played by John Fiedler from ~Wolf In The Fold~) and the dapper Gary Seven who was portrayed by Robert Lansing with an alien cat named Isis from the time warp episode ~Assignment: Earth~ costarring Teri Garr ("Close Encounters Of The Third Kind"). I agree with practically all Trekkers that ~The City On The Edge Of Forever~ featuring guest star Joan Collins, ~STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT~ with appearances by Alfre Woodard and James Cromwell, ~STAR TREK IV: THE VOYAGE HOME~ and STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE 9's Trials And Tribble-Ations are the four best time travel storylines throughout the epic of STAR TREK. The special appearance by Oscar winning actor F. Murray Abraham as the alien



villain in ~STAR TREK: INSURRECTION~ may have been the most appealing casting choice in the STAR TREK film adaptations since Christopher Plummer as the Klingon General Chang in STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY.

Emmy nominated actors Leonard Nimoy (for STAR TREK's three seasons from 1966 to 1969) and William Shatner (for THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN in 1999) will always be one of the best male duos of the passing millennium as both Lucy Lawless and Renee O'Connor for XENA: WARRIOR PRINCESS promise to be a front runner for one of the best female duos of the new millennium. Captain Picard, Captain Sisko, Captain Janeway and their Star Fleet crews with no disrespect intended shall always despite their own fame and fortune never be as original in comparison to Kirk, Spock, Bones, Scotty, Chekov, Lt. Uhura and Sulu have always been and forever shall be where none of us have ever gone before.
 Michael Anthony Basil
 24 Wigan Drive
 Nepean, Ontario, Canada

Conventions

May 11-13 2001

MarsCon 2001: A Space Oddity

www.marscon.org

May 25-27, 2001

Women of Voyager Con

Renaissance Hotel

Cleveland, OH

May 25 - 27, 2001

MARCON 36

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Convention

Hyatt Regency

Columbus, Ohio

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July 20 - 22, 2001

TORONTO TREK 15

Regal Constellation Hotel

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

GOH: Andreas Katsulas "G'kar" from B5

July 28, 29, 30 2001

SCAPERCON

Cincinnati, OH

Guest: TBA

Marriott North

513-874-7335

August 17 - 19, 2001

SERENITY CON 2001

Marc Okrand

Richard DeAcetis

Ramada Inn - Miamisburg, Ohio

(937)847-8422

Todd Bowman

1312 Fairmount Av

Middletown, OH 45044-4319

Sept 21-23 2001

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Cleveland, OH

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Canton, OH 44735

www.regionone.net/2001

October 5 - 7, 2001

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October 5, 6, 7 2001

Context XIV

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Columbus, OH 43216

614-889-0436

October 26, 27, 28 2001

Ohio Valley Filk Fest XVII

PO Box 20125-0125

Columbus, OH 43220

614-851-0936

Nov 2-4 2001

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Myrtle beach, SC

<http://beachbash.virtualave.net>

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/beachbash>



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9

Max Olympics

10 am—?

Max meeting

5pm-?

NEW RELEASES

May 8

Soldier of Light

DS9 Avatar Book 1 & 2

May 9

ST:TNG & ST:DS9

Divided We Fall



Greetings to the crew of the mighty MAX! Sorry that I have neglected my duties as chief of security, but things haven't been going well at home. Although I have the deed to the house,

I am having problems with getting the utilities changed over to my name, but enough of that! had a halfway decent time at the Dover Peace Con. but the food was better last year. anyway I had to teach a Klingon to speak Klingonese!!!! from a Vulcan no less!!!! well that's about it except HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE U.S. S.MAXIMILLIAN!!!! I am very glad to be a part of a fine fan association. to the captain and crew CONGRATS!!!! AS ALWAYS, LIVE LONG AND PROSPER. LT. CMDR. TAMOK.

Movies coming soon

May 4

The Mummy

Returns

May 11

A Knights Tale

June 15

Tomb Raider

June 29

A.I.

July 13

Final Fantasy

July 18

Jurassic Park 3

July 27

Planet of the Apes

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Chief of Security
2. Tom Paris
3. John Gill
4. Experimental prototype
5. Ocampo
6. Joe Tormolen
7. Kai Winn Adami
8. Dagger of the Mind
9. USS Defiant
10. Jadzia Dax



TREK NEWS

05.03.01 Dispatch: Goldberg's Award has Ironic Star Trek Twist

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan on Star Trek: The Next Generation) will add another award to her already-impressive collection of accolades. The former TNG star and current center square on the syndicated game show *The Hollywood Squares* will be the recipient of the fourth annual Mark Twain Prize for Humor.

Given out by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., the award is, according to the Kennedy Center's official Web site, "a tribute to the shtick, gags, wry anecdotes, and unflinching observations that remind us that we are human."

