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INAUGURAL MAXOLYMPICS QUIDDITCH CLASSIC

The first Maxolympics Quidditch Classic was a long, hard fought game. Columbus Cruciatius took the lead early but after the first of many breaks AstraMaxima came back fighting. Due to the heat of the day the players needed to take breaks every so often and the game went long into the afternoon. In the end Columbus Cruciatius were the victors.



Gracious in defeat, AstraMaxima team captain and Maximillian XO, Lisa Lombardi, awarded the Inaugural Maxolympics Quidditch Classic trophy to the team captain for Columbus Cruciatius

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FROM THE COMMAND CHAIR
 CPT CJ BIRO, COMMANDING OFFICER

The spring busy season has come and gone, and we're into the heart of the summer. A successful MaxOlympics, the 2nd season of the bowling league underway, new memberships, fund raisers, and more have all contributed to putting the Max on track to one of the best years ever! I'm looking forward to TrekBowl, DragonCon, and the summer time fun that makes it all worthwhile. Later this year, King's Island, marathons, and more are already in the works. 2008 is a busy, busy year for the Mighty Max.

On a slightly different note, the Max is a sizable organization, over 60 members. The fun things we do, the events we plan and host, the activities we have available for us... They all require someone to step up and be in charge. Your command staff steps up for most of these, and a few dedicated

members have also come forward to make the Max a fun place, but in the end, if an organization such as this is to continue to thrive, and flourish, we need you, the membership, to not only participate in events, but help bring those events about. If you'd like to see what goes into planning an event, or creating one, I urge to you come forward, and talk to me, or the first officer, or any of the department heads. If you'd like to try your hand at hosting something, by all means, come forward! It's challenging work sometimes, but when it all comes together...it's something really special, and it's a feeling I want you all to have the chance to experience.

Captain Out



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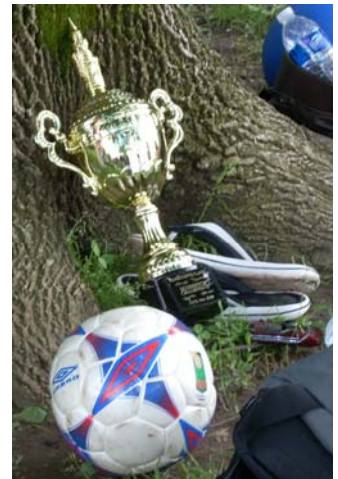
FIRST OFFICIER REPORT
 CMDR LISA LOMBARDI, FIRST OFFICER

Not much to report this month. The MaxOlympics went swimmingly, though we lost at Quidditch. The movie and dinner get-togethers were well attended and I'm glad to see that TV Nights are on the upswing again. Coming up in the next few months is Trek Bowl, Dragon*Con, Context, and more swell

chances for fellowship. And let's not forget my birthday this month. :)

Also, don't forget to check the open positions for this month and apply to the Command Staff if you're interested.

First Officer out.



SECURITY REPORT

CMDR NATHAN COBAUGH, SECURITY OFFICER

I hope everyone had a good 4th of July. I really wanted to apologize for last month by not getting an edition of the Mighty Max Adventures done in time for the newsletter. Rest assured this month, I went all out on this edition by making it full of everything, including the new and improved Doctor Who. Hopefully, everyone will enjoy this month's edition since I did go into a two page spread. This brings me to a new point in the life of The Mighty Max Adventures. Would the crew like to see a bi-monthly edition where there are two pages, or a monthly edition

with one page? This is a question I would like to present to the crew.

Still attending school at Tech-Skills working on my MCSA Certification and now getting ready to start working at Tele-performance in the Verizon FiOS area. Fiber Optic Service for Verizon... YAY! I am looking forward towards getting some actual Technical Support experience to be applied towards my career in IT and now that I will be finally getting into a more steady line of employment, I am hoping to actually get more done in the way of music and IT.

Unfortunately, my main computer went down and I am in the process of rebuilding it, :(

Most of my work being done now with all school and everything else is being done on an old IBM Thinkpad. So please forgive me, if some of the quality is not as good as it used to be. There are some ideas that I would like to present to the crew of the Maximillian for next year's Marcon. Of course, I will wait until an actual meeting.

Until next month, this is your Chief of Security, Skrit, signing off



"OF DOLLARS AND CENTS"

CMDR ERICA STANLEY, SHIP'S PURSER



Hi, all. Here are the totals after the June meeting and dinner at BW3s. The expenses to report at this time are food for the picnic and a pack of receipt books.

