

THE ACADEMY MONITOR

FROM THE COMMANDANT



Greetings from the great Halls of Learning, Starfleet Academy!

From the Principal's Office

Thanks for the memories of the past three years. I enjoyed working in the Blaser/Stimpson administration. It is always great to work with people who know that you are doing your job and trust you to continue to do your job. Of course I could never do my job if it were not for all the personnel of STARFLEET Academy. I've always said and will continue to say, they make me look good.

I knew Bran from many years of his being in Region 15. Some pictures of myself standing between he and Gary Halverson made me look like one of the Munchins of the Wizard of Oz. It was great to meet finally meet Dave, in person, at our Regional (15) Summit back in 2012. We had a great time.

Well, I'm ready to make another three years of memories and will continue to do my best to see that STARFLEET Academy continues to remain the Jewel of STARFLEET.

Since Wayne Killough, Jr. has become the new CS, his positions of Vice Commandant and Coordinator of Support Services had to be filled. Glen Diebold is crazy...er...I mean kind enough to fill in both positions. I know he'll do a wonderful job of doing so.

Robert Westfall, one of our Dean/Directors has also taken on a position in the Executive Committee, as the Chief of Operations/STARFLEET. Folks will be temporarily taking over his positions at the Academy until his three years on the EC is fulfilled.

Larry French, Sr. is another Academy individual who is taking on an EC position, that of Chief of Computer Operations, so his positions at the Academy will also be temporarily taken over until he returns. He will be remaining as the director of the Klingon Warrior Academy. There is no way he will let anyone else take over his baby.

So I can fairly say that the Academy definitely has a major place within STARFLEET. We all will strive to do our best to continue to make STARFLEET the best Fan club the world will ever have.

Until we meet again,

Admiral Peg Pellerin,

SFA Commandant

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"Like a ten-speed bike, most of us have gears we do not use." -- Charles Schulz



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OUR NEW COMMANDER STARFLE

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Date: Wed, 20 Nov 2013 06:59:20 -0800 From: Liz Woolf <<u>comms@sfi.org</u>> Subject: [SFIElection2013] 2013 STARFLEET Election Results

Good morning, STARFLEET. I informed the candidates of the election results a short time ago, and now those results can be announced to the general STARFLEET membership.

By what may be the smallest margin in STARFLEET history, Wayne Killough and Reed Bates have been elected the next Commander and Vice Commander of STARFLEET, respectively.

The final results:

Killough/Bates 702 votes (50.5%)

Rickard/Willcox 683 votes (49.1%)

Abstain 4 votes (.003%)

Invalid 1 vote (.001%)

In total, 1,390 ballots were received and certified by our attorney, Robert Williams, Esq. Of those received, four ballots indicated a choice not to vote for either candidate, and one ballot was damaged during delivery and declared invalid due to a missing control code (every ballot was stamped with a control code to verify that each member voted only once).

Thus, by the authority given to me as Election Coordinator, I declare the 2013 Commander, STARFLEET election to be officially completed. The current Commander, STARFLEET and his EC team will begin making arrangements to transfer all materials connected with their offices to the new CS, Wayne Killough, and his team.

I'd like to thank our Inspector General, Jeff Victor, for his tireless work on this election. In addition to his duties as IG, Jeff took point on mailing out thousands of election packets, sacrificing hours of his time and saving STARFLEET a lot of money. Personally, I could not have had a better partner with which to traverse this election cycle. I'd also like to thank Mike Dugas and Greg Trotter for their work as election list moderators, the AB for their guidance, and the EC for their support (and also for listening to me whine). Thank you also to all the STARFLEET members who participated in election discussions and cast their ballots.

Most of all, I would like to thank Wayne and Les for stepping up to volunteer for STARFLEET and running clean, friendly, issue-oriented campaigns. Thanks also to Rich Jolitz, Pete Lutz, Michael Timko, and Chris Bayonet, who threw their hats into the ring early on. There were a few moments there, after the election list went live and no one rushed to announce their candidacy, that we wondered what would happen if we threw a STARFLEET election, and no one showed up to run! My thanks to all the candidates and their teams for everything they put into this election.

In service to STARFLEET and its members,

COMM Liz Woolf Chief of Communications, STARFLEET 2013 Election Coordinator comms@sfi.org / cq.sfi.org





AROUND THE ACADEMY

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PROMOTIONS

- Congratulations to Fran Brock to Captain
- Congratulations to Lee Vitasek to Commodore
- Congratulations to Robin Woodell-Vitasek to Fleet Captain
- A Congratulations to Bryan R. Jones to Brigadier General
- A Congratulations to Aleksander R.N. Rodner to Lt. JG
- A Congratulations to Franklin Newman III to Fleet Captain
- A Congratulations to Erik Stubblefield to BDR
- Congratulations to Josephine Fisher to FCPT
- Congratulzations to T J Allen to FCPT
- ^A Congratulations to Brian Landry to FCPT





With Star Trek Into Darkness now available to own on Blu-ray, DVD and download, fans are inevitable looking forward to their next hit of Starfleet action.

With the franchise's 50th anniversary looming, 2016 is being widely discussed as the most likely release date for *Trek XIII*. Whether such timing will allow J.J. Abrams to take the director's chair post-Star Wars is up for debate, but Abrams and Bad Robot are confirmed to remain the guiding force behind Star Trek's immediate future. There may also be room for fresh blood, with suggestions that Bob Orci and Alex Kurtzman may be joined by additional writers (X-Men: First Class screenwriters Ashley Edward Miller and Zack Stentz were caught up in the rumor mill at the time *Star Trek Magazine* went to press.) From ST Magazine

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~~ Thomas

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AROUND THE ACADEMY

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The most OUTSTANDING student for the month of September 2013 is: **BILL ROWLETTE**

The most OUTSTANDING student for the month of October 2013 is: DAVID GOLDSBERRY

The most OUTSTANDING student for the months of November 2013 is: MICHAEL HARDEGREE-ULLMAN

Congratulations!



