

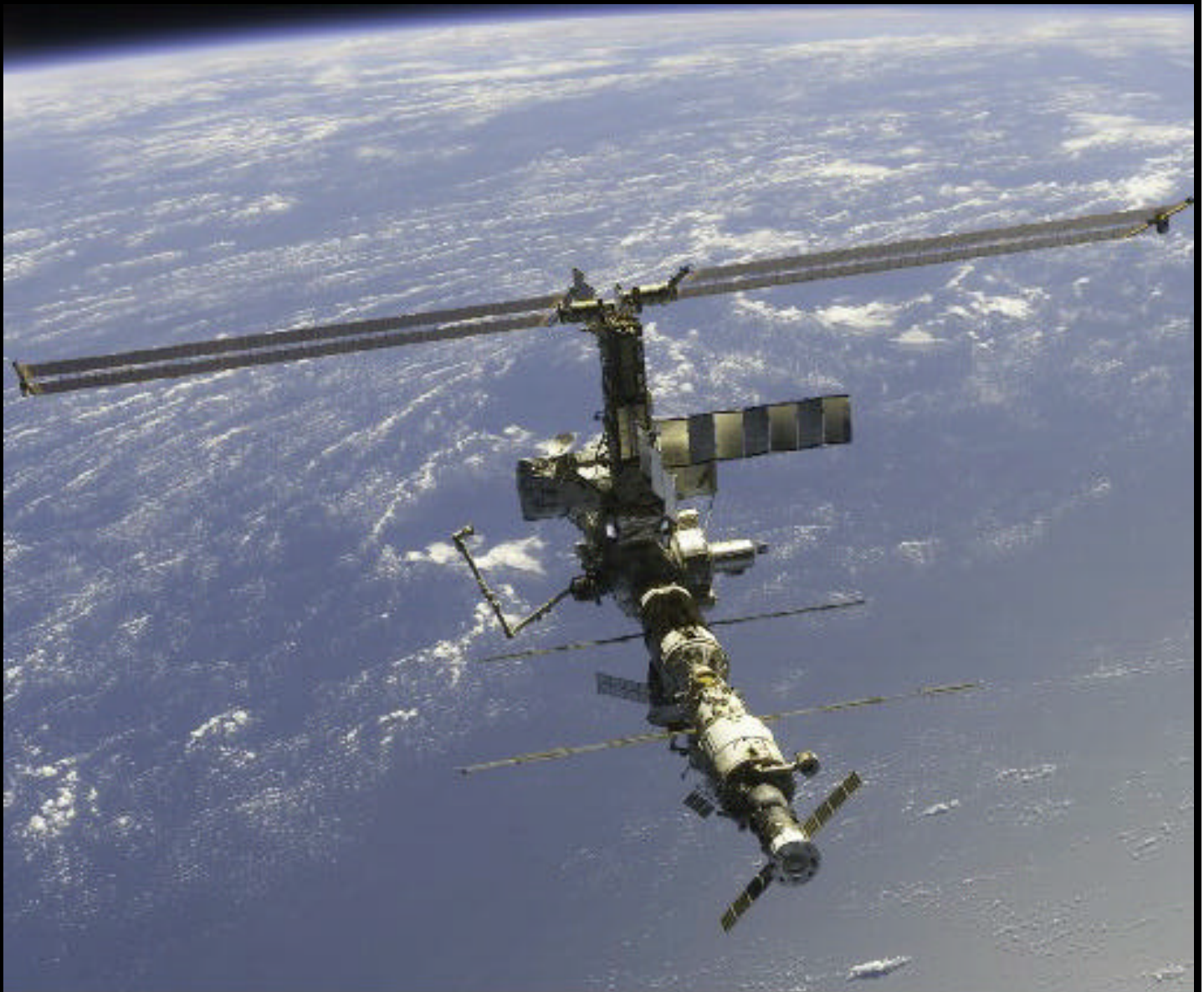
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International Space Station from *Atlantis* after undocking duing STS-110. Photo from NASA's spaceflight.nasa.gov image library.



A View From the Catbird Seat



I hope everyone is well and survived the annual tax season with as few casualties as possible. I never enjoy paying taxes.

We have several events coming up quickly that I need to remind you of. On April 25th, at 5 p.m. we will be at Culbreth Middle School at Chapel Hill. This is a uniform event. We don't really have to do anything other than mingle with the students and their parents. This is their annual science fair and we represent the future.

Our next event is the annual Galaxy Festival at the Planetarium in Chapel Hill on May 4th, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Again this is a uniform/t-shirt event where nothing is really expected of us other than to look good and mingle. Of course, there will be free food, drink and shows.

At 4 p.m. that same Saturday, we have our monthly meeting at the Fisher house. Please remember to bring your aluminum cans for recycling with proceeds going to the Duke Children's Hospital jar.