Total Balance: \$1,178.08
 General Fund: \$95.54
 Charity Fund: \$457.54
 Telescope Raffle: \$625.00
 Expenses: \$85.95

New Memberships (\$20.00 at BW3s and Marcon)

Rich Cates
 Hydy Cates
 Aine West (Aine was accidentally put in the renewed membership list in last month's newsletter entry; this is to rectify that mistake.)

Renewed Memberships (\$10.00 at the June meeting)

Keith Culbertson

Memberships Due within 3 months

Sean Adrian-August

Belle Bushman-July

Craig Bushman-July

Kristin Bushman-July

Nathan Cobaugh-July

Carol Conquest-July

Nicole Reiter-July

Jasmine Rice-July

Natalie Ryan-July

William Ryder-August

Melody Senters-July

Memberships Past Due

Dominique Black-April

Joseph Brown-May

John Chubb-May

Robin Goldblum-May

Gavin Haire-May

Mary Haire-May

Tom Haire-May

Tommy Haire-May

Mark Hamilton-May

Red Nienkirchen-May

Steven Pompa-April

Cora Rawlings-June

Gabe Soloman-June

Rachel Steiner-June

Ryan Stump-June

Richard Watson-June

Jim Yoder-May

Dan Young-April

Happy July

Birthdays:

Erica Stanley and

Lisa Lombardi



MEETING MINUTES

LCDR RICHARD WATSON, HOLODECK MAINTENANCE

CJ calls the meeting to order / **Captain's report**
Successful Marcon

Skit won 2 awards
Audience Favorite
Best in Class Novice

Repeat success and expand next year

Pixie Stix

Raffle went well

Charles promoted to Admiral

Matt retired / not a voting Admiral, but still on the ship.

First Officer Hot Pants' Report:

Open Positions
Yeoman
Shuttle Ops
Missionary
Strategic Ops
Etc...

Looking for newsletter volunteers

In the process of updating the website

Check your entry on the roster to verify correctness

Inappropriate comment about Lisa's hair.

Welcome new members Aine, Tim, and Dawn.

Treasurer Report:

Raffle off to wonderful start; pulled in \$600; just under 40 tickets left.

\$105 membership dollars

\$166.49... a crapload of money.

Many, many members renewed their memberships.

Richard's membership is up for renewal.

Old Bidness:

CJ wants to beat people into submission... punch and pie.

Lisa's progress on her campaign platform etc.

Blood sacrifice guarantees success in Masquerade... we may try this approach in other endeavours.

Max helped out at Marcon - rewards to satiate our desires both subtle and gross.

Dragoncon in 3 months
9 or 10 members going largest away mission ever

Kings Island Trip

June 15 deadline for cheap tickets. Need to determine a date... we just determined Halloweekend.

Richard almost threw up last year.

Chris needs a power drill

Possible Cedar Point trip.

Blood! Blood for the blood god!!!

Trek Bowl returns in 2008!

Aiming for first Saturday in August.

Finished first season of Max bowling league, summer season starts June 22nd.

H.P. Lanes
Sundays 6pm - 8pm

Richard ate some of Lisa's chocolate which is really his chocolate because he bought it. Chocolate doesn't mix well with Hot-n-Spicy Cheezits.

CJ says utensils are good - we try not to snicker.

Riverbend Pavilion: Attend Star Trek music concert in costume.

Susan exhibits at COSI... no, there will be a CSI exhibit at COSI.

Ralph says "Marcon"... multiple times.

New Bidness:

HP Ohio vs Max Quidditch (Chris bought a phallic shaped trophy)

Chris is now Tribune of membership, and permanent Commodore.

Chris = problems.

Will cut his lawn, won't be going to Dragoncon.

Natalie is logistics and engineering for Marcon; would love Max people to help for reduced or free memberships.

End of Month Dinner:

BW3 at Graceland June 25th

City BBQ next month.



Richard taking minutes at the MaxOlympics Meeting.

“Blood sacrifice guarantees success in Masquerade... we may try this approach in other endeavours.”



Richard drawing during the meeting

WALL-E REVIEW

CMDR NATHAN COBAUGH, SECURITY OFFICER



Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class (WALL-E) is a little trash compacter 'bot that was left running on Earth after everyone left due to the mass waste that was left from the human race. WALL-E is an endearing little guy who is responsible for clean-up and falls in love with EVE a sleek new 'bot from the automated scout ship sent to determine when Earth is able to support life.