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STAFF CHANGES

CDC member in transition – Glen Diebold Chief Electronic Services – Kevin Plummer (Webmaster)

Assistant Academic Coordinator – Annie Wheeler

FACULTY CHANGES (* = temporary assignment): *IOPE Dean – Carol Thompson *IOSFC Dean– Wayne Smith *IOHG Dean – Peg Pellerin

DIRECTORS:

Geographical Science - Glen Diebold Time Travel in Cinema – Annie Wheeler Space Travel in Cinema Artificial Intelligence in Cinema – Carol Thompson SF Technology on Television – Annie Wheeler Time Travel on TV – Jayden Tyronian *US Presidents – Franklin Newman III *History – Franklin Newman Flag Officer School – Michael McCoslin STARFLEET Officer Leadership College to Sam Black Cardassian Orientation College – Shawn Gregory Psychological Perspectives – Cher Schleigh CFRS - Basic Firefighting – TJ Allen CFRS – Technology TJ Allen Cardassian Orientation College—Shawn Gregory Psychological Perspectives—Cher Schleigh

ON JANUARY 1ST, 2014: Vice Commandant – Glen Diebold Coordinator, Support – Glen Diebold Support Advisor – Wayne Killough

IOSS Dean– Carol Thompson Astrobiology – Carol Thompson Spaceflight History moved to IOSS – Darlene Harper Chemistry - Robin Woodell-Vitasek

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NEW COLLEGES:

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Education on TV – Carol Thompson Detectives in Cinema – Annie Wheeler American Law Enforcement on TV – Annie Wheeler Foreign Law Enforcement on TV – Annie Wheeler Star Trek Episodes – Scott Peter Cadet Nancy Drew Mysteries – Annie Wheeler Cadet Hardy Boys Mysteries – Annie Wheeler South American Indians – Peg Pellerin Australian History and Culture – David Hines CFRS Rescue – Glen Diebold CMIK European Land battles – Glen Diebold Paloeontology – Glen Diebold Microorganisms – Barbara Paul







Hello everyone.

Some of you may remember an award I started about three years ago, called the Cadet Star Award. For those of you who don't remember, let me refresh your memories.

Cadets (6 to 18 yrs of age) who take courses from the college offerings within the Institute of Cadet Studies must complete a college with Honors &/or Distinctions. When doing so, they receive a congratulatory letter from myself as well as a special certificate and a gold star pin. They can complete as many colleges as they want, earning more letters, certificates and pins.

If a cadet completes any college within the Adult Institutes with Honors and/or Distinctions and only 1 Pass, the cadet will also earn the Cadet Star Award.

Some of the older cadets (13 to 18) have never attempted the colleges within the adult institutes because they didn't know they were allowed to. So, please pass this on.

I do hope with these incentives that we start seeing more of our younger members start getting involved at STARFLEET Academy.

Peg Pellerin SFA Commandant admiralpeg@gmail.com academy@sfi.org



CADET PREPARATORY COLLEGE

Drum roll please.....I am pleased to announce that we have recipients to the Cadet Honor Star Awards:

10/24/13	Jessica Lightheart - Cadet
40/00/40	Cardassian Orientation College
10/30/13	Katherine Lightheart - Cadet
	Vulcan Orientation College
11/1/13	Michael Hardegree-Ullman
	College of Military Knowledge -
	Military Trivia
11/24/13	Michael Hardegree-Ullman
	College of Civil War CMIK
12/04/13	Michael Hardegree-Ullman
	College of Geneology

Remember those of you who direct Cadet Colleges that when you have a Cadet who has fully completed a Cadet College with Honors and/or Distinctions to let me know so I can send that Cadet the same Award. They can earn as many awards as there are Cadet Colleges.

I'd love to see a Cadet weighed down by loads of star pins.

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COLLEGE OF ASTRONOMY Lt. J.G. Michael Hardegree-Ullman *Director* <u>cardinals1392@gmail.com</u>

Introduction:

Did you ever want to travel to a galaxy far, far, away? You've come to the right place. The College of Astronomy will take you there.

You'll learn about stars, planets, galaxies and everywhere in-between, through these introductory courses in astronomical science. Come, take the journey with us and explore this wonderful subject.

Curriculum:

AST 101 – The Rocky Planets AST 102 – The Gas Giants AST 103 – Dwarf Planets AST 104 – Stars AST 105 - Galaxies Source Materials Needed

URLs will be provided with each exam.



COLLEGE OF AMERICAN SCIENCE FICTION WRITERS Admiral Carol Thompson Director betazoid@mosquitonet.com

Introduction

The College of American Science Fiction Writers (CASFW) provides a scholarly approach to science fiction. It concentrates on the authors in the United States who have produced a range of science fiction and other works in the real world.

Curriculum:

ADF-101 - Alan Dean Foster, Part 1 ADF-102 - Alan Dean Foster, Part 2 ADF-103 - Alan Dean Foster, Part 3 ASI-101 - Isaac Asimov, the Man ASI-102 - Science Fiction of Isaac Asimov HCS-101 - Hal Clement, Part 1 HCS-102 - Hal Clement, Part 2 IRW-101 - Irwin Allen JBB-101 - James Blish, Part 1 JBB-102 - James Blish, Part 2 JBB-103 - James Blish, Part 3 TZN-101 - Timothy Zahn, Part 1 TZN-102 - Timothy Zahn, Part 2 TZN-103 - Timothy Zahn, Part 3

Sources are indicated on individual course materials





COLLEGE OF ASTROBIOLOGY Admiral Carol Thompson Director betazoid@mosquitonet.com

Introduction:

The College of Astrobiology is an introduction to the study of the possibility of life in the Universe.

What is life? What are the requirements of life? What is the probability and evidence that life exists beyond Earth? Where will that life be found?

New answers to those questions are discovered daily. Our nearest neighbors may harbor life...perhaps not as we know it.

Curriculum:

ABIO-101 - Overview & Theories of Life ABIO-102 - Space Missions ABIO-103 - Extra Solar Life ABIO-104 - Life Essentials ABIO-105 - Extremophiles ABIO-106 - Life in the Solar System

URL's will be provided with each exam



COLLEGE OF HARDY BOYS MYSTERIES Rear Admiral George Ann Wheeler Director badwolf827@gmail.com

Introduction:

The Cadet College of the Hardy Boys Mysteries consists of exams specifically written for Cadets. The exams are based on the books and television serials and series.

Some television exams may be completed through Internet sources (IMDB.com, TV.com, and Wikipedia.com). Most require watching the individual television episode or movie or reading the book that the exam is about.

Parents are encouraged to screen all movies for appropriateness of material based on their personal values, as well as for the appropriateness for their individual child.

Cirriculum:

Series 1

HBTV-101 - The Mystery of the Haunted House HBTV-102 - The Mystery of the Witches Hollow HBTV-103 - The Disappearing Floor HBTV-104 - The Flickering Torch Mystery HBTV-105 - The Mystery of the Flying Courier HBTV-106 - Wipe Out HBTV-107 - The Secret of Jade Kwan Yin

Series 2

HBTV-208 - The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew Meet Dracula, Part 1

(Part 2 resides in the Cadet College of Nancy Drew Mysteries) HBTV-209 - The Mystery of King Tut's Tomb HBTV-210 - The Mystery of the Hollywood Phantom, Part 1 (Part 2 resides in the Cadet College of Nancy Drew Mysteries) HBTV-211 - The Mystery of the African Safari





CADET COLLEGE OF NANCY DREW MYSTERIES Rear Admiral George Ann Wheeler Director badwolf827@gmail.com

Introduction:

The Cadet College of Nancy Drew Mysteries consists of exams specifically written for Cadets. The exams are based on television shows, movies, and books.

Some television exams may be completed through Internet sources (IMDB.com, TV.com, and Wikipedia.com). Most require watching the individual television episode or movie or reading the book that the exam is about.