For those of you who volunteered, at 8:30 p.m. of the same day, there is the 101.5 FM radiothon at Duke Hospital to raise money for the children. Remember, it is at Duke this year, not the radio station here in Raleigh. We still do not know about the telethon at the end of the month, but hope to have more information for you at the meeting that afternoon.

Those are the main functions coming up in the near

future. The summer usually brings a few conventions such as Shore Leave in Baltimore in July, and Vulkan in Atlanta, and Dragon Con in Atlanta; not sure of those dates. Hope some of you will be able to make a few of them and will share your experiences with us by way of an article or two, maybe with a few pictures for the web site. We are always looking for contributions.

I don't know if there is an article in this issue on our excursion to the winery back on the sixth of April, but in case there isn't, suffice it to say that a good time was had by all those in attendance. If only there had been a camera there! The one time we promote alcohol with children present at an official function! Well, I will let the others regale you with the tales of our fine officer corps under the influence of the grape! Truly a visit worth repeating towards the end of May, when the new wines are presented.

We are "enjoying" unseasonably warm weather as I write this. For me it is very uncomfortable and thoughts of traveling to outdoor events are something I don't like to entertain. If any of you have any places you think the club would enjoy visiting, please be sure and let us know what you have in mind. Surely, we have not exhausted sites worthy of our attention, especially those with air conditioning. Hopefully, the summer will not be 120 days of 90-degree temperatures!

Since it has already turned hot, I guess it would be

appropriate to go ahead and kick off the season with a cookout for the meeting in May. You know the routine: we provide burgers, hot dogs, and buns, and you bring the ice, drinks, chips, dip, side dishes, covered dishes, and desserts. There is food involved, so we should have a good turnout on what is already our busiest day of the year.

Well, that just about wraps it up for me this time. I know we have another good issue of *The Wright Stuff* with lots of information and entertainment. Please consider adding your name to the list of contributors. We have had so many types of articles over the years and all of them have been well received. So when you get this, either by Internet or by mail, please tell those that have taken the time to share with us just how much you appreciate their efforts.

So, hope to see all of you on May 4th. Until then:

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Upcoming Enterprises

From StarTrek.com:

April 24	<i>Detained</i>
May 1	<i>Vox Solis</i>
May 8	<i>Fallen Hero</i>
May 8	<i>Desert Crossing</i>
May 15	<i>Two Days and Two Nights</i>
May 22	<i>Shockwave</i>

Notes:

- May 8 has two new episodes.
- *Shockwave* is the first of two parts, with the second part opening the second season.
- Episode names and air dates subject to change.

Computer Operations

Let's see if I'm ready for this weekend --

- > Food run: check.
- > *Wright Stuff* published: check. (Or at least it will be.)
- > Player lists: check.
- > Blank draft results: check.

Yup...definitely ready for the weekend. If you haven't figured it out yet, I am a draft nick -- one of those people who will spend most of this weekend watching the NFL draft on ESPN, ESPN2, and the 'net. I at least have a plausible excuse -- I need to update my football web site. (Besides, I usually have time to do a few other things during the draft, so I'm not going to spend *all* weekend on the draft.)

The Computer Ops offices have just completed yet another

upgrade. The first upgrade was forced when I tried to print the February issue of the newsletter. The image on the front cover required more memory than my old laser printer had and adding more memory wasn't worth the cost. The decision was then made to pick up a new printer -- a really nice HP 1200. The other big upgrade was a new Pentium IV system. (It *screams*.) As beefed-up as it is, I don't expect to replace the box anytime soon. The one thing I haven't tried yet is the sound system I put in it. (It's supposed to be on-par with the surround receiver in the living room.)

Now for a couple *Kitty Hawk* subjects....

Newsletter. This month's photo is from the just-completed

STS-110 shuttle mission. *Atlantis* docked with the International Space Station and delivered the first truss segment (designated S0) and the Mobile Transporter, a rail car that will allow the station's robotic arm to travel along the truss -- a distance of over 300 feet when the truss is completed.

Since I didn't hear any feedback on the redesign, I assume there weren't any problems with it. Truth be told, I was originally looking for a more significant change, but I soon realized that there's only so many ways to do a newsletter -- especially when trying to do a print version.

Web site. Now that I've completed the To Do list I had for my football site's annual rosters, I plan to catch up on the *Kitty Hawk's* web site. (I might actually build the "Current Members" section.

Science

Last month's outing to Chatham Hill Winery was a success. The few of us who attended got to sample some of the local brew and learn how it is made. Even the kids, who did not get to sample, enjoyed the experience.

In science news, the search for life elsewhere in our solar system continues, concentrating now on Europa, a moon orbiting around Jupiter. Europa seems to have plenty of ice, which may be covering a warmer body of water. And although Europa seems to be colder than most people can even imagine, scientists are discovering that life can and does survive in some of the most inhospitable conditions imaginable. Arctic ice has been found to be riddled with bacteria of an especially hardy sort. Scientists hope that by studying these creatures, we can learn where and how to look for similar signs of life in places like Europa. Similar studies in Siberia hope to lead the way to finding

microbes in the polar regions of Mars. Not exactly the stuff of Jules Verne novels, but exciting nonetheless!