Pixar creates another smash hit this time with very little dialog other than human speech. EVE and WALL-E

communicate with each other almost strictly through beeps, clicks, and whistles. Primarily it is a love story between two 'bots and a subplot with the remaining human race and how they have survived in space. And of course it features the voice of John Ratzenberger again, so as not to jinx the success of the film.

From a child's perspective, the movie is enjoyable and chock full of cool science-fiction, FX, and 'bots. On the intellectual side there are a lot of adult themes concerning the future of the human race and the reliance on Artificial Intelligence, A.I. There are a lot of references to some of the great science fiction movies of old and new. Although, WALL-E can touch nerves especially when some of the themes that it addresses have to do with the humanity of a robot but not humans themselves. What makes the movie so contro-

versial is that all the remaining humans have become so dependent on machines that lack of exercise, no individual thought, laziness, and mass consumption are as common as salt and pepper. That is until WALL-E shows up.

The overall impression of the movie while watching is enjoyable and entertaining. Unfortunately, the minute one starts thinking, and that is the problem, not what you would expect from a Pixar film and more of a serious science fiction film. The minute the critic in you starts to analyze the film, the more you wonder whether Pixar made this movie for the kids, or for the adult. Pixar practically begs you to ask the question, 'Is this a love story?' or 'Is this a science fiction film?' There are definitely mixed opinions of the film, although I am unsure as to whether or not I would categorize this as a family film.

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DESTROYED EARTH

CMDR JOHN CHUBB, CHIEF OF ARMORY

Some people are fascinated by the plot device of destroyed Earth civilizations. Where Earth is left a nuclear wasteland or the planet is just gone altogether.

I myself am not one of them.

I find myself horrified by the prospect of the Earth being destroyed; whether by nu-

clear war, alien invasion or whatever disaster happens.

I remember watching my first destroyed Earth. It was a mini series of Ray Bradbury's 'The Martian Chronicles'. At the end of part 2 a restaurant owner was looking through a telescope at Earth and nuclear war broke out. The planet turned pukish brown



and disappeared. No boom, no so called 'cool explosion (unless you count the rocket launch), the Earth just turned brown and disappeared. The owner looked horrified by what he had seen, and the narration afterwards offered no comfort either.

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**STAR TREK: THE MUSIC WITH THE CINCINNATI POPS
FEATURING JOHN DELANCIE AND ROBERT PICARDO
CMDR LISA LOMBARDI, FIRST OFFICER**



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versions. The various movie music was played, including the Klingon theme (to which the Klingons in their seats head-banged), and even a track from Star Trek 5: The Final Efrontery (as DeLancie said it was called by fans). We heard the themes from Deep Space 9 and Voyager as well, though not Enterprise and I think you can figure out why. :)

During the intermission, I was told by the event director that

Robert Picardo was going to take us onstage and thank us for our efforts there that night. We hung around backstage for a while and some of us got pictures with the actors. Then I, Big John the Klingon, and a very accurate Admiral Kirk were lead in front of the orchestra and personally thanked by Picardo for being there.

After the show, I was asked by a movie-ear Spock if I would be in Starbase 06's float for the midnight July 4th parade the next week. He said I looked the part so well

with my wig and uniform that he wanted me to sit on the Original Series bridge set they were building for the float. I would be driving through Indiana to see my parents anyway, so I agreed. (Incidentally, that was a terrific time and we won Best Float).

All in all, it was an excellent night, and I enjoyed the chance to network with some of the other fan groups. Hopefully, we will be seeing more of them at some inter-ship events throughout the year.



LIVESCRIBE PULSE: HANDWRITING TAKES A DIGITAL LEAP FORWARD
 CMDR SUSAN MORAN, SCIENCE OFFICER



Note taking has one big problem: whether you take notes by writing with a pen or typing on a keyboard, you're forced to strike an uneasy balance between detail and speed so that you don't miss anything but still have a reliable record that you can use hours or days after the initial presentation. Well, what if you had all of the context you needed thanks to a digital pen system that combined your writ-

ten notes with a recording of the speaker talking? That would probably help eliminate a lot of the worries about accuracy or speed, leaving you to clarify the occasional point with some scrawl.

That's the idea behind Livescribe's new Pulse Smartpen system: it combines a digital pen with special paper that synchronizes

your writing with the audio recorded by its built-in microphone, allowing you to download the result to your computer via USB and play it back while reading your notes through the pen's core software. Though the pen isn't cheap - MSRP is \$149



for the 1 GB model and \$199 for the 2GB model - Livescribe has eliminated one

major obstacle to adoption: they've not only stated that their special paper will be comparable in cost to standard notebook paper, but will be offering a free template for use with laser printers.

