

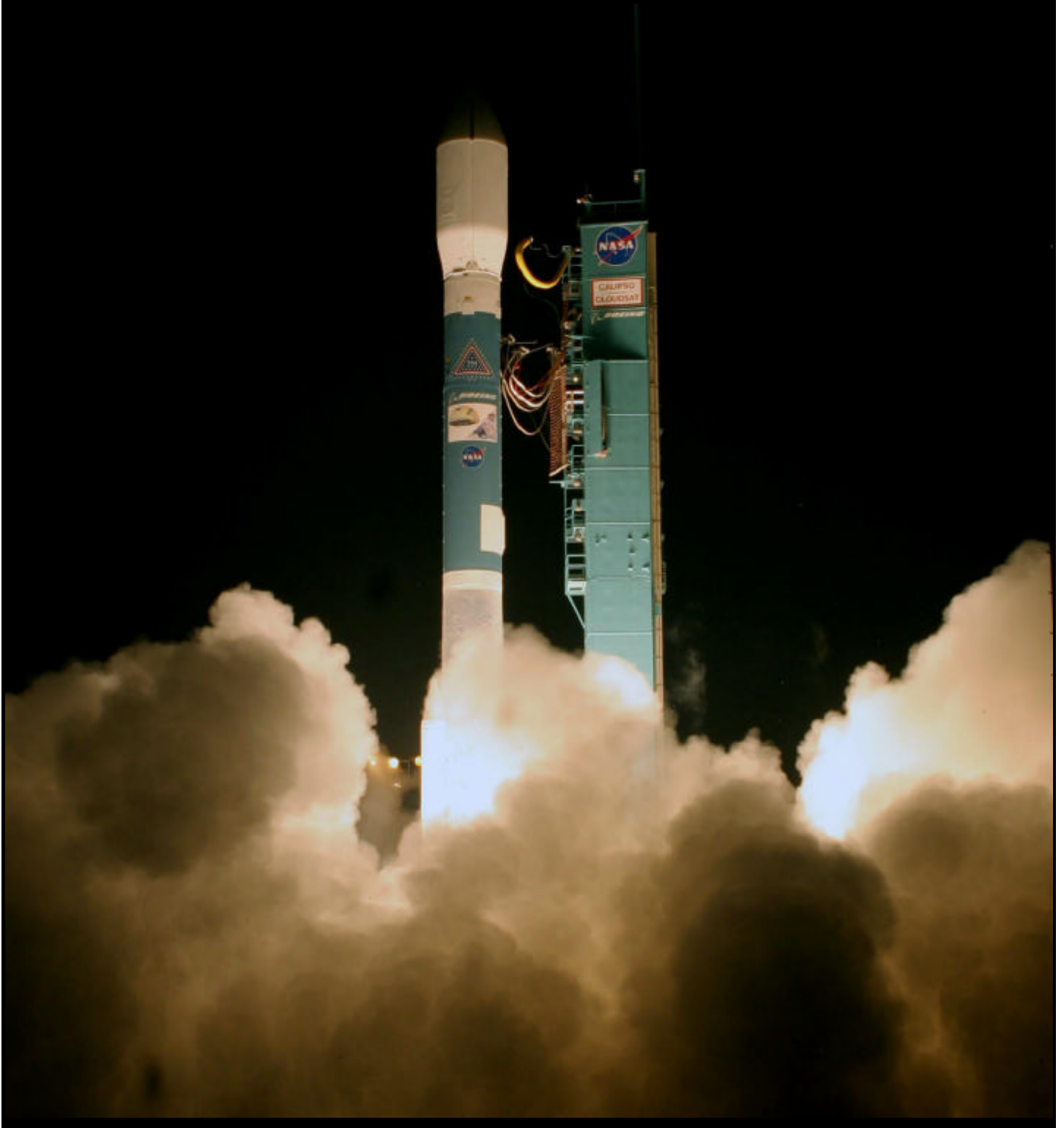
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### IMAGE - Featured Front Page

A Delta II rocket launches on April 28 from Vandenberg AFB, California, with a pair of Earth-observing satellites. CALIPSO and CloudSat shared a rocket to orbit, but they'll observe clouds in different ways.