In other news, did you know we had another close call with an asteroid in March? This one snuck up on us by approaching from the direction of the sun, which blinded astronomers to its presence until just 4 days before it zipped by us at just a little more than the distance from the Earth to the Moon. Scientists predict this same asteroid could collide with the Earth in 2093. Hopefully, we'll have figured out how to deal with these things by then!

Your Science Officer will be off for some much needed R&R the first weekend of May and will not be at the meeting. But the rest of you, remember Galaxy Quest at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill on May 4th. This is always a fun activity, especially for the children, and it is all FREE (my favorite price)!

First Officer's Report

All right, what happened to spring? When did we jump straight into the furnace days of summer? Heck, what happened to *winter*?

For all of you suffering from the yellow haze known as pine pollen, I'm sorry. It shouldn't be too much longer before the conifers lean back and have a cigarette. I hope that won't keep you from joining us on our movie nights and game nights. I know we haven't managed to pull either one of these off yet, but we will! Schedules are a bit crazy at this point, but stay tuned. We're going to get together, and we're going to have fun, if I have to put each and every one of you in an agonizer booth....

Medical Report

Health Benefits of Wine

Recent studies have boasted of the benefits of wine as a substance that can reduce the risks of cancer, cure heart disease, prevent Alzheimer's and lengthen the life span. How does this occur? How much is too much? Is it all wines?

How does this occur? Some 400 substances in red wine, including tannins and flavonoids, apparently raise the levels of high-density lipoproteins (HDL, or "good" cholesterol) in the blood while decreasing the low-density lipoproteins (LDL, or "bad" cholesterol) and thereby help prevent heart attacks and strokes. HDL is known to lower the risk of

arteriosclerosis and heart disease by clearing "bad" cholesterol from the arterial walls and helping eliminate it from the body.

Is it all wines? Most studies focus on substances that are found in red wine, but not white. The reason they are found in red wines but not white is that the substances are natural components of grape skins. Since red wines are fermented on the skins while white wines are not, it is the fermentation of the skins that seems critical to health promotion.

How much is too much? Moderate red wine consumption appears to be the key. One to two glasses of wine daily showed

positive benefits in most studies, without contributing to an increase in weight or blood glucose changes.

In other news

For those of you who volunteered, remember that May 4th is the WRAL Radiothon. I will have maps at the next meeting.

Remember to bring in your donations to be sold for Duke Children's Hospital. Any items that are in good condition will be considered. Please have a written description of each item as well.

Also remember to save your pop-tops.

Be safe, be happy, be healthy.

Engineering Report

It's been a long time since my last report and there is a lot of news on several subjects. I'd like to start by reviewing a movie trailer. I went to see the kid's film *Ice Age* last week and as a bonus we saw the previews for *Star Wars Episode II*. Boy did it look good. Lots of action and a glimpse of things to come with a tell tale scene between Anakin and Palpatane. Can't wait! Maybe we could go as a group and make a night of it. By the way, Paramount announced that the current *Trek* film has finished shooting and is now in post production, ahead of schedule. Question is, when will it be released. The studio is worried about its planned release for this fall as it forces *Trek* to go head to head with some pretty stiff competition. There is a distinct possibility that it will be put off to a later release date. Time will tell.

One of my favorite activities of recent years is watching out

for new DVD releases of old favorite films. With the DVD potential for added scenes, commentary by the creators, behind the scenes production notes and such, DVD re-releases of classic movies has been a real treat. A recent article in the papers has hinted that this trend may come to a crashing halt. It seems that the greedy folks out in L.A. can't stand the thought of us fans getting something for nothing. At least, that's the way they see it. Any 'extra' on a DVD longer than 25 minutes is considered by them, a whole new production. Therefore, they have begun a new process that will require payment of fees and royalties to writers, actors, musicians and so on, for all DVD extras that are longer than the 25-minute limit. Most movie releases I've seen recently have extensive bonus materials included. Most of these are so long that it requires the addition

of a second DVD just to hold them all. There are a few of these that I haven't even seen all the extras, even after several viewings. In some cases, like *The Birds*, the bonus material is longer than the movie itself. So what it boils down to is this: some folks in Hollywood think it's about time to start cashing in on this. This forces the DVD folks to make a hard decision. Either reduce the bonus materials drastically; pay a fee for the extras; or stop including the bonus materials completely. It would be a shame to reduce or eliminate the bonus features as they are as important and as much fun as the movie itself. However, if additional fees are added, then the low cost appeal of the DVD is eliminated, which may damage the popularity of the format. What really bothers me is the report from Hollywood from the previous month stating that last year was one of the

best for films. In other words, no matter how much they make, it's still not enough. Whatever decision is made regarding future DVD releases, I know who to blame for the difficulties: the greedy folks who can't bear the thought of fans getting something for nothing.