DESTROYED EARTH (CONTINUED)
 CMDR JOHN CHUBB, CHIEF OF ARMORY

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But then again, it wasn't supposed to.

Earth was destroyed. It died. It took a sick color and disintegrated.

I never forgot that. I could not believe people could be so stupid as to destroy their own world. After seeing that, I didn't need to see a destroyed Earth again.

But there were other times the 'Destroyed Earth' formula crossed my way.

One time was a movie called 'Damnation Alley' starring George Peppard and Jan Michael Vincent. In it nuclear war broke out and survivors of a military base had to cross the country to head to the only city untouched by the holocaust-Albany New York. To do that they had to brave mutated giant scorpions,

sandstorms, armor plated flesh eating cockroaches (I'm still horrified at the thought of that one) and one or two other dangers.

The ending was good, as it had survivors coming in to meet Vincent, but the middle....well keep me away from the cockroaches. And giant scorpions.

And who can forget the ending of Planet of the Apes-the original not the remake. Charleton Heston shouting 'They did it!' and in the distance was the ruined head of the Statue of Liberty signifying that the Planet of the Apes was Earth, and that humans had destroyed it.

Judge Dredd also had a nuclear wasteland outside the Mega City, The Cursed Earth. Some made their lives out in that wasteland rather than stay in the city. Even in Star Trek, the planet of Charon

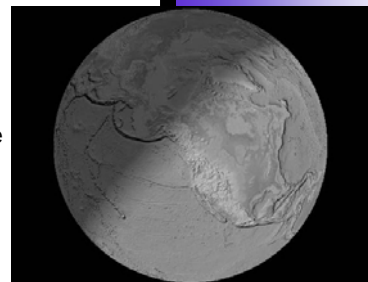
was described as a destroyed world, okay that's not Earth, but the principle is the same. A civilization destroyed itself.

But when the civilization is Earth, the one where we live. It hits close to home.

There are some that might think a post apocalyptic Earth is 'cool', like something out of Mad Max or 'The Road Warrior'. Everyone dressed in leather, tatters and animal skins fighting for gas. Or they see the explosion and go "Wow! Cool explosion!" I'm not one of them.

I think there's a bit of a joke when it comes to post apocalyptic or destroyed Earths. The joke is Sci-Fi is supposed to be the world of the future, the dreams of the better tomorrow. But in a destroyed world.....there is NO future!

“Earth was destroyed. It died. It took a sick color and disintegrated.”



OPEN WIDE . . .
CPT MIKE STANLEY, CMO

Since it's been in the news so much recently, I thought I'd submit something timely this month. Try not to focus too much on this as you enjoy that hamburger at your next summer cookout .

WHAT IS E COLI?

The bacteria *Escherichia coli* was named for the Austrian doctor, Theodor von Escherich (1857-1911), who first isolated the genus of bacteria belonging to the

family enterobacteriaceae, tribe Eschericheae. This bacteria is the common inhabitant of the intestinal tract of man and other animals. Because of its difficult name, it is usually referred to as *E.coli*.

We need this bacteria to breakdown cellulose and it assists in the absorption of vitamin K, the bloodclotting vitamin.

But not all forms are so help-

ful. *E. coli* O157:H7, which was first identified in 1982, is a particularly nasty version. It secretes a powerful poison, called a verotoxin, that binds to receptors on human kidney, brain and gut cells and kills them.

Not all people have the receptors, which explains why some people — and animals, including cattle — who get

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The event will include never-

Fathom and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios are proud to present *WarGames* back on the big screen after 25 years. Don't miss this one-night-only event in select movie theatres nationwide on Thursday, July 24th at 7:30PM (local).

before-seen interviews with cast and crew on how the movie was ahead of its time and its relevance today. Additionally, only at this one night event, get a sneak peek at the making of the sequel – *WarGames: The Dead Code*.

Movie synopsis: Computer hacker David Lightman (Matthew Broderick) can bypass the most advanced security systems, break the most intricate secret codes and master even the most difficult computer games. But when he unwittingly taps into the Defense Department's war computer, he initiates a confrontation of global proportions

World War III! Together with his girlfriend (Ally Sheedy) and a wizardly computer genius (Tony Award® winner John Wood), David must race against time to outwit his opponent... and prevent a nuclear Armageddon.

