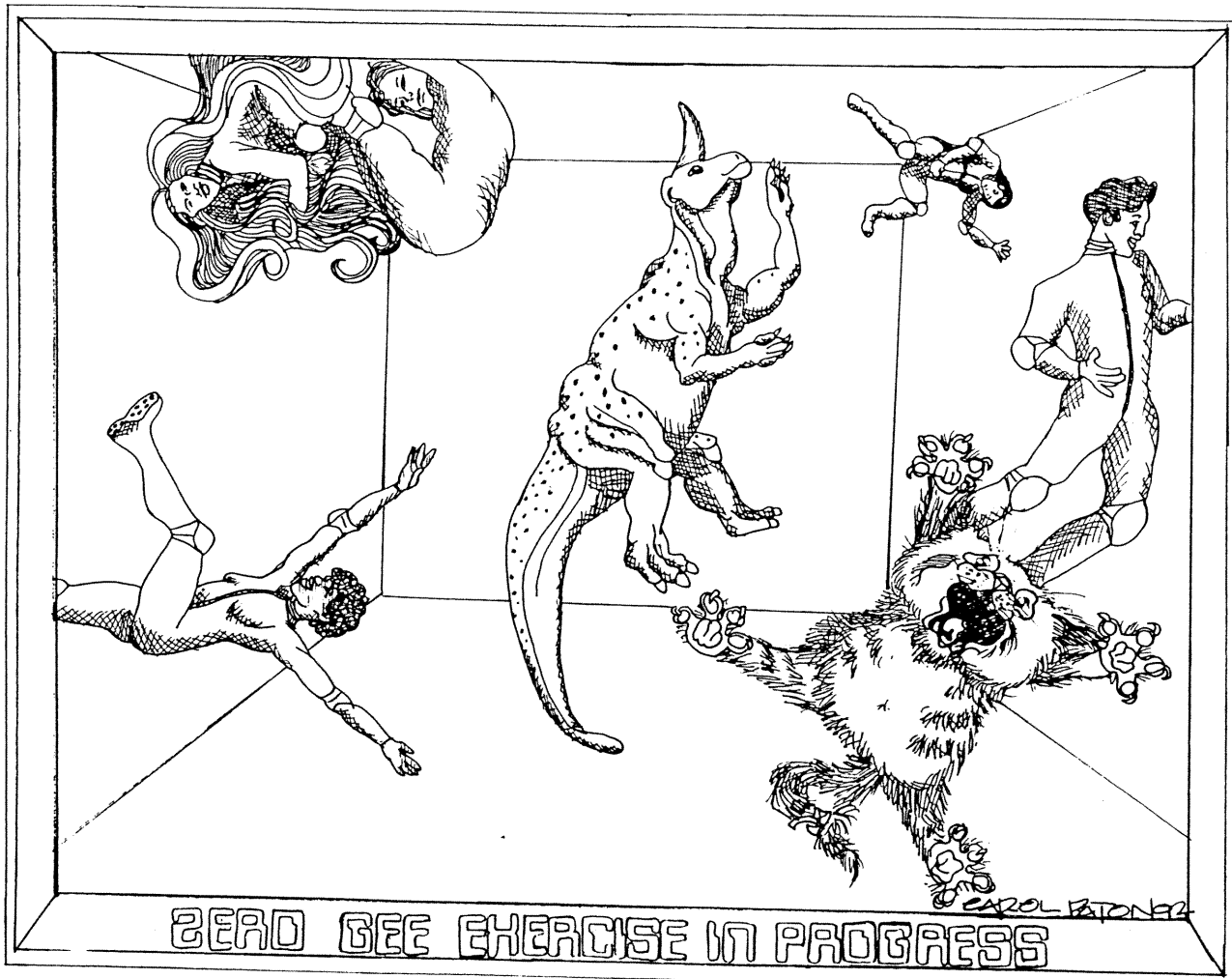


# KELLY COMMUNIQUE

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## CHIEF TACTICAL OFFICER'S LOG, STARDATE 45070.1

The most fascinating thing that I have found about STAR TREK clubs is the great diversity of interests within them. Some people love the Original series and are tied into the big three main characters. Some are wrapped up in the Next Generation and all of the convolutions involved with a developing, dynamic series. Some people like to play Star Fleet Battles, recreating future-historic struggles in the Star Trek universe. Some people like to roleplay, imagining themselves as part of the crew of a vessel like the Enterprise (the above illustration is a scene from our ongoing RPG "Orion Rising"). Some are into the technology, some the starship designs, some are even into the characters and their lives. There are some people who may even be interested in aspects no one else has ever thought of. Whatever people's interests, they all are tied into the television or movie series in one way or the other. No one aspect of the entire genre is any more or less important than any other. It amazes me that a show which espouses such concepts as: universal cooperation, alliances with once deadly enemies, and the acceptance of infinite diversity in infinite combinations, would have as