The prestigious award is not Goldberg's first brush with the celebrated American author of "Tom Sawyer" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Star Trek fans remember that Goldberg has spent some screen time with the author (or at least a close facsimile in actor Jerry Hardin) in the two-part TNG episode "Time's Arrow," where Guinan's encounter with Mark Twain played a key role in the plot.

"Our dear Mr. Twain put it best," said Goldberg, "when he said 'Humor is the good-natured side of the truth.' I am deeply honored to join the ranks of Carl Reiner, Jonathan Winters and Richard Pryor, who, along with the great Samuel Clemens, are some of the most fabulous truth-tellers of our time." Pryor, Winters and Reiner are the three previous recipients of the award, in that order.

The official awards ceremony will be held this fall on Monday, October 15 at the Kennedy Center, in a star-studded ceremony, which will benefit the Kennedy Center Education Department to foster young American humorists. Goldberg will receive a copy of an 1884 bronze portrait bust of Mark Twain sculpted by Karl Gerhardt.

05.01.01 Dispatch: Shatner Charity Horse Show Roundup

The neighs have it — William Shatner's 11th Annual Cosequin Hollywood Charity Horse Show was a rousing success, raising hundreds of thousand of dollars for charities to benefit children.

Final tallies are not yet available, but this year's total is expected to well exceed last year's take of \$200,000. Money was raised not only from ticket sales to the Horse Show—the main event for which took place Saturday—but also from a silent auction of Star Trek and other show business-related memorabilia, and a Western Dinner Party featuring entertainer Rita Coolidge, all held at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.

About 2500 children were in attendance from LA's BEST, one of the beneficiaries of the fundraiser, to spend Saturday afternoon getting to know Clydesdales and Spanish Horses and to participate in other activities, and then to cheer the riders in the evening's show.

In a Shatner-inspired twist to your normal horse show, volunteers helping to entertain the children included members of two Star Trek fan clubs — one local and one from Las Vegas — who were there in costume. Starfleet personnel, Klingons and even a Mugato marched alongside medieval knights and princesses and modern-day mounted policemen in a "Time Parade of Heroes" that kicked off the main show in the Equidome.

After a galloping welcome by Shatner, a demonstration from *Ahead with Horses*—another charity benefiting from the occasion—showed how disabled children can benefit from exercises performed on horseback and have a lot of fun doing it. The main attraction was a medieval-style tournament featuring jousting and swordfighting among the Imperial Knights of Moreno Valley, California, who were "competing" for the hand of the "princess"—one of the disabled children from the *Ahead with Horses* program. Shatner closed the show in the Renaissance spirit, raising a sword and declaring, "Above all else, love."

Ahead with Horses is a therapeutic riding group for handicapped children, and LA's BEST (Better Educated Students for Tomorrow) is a program to provide supervised after-school education for children ages 5 to 12 in Los Angeles. The third beneficiary this year is The Children's Museum of Los Angeles, a play-centered arts environment that encourages children to think creatively.

The Hollywood Charity Horse Show is an annual event that started in 1990 after Shatner first watched an exhibition sponsored by *Ahead With Horses*. The famous equine enthusiast (who, of course, gained worldwide fame playing "Captain Kirk") saw children so severely handicapped they could not hold their head up perform intricate exercises on horseback. Shatner was deeply affected by what he had seen. "You can't watch these kids without knowing you have to help, somehow," he said.



05.01.01 Dispatch: Masterson to Crown Sexiest Geek Alive

For the second year in a row, Chase Masterson ("Leeta" in Star Trek: Deep Space Nine) will help prove to the world that being a geek is cool. The shapely Dabo girl

will host the finals of the second annual Sexiest Geek Alive contest to be held in San Jose, California, on June 21.

"They're smart, they're pasty faced, and they know their way around a RAM cache. Now the geeks have their own beauty contest," announced *Time* magazine last week, with a photo of Masterson showing off last year's winner, Tony Northrup.

Sponsored by Imark Communications and the website *Geek & Guru*, the contest is holding semi-final competitions both on-line and in cities around the country in conjunction with Information Technology conferences. Contenders of either gender can register on-line at www.sexiestgeekalive.com, where their intellect is tested by answering 40 questions on the Web site about technology and "geek culture," including Star Trek trivia. Based on points awarded for correct answers and a follow-up interview, contestants are selected to compete either online or in person at a local conference (visitors to the Web site can vote for the online candidates). Finalists will then travel to San Jose to compete for bragging rights to the title of Sexiest Geek Alive along with cash and prizes—and a chance to pose with Masterson—in a pageant held in conjunction with the Broadband Year 2001 conference.

04.26.01 Dispatch: Dawson and Beltran Honored, Present at ALMA's

The American Latino Media Arts (ALMA) Awards were held this past weekend, and Star Trek: Voyager cast members Roxann Dawson ("B'Elanna Torres") and Robert Beltran ("Chakotay") were on hand both to be honored and to present awards.