Tickets on sale now! Go to www.fanthomevents.com to enter your zip code to find a participating theatre near you.



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 CPT MIKE STANLEY, CMO

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O157:H7 become very ill and some don't.

E.coli O157:H7 is a mutant form of this bacteria found specifically in the intestinal tract of cattle. For the remainder of this article, and for simplicity's sake, it is this mutant form that will be referred to as E.coli.

According the United States

Department of Agriculture, the muscle of cattle, which we eat as meat, is sterile. It is only after this meat comes in contact with the contents of the intestines or the feces of infected cattle does it become contaminated.

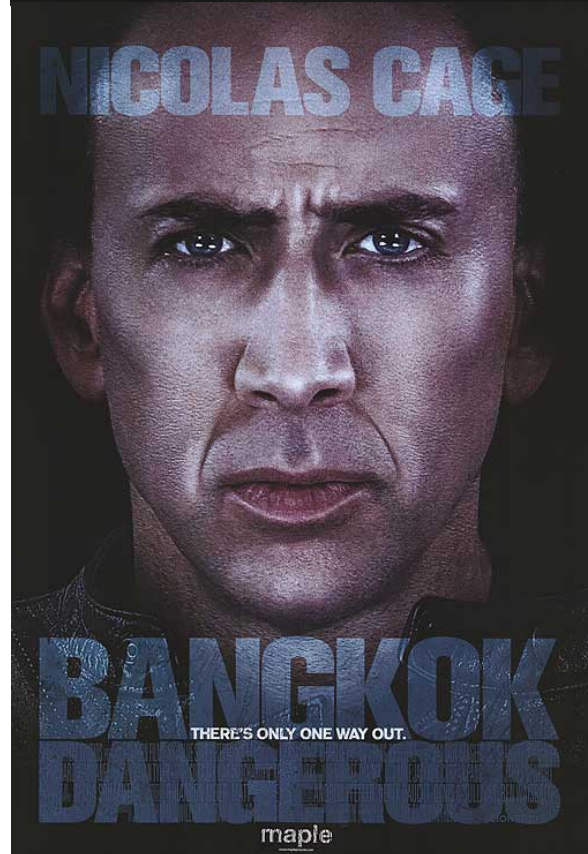
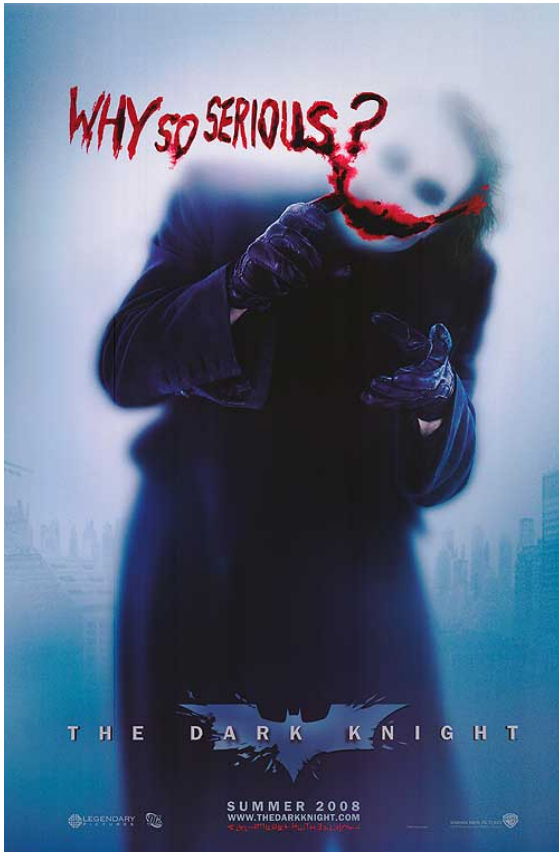
But where does E.coli come from? As of today this is a mystery that no one has been able to solve. It is thought that cattle subjected to

stress are more likely to have E.coli. And cattle become more stressed when they are rounded up on the farms and ranches, herded into semi-trucks, and hauled to slaughter houses.

Because of these abnormally small enclosures, these cattle may defecate and urinate onto each other. Now their hides are covered with this filth as they are led to slaugh-

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ter. In the slaughter houses, the cattle are stunned and hung from hooks on a conveyor line, where the first thing done is the removal of their hides. Occasionally these conveyor belts move in jerky motions causing swaying which may cause the contaminated hides to flap against the exposed meat of the animal carcass or that of a neighboring carcass. It takes only a very minute amount of contamination to infect the meat.