Exams may be based on material that is rated G, PG, or PG-13. Parents are encouraged to screen all movies for appropriateness of material based on their personal values, as well as for the appropriateness for their individual child.

Curriculum:

NDTV-101 - The Mystery of Pirate's Cove NDTV-102 - The Mystery of the Diamond Triangle NDTV-103 - The Secret of the Whispering Walls NDTV-104 - A Haunting We Will Go NDTV-105 - The Mystery of the Fallen Angels NDTV-106 - The Mystery of the Ghostwriters Cruise NDTV-107 - Mystery of the Sold Gold Kicker NDTV-108 - The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew Meet Dracula, Part 2 (Part 1 resides in the Cadet College of Hardy Boys Mysteries)

(Part 1 resides in the Cadet College of Hardy Boys Mysteries) NDTV-109 - The Mystery of the Hollywood Phantom, Part 2 (Part 1 resides in the Cadet College of Hardy Boys Mysteries)

Access to the Nancy Drew books, videos, or TV series. The overview may be completed by using: - IMDB.com, - TV.com, - Wikipedia.com



COLLEGE OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION Admiral Carol Thompson Director betazoid@mosquitonet.com

Introduction:

We all grew up watching children's shows on television. Depending on what era you came from, you may have warm fuzzy feelings about Captain Kangaroo, Mister Rogers, The Shari Lewis Show, Sesame Street, etc.

Take a stroll down memory lane with these offerings.

For now, in this College, we hope to revisit those detectives on film we know and introduce some detectives that, in their time, were very popular, though now might not be ones that would immediately come to mind.

Curriculum:

BLC-101 - Blue's Clues BKW-101 - Beakman's World CKR-101 - Captain Kangaroo CRG-101 - Curious George MAN-101 - Handy Manny MRN-101 - Mister Rogers' Neighborhood RRB-101 - Reading Rainbow RRM-101 - Romper Room SHL-101 - The Shari Lewis Show SST-101 - Sesame Street: Jim Henson SST-102 - Sesame Street: The Muppets SST-103 - Sesame Street: The Humans

Answers may be gleaned from the Internet. Sources are given on the exams.





ACADEMY NEWS





ACADEMY INFORMATION

Further information about the Academy, its staff and faculty, courses offered, and scholarships will be found at the following website:

http://acad.sfi.org/courses/index.php





SO YOU WANT TO BE A DIRECTOR

Basic requirements are: Be at least 18 years of age and have taken OTS and OCC.

To assume a vacancy, you must pass all of the exams in the College, or if a large college, 75% of the exams.

To direct a College of your own creation, first check the College Catalogue to make certain your idea is not already being used.

If the concept is not being used elsewhere, submit a College outline, exam, and key to the Course Development Contact, Carol Thompson at: <u>betazoid@mosquitonet.com</u>

She will determine where your College fits within the Academy structure and introduce you to your Dean, who will lead you through the approval process.



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NUMBERS FOLLOWING THE NAMES ARE APPROXIMATE. THESE INDICATE NUMBER OF EXAMS COMPLETED IN EACH INSTITUTE

ALIEN STUDIES

CADET STUDIES

Erik Stubblefield (2)

FANTASY, HORROR AND SUPERNATURAL

INTELLIGENCE & ESPIONAGE

Adam Hudson (3) Alison Stell (4) Andrea Matthews (3) Anni Potts (5) Art Lobdell (2) Aunisty Hudnall Betty O'Brien (3) Brad Qualls Bryan Teske Christopher Bayonet (4) Christopher Pena (2) Craig Brown (5) Eilidh Montgomery (2) Erica Turrigianni (9) Gerda Cloete (2) Jan Sleigh (2) Jason Garrett (5) Jennifer Raveling Jeremy Mayes (6) Jody Goldenberg (3) Matthew Miller Megan Tolle (2) Mellissa DellaLucia Michael Caruso (5) Michael McCoslin Norbert Kessen (2) Pamela Nery Paul Dyl (3) **Robin Hudson Ronald Speight** Roon Marchant Rosa Jackson (2) Savannah Swint Sean Waitman (2) Shanon Lindbloom (2) Tonia DuVall (3)

CADET STUDIES

Carol Thompson (9) Charisa Couch Cynthia Lightheart (2) Emma Bayonet Frances Brock (8) Franklin Newman (9) George Ann Wheeler (4) Glendon Diebold (2) Hunter Hudson (13) Jessica Lightheart (2) Josephine Fisher (2) Katherine Lightheart (4) Martin Lightheart (5) Michael Caruso Michael Hardegree-Ullman (2) Patricia Lewis (6) Ros Haywood (2) TJ Allen (4) Wayne Killough (9)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Aaron Horner Adam Wenclewicz Alan Oshea (2) Anthony Callow **Beverly Lightheart** Bill Rowlette (2) **David Phillips** Elizabeth Worth (10) Eric Johannson (9) Gillian Shearwater (4) Jeanne Wilson (3) Justin McKeag (2) Kathleen Hamilton Leo Rogers (7) Matthew Bergin (7) Pamela Nery (2) Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo (8)

Ashura Lewis Bill Rowlette (25) Carol Thompson (24) **Christopher Bayonet Christopher Pena** Cvnthia Cook Cynthia Valdez (2) Darlene Fairweather (3) **Elizabeth Ennis** Elizabeth Worth (4) Franklin Newman (40) Glendon Diebold (14) Isabel Valdez (2) James Herring (4) Janice Graham (13) Jeremy Skelton Josephine Fisher (3) Michael Caruso Michael Hardegree-Ullman (2) Michael Lewis (2) **Richard Childers Robert Velasquez** Shawn Gabriel Yu Steven Rowley (2) **Thomas Clark** Thomas Pawelczak (3) Wayne Killough (24) Wayne McAliece

HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

Frances Brock (4) Franklin Newman (6) Glendon Diebold (6) Jane Childers (3) Jeremy Mayes Michael Hardegree-Ullman (2) Pamela Nery Aaron Clark Adam Wenclewicz (4) Alan Goulet (5) Aleksander R°dner Amber Stronach Anne Miller Bill Rowlette (8) Bryan Teske (7) Carol Thompson (2) David Goldsberry (28) Elizabeth Worth Frances Brock (5) James Herring Jane Childers (4) John Gilfillan (6) Joseph Sare (4) Josephine Fisher (3) Justin McKeag Larry Clausing (2) Lee Vitasek Martin Lightheart (2) Mary Lightheart Michael Denman (3) Michael Hardegree-Ullman (6) Nancy Hall Norma Langlois Pamela Michaud (2) **Richard Hewitt** Robert Smith Robin Woodell-Vitasek Shane Russell (2) **Thomas King**