Now for something really discouraging. In a recent article in the *News and Observer*, a listing of the Centennial celebrations of first flight was published. That's right, celebrations, plural. It seems that there are at least 19 separate observances going on all over the state. Everywhere from Asheville to Elizabeth City and Burlington to Wilmington and all points in between. Besides the obvious confusion, there is the potential to divide up meager, and rapidly declining funding resources from the state. Not to mention the potential for 'diluting' the event. After all, with events scheduled to start as early as May and continue on to December, people may just get tired of the whole thing. Added to all of this are two other side issues. First, Ohio's attempt to get in on the action, and second, the grand opening of the new Air and Space facilities in Washington. Also, it seems the folks in North Carolina aren't finished. There are even more plans for other celebrations within the state. It seems to me that rather than diluting the most important event in our state's history, other than its founding, we should be putting all our efforts into one very classy and grand celebration at Kitty Hawk. I'm not sure just what is planned for Kitty Hawk, but if the State Treasury is trying to cope with a major deficit, over 20 celebrations is just a bit much. Rather than each community attempting to out do the other, they should make a contribution

the state's and nation's observance. We're going to look really silly if the Centennial Celebration comes off looking like a county fair instead of the major event it should be. My only hope is, that someone in the State Government will put their foot down and demand a few big observances and refuse to fund the many others.

Oh yes, one other note to the Centennial, it seems that the potential for big bucks, (sound familiar?), has hit the fan here, too. Trademark applications have been made for "The Wright Brothers", "Orville and Wilbur Wright", and the famous first flight photograph. This will in effect control all products intended for the Centennial, including toys, clothing, calendars, and so on. The agency doing this, acting on the wishes of the Wright family, state that they, "don't want to control history, just protect the integrity." Horse pucky! It's money plain and simple. The Wright family gets 65% and the agency gets 35% of all royalties. This puts the folks out at Kitty Hawk in serious trouble, after all, they've been selling those items for years already, without permission. Frankly, I'm getting just a bit sick by all of this. Maybe the best way to observe the whole thing is in my own backyard.

In still another report to gain from us poor folks, several internet giants are hinting that the free ride may be coming to an end. There is talk that fees may be collected for e-mail and for the downloading of information and images on the web sites of certain providers. I'm sure the folks at the U.S. Post Office are smiling. Over the past few years, their services have been required less due to the use of e-mail. I'm not sure what type of fees

the providers are talking about, but if it's too much, the mail carriers may get a boost. Maybe this was their plan all along. Get us hooked, then...wham! Oh well, it had to happen sooner or later. After all, you didn't really expect the free ride to last forever, did you?

I'm going to sign off with a bit of better news. If you hadn't already heard, the work on the restoration of the Pentagon is ahead of schedule. In fact, they plan on finishing the outer ring by the first anniversary of the September 11 attack. There will still be work to be done on the inner rings, but that is very encouraging. If you didn't know, the Pentagon was constructed shortly before the beginning of WWII. To conserve on the use of steel, already in short supply, the building was constructed mostly of concrete, bricks, limestone, and granite. Over the years, many modifications and alterations have been made, so there was a severe lack of 'as built' plans. This forced the people rebuilding the Pentagon to ad-lib some of their work. In the process of rebuilding, they are reinforcing the structure. Although details are understandably sketchy, the "new Pentagon" will be very substantial. To accomplish the feat of rapid construction, the job site has been working at 24 hour a day, seven day a week schedule. It's been reported that many of the workers are pulling double shifts out of pride and as a means of showing their support for the country. As a fellow construction worker, I can tell you that is a superhuman effort. My best wishes to all those involved. I'd like to take a trip to D.C. and show my support.

Take care all, and, as usual, long live and prosper!

Security Report - 9-11 Internet Hoaxes

Early Rumors from <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/weekly/aa091101a.htm>

- Was one airliner purposely shot down?
- Were more than four airliners hijacked?
- Did World Trade Center occupants get advance warning?
- Was Britain also attacked?
- Will there be a gasoline shortage?
- Was WTC wreckage offered for sale on eBay?
- Did CNN fake footage of celebrating Palestinians?
- Did the artwork on a CD cover resemble pictures of the attacks?

News of the devastating terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon swept across the Internet at light-speed the morning of Tuesday, September 11, as did those untrustworthy siblings of the news: rumor, gossip and hearsay. Here, plucked fresh from the digital grapevine, is a sampling of rumors associated with the tragedy within the first few hours and days:

Hijacked airliner was purposely shot down. **Rumor:** "I heard on the radio that the plane in Pennsylvania was shot down because it wasn't responding to radio calls, but can't get confirmed on any of the TV stations." **Status:** False; denied by Pentagon, unsupported by evidence.

More than four planes were hijacked. **Rumor:** "Up to eight airplanes are said to have been hijacked." **Status:** False. The total was four and has not been revised by authorities. (This rumor was widely trumpeted as fact in British newspapers.)

