

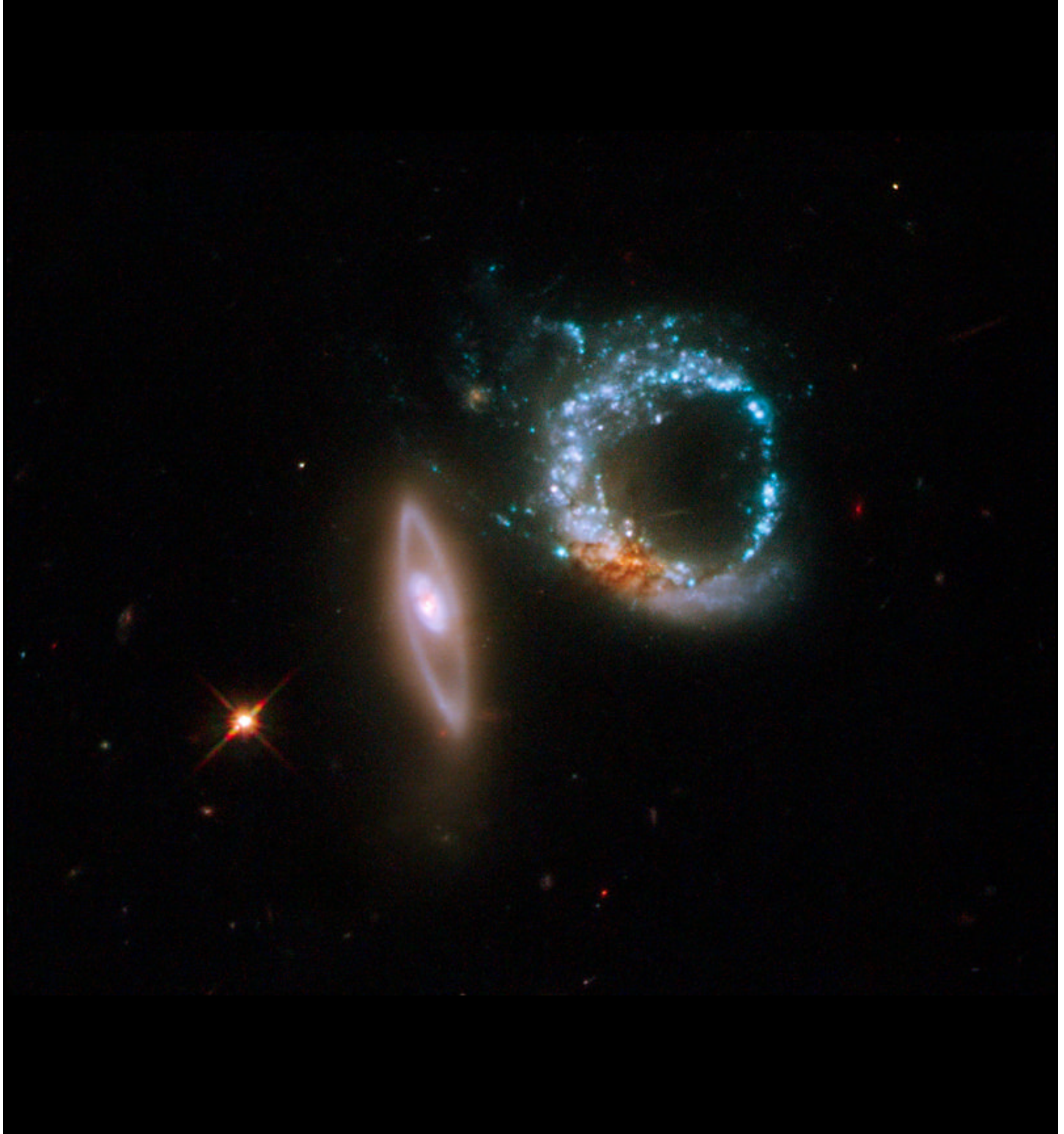
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Arpa 147, a pair of interacting galaxies as viewed by Hubble on Oct 27-28, 2008. This was one of the first images taken after Hubble was brought back on-line.

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# A View From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher

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The fall is upon us and the state fair and Halloween are behind us. The next holiday is

Thanksgiving quickly followed by Christmas. We have been celebrating the anniversary of our launch as a shuttle in January because everything is so booked the week before Christmas, i.e. the seventeenth. This year the Kanki will be closed in January due to remodeling. So, it has been suggested that we try to do our dinner around our actual anniversary.

The 17th falls on a Wednesday which is not a good day for them. They suggested Monday, the 15th. I have counter-offered Sunday

the 14th about 7:30 p.m. Brad will follow up and let me know. What works best for all of you? Please give me a call as soon as you can, say by this coming weekend and let me know.