Sometimes an entire animal carcass falls unto the filthy floor of the slaughter house and it is hung back on the line with insufficient or even no cleaning whatsoever.



And sometimes during the cutting of the carcass, the intestines of the animal are accidentally sliced and their contents explode over the exposed meat.

But what about the meat inspectors, you ask? Unbelievable as it may seem, the meat

inspection laws of this country where enacted in 1907 as holdovers from the 19th century. These laws only allowed the government meat inspec-

tors the opportunity to look, smell, and touch the meat. There are absolutely no provisions to do microscopic testing! And regrettably no one can see, smell, or feel the E.coli bacteria.

In the summer of 1996 these laws were updated with the establishment of a scientific based method called HACCP, which called for mandatory microbial testing. This type of testing has been done for the astronaut program for thirty years! HACCP stands for Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points, a long name that is pronounced HAS-sup. It basically requires the meat industry to use a science-based methodology to look at their processing procedure, and determine where there is a likelihood of contamination occurrence. From here, the processors need to remedy the situation. All this will be implemented with audit trails, as well as training for those individuals involved with this process.

The most common meat to be infected with E.coli bacteria is hamburger meat. This is because normally the hamburger you buy is made from the meat of up to 100 different head of cattle. Usually it is not the finest top quality animals that are ground up as hamburger, but old non-milk producing cows. This is especially true of hamburger meat fed to our children in school lunch programs. Because it only takes a micro-

scopic amount of meat from one infected animal to contaminate an entire batch of meat and then this large batch of meat is divided and sent to stores and restaurants throughout a large geographic area.

Through DNA testing it was determined that the Jack-in-the-Box hamburger meat which killed six year-old Lauren Rudolph from Carlsbad, CA in December 1992, was the same Jack-in-the-Box hamburger meat which killed people in the State of Washington as well as Las Vegas, NV in January and February 1993.

Up until the late 1970's no one had any idea of what was causing this strange illness now known as E.coli poisoning or "the hamburger disease." In 1977 there was an outbreak which was traced to McDonald's hamburgers in Alberta, Canada. The symptoms were severe abdominal cramps, followed by bloody diarrhea. Some of the infected people came down with hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), which starts by shutting down a victim's kidneys and then attacking and shutting down just about every organ in the body. There is no cure for HUS, and it is very often fatal.

Canadian medical researchers were called in to track down this terrible illness. At first, the researchers suspected that it might be the

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reconstituted onions used on the hamburgers. But Dr. Mohammed Karmali eventually found the correlation between the hamburger meat, the E.coli, and the sickness. Today Dr. Karmali is the one of the most respected E.coli authorities in the world.

Since that noted Jack-in-the-Box outbreak in early 1993, there have been over 100 other outbreaks in this country. The USDA believes that the incidences of E.coli poisoning are increasing. Today HUS is the leading cause of kidney failure in children.

For some odd reason E.coli appears to affect primarily children and senior citizens. But that was no comfort to the family 13 year-old Eric Mueller of Oceanside, CA who died in November 1993 after eating a cheeseburger at a local fast food restaurant. And it was no comfort to 18

year-old Laura Day who was stricken after eating a hamburger while attending the University of Alabama shortly before Thanksgiving 1993. Laura spent 42 days in the hospital and like the Mueller family, her family spent over one-quarter million dollars for her treatment. Today Laura is again attending the University but her family is financially ruined. And the medical experts have no idea what kind of long term medical problems she will continue to suffer.

What's the answer? The best solution to the E.coli epidemic appears to be the updating of our antiquated meat inspection laws. The first step in this fight was completed in July 1996 when President Clinton signed legislation which requires the meat and poultry industry to implement science-based inspection, including micro-

bial detection under HACCP. Also, attempts were made in congress to initiate legislation called the Family Food Protection Act (FFPA) which would have brought meat inspections laws even more up-to-date.

The types of reform present in The Family Food Protection Act will modernize the current inspection system and better protect the public health. The bill can be broken down into three sections: Pathogen Reduction; Farm-to-Table Protections; and Enforcement.

PATHOGEN REDUCTION- Pathogens are bacteria which cause disease in humans. The FFPA, calls for USDA to: Set standards for pathogens in meat based on the best scientific data. Require meat and poultry processors to microbially test their products before they reach consumers.

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Define acceptable standards as those protecting all consumers, including children and the elderly, not just the "average" consumer.