World Trade Center occupants received advance warning. **Rumor:** "I know someone in the world trade center and they called on cell phone... They were warned 45 minutes before first hit to leave building." **Status:**

Unsubstantiated; not reported in media.

Britain was also attacked. **Rumor:** "I heard from someone in a chat group who claimed to be from London that Westminster Abbey was hit by hijacked plane too. Trying to verify, but BBC.com is clogged." **Status:** False.

Gasoline shortage/price increase predicted. **Rumor:** "Due to the events of this morning all ports have been closed. This means no shipping is coming into the United States. This means no oil. Fill your tanks and any portable cans that you have. Do it now before the rush begins." **Status:** False, though the rumor itself sparked sudden price increases and waiting lines at gas stations in some U.S. cities Tuesday. According to oil industry spokesmen, the U.S. has a "substantial" gasoline supply and some individual stations were simply gouging fearful consumers.

4,000 Jews Didn't Show up for Work at World Trade Center 9/11: <http://slate.msn.com/%3Fid=116813> **Rumor:** The World Trade Center attack was an Israeli conspiracy and every Jew who worked there was warned in advance to stay home that morning. **Status:** False.

Rumor: Automakers' Contributions to 9/11 Relief: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blautomakers.htm> **Status:** False. This e-mail alleging that non-U.S. auto manufacturers did not contribute significantly to post-September 11 relief efforts is almost entirely false.

The Bin Laden/Gum Arabic Connection: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blgum-arabic.htm> **Rumor:** Every time you buy a soft drink, this rumor says, you may be contributing funds to Osama bin Laden's terrorist campaign. **Status:** Apparently false.

Rumor: 'Blue packages' in the Mail with Deadly Virus or Poison:

<http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/weekly/aa100101a.htm> **Status:** False. In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Net is rife with variants of a year-old rumor about deadly chemicals and viruses circulating by parcel post (also known as the "Klingerman Virus").

Budweiser vs. Celebrating Arabs: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blbudweiser.htm> **Rumor:** Did a Budweiser employee in McFarland, California pull his product from the shelves of a convenience store where Arab employees were seen celebrating the September 11 attacks? **Status:** False.

A Canadian's Tribute to America: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blamericans.htm> **Status:** True but...Authentic editorial by Canadian radio commentator Gordon Sinclair, but it was written 30 years ago, not last week.

Candlelight Vigil to Be Photographed from Space: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blvigil.htm> **Rumor:** The U.S. government has asked all American citizens to stand outside with lit candles "tonight" so that a satellite can photograph the nationwide vigil from space. **Status:** False.

Does bin Laden Own Snapple: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blsnapple.htm> **E-mail Rumor:** Terrorist Osama bin Laden has financial ties to Major corporations like Cadbury-Schweppes (makers of Snapple), General Electric and Motorola. **Status:** False.

Dunkin' Donuts Boycott: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/bldd-boycott.htm> **Rumor:** Arab employees of Dunkin' Donuts "celebrating" after the September 11 attacks have raised calls for a boycott. **Status:** False.

Face of Satan Appears in WTC Crash Photo (<http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/>

[bltabloid-arch10.htm](#) **Rumor:** More news from the fringe .. and beyond. **Status:** True but some people have seen an angel, too.

German Warship Salutes crew of *USS Winston S. Churchill*: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/bl-luetjens.htm> **Status:** True. The crew of the *GFS Lütjens* flew an American flag at half-mast and brandished a sign saying "We Stand by You" to salute U.S. sailors aboard the *USS Winston S. Churchill* after the September 11 attacks.

G.W. Bush Quote: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blbush-quote.htm> **Rumor:** Did he really say "I'm not going to fire a \$2 million missile at a \$10 empty tent and hit a camel in the butt"? **Status:** True.

Halloween Terror Attacks on Malls 10/31: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blmall-terror.htm>

Rumor: E-mails warn that shopping malls in the U.S. may be subject to terrorist attacks on Halloween. **Status:** False.

Parody: Don't Go to the Bathroom on Oct. 28!

Hunt the Boeing! <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blflight77.htm> Strange web site. French Website challenges the official explanation that the Pentagon explosion of 9/11 was caused by a hijacked airliner.

Iron Your Mail to Prevent Anthrax? <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/weekly/aa101701a.htm> Strange person alert. That's what a renowned bioterrorism expert suggests, believe it or not.

Man 'Rode Rubble Down' from 82nd Floor of WTC and Survived: <http://news.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml%3Fxml=/news/2001/09/23/wald23.xml> **Rumor:** A firefighter or policeman (depending on version) survived the collapse of one of the World Trade Center towers by "surfing" the rubble as it fell from the 82nd floor. **Status:** False.

Muhammad Atta Was Freed from Prison by American President: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blatta.htm>

Rumor: Depending on which version of this rumor you read, it was either Ronald Reagan or Bill Clinton who was responsible for setting Muhammad Atta free to carry out subsequent terrorist attacks on the U.S. **Status:** False.