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LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Aaron Clark (2) Adam Hudson (2) Alan Oshea (3) Alan Whelan Allison Kulp Amanda Barrow Andrew McDonald Ann Case Anne Zecca Anthony Callow **Barry Smith Benjamin Osborne Bill West** Bryan Kunz Bryan Teske Charisa Couch Christopher Bayonet (2) **Christopher Mabie Christopher Muuss Christopher Pena** Clara Trout Dana Young Danny Self Dave Elliott David Goldsberry (2) **David Phillips David Priest** Debbie French (2) Derek Leman E. Jerry Beaulieu **Eilidh Montgomery** Frances Brock (5) Gerda Cloete **Heather Fikes** Jaden Galvan James Farlow Jane Childers (2) Jason Gurule (2) Javier Blazquez Jeff Zaccari Jeffrey Redmond (8)

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

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LIFE SCIENCE STUDIES

Jeremy Bergdorff (3) Jim Russell John Wagner Jonathan Wilson (4) Joshua Shaw (2) Julie Taucher Kenneth Cheek Kenneth Robison (4) **Kevin Turner** Kris Zasadil Laura Harris (3) Leah Cameron Leigha McLean Lesley Lynch Lillian Wood Marcelo Guerra Marcus Cupps Maria Dutilly Mark Thake Mark Tyler Matthew Bergin Matthew George Matthew Wood Megan Tolle Melissa Russell Michael Hardegree-Ullman (4)**Michael Hartley** Michael Lewis Michael McCoslin Mike Sladky Norman DeRoux Patricia Stoneham Paul Strickland Phillip Gilfus **Rachel Fischer RICARDO LEMUS Ricky George Robert Mitchell Robert Smith Robert Velasquez**

Ron Furbish Russell Witte-Dycus Ryan Case Sam Kidd Scott Peter Sean Waitman Shadoe Denman Shawn Gabriel Yu Stephen Allen Stephen Halkovic **Stephen Satonick** Tasha Sutherland Timothy McVey **Tomas Mac Cionaith** Tracy Lilly Vanessa Mikus Wayne Killough William Smith

LIFE SCIENCE STUDIES

Adam Hudson (6) Adam Wenclewicz (21) Andrea Matthews (3) Anne Miller (10) Barbara Paul (18) Betty O'Brien (2) Bryan Teske (2) Carol Thompson (18) Christopher Pena (2) Dave Elliott (4) David Hines (18) Eric Johannson Erica Turrigianni (2) Erik Stubblefield (2) Frances Brock (3) Franklin Newman (28) Jeremy Skelton (2) Jim Russell Joseph Sare (3) Josephine Fisher (11) Joshua Laury (2)

Judy Waidlich (4) Kaleign Laura Perkins (2) Leo Rogers (3) Martin Lightheart Mary Lightheart Matthew Bergin (5) Megan Schroeder (3) **Michael Lewis** Pamela Nery (4) Peter Meaney Peter Meaney Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo (3) Robert Towne (2) **Roon Marchant** Rosa Jackson Wayne Killough (11) William Gerber (3)

MILITARY STUDIES

Aaron Clark Adam Wenclewicz (33) Andrea Matthews Anne Miller (2) Anthony Callow (7) Art Lobdell (4) Benjamin Salisbury (3) Bernard Dacey (2) Betty O'Brien (3) **Beverly Lightheart** Bill Rowlette (3) Bill West (2) Bryan Jones (10) Bryan Teske (10) Carol Thompson (16) Christopher Bayonet (5) Dave Elliott David Goldsberry (4) Denise Miner (3) Donald Dobrin (19)

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MILITARY STUDIES

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Richard Hewitt (8)

PERFORMING ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

E. Jerry Beaulieu (3) Ed Wandall (2) Erica Turrigianni Erik Stubblefield Frances Brock (76) Franklin Newman (30) George Ann Wheeler (2) Glendon Diebold (80) James Farlow (6) James Herring (32) Jeffrey Hughes (2) Jeremy Bergdorff (5) Jeremy Mayes Jeremy Skelton (6) Jim Russell (2) John Wagner (3) Jonathan Wilson (2) Joseph Lody Josephine Fisher (61) Judy Waidlich (4) Julie Taucher Kaleign (2) Kenneth Cheek (2) Larry Balsley (4) Larry Pendleton (20) Lee Vitasek (8) Leo Rogers (2) Mark Thake (4) Mary Lightheart (7) Megan Tolle Michael Denman (6) Michael Hardegree-Ullman (81) Michael Hartley Michael McCoslin Nicholas Kirschner Nicolas Roesch Pamela Nery Paul Dyl (11) Rachel Fischer (8) Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo (6)

Robert Smith (3) Robin Woodell-Vitasek (8) Sean Waitman Sharon O Neill Stephen Allen Stephen Hancock Thomas Clark (2) Thomas Pawelczak (36) TJ Allen (2) Tomas Mac Cionaith (2) Tracy Lilly (5) Vincent Mack (6) Wayne Killough (26)

PERFORMANCE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Adam Wenclewicz (2) Alison Stell Beverly Lightheart (2) Bill Rowlette (30) Brittney Corral (2) Carol Thompson (40) **David Phillips** David Pitts (13) Elizabeth Worth (6) Eric Johannson (4) Erik Stubblefield (2) Frances Brock (3) Franklin Newman (58) George Ann Wheeler (8) Glendon Diebold (21) James Herring (11) Jane Childers (3) Jeremy Mayes Jessica Thissen (2) John Wilson (6) Josephine Fisher (22)

Larry French Laura Perkins Lee Vitasek (2) Martin Lightheart Mary Lightheart (3) Michael Caruso Patricia Lewis (2) Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo Richard Hewitt (2) Robin Woodell-Vitasek (2) Scott Stone Thomas Pawelczak (12) Tracy Lilly (2) Victor Swindell (7) Wayne Killough (59)

POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE

Anne Miller (4) Aunisty Hudnall (7) Beverly Lightheart Carol Thompson (31) Cynthia Cook Deanna Bressie E. Jerry Beaulieu (2) Franklin Newman (39) **Glendon Diebold** Jason Schreck (2) Larry French (128) Lee Vitasek (2) Martin Lightheart Mary Lightheart Megan Schroeder (2) Michael Hardegree-Ullman (3) Pamela Nery (3) Paul DeHart (2) Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo

Richard Bonham (6) Stephen Satonick (65) TJ Allen Wayne Killough (26)

POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE

SCIENCE FICTION IN CINEMA

Angie Smith **Bill Rowlette** Carol Thompson (10) **Darlene Fairweather** Elizabeth Worth (2) Eric Johannson Franklin Newman (5) Garv Amor George Ann Wheeler (2) Jan Sleigh (2) Janice Graham (2) Larry French Laura Perkins (3) Michael Hardegree-Ullman (3) Paul Dyl (8) Robin Woodell-Vitasek Shawn Gabriel Yu (2) Thomas Pawelczak (5) Tracy Lilly (3) Wayne Smith

SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES

Aleksander R°dner (2) Carolyn Donner (2) Frances Brock (2) Franklin Newman (21) George Ann Wheeler (8) Glendon Diebold (13)



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SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES

Patricia Lewis (4) Richard Hewitt Richard Hewitt (2) Wayne Killough (20)