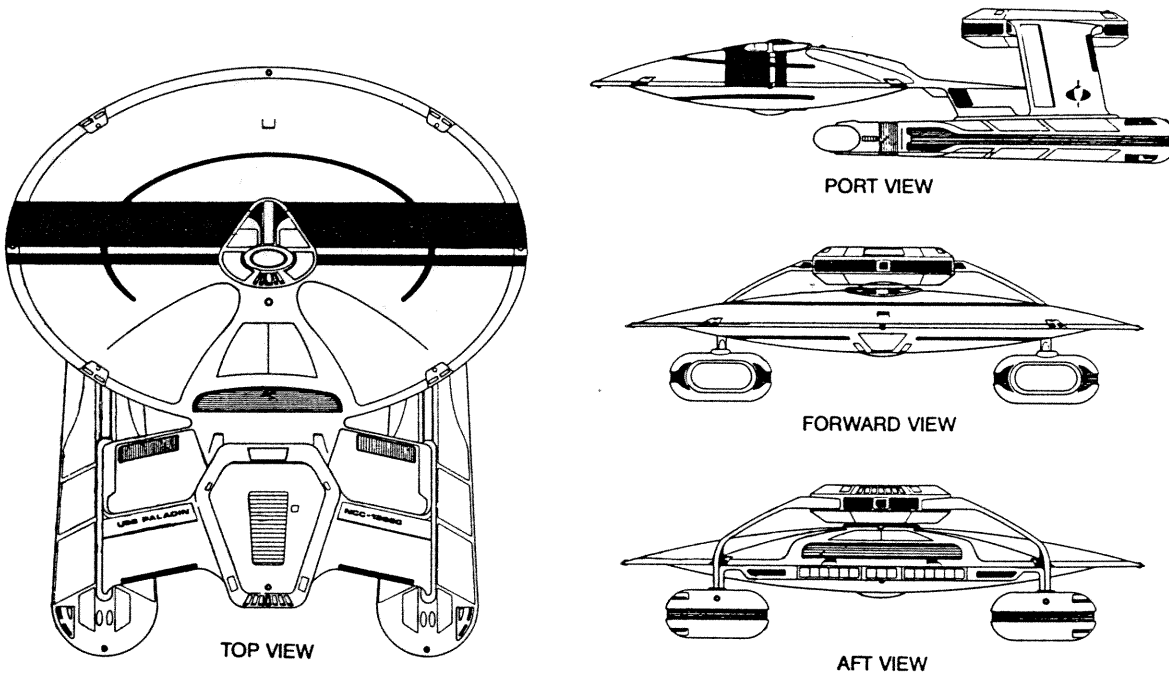
a support group, people who are stating things like "my ship is better than yours!" Or because one ship is a movie time ship and another is an original series ship, they can't do anything together. **HORSERADISH!!** We should all be working together. There is both good and bad in all organizations. No ship is better than another because none of them really exists, and with a superiority attitude like that, in all likelihood they never will. In the Next Generation we have seen a movie-time ship flying side by side with the Enterprise. Even the Klingons have joined forces with their onetime foes, the Federation. We can all work together. Let's follow the example and boldly go where no one has gone before--into a cooperative world of interactive Star Trek clubs. Let's put away our pettiness so we can achieve the Final Frontier. I hope that everyone who reads this will take it to heart and the next time a member from another club comes by, stop and say "Hi." **IT STARTS WITH YOU!**

Lt. Rex Rouviere  
U.S.S. Kelly

## SHIPS OF THE GALAXY

### PALADIN CLASS

DESTROYER



#### SPECIFICATIONS

CREW:	148 OFFICERS AND CREW
MAX SPEED:	UP TO WARP 7
WEAPONRY:	6 MK 10 COLLIMATOR RINGS 2 MK 10+ COLLIMATOR BANKS FORE AND AFT FIRING DUAL-PURPOSE PHOTON TORPEDO TUBES
RANGE:	2 YEAR STANDARD MISSION (10 YEAR MAXIMUM)

# It's Tea-time for Captain Sulu

*"Cataloging anomalies...what a gas!"*



including the Los Angeles Theatre Center.

George was born on April 20 in Los Angeles, where he lived until his family was relocated to Arkansas during World War II. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, later transferring to the L.A. campus to major in theatre arts and minor in Latin American studies (George is fluent in several languages, including Spanish). While at UCLA, he

the two-man dramatic stage play *Undertow*, delivering a performance which earned him the Scotsman First Award at Scotland's Edinburgh Festival. He has also appeared on Broadway and in Los Angeles in the play *The Wash*. His role was as a 65 year-old widower fisherman who has an affair with a married woman.

George also appeared in a distinctly different role as Vice Admiral Baron Takahashi in the Australian-produced World War II drama, *Prisoners of the Sun*. Like his role as Lieutenant Tanaka in *Return from the River Kwai*, the brutal Takahashi is a far cry from Sulu.

## George Takei

Twenty-five years ago, George Takei was cast in a part that would take him along on the voyages of the Starship *Enterprise*. Seventy-nine "classic" episodes, animated series and six movies later, George feels just wonderful about his role as Captain Sulu.

Since becoming an international favorite for his portrayal of Sulu, George has been active in community and civic affairs as well as acting. After completion of the *Star Trek* series, he was producer and host of KNBC's public affairs talk show *Expressions East/West* for three years. He is a frequent delegate to political conventions, has run for office and served on boards of directors of corporations and charities.



made his professional acting debut in a *Playhouse 90* production while furthering his acting training at the Desilu Workshop. He attended the Shakespeare Institute at Stratford-on-Avon.

George's TV credits include many guest shots on *Hallmark Hall of Fame*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Ironside*, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, *Marcus Welby*, *I Spy*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *Miami Vice*, and *The Equalizer*. He was critically lauded for his starring role in the PBS production *Year of the Dragon* and has appeared in several films, including *An American Dream*, *Walk, Don't Run*, *Ice Palace*, *A Majority of One*, *The Green Berets* and the recent sequel to *Bridge on the River Kwai*.