National Firefighters Day - Petition: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blfirefighters.htm> **Rumor:** Was an e-mail petition in favor of a National Firefighters Day to honor those who died during rescue efforts after September 11 really started by the 14-year-old son of a fallen firefighter? **Status:** True.

Nostradamus Predicted the WTC Attack: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/weekly/aa091101b.htm> **Rumor:** Somehow, the famed prophet managed to write these spooky quatrains a hundred years after he died. **Status:** False.

Oliver North Warned Us About Osama bin Laden: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blnorth.htm> **Rumor:** During the Iran-Contra Hearings in 1987, Colonel Oliver North supposedly called Osama bin Laden "the most evil person alive." **Status:** False.

Osama bin Laden and Bert the Muppet: <http://politicalhumor.about.com/library/blosamabert.htm>

Rumor: In news photos of protesting Muslims in Bangladesh, an image of Bert the Muppet appears on a poster side-by-side with Osama bin Laden. Oh, dear. **Status:** Funny but True.

The Peaceniks' Comeup-pance: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blanti-war.htm> **Rumor:** Obnoxious anti-war protesters are driven out of the Best Western restaurant near the University of Idaho by true patriots singing "God Bless America." **Status:** False.

Pilot's Pre-Flight Speech Asks Passengers to Fight Hijackers: <http://www.worldnews.com/%3Ft=print1.txt%26action=display%26article=9412720> **Rumor:** After the terrorist attacks, the pilot of United Flight 564 gave a rousing speech to his passengers, including the admonition: "If someone or

several people stand up and say they are hijacking this plane, I want you all to stand up together. Then take whatever you have available to you and throw it at them." **Status:** True.

Rental Trucks Reported Stolen by Possible Terrorists: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/bltruck-terror.htm> **Rumor:** Dozens of rental trucks have supposedly gone missing across the U.S. in the past 24 hours. Is it part of a terrorist plot? **Status:** False.

Starbucks Charged WTC Rescue Workers for Bottled Water: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0%2C2933%2C35198%2C00.html>) **Rumor:** EMS workers seeking water to aid victims of the World Trade Center attack were charged full price for it by a local Starbucks. **Status:** True.

Tamim Ansary / Afghan-American's Perspective on Terrorism: <http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2001/09/14/afghanistan/index.html> **Rumor:** e-mail essay begins with the sentence, "I've been hearing a lot of talk about 'bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age'" -- and goes on to plead that that not all Afghans be identified with terrorism and Muslim extremism. **Status:** Authentic.

The 'Tourist Guy' / 'Last Photo' from atop the World Trade Center: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/weekly/aa112801a.htm> Welcome to the wonderful world of PhotoShop via a Hungarian jokester. A wayward jetliner is clearly visible in the background of this purported September 11, 2001 tourist snapshot. **Status:** False.

Wal-Mart Makes Employees Pay for U.S. Flag Displays: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blwalmart-flags.htm> **Rumor:** Is Wal-Mart too greedy and unpatriotic to pay for American flag displays at its stores? **Status:** False.

The Windings Prophecies: <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blwindings.htm> **Rumor:** Did a Microsoft Windows font predict the World Trade Center

attack? Was there a Flight #Q33NY? **Status:** Coincidence.

'WTC Survivor' Virus:
<http://antivirus.about.com/library/>

hoaxes/blenwtc.htm **Rumor:** This alleged computer virus capitalizing on the World Trade Center attack

doesn't exist, says antivirus expert Mary Landesman. **Status:** False.

TV Guide's 35 Greatest *Trek* Moments

Next week's *TV Guide* (April 20-26) celebrates 35 years of *Trek*, featuring 35 different covers. In the errands I've run over the last couple of days, I've seen about a half dozen of the covers including the ones with Patrick Stewart and Scott Bakula.

TV Guide also chose their 35 greatest scenes from the all five series. Here's a quick list of the episodes. To see which was selected from each, just leaf through an issue.)

35. *Deja Q* (TNG)
34. *The Deadly Years* (TOS)
33. *The Immunity Syndrome* (TOS)
32. *Lifesigns* (VOY)
31. *Let That be Your Last Battlefield* (TOS)
30. *Duet* (DS9)

29. *Q Who?* (TNG)
28. *Requiem for Methuselah* (TOS)
27. *Shuttlepod One* (ENT)
26. *Broken Box* (ENT)
25. *Silicon Avatar* (TNG)
24. *Tears of the Prophets* (DS9)
23. *Drone* (VOY)
22. *Timeless* (VOY)
21. *Relics* (TNG)
20. *Broken Link* (DS9)
19. *The Trouble with Tribbles* (TOS)
18. *Homestead* (VOY)
17. *The Best of Both Worlds, Part II* (TNG)
16. *Emissary, Part I* (DS9)
15. *Scorpion, Part I* (VOY)
14. *Day of Honor* (VOY)
13. *Plato's Stepchildren* (TOS)
12. *Yesterday's Enterprise* (TNG)
11. *Family* (TNG)