The pair of Star Trek stars received the "Outstanding Achievement in a Television Series Award" for their work on *Voyager*. The award was presented to Dawson and Beltran by Director Jesus Salvador Trevino. Trevino has directed numerous Star Trek: Deep Space Nine episodes including "Sons and Daughters" and "The Begotten," and also directed both Dawson and Beltran in various *Voyager* episodes including "Day of Honor," "Concerning Flight" and "Retrospect."

Dawson and Beltran also presented at the awards show, together handing out the awards for "Outstanding Actor in a Daytime Drama" and "Outstanding Daytime Drama." Coincidentally, the awards were held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, where Dawson had recently appeared at the Grand Slam Convention.

The ALMA Awards will be telecast on ABC on June 1; check your local listings for air-times.



Fridays 9pm on



THE FUTURE IS NOW
SCIFI.COM

Huge and powerful, D'Argo was wrongly imprisoned by the Peacekeepers as a scapegoat for the murder of his own Sebacean wife, Lo'Lann. His hatred for the Peacekeepers runs deeper than most, and he lives to reunite with his son, and to avenge the wrongs that have been done him and his family. His experience aboard Moya, and the love and friendship he's seen develop among Moya's crew has taught him patience and understanding... to some degree. His relationship with Zhaan, in particular, has taught him that there is much that's mightier than the sword (or Qualta Blade, his Luxan



weapon of choice, half sword, half energy rifle). D'Argo admires Zhaan for this more than he'd ever admit out loud... fortunately, Zhaan can often sense what goes unsaid.



Pilot is an independent entity, but he operates symbiotically with his Leviathan (Moya), and the upper half of his torso, the part that we see, is the only part of him that is entirely his own. His much larger lower half is made up of neural tentacles which thread through and fuse with Moya's systems. Pilot is, to Moya, some combination of operator, bodyguard and partner. Because of this symbiotic fusing, he knows when she's scared, eager, excited, or sad, and he communicates Moya's thoughts to Crichton and the others. He and Moya are made complete by their ability to serve the members of the crew, but they are in no way obligated to follow the desires or needs of the crew if their own agendas disagree. Pilot is most often polite and respectful to the crew of Moya, but it's clear that his loyalty is to Moya first and the others second.

Star Wars Episode II



Breaking the Celluloid Ceiling

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At this year's NAB Conference in Las Vegas, representatives from Lucasfilm were featured in a video highlighting the revolutionary process of shooting Episode II on all-digital cameras. Sony and Panavision pooled their expertise to provide director George Lucas with digital 24-frame progressive high definition cameras to use instead of traditional film cameras. "It's as profound a change as going from silent to talkies and going from black and white to color," said Lucas in the presentation. "I've always been pushing the envelope of the medium, because I want to get the best possible image in the best possible way in telling my stories. I've always found myself bumping up against this celluloid ceiling of technology that says 'You can't go here; you can't go there; you can't do that.'"

The new digital cameras make obsolete those technical limitations. "The [new] possibilities center around malleability in terms of what you can do with the image, how you can change the image and work with it. That's the biggest issue the film-

maker will be faced with," said Lucas. "The equipment is easier to use and that allows you to get more angles and do more things than you'd normally be able to do. And once you've captured the image, the digital technology allows you to do an unlimited amount of changes and work in different ways that were not possible with the photo-chemical process."



Post Production Supervisor Mike Blanchard cited an example of the amount of time saved not waiting for traditional film processing. "Basically, we'd have an editorial assistant take the tape from the two cameras at lunch time to a down conversion and cloning station," said Blanchard. "In real time, say you've got 25 minutes of material -- 25 minutes later you were delivering a tape to the Editorial Department, and we were logging and cutting."

Using largely the same crew as he did for Episode I, Lucas noted the time saved. "I was able to go from 26 setups a day to 37 setups a day," the director said. "I was able to shoot under schedule by three days, and a lot of this has to do with not having that extra hour at night watching

dailies. Not having to do this reloading and that sort of thing, it speeds up the process in terms of the amount of work you can do in a day."

"There are substantial cost savings," added Producer Rick McCallum. "On Star Wars alone we believe we saved just over 1.7 million dollars shooting on Hi-Def."

Though some debate the quality of a digital image compared to a 35mm film image, many prominent directors have gone on record in favor of digital's picture quality. "I think Episode II looks better than Episode I in terms of the technical quality of the image," Lucas said. "James Cameron, Francis Ford Coppola and a lot of other directors have come through here to see what we're doing. They're very enthusiastic about digital, and are amazed at what we've been able to accomplish. We had no problems whatsoever with the camera or the medium or anything. We shot in the desert. We shot in the rain. We shot in all kinds of conditions. The picture looks absolutely gorgeous."

"I'm completely sold on digital," added Lucas. "I can't imagine ever going back."



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