Prior to filming *Star Trek V*, George starred in



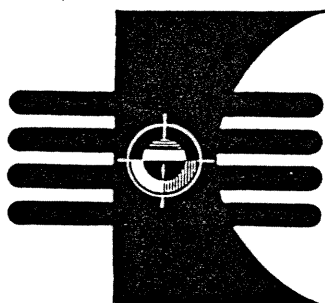
An avid fitness enthusiast, George runs daily and often participates in marathons. He also devotes time to local interests, including the development of the Los Angeles transit system. In addition, he writes a monthly opinion column for *Transpacific*, a magazine for Asian-Americans. His first novel, *Mirror Friend, Mirror Foe* written with Robert Aspirin, was published by Playboy Press.

A frequent StarFest and StarCon guest, we are proud to welcome George back to Denver!

UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS  
 MILITARY DIVISION  
 STARSHIP CREW PROFILE



Stardate: 45070.1



name	ROUVIERE, VICKI
rank	ENSIGN
position	TACTICAL
service number	T 136-459
security level	1
race	HUMAN
character	UNKNOWN

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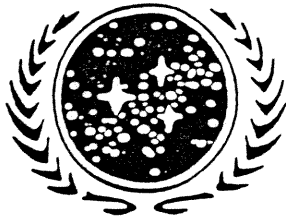
My name is Vicki Rouviere. I have a younger sister, an older sister, and a younger brother. We were all born in Colorado, save my younger sister, who was born in Oregon. My dad used to work as a Federal Peace Officer, so we moved around a lot. We never stayed in one place for more than four years.

We finally moved to California and stayed so we could all graduate from the same high school. I graduated in 1983 from Livermore High. Rex and I were in the same graduating class, but did not meet until we went dancing with a group of friends from college. We met on the dance floor.

Six months later, we were married. That was 1985. In 1986, we had our first son, Justin. We bumped around from job to job and three years later had son number 2, Jeremy.

Things started getting tight for us, with the cost of living being so high down there. Rex's folks asked us to move to Utah to be closer to them. So here we are. That was in September 1991.

I miss my mom, family and friends, but other than that, Utah is pretty okay. I like to swim and play with our boys. I want to learn to paint and do arts and crafts. If I had a horse, I would be riding it. I love animals and would have a ranch full of them, if I could.



UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS  
MILITARY DIVISION  
STARSHIP CREW PROFILE

Stardate: 45070.1

I got into watching Star Trek when I married Rex. Although I'm not a huge fan like he is, I enjoy the shows, especially The Next Generation.

END OF TECHNICAL FILE subject: ROUVIERE, VICKI



name	ROUVIERE, JUSTIN
rank	ACTING ENSIGN
position	SECURITY
service number	SY 993-543
security level	1
race	HUMAN
character	UNKNOWN

Justin Rouviere was born March 4, 1986, to proud parents. He is a joy to everyone who meets him. He likes sports (football, in particular), drawing, school, Star Trek (he has already attained the rank of Acting Ensign) and terrorizing his little brother.

END OF TECHNICAL FILE subject: ROUVIERE, JUSTIN



name	ROUVIERE, JEREMY
rank	ACTING ENSIGN
position	TACTICAL
service number	T 473-217
security level	1
race	HUMAN
character	UNKNOWN

Jeremiah Rouviere was born July 30, 1989. He is distinguishable by his bright, brassy, red hair and sweet disposition. He likes anything his older brother does and often wants it at the same time. He has also achieved the rank of Acting Ensign aboard the Kelly.

END OF TECHNICAL FILE subject: ROUVIERE, JEREMY

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## STARFLEET TACTICS NIGHT

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the following individuals scored a 10 out of 10 possible points on the Tactics Quiz and earned themselves 5 knowledge points for their effort.

Crewman 2nd Class	Tia Athens	Lt. (j.g.)	Jerry Millman
Lt. (j.g.)	Ruth Burns	Ensign	Carl Stark
Crewman 2nd Class	Billy Craig	Crewman 2nd Class	Linda Taylor
Commander	Richard Henline	Crewman 2nd Class	Karen Vincent

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work!

### NEW MEMBERS

We have several new members of the U.S.S. Kelly. WELCOME ABOARD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

name	address	phone	department
Darien Hansen	1601 West 400 South #32	973-0241*	Science
Paul Nelson	11956 Cedar Ridge Cir.	572-4699	(new) Medical
Greg Oswald	2878 East 3365 South	485-8502	Conn
Harold Tyler	2307 East 2900 North, Layton	771-2673	Communications
Connie Tyler	" "	"	"
Alex Tyler	" "	"	"
Drew Tyler	" "	"	"
Kris Tyler	" "	"	"
Jared Vincent	2541 West 7380 South	562-5404	Tactical
Karen Vincent	10924 S.Pleasant View Dr.	571-4308	Communications
Paul Wegener	1357 East 8125 South	255-0331	Medical

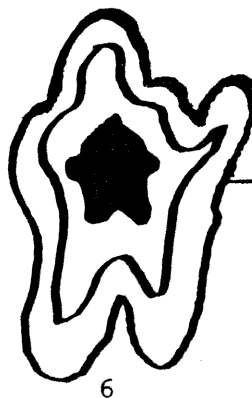
Our Chief Medical Officer has changed her last name due to her recent marriage. Her new name is Pat Conrady (formerly Quebbeman).