10. *In the Pale Moonlight* (DS9)
9. *I, Borg* (TNG)
8. *Sins of the Father* (TNG)
7. *Endgame* (VOY)
6. *Amok Time* (TOS)
5. *The Inner Light* (TNG)
4. *The Visitor* (DS9)
3. *The Best of Both Worlds, Part I* (TNG)
2. *The City on the Edge of Forever* (TOS)
1. *All Good Things...* (TNG)

(I will tell you that the scene from *The Inner Light* was the closing scene where Picard plays the flute from the Kataan probe. This is one of my favorite scenes in all of *Trek*.)

A third part of the celebration is a *TV Guide* 35th Anniversary Tribute magazine, to be on sale May 6.

Deep Space Nine - "Family"

Editor's note: This is being published as submitted, including the script formatting. This month's Wright Stuff includes the introductory information and the scenes for the Teaser. The remaining five acts and Brad's afterward will be published in the June and August issues.

INTRODUCTION

Hello! My name is Brad McDonald and I am Chief Engineer of the *U.S.S. Kitty Hawk*. Although my biggest *Star Trek*-related project centers on the design and construction of an entire fleet of ships (over 200 ships so far), I'm also a writer. While I haven't been published or produced as of yet, I've written over 50 stories and scripts.

Several years ago I submitted a number of scripts and, since none were accepted for use, I still

want to share them with the fans. After all, I wrote them as a fan, perhaps other fans would enjoy them as well.

Please note that the script complies with the basic requirements for length, format, and so on (except I numbered my scenes, not necessary), but it may be a different style than you are used to. Script reading takes less time than usual because it lacks the embellishments of regular books, which is another basic tenant of script writing. Please give it a try. If you like it, let me know. If I receive enough positive feedback, I'll publish more on our web site.

The following *Deep Space Nine* story is "Family". Please note that the events take place shortly after Kira loses the first love we know about, Vedek Bariel, in "Life Support". It also occurs before we

meet Kira's family, which was an aspect of the series that I want to explore and the reason I wrote the story. The other part of the story concerns Odo and, well... just read the story.

After the script, I'll add some comments and notes. Long live and prosper. And thanks!

STAR TREK:
DEEP SPACE NINE
"Family"

Story By
Brad McDonald

CAST

SISKO	KIRA OLANA
DAX	JELAN
ODO	ENSIGN WILLIAMS
KIRA	KORDAN LUT
BASHIR	CERET
O'BRIEN	DEMARA
QUARK	KAI WINN

Non-Speaking Roles:
DEEP SPACE NINE CREW
MEMBERS

SECURITY TEAM MEMBERS
BAR WORKERS
BAJJORAN CITIZENS
BAR PATRONS

SETS

INTERIORS
DEEP SPACE NINE
OPS
QUARK'S BAR
CARGO BAY
SISKO'S OFFICE
AIRLOCK ENTRY
KIRA'S QUARTERS
PROMENADE
ODO'S OFFICE
OLANA'S QUARTERS
CORRIDOR
SIDE (CONNECTING)
CORRIDOR
BANQUET ROOM
APPALACHIA
KORDAN'S QUARTERS
EXTERIORS
DEEP SPACE NINE
APPALACHIA

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

JELAN	JAY-lan
OLANA	oh-LAN-uh
KORDAN LUT	CORE-dan lut
CERET	SER-et
DEMARA	de-MARE-uh
CHIMAERAN	she-MAY-ren
MAMARI	nay-MAR-e

TEASER

FADE IN:

1 - EXT. SPACE - DEEP SPACE
NINE (OPTICAL)

The station has a small cargo ship
docked at one of the pylons.

SISKO (V.O.)

Station log, stardate
46258.5. We have a
welcomed visitor, the
cargo ship *Appalachia*.
She is bringing us our
regularly scheduled
supplies plus a few
unexpected passengers,
Bajorans, returning home.
Major Kira has gone to
greet them, while I take

care of the supplies with
Dax and O'Brien.

2 - INT. CARGO BAY - WIDE
ANGLE

Present are Sisko, Dax, and
O'Brien, along with several N.D.
crewmembers. Sisko has a data
padd and is logging all of the
cargo coming off the transporter
pad. O'Brien is operating the
transporter and Dax is supervising
the N.D. crewpersons handling
and storing the cargo.

SISKO
(concerned)

So far, none of the food packs
we ordered have arrived. I was
hoping that they'd be first.

DAX
(smiling)

So that's why you decided
to 'help us out' down here.
That nasty chocolate habit
is catching up to you
again, isn't it Benjamin?

SISKO
(indignant)

Is that why you think I took
a personal interest in this
particular shipment?