Set definitions for pathogens as "adulterants" under the law meaning that they are then the government's responsibility to exclude from commerce wherever they are found

FARM-TO-TABLE PROTECTIONS

Current regulations focus only at slaughter and processing plants. The FFPA would require protection for the consumer from farm to table and permit USDA to: Trace contaminated meat to its source and thus develop animal husbandry practices that minimize the presence of harmful bacteria.

Require slaughter and processing plants to utilize processing controls to prevent

meat and poultry from becoming contaminated.

Establish an Advisory Board to the Secretary of Inspection which would include consumers as well as industry.

Assist states in developing and monitoring microbial standards programs in retail establishments to minimize bacterial contamination and more uniformly protect the public's health.

ENFORCEMENT

Current enforcement tools are inadequate and have led to consumers being told to control deadly bacteria at their tables. Parents of E.coli victims have been chastised for not knowing better than to feed their children hamburgers that aren't fully cooked. The FFPA has provisions to keep contaminated meat and poultry off supermarket shelves and away from consumers. The USDA will then have the ability to respond quickly and appropriately to

public health threats by:

Mandatory recall authority over contaminated meat and poultry products. Unbelievably, the current system only permits voluntary recall.

Withdrawing Federal Inspection from plants that are repeat violators. Mandating civil fines for meat and poultry plants that violate processing controls.

Instituting whistleblower protection for private plant employees to protect their jobs when they report processing violations.

With this unified approach, our country will be start on the road to making the hamburger meat we feed our children safe to eat. It will once again allow for the exportation of our meat to countries that currently don't accept our meat because of our inspection system and their fear of contamination.

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MIGHTY MAX Adventures

by **3** *skit*

THIS MONTH:

Something Wicked This Way....

Captain's Log Supplemental: We appeared to have encountered a vergence in the space time continuum as a result of the distortions caused by the 20th century definition of a black hole that we were studying. Now, it would seem a 23rd century version of Critch has materialized informing us of a possible situation developing throughout the known universe and several others. We still have yet to determine the nature of the threat and in so doing, have informed Starfleet of the situation. As of yet, the threat is simply being referred to as "The Darkness." Until I can confirm or deny any of this, I have placed First Officer Luna in charge while I await Starfleet's appraisal.



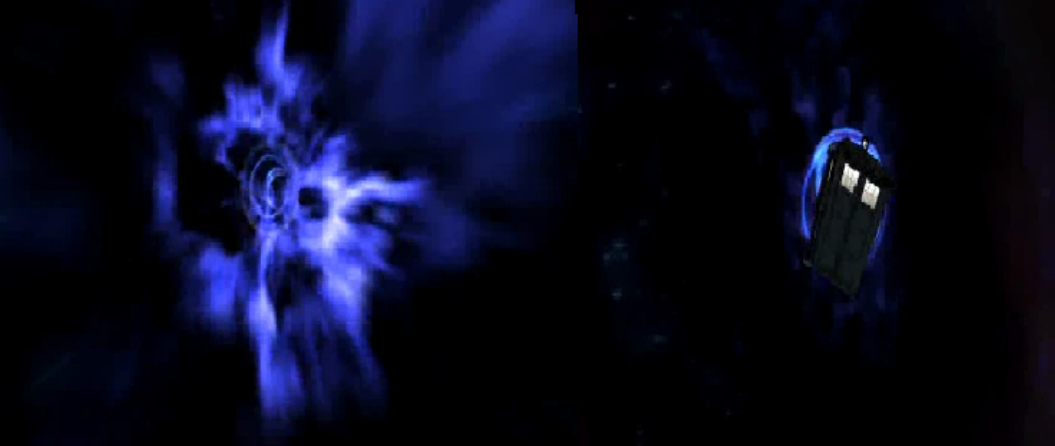
 <p>The Captain would like me talk to you about this so called darkness. What can you tell us? I understand you come from the 23rd century?</p>	 <p>I do have a message, but I can only deliver it to one of two people. Judging, by the fact that the one I need to talk to on this ship is Blobbin.</p>	 <p>I understand that you wanted to speak to me of this threat? Now please tell me what you need to tell me and I will see what we can do to help you. That is of course providing that Nirathi feels that this darkness is something we can combat.</p>
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This goes way beyond this universe, it is going to affect every universe and reality. We are going to need help and I have two words for you...