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# A View From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher

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Everything has been really fast paced since I returned from my trip to Mississippi. For those of you who did not make the April

meeting, we have undertaken a mission to collect and deliver 1000 books to the devastated libraries of the Biloxi/Gulfport region of Mississippi. As of this writing, we have collected about 600 books. I am asking each of you to bring any hardback or paperback books you can spare, don't use, read, filling up space, etc., to our May meeting on the 6th. If you cannot get to this meeting with your books, call me and let's set up a personal meeting so I can get them as soon as possible. I am planning to drive them down on May 18.

Sorry that the yard sale for the Women's Center of Wake County was held on such short notice; but my neighbor had donated so much stuff it would have been impossible to transport all of it to the fairgrounds and keeping it here was also impossible. Spring came and stayed all day with several car loads of stuff and Amy came by and bought as well as delivered the Girl Scout cookies (thanks, guys - they were delicious!) which you can pick up at the meeting on the sixth.

We sold about three-fourths of all of it (priced to go) and netted \$160. There are a few large items for which I have not collected, so we expect the final figures to be about \$200. The remainder was donated to Goodwill. There are a few quality (antique) items we will hold over for a possible sale in the fall, so keep collecting.

There are several conventions coming up this summer which we encourage each of you to try and attend. We contacted Trinoc-Con about working with them, but due to the lateness of our involvement, we decided that the best way we could help this year would be for individuals

to contact the volunteer coordinator online and volunteer. If you wish to wear a uniform or Kitty Hawk t-shirt, that would be great. We will reconnect in August to plan for a better role in the next year's con.

Our meeting is at 4 p.m. at our house. It will be a cookout of HOT DOGS which the Fishers will supply. Snacks, drinks, sides, desserts, etc. are items you, the crew, will bring with you to the meeting.

Remember, bring those great condition books!

We know we have the Wright Stuff; let's show the rest of them that we do!

*Esse Quam Videri*

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# Science Report

By Elaine Pischke

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Comet watch – coming up soon, Comet Schwassmann-Wachmann 3 will pass by the Earth, May 11-14. The comet is breaking up. On it's last pass it had broken into 3 pieces. This time there are close to 40 fragments, and it continues to break up. The comet will pass by us at about 6 million miles, so there's no danger to Earth. It will not likely be visible to the naked eye, but a backyard telescope or even binoculars might be enough to catch a view of this comet.

In case you've forgotten, the Mars Rovers Spirit and Opportunity are still exploring the surface of Mars. Spirit has settled into its winter location, and Opportunity is heading toward its winter home. Spirit has lost a wheel, but is pushing on with 5 instead of 6. Both have performed past their expected time of operation.

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# Comp Ops Report

By John Troan

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This issue of the newsletter got off to a late start, as evidenced by tonight being May 1 and I'm only now scanning Brad's script, assembling the collection of submissions, and writing my own article to "fill the hole." (My grandfather, a retired newspaper reporter and editor, taught me that term last week.) Elaine has covered Spirit & Opportunity, so I'll start with a shuttle update.

*Discovery* is scheduled to be rolled over from its processing facility to the VAB on May 12 and will be mated to the external tank and rocket boosters shortly after. The mission's launch window is now July 1-19, having been pushed back from this month to replace the fuel cut-off sensors in the ET's hydrogen tank. This also gave the various teams enough time to work on the shuttle and other aspects of the tank. (The launch windows are determined by when the shuttle can launch during daylight hours and be able to rendezvous & dock with the station. NASA has indicated that they *might* resume night launches later this year or next year.)

Shuttles *Atlantis* and *Endeavour* are still in their respective processing facilities being prepped for their next flights. *Atlantis* is tentatively scheduled for an August flight (STS-115) to bring up the next set of solar panels. *Endeavour* isn't listed on the flight manifest yet, but I'm guessing that it should be flying again late this year or early next year.

In post-shuttle news, NASA administrator Michael Griffen said last week that the current four-year gap between the shuttle and CEV programs could be shortened to about a year if Congress approves an extra \$1.1 billion for NASA's budget. NASA is committed to 16 shuttle launches, including STS-115, to complete the station's construction while simultaneously developing the crew exploration vehicle. It's currently in the "guiding" budget, but hasn't been approved yet. We'll see....