SCIENCE FICTION ON TELEVISION

Alison Stell Anne Zecca Bernard Dacey (2) **Beverly Lightheart** Bill Rowlette (10) **Christopher Pena** Daniel Adams (10) David Goldsberry (3) David Jarrett Ed Wandall (9) Elizabeth Worth (5) Frances Brock (3) George Ann Wheeler (3) James Herring Jan Sleigh (6) Jayden Tyronian (9) Jeremy Skelton (4) Karen Kessen (3) Laura Perkins (2) Martin Lightheart Mary Lightheart **Ricky George** Ruth Lane (2) Scott Stone Thomas Pawelczak (3) Victor Swindell (4) William Hart

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Adam Hudson

Adam Hudson (3) Adam Wenclewicz (12) Aunisty Hudnall (5) Bryan Teske (6) Christopher Bayonet (24) Craig Brown (2) Cynthia Crouch (5) Frances Brock (8) Jason Schreck (59) Jeremy Skelton (6) John Wagner (3) Judy Waidlich (4) Kenneth Cheek (4) Mark Tyler Mary Lightheart Megan Schroeder (2) Pamela Michaud (2) Pamela Nery (2) Paul Dyl (42) Sean Waitman Stacey Linebaugh Cress (3) Tracy Lilly (4) Wayne Killough (9)

SCIENCE STUDIES

Carol Thompson (6) Darlene Harper (6) Franklin Newman (5) Glendon Diebold (6) Josephine Fisher (6) Larry Pendleton Wayne Killough (6)

Aidan Leonard Aleksander R°dner Alison Stell (2) Barry Smith Bernard Dacey Beverly Lightheart Bill West (7) Bryan Teske (3) Carol Thompson (30) Christopher Bayonet (5) Craig Brown (5) David Goldsberry **David Phillips** Debbie French (60) Denise Miner (2) Donald Dobrin E. Jerry Beaulieu (2) Ed Wandall Eilidh Montgomery (2) Eric Schulman (37) Erica Turrigianni (11) Frances Brock (36) Franklin Newman (28) George Ann Wheeler (3) Glendon Diebold James Farlow Jane Childers (3) Jason Garrett Jason Schreck (6) Jeremy Bergdorff (3) Jeremy Skelton (2) John Hardy (14) John Wagner (5) Judy Waidlich (11) Justin McKeag (3) Katie Crane Kenneth Cheek (2) Kristi Huffman Laura Wickline

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Luis Rodriguez Pinto (4) Mary Lightheart Matthew Bergin (2) Mellissa DellaLucia Michael Hardegree-Ullman (18) Nancy Hall (15) Nicholas Kirschner (2) Pamela Nery Patrick Litton (2) Rachel Fischer (5) Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo (2) **Richard Johnston** Robert Towne Robin Woodell-Vitasek (14) Sam Kidd (2) Samuel Osborne (3) Stephen Allen Suzanne Brandt (2) Tracy Lilly (10) Vincent Mack (6) Wayne Killough (20) Winter Guite

STAR TREK STUDIES

Barbara Paul (3) Beverly Lightheart Bill West Carol Thompson (9) Christopher Barry Christopher Pena Craig Brown David Goldsberry (6) David Hines (4) Eilidh Montgomery (3)



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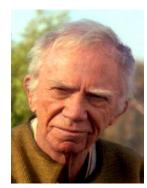
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ADM David Almon Miller MD	50	Bronze
LCDR Andrea Matthews	50	Bronze
FCAPT Richard A. Jolitz	50	Bronze
ENS Craig Alan Brown	50	Bronze
1LT Jeffrey John Hughes	50	Bronze
MAJ Adam Kieran Hudson	50	Bronze
1LT Vincent Mack	50	Bronze
ENS Bryan D. Teske	50	Bronze
LTJG Michael Morgan Hardegree-Ullman	100	Silver
ENS David Paul Goldsberry	100	Silver
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RADM Paul C. Dyl	100	Silver
1LT Sean Waitman	100	Silver
CMDR Scott A.J. Peter	100	Silver
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RADM David B. Pitts	150	Gold
Jason Schreck	200	Latinum
FCAPT Anne Miller	200	Latinum
LTJG Michael Morgan Hardegree-Ullman	200	Latinum
LTC Pamela Marie Nery	200	Latinum
CAPT Robin Woodell-Vitasek	250	Diamond
COMM Jayden Tyronian	300	Dilithium
RADM Debbie French	350	Titanium
COL Stephen Satonick	550	Amber
RADM Judy Waidlich	550	Amber
VADM James Herring	650	Topaz
COL Leo A. Rogers	650	Topaz
CAPT Frances B. Brock	750	Pearl
CAPT Frances B. Brock	800	Opal
CAPT Frances B. Brock	850	Sapphire
CAPT Frances B. Brock	900	Ruby
VADM Patricia Lewis	950	Emerald
CMDR Adam Walter Wenclewicz	1100	Truman

FCAPT Eric Schulman	1150 Gold Star
CMDR Adam Walter Wenclewicz	1150 Gold Star
RADM Thomas Pawelczak	1350 Titanium Star
TJ Wayland Allen	1400 Zirconium Star
COL Bill Rowlette	1550 Amber Star
COL Bill Rowlette	1600 Garnet Star
FCAPT Eric Johannson	1750 Pearl Star
VADM Glendon Diebold	2100 Aldebaran Star
VADM Glendon Diebold	Alpha Centauri 2150 Star
VADM Glendon Diebold	2200 Altair Star
LGEN Larry Dale French Sr	2300 Antares Star
RADM George Ann Wheeler	2300 Antares Star
LGEN Larry Dale French, Sr.	2350 Arcturus Star
LGEN Larry Dale French Sr	2400 B'Hava'el Star
CAPT Josephine Fisher	2950 Cestus Star
CAPT Franklin M. Newman III	2950 Cestus Star
CAPT Franklin M Newman III	3000 Ceti Alpha Star
CAPT Josephine Fisher	3000 Ceti Alpha Star
CAPT Franklin M. Newman, III	3050 Chin'toka Star
CAPT Josephine Fisher	3050 Chin'toka Star
ADM Carol A. Thompson	3100 Coridan Star
CAPT Franklin M Newman III	3100 Coridan Star
ADM Carol A. Thompson	3150 Delta Star
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ADM Carol A. Thompson	3250 Epsilon Eridani
ADM Wayne Lee Killough Jr.	3600 Procyon Star
ADM Wayne Lee Killough Jr.	3650 Regulas Star
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ADM Wayne Lee Killough Jr.	3750 Romii Star
ADM Wayne Lee Killough Jr.	3800 Sol Star



ISS astronaut shows how to wash your hair in space.

Astronaut Chris Hadfield rose to extraterrestrial fame for his informative <u>behind-the-scenes looks</u> at what it's like living in space, exposing all manner of mundane factoids that most of us were never aware of.

But now that Hadfield is back on Earth (and retired) there's no reason to stop the educational dispatches from the <u>International Space Station (ISS)</u>. To that end, astronaut Karen Nyberg has decided to pick up the space living baton and show us how to wash your hair in space.