Congratulations to our Security Chief on the birth of his daughter, Patricia Lyndsey Stauffer. She was 7 lbs. 14 oz. and 20" long at 1:45 am Wed. June 17.

### RANK PROMOTIONS

The following personnel have distinguished themselves and have complied with the rules and regulations and are hereby promoted in rank:

Jerry Millman	Chief of Communications	Lt. (j.g.)
Tommy Claytor	Science Technician	Acting Ensign
Tuffy Claytor	Science Technician	Acting Ensign
Jeremy Rouviere	Tactical Specialist	Acting Ensign
Justin Rouviere	Security Specialist	Acting Ensign

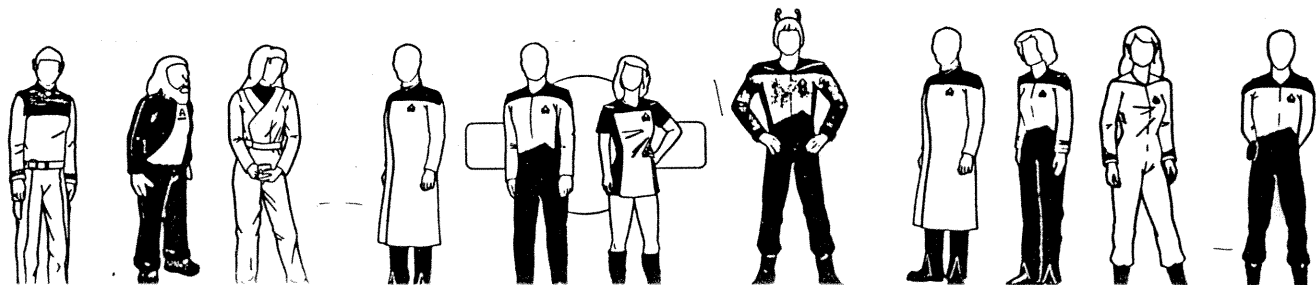


**TIRED OF THE SAME OLD GAMES ?**

COME JOIN THE CREW OF THE U.S.S. KELLY IN DEFENDING THE FINAL FRONTIER.

The opportunity to create your counter-part on board the U.S.S. Kelly, will be Sept. 4, 1992. All personnel interested in this activity should start thinking about their character's race, family and background. Ensign Carl Stark will be teaching us how to create characters using the Star Trek: Role Playing Game. Any questions? Call Ensign Stark at 484-1472.

SET YOUR COURSE FOR ADVENTURE AND ENGAGE YOUR MIND



## CONVENTION UPDATE

July 4-5th Star Promotions will be putting on a convention at the Downtown Hilton in Salt Lake City. The Guest Speaker will be George Takei (Capt. Sulu, USS Excelsior). Events will run from 11am to 5pm both days and will include trivia contests, a wheel of fortune hosted by George Takei, a dealer's room and lots of other things. The cost will be \$15 for one day or \$20 for both. Do to command responsibilities elsewhere, the command staff will be unable to attend. Lt.(j.g.) Jerry Millman will be Acting Capt. and Lt.(j.g.) Ruth Burns will be his first officer. All Kelly people are encouraged to go in uniform, if possible, but to go regardless. We would like to have as big a turn out as possible, so tell everyone you know. See you there.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There is a new Computer Bulletin Board in the Salt Lake valley. It is called LCARS ALPHA and is operated by Scott Robison from the Fahrion. The number is 963-9772. All personnel are welcome to participate.

The new subscription price for the Kelly Communique is \$8 per year. This includes a mailing fee which will deliver it to your mailbox. You will avoid all the hassles of having to come up with a dollar every other month and then having to pick it up from the Commander and possibly missing an event in the meantime. So pay for your subscription now!

Star Trek: The Next Generation is now on weeknights at 6:00pm, Fox channel 13. Star Trek VI is now available on video cassette.

July 15th at 7pm there will be a wedding shower for Pat Conrady (formerly Quebbeman) at the Commanders'.

July 18th the Tactical Department will be holding a fund raiser carwash to raise money for the full-scale shuttle we are building. Please come support this endeavor by letting us wash your car for only \$3. It will be held at the Smith's on 1300 East and 10400 South from 9am to 1pm. Also, at 3pm, the Security and Tactical departments will be holding a joint meeting and swim party at Lt. Rex Rouviere's house. Please bring your own towel, swimsuit, and \$1 for admission to the Pepperwood Pool. Be on time or be left behind!

The Kelly Kampout will be July 31st-August 1st at Affleck Park. There is a map and rules for the park in this communique on page 14. Check them out. All Kelly people should go. It's going to be lots of fun. Bring your own drinking water! There is none at the park. This is the July Kelly activity. Any questions should be referred to your department head. The camp ground is being paid for out of the Kelly fund. Bring your own camping equipment and dinner for Friday night. Check with your department heads for your breakfast assignment.

August 7th we will be going miniature golfing at the Sports Park in Sandy. You will need to bring \$3/game. We will meet at the Commanders' at 7pm and golf 'till we drop. Be on time or get left behind!