# DEEP SPACE NINE - "An Old Friend"

By Brad McDonald

STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE  
"An Old Friend"

Written by  
Brad McDonald

## CAST

BASHIR AMBASSADOR SAREK  
DAX CAPTAIN BINGHAM  
KIRA COMMANDER TABOK  
O'BRIEN DOCTOR KIDARA  
ODO TORBIN SILSBEE  
QUARK  
ROM  
SISKO  
GAREK  
ROM

## Non-speaking

TORM BREEKA  
DEFIANT CREWPERSONS  
BAJORAN REFUGEES  
AURORA BOREALIAS CREWPERSONS  
BAR PATRONS  
N.D. BAJORAN CIVILIANS  
DABO GIRLS  
BAJORAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL

## SETS

INTERIORS  
DEEP SPACE NINE  
AIRLOCK ENTRY  
SAREK'S QUARTERS  
QUARK'S BAR  
PROMENADE CORRIDOR  
PROMENADE UPPER LEVEL  
SICKBAY  
BASHIR'S OFFICE  
ODO'S OFFICE  
SISKO'S OFFICE  
OPS  
AIRLOCK PASSAGEWAY  
CORRIDOR OUTSIDE SAREK'S  
QUARTERS  
MAIN PROMENADE  
STATION CORRIDOR  
CARGO BAY - QUARRANTINE  
ORINOCO  
COMMAND AREA  
DEFIANT  
BRIDGE  
ROMULAN WARBIRO  
BRIDGE  
EXTERIORS  
DEEP SPACE NINE  
DEFIANT  
ROMULAN WARBIRO  
MAQUIS SHIP  
RUNABOUT ORINOCO  
AURORA BOREALIS

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

KIDARA key - DARE - uh  
BREEKA BREE - kuh  
TABOK TAY - bok  
BINGHAM BING - ham  
SILSBEE SILLS - bee

## TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE - DEEP SPACE NINE  
(OPTICAL)

EXT. SPACE -AURORA BOREALIS  
(OPTICAL)

A large space craft is obviously on an approach for the station. It is moving at sublight and appears to be a passenger ship.

INT. DEEP SPACE NINE - OPS - WIDE ANGLE

It's a normal duty day. present are SISKO, DAX, KIRA, ODO and O'BRIEN. Dax, Kira and O'Brien are at their duty stations. Odo and Sisko are standing nearby, watching BASHIR approach. The doctor is in a hurry and is carrying a data padd in one hand.

BASHIR

(out of breath)

Well, after a lot of work, it's finished!

Bashir hands the padd to Sisko, confidently.

BASHIR

(smiling)

One completed inventory!

Bashir notices that everyone is preoccupied with the image on the main viewer and turns to see what is so interesting.

OPS - ANGLE ON VIEWER (OPTICAL)

The ship is still headed towards the station, slowly.

BASHIR

Who is it?

DAX

(working)

Don't worry. Julian. It's a cruise ship! Federation registered.

BASHIR

(astonished)

Out here?!

ODO

(dryly)

Not a lot to look at in this sector, is there?

SISKO

Hail them, Major. Let's find out what brings sightseers to Bajoran space.

KIRA

(working)

Aye, Sir. I'm sort of curious about that myself.

OPS - TWO SHOT - SISKO AND BASHIR

As before. While Kira makes her inquiries, the others continue their work. Sisko and Bashir resume their conversation.

SISKO

(indicating padd)

This is only a month late.

BASHIR

(embarrassed)

Well, I've been busy...

SISKO

So I've heard. Raquetball with Chief O'Brien, debates with Garek, chess with Odo... the list of your work is overwhelming, Doctor.

BASHIR

(embarrassed)

I, er, well...

Sisko turns to the others to hide his smile. He's enjoying the doctor's predicament, and so is everyone else. In a few beats, he changes the subject.

OPS - WIDE ANGLE

SISKO

(to Kira)

Major? Have you completed your inquiries on that ship yet?