The process appears to be a delicate yet exceedingly simple operation, consisting of a water bottle with a special nozzle to apply liquid to the scalp, a towel, and a comb. During the entire process, Nyberg's hair floats rather humorously above her head as if an electric shock had been applied. However, for the squeamish, here's where the dark side of space living crops up.

According to Nyberg, the water still in her hair slowly dries, evaporates, becomes humidity in the air, and then gets sucked inside the ISS air conditioning system where it gets turned into — you guessed it — drinking water! No one said being an astronaut was for the germaphobic.

Watch here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1IPU0nYb3s

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Michael Ansara, the Syrian-born actor who portrayed fanorite Klingon Kang across three iterations of Star Trek, passed away on July 31, 2013.





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Inflatable Enterprise Keeps Fans Afloat: "In the search for ever-lighter materials with which to build spacecraft," say ThinkGeek's slightly loopy merchandise boffins, "we believe that Starfleet's engineers glossed over the perfect solution: Inflatables!" So they have set about creating the world's first fully inflatable starship. Fitted with handy loops to allow the ship to be dangled from any ceiling, all you need do is add some air. For health and safety reasons, it should be mentioned that although the inflatable *U.S.S. Enterprise* is entirely waterproof, it should not be used as a swimming aid. ST Mag

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Theoretical physicist Freeman Dyson envisioned a period in the evolution of a technologically advanced species that would see them fully harness the power of their native star — by enclosing it within a vast structure in which they would live. Such theoretical structures have become know as Dyson spheres, and the crew of the *Enterprise-D* encountered on in *TNG's* season 6 episode "Relics".ST Mag



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DST has a collectible known as Granix Art Plaque which features a ruggedly charing photo of the original captain Kirk in his charir on the bridge and also the *NCC-1701 Enterprise*. The 7 1/2 inch wide x 5 1/2 inch plaque is crafted on stone and comes with a shelf display. It costs \$29.99 and is available now.







Star Trek Online is a free-to-play massively multiplayer online game from Cryptic Studios. In *STO,* you can explore the stars as the captain of a Federation starship, seek glory and honor on the bridge of a Klingon Empire vessel or fight for Romulan freedom aboard the deadly Warbird. Visit iconic *Star Trek* locations such as Vulcan and Qo'noS, start in you own story and make your mark on the universe.

To play Star Trek Online:

- 1. Visit startrekonline.com
- 2. Register for a FREE account
- 3. Download and install the game
- 4. Log in with your new account
- 5. Boldly go into the Final Frontier















One Trek Mind By: Jordan Hofman

10 - B'Elanna Torres and Tom Paris

It took me a while to fall in love with these two falling in love. But when they were floating in the inky blackness of space with only the tiniest bit of oxygen at the end of season four's "Day of Honor," one couldn't reject their affections any longer. The tough as brass B'Elanna and the former outlaw Paris inspired a (dare-*I*-say) sweetness in one another that made for one of the more charming, long-lasting relationships in all of *Trek*-dom.



9 – Chief O'Brien and Keiko

For true, realistic interstellar domesticity, look to the O'Briens. While never reaching the point of a mumbled "yes, dear," the familiarity between the Chief and Keiko was a brilliant move for adding late 20th century normalcy into the far-out sci-fi of some of <u>DS9</u>'s arcs. The parents of Molly and Kirayoshi lent a nice touch of, "gee, how would I react?" to the complex struggles of the Dominion War. Of course, Keiko is no mere housefrau. While she certainly got less screen time, her work as an educator and botanist were also crucial to adding depth to the vast social structure of the station.



8- Spock and Leila Kalomi

One might argue that this isn't a true romance, as Spock would have never opened his heart were he not shot in the face with Berthold ray-enriched spores from Ceti Omicron III. To that I say. . . yes, that's just what Spock *wants* you to think! Like a teen who uses one sip of light beer as an excuse to act destructive, Spock's emotions were unleashed and fell into the arms of the lovely Leila Kalomi. It is a heartwarming time but, of course, it could not last. It does provide *Star Trek* fans with one of the strangest moments in the entire franchise, the simultaneously devastating and hilarious moment when Spock tells her that, yes, he has another name, but she couldn't pronounce it.





7 – Captain Kirk and Edith Keeler

It's the most famous romance in *Star Trek* and you are horrified that it only ranked at number 7. But before you set your phasers to kill, let me make this case. It isn't so much the romance itself that sticks with us, it is the way Captain Kirk gave it up that resonates. As I have written about numerous times in other "One Trek Mind" columns, the moment that Kirk prevents McCoy from saving Keeler (and Spock's dirge-like refrain "He knows, Doctor. He knows,") is, without question, the emotional high point of the series. For me, it resonates because it is a moment a shared among our three characters, it isn't actually so much about Keeler. Nevertheless, Kirk and Keeler look cute in their rust pea coat and crocheted cap on their evening date – even if it is doomed.



6 - Captain Picard and Vash

Stentorian. Cerebral. Sexy? Yes, friends, Jean-Luc Picard may appear to be all business, but his heart beats like any other man's. In a stroke of true genius, our most classical and by-the-book Captain was paired up with a feisty rogue in the Han Solo mold. While Vash only appeared in two <u>TNG</u> episodes (and one *DS9*) she left an indelible mark on our perception of the Enterprise-D's captain, opening a window onto his lust for adventure.



5 - Quark and Latinum

If your mushy romance doesn't come with a price tag, the proprietor of *Deep Space Nine's* bar, restaurant, casino and hot sheet holosuites has little use for it. While the emphasis placed on profit in Ferengi culture is often played for a joke, a man with real lobes is laughing all the way to the Divine Treasury. Quark's dedication to latinum (particularly gold-pressed latinum) expresses a fealty to a culture that may seem different from our own, but, if IDIC is to be believed, is no less valid than our own. Now, what would you like to trade for some high-grade vats of yamok sauce.





4 - Jadzia Dax and Worf

Is there a mate worthy of the mighty Son of Mogh? Surely it would take a few generations of experience to understand his unique upbringing, that of a Sto-vo-kor destined warrior weaned on prune juice. The Dax symbiote placed in the shapely frame of Jadzia is Trill enough to thrill our bold Klingon – scientifically minded, yet fierce and powerful. Their courtship and marriage didn't just leave broken hearts elsewhere in the quadrant, but broken ribs following their more intimate moments.



3 - Captain Picard and Nella Daren

Captain Picard gets *two* mentions on the list? Yes he does, dammit, because he's given us so much! After breaking it off with Vash and having his very heart ground into stardust following the events of "<u>The Inner Light</u>," romance warped into the Captain's life in the episode "<u>Lessons</u>." The new Stellar Sciences department head shared a passion for music and the two duet-ed on more than just the flute and keyboard. The challenges of running a starship and maintaining a relationship with an underling proved too difficult, and both parties' loyalty to Starfleet left audience members asking their replicators for a box of Kleenex.