Five Points Mall in Bountiful is sponsoring a Star Trek day August 8th. They will be having a costume contest, a children's art contest, booths for all of the local Star Trek clubs and a whole lot more. Everyone is expected to go in uniform or costume. Any questions should be directed to your department head. **ALL SHIPS ARE INVITED.**

August 12th we will be having a baby shower for Lt. Rhonda Hollinger. This will be at 7pm. Please RSVP with Lt. Cmdr. Henline.



August 15-16th there will be a yard sale at Lt. (j.g.) Ruth Burns' house. Donations are requested. NO clothing please!

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry will have their Star Trek Interactive displays going until September 7th. The cost is \$5.25 per person. It is located in Portland. For information you should call 1-(503) 274-7353.

If you need Knowledge points, write down trivia questions and the answers. Turn them into the Command Staff. For each correct question and answer that is used, you will receive 1 Knowledge point.

Donations of 30 smashed aluminum cans to the command staff will get you 1 service point. In layman's terms, that's 1 point per pound of smashed aluminum cans.

#### NON-TOXIC CLEANING PRODUCTS

Once you start weeding out the "hidden toxic substances" under your kitchen sink, don't despair! You don't have to sacrifice cleanliness for the sake of the environment. You simply need to make some sensible substitutions.

Most of your routine household cleaning needs can be met with six simple ingredients: Vinegar, Soap, Baking Soda, Washing Soda, Borax and Ammonia. Using various combinations of these substances, you can accomplish most of your household cleaning jobs cheaply and safely.

**ALL-PURPOSE CLEANERS (mild formula):** 1 gallon hot water, 1/4 cup sudsy ammonia, 1/4 cup vinegar and 1 tbsp baking soda. - This solution is safe for all surfaces, can be rinsed with water and is very effective for most jobs. For a stronger cleaner or wax stripper, double the amounts of all the ingredients except water. Use gloves and don't mix with any other compounds, especially chlorine bleach! (NEVER MIX AMMONIA AND BLEACH! IT CREATES AN EXTREMELY TOXIC GAS!)

A mixture of vinegar and salt also makes a good surface cleaner, as does 4 tbsp baking soda in 1 qt of warm water. (I have used this for cleaning the refrigerator for years, it also makes things smell better.)

**TUB AND TILE:** Chlorine is one of the most dangerous chemicals found in municipal sewers. Most bathroom cleaning problems can be solved with a firm, bristled brush and the use of the mild all-purpose cleaner above or a mixture of baking soda and hot water. Another non-abrasive bathroom cleaning alternative is rubbing the surface with a half a lemon dipped in Borax. Rinse with water and dry with a soft cloth.

**DRAINS:** Pour a handful of baking soda and 1/2 cup white vinegar down the drain pipe and cover tightly for one minute. The chemical reaction starts right away, and it forms a fizzy pressure in the drain, dislodging any obstructions. Rinse with hot water. Remember: never pour liquid grease down the drain, and always use a drain sieve.












**OVEN CLEANER:** Mix 2 tbsp liquid soap and 2 tbsp of Borax with warm water in a spray bottle. Make sure the soap and borax dissolve completely. Wear rubber gloves and goggles. Spray on, holding the bottle close to the surface. Wait 20 minutes and scrub with steel wool and a non-chlorine scouring powder, rub stubborn stains with pumice.

**Overnight method:** Place about 1/4 cup ammonia in a shallow pan (not aluminum) and add enough water to cover the bottom of the pan. Heat oven for 20 minutes. Turn off the oven and leave the pan in overnight. This will loosen baked on foods and the oven can be cleaned by scrubbing with baking soda.

-by Lt. (j.g.) Ruth Burns

# JULY

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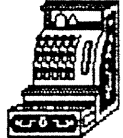
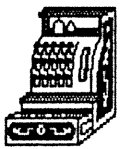




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5 TREKFEST 11AM TO 5PM	6	7	8	9  TESTING DAY!!!!!! BY APPOINTMENT!	10  HAPPY BIRTHDAY LORI MILLMAN	11 COLLYWOBBLE PICNIC 10AM TO 3PM R. HEINLEIN BLOOD DRIVE 1PM TO 4PM
12	13  HAPPY BIRTHDAY PATRICK STEWART	14	15 PAT'S SHOWER 7PM	16	17	18 CAR WASH SHUTTLE FUND RAISER 9AM TO 1PM Security/Tactical Meeting 3PM
19	20	21  STAFF MEETING	22	23  HAPPY BIRTHDAY LYSLE SWENSON	24  Pioneer Day	25
26	27	28	29  HAPPY BIRTHDAY WIL WHEATON	30  HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEREMY ROUVIERE	31  KELLY KAMPOUT AFFLECK PARK	

## YANKEE TRADER

Star Trek The Next Generation Inaugural Edition Collector's Cards. Hand sorted 120 card set-\$19.95 (price from Intergalactic Trading Co. plus \$2.00 shipping and handling) or you could buy them from Lt. (j.g.) Ruth Burns and you won't have to pay the extra \$2.00! She has one complete set for sell and one partial set. Give her a call.