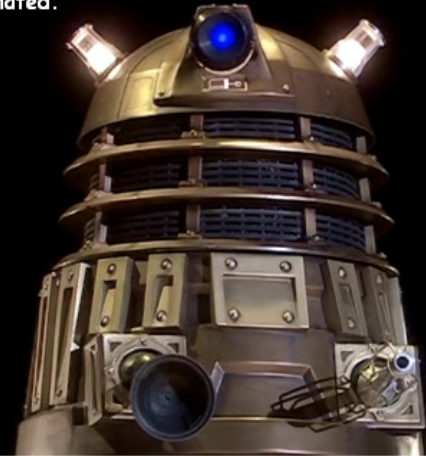
Shortly after the message, Blobbin sends a message across space and time to an old friend...



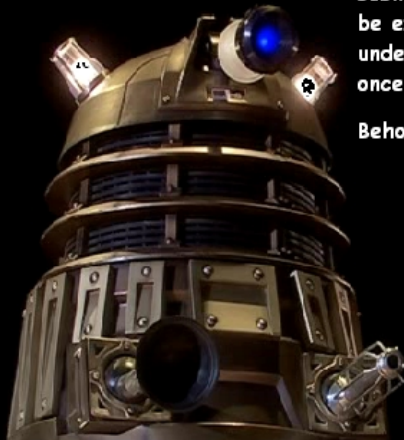
Message received, Blobbin, I will be there shortly, in the meantime don't do anything. I repeat don't...(static)



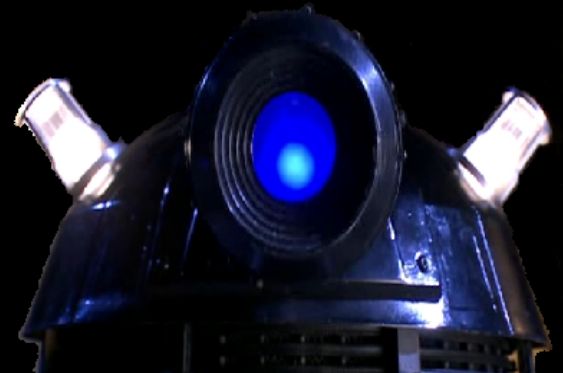
We are the Dal-eks. We have intercepted your attempt to communicate with The Doctor. You will be exterminated.



There is no escape, you will submit to the will of Davros or be exterminated, do not underestimate us. The Daleks once again will rule the universe. Behold our leader...



I am the Supreme Commander of the Daleks and give you this one warning...Turn Right and join us.



Would someone care to elaborate on what is going on here? What am I supposed to tell the Captain? Blobbin?



This is the one time you will not see me smiling Jhemma. For the first time, only The Doctor can help. The space-time continuum is in flux and this is beyond us.



Well, what is it? What am I going to tell Nirathi?

Sorry, Jhemma, I can't say... SPOILERS!!!

What is this unspeakable darkness that the Mighty Max faces? Will The Doctor arrive in time? Tune in next month for a new exciting adventure!

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-CHRISTA MCAULIFFE, 1986

STAR TREK: THE MUSIC WITH THE CINCINNATI POPS FEATURING JOHN DELANCIE AND ROBERT PICARDO CMDR LISA LOMBARDI, FIRST OFFICER

On June 28th, I, CJ, and Isa drove down to Riverbend Pavilion to take part in an event presented by the Cincinnati Pops. Fan groups from around Ohio and Indiana had been invited to participate by dressing in uniform and mingling with the patrons to add color and interest to the evening. We were also allowed a table to show off our group, which we did, along with representatives from the Klingon ship K'mpec and an Indianapolis ship, the USS Endeavour.

The night was hot and muggy and the uniforms did not breathe well, but we com-

pletely avoided the rain that was predicted. In fact, it was so hot, the Velcro on my duty belt melted off and I wasn't able to carry my phaser and communicator. I still had a costume that interested people, though, especially as I had made a blonde beehive Yeoman Rand wig, complete with basketweave which got many, many pictures taken of it and got the Max table a lot of attention. Cathy put together a Captain Kirk uniform for CJ at the last minute, so we had two Original Series bridge crew represented, and a Next Generation diplomat in the form of Isa, who wel-

comed guests at the front gate while CJ and I schmoozed with crowds at the table.

When the sun began to set, the orchestra started up. John DeLancie and Robert Picardo, in full tuxedos, narrated the night with stories of Star Trek lore, their own experiences, and a little bit of humor. The band played several variations of the original theme song, from the pilot episode, to the revised, upbeat version that got used for the show, to the movies and Next Gen



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