Dax shrugs slightly as she checks
the label on one of the containers
and directs one of the N.D.
crewpersons to store it.

SISKO
(to himself)

It just so happens, you're
right.

Sisko looks around the crowded
cargo bay and then poses a
question.

SISKO
(to O'Brien)

How many more
containers, Chief?

O'BRIEN
(reading)

I show five more, Sir.
(beat. then:)

Ready for the next one,
Dax?

DAX
(nodding)

Okay, Miles. Bring it over.

3 - INT. CARGO BAY - TRANS-
PORTER PAD (OPTICAL)

A large pallet takes shape on the
pad. As soon as the transporter
effect is complete, several N.D.
crewpersons move in on it, along
with Sisko, who scans the labels.

SISKO
(working)

A-ha! Our food packs.
(beat, then:)

Well, I'm happy now.

O'BRIEN
(grumpy)

I'm not. We still don't have
the parts I requested from
the last time...

DAX

Don't worry, I'm sure
they'll be on the next
pallet.

4 - INT. CARGO BAY - WIDE
ANGLE

Again, the N.D. crewpersons begin
unstacking the containers quickly
and hurry off to store it.

SISKO
(happy)

With the exception of
O'Brien's parts, we've
received everything we
asked for. Now that's
something to celebrate.
(beat, then:)

When we finish our work
here, I'm buying dinner!

O'BRIEN
(dryly)

Oh sure. Now that we
have some decent food
from Starfleet for the
replicators, you feel the
need to buy. Where were
you when the replicators
were running dry?

Dax and Sisko laugh at the barb
and continue with their work.

5 - INT. AIRLOCK ENTRY - WIDE
ANGLE

The area is busy with arrivals .Kira, Odo, and Bashir are occupied by their respective tasks. Kira is greeting the Bajorans. Odo is logging the names of the visitors. Bashir is giving the disembarking personnel a quick once over with a medical tricorder. As another small group of Bajorans exit the airlock, Kira moves forward to meet them.

BASHIR
(to Odo)

How many more are there?

Odo is logging information into the data padd and is preoccupied.

ODO
(working)

Only six more, but most of those are routine arrivals, only one more Bajoran refugee...

(looking at Bashir)

...you should be finished in just a few more minutes... unless one of the refugees has a problem...

BASHIR

No. So far, so good. They all get a clean bill of health.

ODO
(sarcastic)

At least one of us is having a good day. So far, I have noted the entry of four less-than-reputable types.

BASHIR

Should I be worried

ODO
(working)

No. It's just the usual riff-raff that Quark's reputation attracts. I'm having my people keep an eye on them.

Kira has been directing the refugees and is a short distance away, she turns to address Odo.

KIRA

Is that all of the refugees, Odo?

The last Bajoran is now stepping through the airlock and Odo points her out.

ODO
(pointing)

She's the last one, Major.

6 -- INT. TWO SHOT - KIRA AND OLANA

Kira approaches the last refugee and greets her in a friendly manner.

KIRA
(smiling)

Welcome, to Deep Space Nine. I'm the station's First Officer and the Bajoran Liaison, too.

OLANA
(smiling)

Thank you. It's good to be back on board... .

(looking around)

...although, the last time I was here, the conditions weren't quite so hospitable...

Kira works on her own data padd and begins entering information into the device.

KIRA

I'll need to get some basic information. When was the last time you were here?

OLANA
(thinking)

Oh, four and a half years or so, right after I lost my second family.

KIRA
(surprised)

Second family?

OLANA
(smiling)

It's a long story...

Olana hesitates, looking at Kira's rank insignia.

OLANA

Major...?

KIRA
(simply)

Kira Nerys.

Olana is shocked and becomes silent, staring at Kira. Kira becomes concerned.

KIRA
(worried)

Is something wrong?

OLANA
(confused)

Yes. I mean, no. I mean, you're supposed to be... I heard that you were killed at Taladan.

KIRA
(surprised)

You heard...

(beat, then:)

I was wounded, put out of action for awhile, but eventually the Cardassians assigned me to work on this station...

OLANA
(realizing)

No wonder I couldn't find you! You were here...

Kira is very much confused as to what the refugee is referring to, and tries to figure it out.

KIRA

I'm sorry, just how do you know me?

OLANA
(surprised)

You mean you don't know?

KIRA
(lost)

No. I don't.

OLANA
(smiling)

I'm Kira Olana, your sister.

7 - CLOSE-UP ON KIRA.
REACTION SHOT

Kira is dumbfounded.

Off her reaction...

FADE OUT:

END OF TEASER

To be continued next issue....

Upcoming Events

Apr.	25	5 p.m. Culbreth Middle School (Chapel Hill)
May	4	10 a.m. Galaxy Festival (UNC Planetarium) 4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home - <i>Cookout</i> 8:30 p.m. 101.5 FM Radiothon at Duke Hospital
	22	8:00 p.m. <i>Enterprise</i> Season 1 Finale
Jun.	1	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home

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