# AUGUST

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

						1  KELLY KAMPOUT
2	3  HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAUL NELSON	4	5	6	7 KELLY ACTIVITY MINIATURE GOLFING 7PM SANDY SPORTS PARK	8 FIVE POINTS MALL CON
9	10	11	12  HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANE WYATT (CAMANDA) RHONDA'S BABY SHOWER 7PM	13  TESTING DAY BY APPOINTMENT	14	15  YARD SALE AT RUTH'S 355-3205
16  YARD SALE AT RUTH'S	17	18  STAFF MEETING HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMARA LAURITZEN	19  HAPPY BIRTHDAY JONATHAN FRAKES AND GENE RODDENBERRY	20	21  HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARL STARK	22  HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAROL PATON
23	24	25	26  HAPPY BIRTHDAY AARON BOGUE	27	28  HAPPY BIRTHDAY GATES MCFADDEN	29 DOMINION LAGOON DAY
30	31					



SCANNING AHEAD or  
THE NEVER ENDING QUEST FOR MORE POINTS  
by Ensign Carl Stark

The following items are available for the many Star Trek collectors out there in the real world. I discovered these items in Previews, a distributor catalog for local comic and book stores. Check your local comic, game, and hobby stores for ordering information. All release dates are tentative.

#### COMICS

DC Comics produces both Star Trek and Star Trek: The Next Generation comic books. As of June, the series will be bi-weekly. Cover priced \$1.75 and can be found as close as the nearest 7-11. DC Comics is also releasing a hard bound graphic novel: Debt of Honor. This tells a story based on Kirk's days on board the U.S.S. Lexington. Price: \$24.95.

In July, Celebrity Comics will release two biographies in comic book form. Patrick Stewart: The Unauthorized Biography and William Shatner: The Unauthorized Biography. Each will cost \$5.95.

Personality Comics will have The New Crew #8: Gates McFadden and The Original Crew #9: Mark Lenard. Price \$2.95 for regular or \$5.95 for deluxe. To locate any item from Celebrity or Personality Comics, consult your local comic stores.

Finally, Marvel Comics will be adapting William Shatner's Tek novels into comic book form. Cover price: \$1.75.

#### MAGAZINES

Starlog Publications continues to release Starlog Magazine on a monthly basis. Star Trek articles can be found in almost every issue. Cost: \$4.95. In August, Starlog releases the Star Trek: The Next Generation Make-up FX Journal. Price \$6.95.

Epilog #14 and Epilog Journal #5 contain various Star Trek information. \$5.95 each.

#### BOOKS

Pocket continues their popular paperback line with Reunion (\$5.50) released in paperback form. Star Trek #61 Sanctuary is priced at \$4.95 and ST:TNG hardcover Imzadi at \$20.

Del Rey is reprinting their Star Trek Logs by Alan Dean Foster with new covers for \$4.99 each.

#### CALENDARS

Pocket will be releasing the 1993 Star Trek VI and the Star Trek: The Next Generation calendars for \$10 each.

#### CLOTHING

Creation will be releasing a line of "Ship Shirts" for Classic, Movie, and Next Generation Enterprise. Med & Large \$14 each, XL for \$18. United Federation of Planets t-shirt is \$14. Embroidered shirts with the Starfleet insignia, UFP logo, or the original series logo are \$21 each. Also released by Creation is a series of jackets with the Next Generation logo or two different 25th Anniversary logos. They also have United Federation of Planets baseball caps for \$10.

MISCELLANEOUS

Three alarm clocks will be released by Centric: an Original Enterprise, a Next Generation Enterprise, and one with Mr. Spock. Cost is \$35 apiece.

Creation will be putting out a set of four photos from the two-part episode "Unification" for \$20.

In the coffee mug department, mugs depicting: the Galaxy Class Enterprise, a Klingon Bird of Prey, a Romulan Warbird, the ship's schematic, or the Starfleet Academy design are available for \$10 each.

Modelers will want to look for the vinyl kits of the following crew members: Picard, Data, Worf, Troi, and Geordi. GeoMetric puts out these kits.

Timex will be releasing the Star Trek analog watch and the Star Trek digital watch.

The 1701-D Enterprise pewter miniature will be released by Rawcliffe for \$19.95.

And, finally, Chicagoland/Environment will be releasing the Star Trek: The Next Generation 5th Anniversary Commemorative coins. They are available individually or in a set of three. The first depicts Captain Jean-Luc Picard, the second, Counselor Troi and Commander Riker, and the last, Commander Data, Lieutenant Worf, and Lieutenant Geordi LaForge.

I hope this information will help you to add to your Star Trek collections.