2. - Will Riker and Deanna Troi

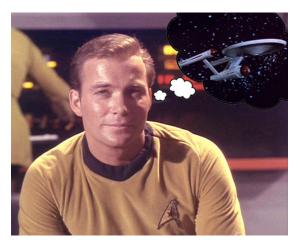
One word: "Imzadi." The love of Riker and Troi's is another that has the ring of truth to it. It took a long, long time for them to get married, though they remained the best of friends as they watched (and even advised) one another try out other romantic entanglements. When we first met the two, they were former lovers trying to remain professional on assignment, but we knew, just as matter and antimatter shouldn't mix, that they'd eventually wind up together. Along the way they ate chocolate and played the trombone, soldering their relationship into one that can withstand intense phaser fire. Will and Deanna, your bonds will last through this Multiverse and the next.



1 - Kirk and The Enterprise

The common perception of James T. Kirk is him flying around space with a green-skinned lover in every port. While he certainly had his dalliances and his heart broken, we'll let his remark to Dr. McCoy from *TOS*'s first season episode "<u>The Corbomite</u> <u>Maneuver</u>" have the final word on the matter.

"I've already got a female to worry about. Her name's the Enterprise."





Manda's Coolsite

The Harry Potter Lexicon

My mom and sister loved the Harry Potter series, and were absolutely delighted when it was announced that there would be at least one more movie about the beasts of Potter's magical world. Then I got into a debate with my sister over some Potter trivia and went to web to source my information. That's how I found this site!

The Harry Potter Lexicon is an amazing resource for the wizarding world that J.K. Rowling created. When you arrive at the site click the Enter button to journey within. There you'll be greeted with a navigation strip along the top, but more importantly a navigation menu in the middle of the page with all the delightful categories you could wish for.

If you click the Explore the Wizarding World button, you'll get a much more detailed menu and I highly recommend that way of browsing. Instead of just category names, you'll get a listing of the different things in the category to give you and idea of what the content is.

Some other helpful places can be found on the navigation strip. There you'll find the FAQ, A-to-Z Index, and Search Option. Which will help you if you run into problems or just want to find a specific term quickly. If you're a Harry Potter fan this is a great site to explore for all the encyclopedic details you could desire about the Potterverse.

http://www.hp-lexicon.org

~Amanda



By: Morgan Gendel



I don't know where you'll be tonight but I know what I'll be doing: taking "<u>The Inner Light</u>" out for its 21st birthday. We'll toss back a few and reminisce and I'll say things like, "Damn, time flies" and "The Inner Light" will probably say, "How do you think I feel; my episode felt like it took 50 years!"

Then we'll both sober up and I'll say, "Inner Light," you're the favorite of all my children because you come to the house regularly – usually via BBC America – and everyone I meet seems to love you so so so very much." Then I'll get all sloppy and "Inner Light" will look at his/her watch and make some excuse and just beam the hell out of there.

I can speak now, jokingly or otherwise, about my closeness to this singular episode of television, one of like 200 that I've written or produced. Who could have ever predicted, not just the love of all things genre but specifically, the adoration for this one episode of television? The result is, I've given more thought to the creation of "The Inner Light" than I have to any other single item you find on my IMDB listing.

So, why "The Inner Light"? Why does this episode stand out?

The answer – to the extent I know it – demonstrates the collaborative nature of TV production, particularly in its writing phase. My entry point into this story was not, as fans often assume, Picard's tale of The Road Not Taken – giving the almighty starship captain a taste of hearth and home.





Picard was going to be stranded on some sort of resort planet and not understand that it was just an ad, not reality. At first, Riker and Ro Laren were zapped by the probe as well, and in their group mind-meld some sort of romantic triangle ensued. Well, at least romance was in the air! My cool tech notion morphed over many visits to the *TNG* writers room into the very moving tale of Picard Gets Family, Picard Loses Family, Picard Gets Back his Old Family.

Paradoxically, "The Inner Light" also speaks to the peculiar benefits of being an outsider, some stubborn need to reside in your own box, not that other one over there that everyone else seems to like so much. In other words, the very opposite of collaboration.

It took me two decades to figure out that I was writing about myself. Time after time I passed through some unseen airlock into the cliquish *TNG* HQ on the Paramount lot to pitch my probe story, each subsequent rejection making me aware of my outsider status. (This is not a dis on *TNG*; a couple years later, when my *Law & Order* colleagues and I would lunch at the Universal commissary en masse, a la mode de legal firms, we would look down our noses at the guys from *New York Undercover*. Such is showbiz.)

Not surprisingly – by which I mean I divined this after 21 years of hindsight – I wrote about a character not belonging yet trying to fit in, adapting to his new environment even while trying to turn the locals to his way of thinking. That character of course was Kamin, Picard's alter ego, and the unfamiliar realm was this planet he learned to love, which fueled his quest against all odds to save it.



Photo by Glenn Rifkin

Nowhere was the extent of my own journey more evident than in the creation of The Flute. I don't remember who in the room literally laughed at my suggestion but I recall it being greeted with the same enthusiasm as if I had said Picard would start visiting the bridge in a muumuu. I also don't remember how impassioned my plea was, but I must have made a good closing argument because on my very next visit Michael Piller said he had reconsidered. The Flute lived!



The Tree of Life; the thinly veiled Bris, complete with obligatory cheese platter; the impending nova; the Green Lantern riff about searching the universe for one man good and true – all these story points went down a little more smoothly when I worked them into the prose story every TNG scribe had to write up before getting the green light to script. But those are all the trappings of the outlier, thought I didn't realize it at the time.

Once I figured that out, the universality of this story and hence its durability became clear. Isn't every memorable drama, from *The Graduate* to *The Dark Knight*, from *My So Called Life* to *Breaking Bad*, about being different and trying to make the most of that difference? Trying to bring some order to our self -inflicted chaos? Trying to find some point to our lives?

Don't we all long for our own "Oh, it's me!" moment as the ancient Kamin did before the curtain was pulled back on the fictional lifelong pageant imbedded in his mind in 25 minutes?

I'm going to go out on a limb and say "Yes."

But all those examples are of feature films or entire series. What sets "Inner Light" apart may be simply that I, not being part of the *TNG* episodic storytelling team, actually came up with something less like an episode and more like a little movie. In my later years, as a showrunner, I'm not sure I would've let a freelance writer get away with that, but for some reason they did.

And bee-tee-dubs, the "Oh it's me!" line was written by my co-teleplay writer Peter Allan Fields. Finding the meaning to our outsider lives is good; having some insider collaboration even better.

On this 21st anniversary of "The Inner Light" I'm left with only one mystery. I often wonder if Jay Chattaway's superb "Inner Light Theme" ever came to the attention of George Harrison, who wrote the little-known Beatles song for which I named the episode. The lyrics are so apt, it's like some sort of artsy Mobius strip, song leading to story leading to song in one unbroken sequence. If you Google "Inner Light + song" you'll get the Beatles tune and an acknowledgment of my *TNG* homage to it back-to-back. Don't tell anyone but that might be the best gift my authorship of this episode has given me.