KIRA

(working)

Yes, Sir. It's the Aurora Borealis, a private cruise ship. Captain Bingham reports, he has two hundred and sixty-three, Bajoran refugees on board.

Everyone in OPS exchanges looks of surprise and dread. The number of refugees is a bit overwhelming.

KIRA  
(hopeful)  
They're requesting docking permission.

SISKO  
(concerned)  
For what purpose?

KIRA  
The Provisional Government sent them...

(beat, then:)  
...they want us to act as a clearing house. These people are Bajorans returning home. Bajor is concerned that they might be bringing home something else... better to quarantine the station than to bring mass health problems to Bajor itself.

Sisko gets quiet, thoughtful, then he speaks to his officers.

SISKO  
I suppose they have a point. Can we handle all of them, Doctor?

The doctor thinks for a moment, then speaks as if he's contemplating each task.

BASHIR  
That's quite an undertaking, Commander. Physicals, screenings, inoculations...

(beat, then:)  
...my meager staff and I will be busy for quite some time, even if we get help from Bajor.

Sisko turns to face Odo.

SISKO  
Constable?

ODO  
(thoughtfully)  
Would it be possible to have the refugees disembark in small groups? That way, we won't be so overwhelmed.

SISKO  
Let's ask the ship's captain. For now, give them permission to dock, but hold passengers until we can do a little bit of preparation, fair enough?

All seem agreeable.

SISKO  
Kira, send to the Captain: "Welcome, meet you at docking bay four in..."

DAX  
It will take twenty minutes, Benjamin.

SISKO  
(smiling)  
Always ready with an answer, eh old man?

(to Kira)  
Send that, Kira. Then join me, after all, this is a Bajoran matter.

KIRA  
(working)  
On my way, Sir.

Sisko then starts for his office, shouting one last order over his shoulder.

SISKO  
(moving)  
I'm going to contact the Provisional Government...  
(beat, then:)  
...let's get started, people!

DEEP SPACE NINE - AIRLOCK ENTRY - MEDIUM SHOT

Sisko and Kira are waiting at the airlock as the big door rolls to one side. There is a middle-aged man standing behind the door. By his dress and manner, it's obvious that he's Captain BINGHAM. He steps through the opening and greets Sisko in a very friendly manner.

BINGHAM  
(smiling)  
Commander Sisko! Glad to meet you! I'm Bingham.

Sisko extends a hand in friendship and the two shake hands.

SISKO  
(shaking hands)  
Captain Bingham, nice to meet you, too. May I present Major Kira, my First Officer.

Sisko notices that Kira is just a bit uncomfortable with Bingham's stare and intercedes.

SISKO  
(politely)  
Captain, may we have a copy of your passenger manifest?

BINGHAM  
(distracted)  
Uh, yes.

He produces a data padd from inside his uniform and, with exaggerated theatrics, he hands it over to Kira.

BINGHAM  
(leering)  
Major...

KIRA  
I'll forward this to Bajoran authorities!

She turns to leave and Bingham studies her. Since he's still distracted, he is only half-listening to Sisko.

SISKO  
So, how does a cruise ship captain wind up with a boatload of refugees?

BINGHAM  
(eying Kira)  
Uh, oh, yes... well before we begin that long story, I have someone who wants to see you. I picked him up enroute, he had a real sob story about getting here at any cost...

Bingham turns and yells back down the airlock passageway.

BINGHAM  
Hey, mister! Commander Sisko is here to see you!

CLOSE UP - AIRLOCK CORRIDOR

A hooded figure, clad in dark robes, steps into view. As he approaches the doorway, he pulls back his hood to reveal Ambassador SAREKI. Sarek steps forward to greet Sisko. Bingham is distracted by the passing of another woman and is unaware of what follows.

TWO SHOT - SISKO AND SAREK

SISKO  
(surprised, quiet)  
Ambassador Sarek?

SAREK  
(slight bow)  
Indeed. It is good to meet you, Commander.

Sisko is stunned into absolute silence. Off Sisko's reaction...

FADE OUT:

END OF TEASER

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## Upcoming Events

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<b>May</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home</b> <i>Cookout follows</i>
<b>Jun.</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home</b>

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