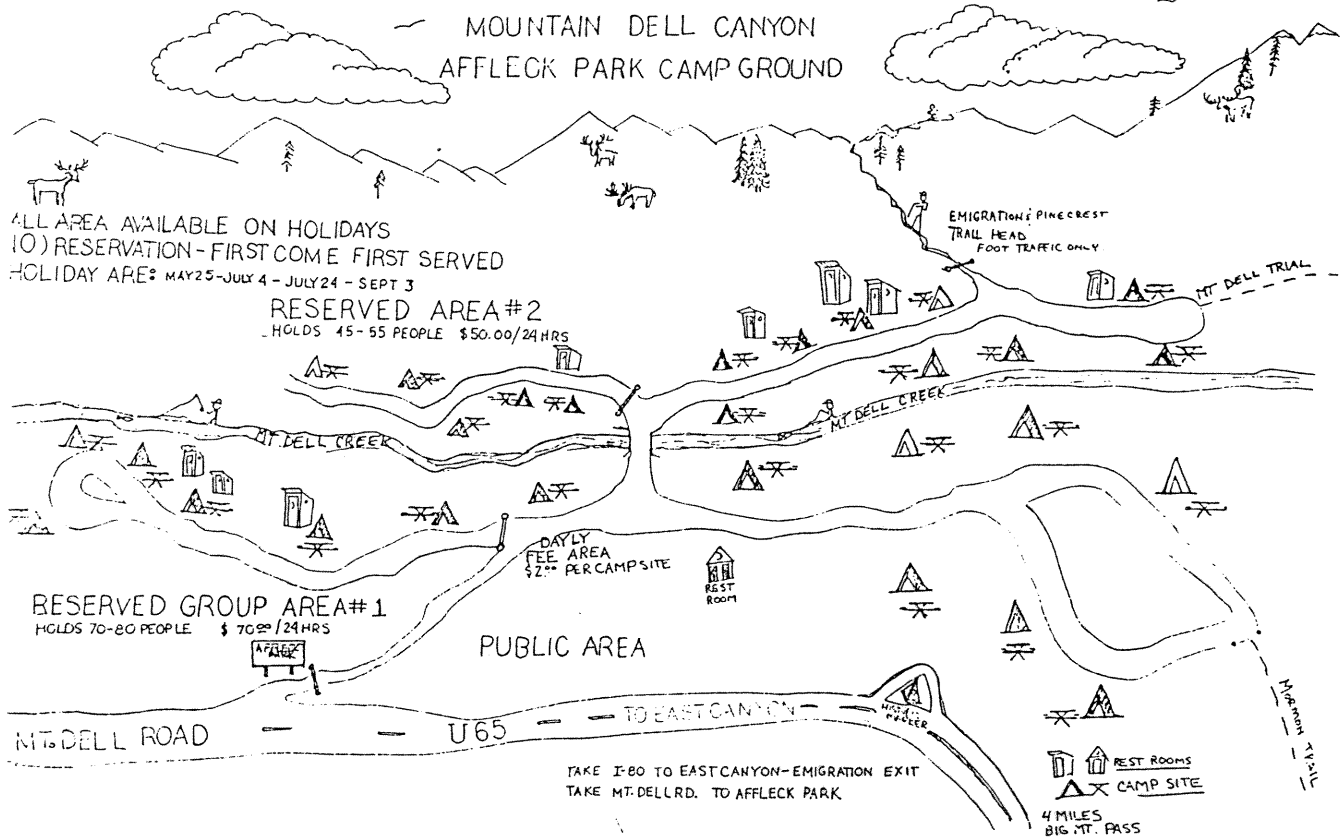


EXCUSE ME, CAPTAIN. ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?



THIS, BOYS & GIRLS, IS THE SELF-DESTRUCT BUTTON. OOPS!





## RULES FOR KELLY KAMPOUT

1. You will have a good time! Come prepared for it.
2. No drinking water available- bring your own.
3. We are responsible for the area, including damage and vandalism.
4. Dogs or any other domestic animals are not allowed.
5. Wading, washing, or bathing in the stream or its tributaries is prohibited. Washing of cooking and eating utensils in the stream is prohibited.
6. Sanitary facilities must be used.
7. All garbage must be deposited in receptacles provided or removed from area and canyon by campers. Pack out your trash!
8. All water used for washing of utensils, etc., must be deposited in toilet vaults.
9. All fires must be in fireplaces or barbecues. (NO BONFIRES)
10. Be prepared.

These rules are set forth by the Public Utilities Department and are not subject to negotiation.

# COLLYWOBBLE

## E.S.S. 0001.



TO: All Federationist, Romulans, Klingons, and et.als.

RE: The 1st Anniversary of the COLLYWOBBLE

We of the Collywobble are commencing to commence our invitations to the 1st ~~garbage-pick-up~~(oops!) anniversary of the Collywobble's christening.

The party will be held July 11th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. The place will be North Salt Lake Park on the corner of Main and Center street. There will be B.B.Q. pits, a play ground for the kids and baseball fields for the big kids!

Wear your off duty clothes and happy faces. The Collywobble will be suppling food, drinks, salads, and leftovers from last year's christening party. Bring your own targ steaks!

Those coming in from the North on I-15 starlane please take No. Salt Lake exit #17. Turn left off of ramp, drive one block and park will be to the left of you. For those coming from South on I-15 starlane take North Salt Lake exit, continue north until you reach Center St., turn left, at light, go 1 block to Main St. and North Salt Lake park will be on the N.W. corner.

Yours in salvage,  
*Com. Eileen Woodgate*  
 Commander Eileen Woodgate



# Luck o' the Irish keeps actor Meaney in clover

By Terry Orme  
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Ireland is enjoying a renaissance at the movies these days, what with "The Playboys," last year's "The Commitments" and Ron Howard's "Far and Away."

That is good news for Colm Meaney. Besides his recurring role as O'Brien on television's "Star Trek: The Next Generation," the Dublin-born actor has as much feature-film work as he can handle.

"There has always been a lot of writing and theater talent in Ireland," said Mr. Meaney, speaking from Los Angeles, his home for the last four years. The wave began with "My Left Foot," the portrait of Irish artist Christy Brown who was stricken with cerebral palsy. Directed and co-written by Jim Sheridan, the film brought the best actor Oscar to Daniel Day-Lewis.

"In just the last 10 years or so, people like Jim Sheridan have made the transition from the theater to film. The success he had, both critically and commercially, with 'My Left Foot' gave a lot of people in Ireland encouragement. And it encouraged Hollywood to take a second look at films about Ireland."