To anyone who can solve this mystery, I'll buy you a drink.



Authentic Ressikan Flute Box Being Created







Gates McFadden and Brent Spiner are together again. <u>The Star Trek: The Next Generation</u> co-stars and longtime pals are joining forces for *The Last Look Back*, a play that will be staged on October 4 and 5 as benefit performances for Ensemble Studio Theatre/LA, the not-for-profit theater company McFadden serves as artistic director. Spiner will star in *The Last Look Back* as Frank Sinatra, who, on the last day of his life, forges an unlikely friendship with... Monica Lewinsky. McFadden does not play Lewinsky, of course, but rather she's directing the show.

<u>StarTrek.com</u> invited McFadden and Spiner to banter with each other about *The Last Look Back*, figuring it might be fun. Well, lesson learned: Be careful what you wish for. Here's what they had to say, and be sure to read through to the very end for additional details about *The Last Look Back*, including a one-day-only 15-hour sale on tickets.

Brent, why did you want to work with Gates at EST/LA?

SPINER: To be honest, I really didn't want to. But, she called me and literally cried on the phone. She said there was just no one else in America who could play this part and if I didn't do it, she might literally hurt herself. Well, I don't want that on my conscience. I mean, I'm her son's godfather. What would I tell him? How could I explain it to the fans? And even then, I wasn't sure I wanted to do it. But, when she sweetened the pot with the best payday I've ever had in the theater, how could I say no? I just hope the check doesn't bounce!

Gates, why did you want to work with Brent at EST/LA?

MCFADDEN: Truthfully, I didn't. I mean I saw just about every other actor in Los Angeles. We put out literally thousands of offers, but in the end he was the only one available. Plus, we got him cheap. Dirt cheap. Michael Dorn would have made a better Sinatra than Brent, but Michael's manager said, "No way. I'd rather Michael be in deep space with the Voyager satellite." Michael also demanded we build a hangar for his plane at the theater, which would have required using our patio and two parking areas. It was just too much for a small non-profit to handle. Denise Crosby might have worked, but we were worried she'd sound too much like Bing. Sadly, in the end, it came down to Brent. Boy did we get him cheap.





Brent, how's it going?

SPINER: Well, on the one hand, good, and the other, not so good. Turns out she doesn't have a clue how to direct. She keeps saying, "What do I do now?" in a little girl's voice. Very embarrassing. Fortunately, I don't really need direction. And the other actors call me after rehearsal so I can tell them what to do as well. I don't really mind, though. I might ask for a directing credit, eventually. If I don't get it, I might threaten to walk.

Gates, what's your take on how it's going?

MCFADDEN: You might think it would be helpful to have someone who played an android all those years, someone who has lots of film experience, lots of Broadway experience, even off-Broadway experience, working on this play, but, honestly, it hasn't helped a bit. Every day we are at START. It's a roll of the dice every day at rehearsal. I will say, to his enormous credit, Brent does know how to sign an autograph super-quickly and legibly, but that's about it.

Gates, you've directed a lot of theater and you even directed an episode of *The Next Generation*. How helpful to you in your theater work were your years on *TNG*? What are the differences between the two experiences?

MCFADDEN: Probably the biggest difference is there's lots less time spent on hair and makeup, which means most of the time I look like hell. I used to think our *TNG* craft services was lame, but compared with what EST/LA provides for actors, the *TNG* craft services was high buffet at the Four Seasons. However, I do miss having a chair with my name on it. I found that helpful whenever I was feeling lost.





Brent, your thoughts?

SPINER: Probably the biggest difference, like Gates said, is there's a lot less time spent on hair and makeup. So, as you can imagine, I look much better. I've had to dye my hair gray, which makes me look surprisingly handsome and not a day older! Strange, Gates keeps going on about that chair with her name on it. I guess she can't let go of how important *TNG* made her feel. I do wish she wouldn't wear the Dr. Crusher uniform every day, though. I don't mind it so much, but the other actors are afraid there's something seriously wrong with her.

Ensemble Studio Theatre/LA has announced two performances only of *The Last Look Back*, a world premiere play by Stephen Serpas directed by Gates McFadden, and starring Brent Spiner, Sadie Alexandru, Tracey A. Leigh, and Ramón de Ocampo, on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 at 8pm. Proceeds will go to support EST/LA, the artistic home for new works from the best established and emerging playwrights in Los Angeles.

It is May 14, 1998. A pretty young intern embroiled in a presidential sex scandal meets with a legendary entertainer on the last day of his life – and so begins a lesson she could learn from no one else. *The Last Look Back* is a surreal pairing of kindred spirits and a hallucinatory comic ride about mortality, redemption, and the end of the twentieth century.

These special performances of *The Last Look Back* are on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 at 8pm. Tickets are \$150, \$250, and \$500 (VIP Package—priority seating, pre-show cocktail reception, souvenir program signed by cast, post-show party and photo opportunities with the cast, photo booth opportunity with 1/8th Gates, gift bags and more). Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online at <u>www.EnsembleStudioTheatreLA.org or www.brownpapertickets.com/</u><u>event/454219</u>. The Atwater Village Theatre is located at 3269 Casitas Avenue, in Los Angeles.

Be sure to keep an eye on the EST/LA site this Friday for details about a one-time only 15-hour sale of tickets priced at \$75.

And, all joking aside, McFadden added the following: "The play we are doing is like a gorgeous and crazy surrealistic dream painting. It's a fictionalized meeting between Monica Lewinsky and a dying Frank Sinatra. What could be better than that?! If we raise the money to stay at the theatre we'll we be able to take the production further.



A duck walks into a bar and says to the bartender "Do you have any grapes?" The bartender says "No we don't have any grapes. We are a bar and only serve liquor." The duck says ok and leaves. The next day the duck comes back to the bar and says to the bartender "Do you have any grapes?" The bartender says "I told you yesterday we don't have any grapes. We are a bar and only serve liquor." The duck says ok and leaves. The next day the duck goes into the bar and the bartender says "If you ask me one more time if we have grapes, I'll nail your beak to the bar." The duck hesitates for a second and asks the bartender "Do you have any nails?" The bartender says "No!" The duck then asks "Do you have any grapes?"



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TROM THE EDITOR

Dear Students:

This is the time of the year to celebrate various holidays and to enjoy making your New Year's resolutions. First of all "HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014"!!! All of my New Year's resolutions don't last past the first week of the new year, but this time I have the motivation to start jogging. I have a trip scheduled to Italy! Oh, and I also want to learn some Italian, which has nothing to do with the jogging thing btw. So, 2014 will be a wonderful year for me on the vacation front. I wish for all of you who do make resolutions that you can keep them going throughout this year.

Have fun learning!

Best Wishes,

Commodore Cher Schleigh SFA Newsletter Editor

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." ~~ Leo Buscaglia

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