Mr. Meaney is now on the big screen in "Far and Away" as Kelly, a rough-and-tumble ward boss in 1890 Boston who recruits Tom Cruise's character to become a fighter in his club. Last year, he had a small but unforgettable role in Alan Parker's "The Commitments," a rollicking portrait of working-class Dubliners who form a soul band. He plays the father who hangs a portrait of Elvis above one of the Pope in his living room.

"The Commitments" was great for me because it is about the part of the country where I grew up. People's view of Ireland is of rolling green hills and cottages. But I grew up in the inner city of Dublin. I took the role immediately because I wasn't sure if I'd ever get another chance to make a film like it."

Of all his Irish films, his favorite is "The Dead," John Huston's poignant adaptation of a James Joyce short story about a family Christmas dinner haunted by memories of those no longer living. Huston lived in Ireland for several years, and revered Joyce. "The Dead" was his last film.

"I was so lucky to be an actor of my generation and get a chance to work with John," said Mr. Meaney. "I hate to sound Shirley MacLaine-ish about it but it was a spiritual experience. We were all aware that John wasn't going to live long and that this was his last picture. There was a great sense of importance. He was so powerful. Even though physically weak, the mind was strong. And that great booming voice."



Colm Meaney is gaining fame with roles in "Far and Away," "The Commitments" and "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Mr. Meaney also praised "Far and Away," and its American director and stars. "Quite excellent," he said of Tom Cruise's accent. But he has one reservation about how the film will be received in Ireland.

"People might expect it to be a social or historical commentary, which it isn't at all. It's a romance with an Irish background. It doesn't attempt to deal with the issues of the day — the oppressive landlords, the British occupation of Ireland."

Mr. Meaney has a slate of films coming up. In October he will appear with Mr. Day-Lewis in a remake of the James Fennimore Cooper story, "The Last of the Mohicans."

"It's a brief part," he said about playing a red coat officer, Sgt. Maj. Ambrose, who gets hacked to death by a Huron. "It's the best death scene I've ever done."

He also appears with fellow Dubliner Gabriel Byrne in "Into the West," a drama written and directed by Jim Sheridan, and co-starring Mr. Byrne's wife, Ellen Barkin. The film brings Mr. Meaney full circle to his acting roots. In the 1970s, Mr. Meaney met Mr. Byrne and Liam Neeson ("Darkman") at the Abbey, Ireland's National Theatre.

Mr. Meaney was a fisherman on a troller in the North Sea when he decided to become an actor. He had gone north as a teen-ager, signing up for a government training program. "It was a subsidized way of running away from home," he said about the experience. "It was a tough life. It was cold. I was lonely, so I applied for acting school."

Now he lives in the warm clime of Southern California, and is working too much to be lonely. He just returned from Alabama and the making of an action movie starring Steve Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey. "I get to play a real heavy," he said, delighted by the idea.

"This acting business, it's great fun."

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# Sci-Fi Channel nears a fall launch

By Brian Donlon  
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DALLAS — After two years of delays, the Sci-Fi Channel will be ready this fall to live long and prosper.

Sci-Fi promises to be one of the stars of this week's National Cable Television Association Convention, which begins today.

"It is an 'A' concept," says David Kenin, programming chief for the USA Network, which purchased the channel last month. "What we have to do is pay off against that high level of expectation."

Those expectations come from science-fiction/fantasy fans and from cable system operators, who will negotiate fees for Sci-Fi with USA at the convention.

To satisfy those constituents, USA's programming team has been combing the vaults of Hollywood for sci-fi series and movies. On board: Rod Serling's *Night Gallery*, Steven Spielberg's *Amazing Stories*, *The Incredible Hulk* and *Battlestar Galactica*.

Kenin promises an original series offering science-fiction news, new series and made-for-TV movies. Some movies may be revivals of series.

Mitchell Rubenstein was the founder of Sci-Fi, but encountered financial roadblocks in



SCI-FI REPLAY: Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno in 'The Incredible Hulk'

launching the network. Sci-Fi already may be facing competition from another entrepreneur, Michael Kelley, who is prepping the Space, Fantasy & Adventure Network.

"We've located a facility and now we are going out to get the money," says Kelley. He has acquired no programs and accuses Sci-Fi of claiming to license programs it does not have, such as *Dr. Who*.

Kenin responds: "I don't know who he is, but there's a deal." Meanwhile, Kelley declines to predict a launch date.

But Sci-Fi will air come fall, as will Ted Turner's Cartoon Network, another highly touted entry. Others looking for channel space include The Crime Channel, ZTV Music Network and FYI: The Consumer Channel.



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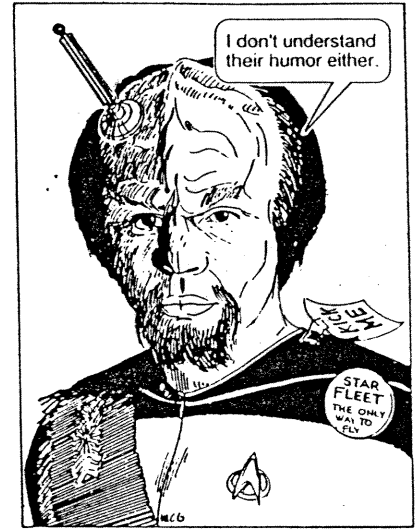
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