I am sure everyone knows that our newsletter is behind schedule, hence this edition at the end of October, first of November. We will try to get back on schedule with the Nov. - Dec. issue later this month or early December. Please send in your reports and articles to John.

UNC-TV has a Winterfest coming up and has asked us to participate. I am including the schedule they sent me. We might try to go as a group the last shift of December 6th. Please feel free to volunteer your time for any shifts you can

as an individual. Be sure to tell them you are with the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk.

*Saturdays Dec. 6 & 13*

- 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

*Sunday Nov. 30 only*

- 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

*Weekdays Dec 1-3 and 8-10*

- 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

If we do not see you before Thanksgiving, please have a great one but mostly a safe one. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on December 6th. Send in your reports and let me know about the dinner and your availability for UNC-TV as soon as possible.

*Esse Quam Videri*

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## Science Report

By Elaine Pischke

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French scientists are contemplating sending a probe to Saturn's moon, Titan. The probe would float slowly over the surface by hot air balloon to map the moon's surface. Mars-type rovers will not work on Titan because much of the surface is covered with lakes of liquid hydrocarbon. The balloon would float because Titan's atmosphere is mainly nitrogen, just like Earth before the advent of life added oxygen to the mix.

China has commissioned a new telescope designed to map the galaxy in 3D. The Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope, or LAMOST, doesn't look like the usual dome-shaped observatory. LAMOST looks more like a slightly skewed pi symbol. Located Northeast of Beijing, it is said to be the most efficient tool for mapping the galaxy in 3D that has been developed to date.

For those looking for a convention to attend this winter, SheVaCon is scheduled for February 27 – March 1, 2009, in Roanoke, Virginia. Details can be found at the web site <http://www.shevacon.org/index.htm>. The media guest will be Jeremy Bulloch (AKA Bobba Fett).

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# DEEP SPACE NINE - "A Second Opinion"

By Brad McDonald

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## ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

INT. DEEP SPACE NINE -  
BASHIR'S DUTY OFFICE

Bashir is looking over various reports, oblivious to anyone or anything. He is superficially under control but distressed. Dax enters the office with a data padd in hand and waits for him to look up. After a few beats, he acknowledges her presence.

BASHIR

(matter-of-factly)

You have the lab results?

DAX

(quietly)

Yes. It's just the same as before.

Bashir is visibly disappointed.

BASHIR

So it's confirmed, my father does have Simpson's Disorder.

(beat)

I had hoped there might have been a mistake...

Dax is at a loss, she doesn't know what to say or do.

DAX

I don't understand, Julian. He seemed perfectly healthy when we met him.

Bashir indicates a chair for Dax and explains as she takes a seat.

BASHIR

The disease takes a while to take full effect. My father's condition is in the early stages, so he can enjoy a fairly normal life.

(beat)

However, in several months, it will begin to affect his ability to breathe and get around.

Bashir then becomes distant and quiet.

BASHIR

(continuing)

After that... it's just a matter of time...

ON DAX

Dax sympathizes with Bashir and attempts to offer her friend solace.

DAX

(friendly smile)

Julian, we've been friends for several years now. We've both witnessed countless deaths and suffering. And I've noticed that even though you've witnessed all that suffering you've managed to hold on to your humanity, your caring and your compassion.

(beat)

Instead of closing your eyes to the suffering or becoming hardened against it, you open yourself even more. Because of this, I know what must be going through your mind now.

(beat)

If you take the suffering and death of strangers so personally, you are no doubt going through a great personal crisis. If you need any help at all, let me know. I'll do my best.

TWO SHOT - BASHIR AND DAX

Bashir stares at Dax with a look of warmth and gratitude.

BASHIR

(weak smile)

Thanks Dax. That means a lot to me.

(beat)

I just wish there was something I could do for him...

As his voice trails off, Dax tries to offer hope.

DAX

(hopeful)

There's still time for a cure. After all, Simpson's Disorder is a relatively new problem, maybe --

ON BASHIR

Bashir smiles in understanding and interrupts her.

BASHIR

(smiling)

Of course I will go on hoping for a cure, but I must face the facts. Denial is not a good way to deal with the situation.

(beat, distant)

Father was trying to tell me about this, I know that now. It was the reason he came to visit me. If he survives his injuries, I must make the time to be with him. Maybe I could get an extended leave and go home with him...

He leaves the thought incomplete.



DAX (V.O.)  
(o.c., enthusiastic)

An excellent ideal I'll go see Benjamin.

Bashir smiles at Dax's willingness to help.

BASHIR  
(smiling)

Thanks. I'll stay here, just in case my father needs me.

BASHIR'S DUTY OFFICE - WIDE ANGLE

Dax rises to leave and Bashir stands as well. He goes to her side and gives her a quick hug. She is just a bit surprised but understands.

DAX  
(mock surprise)

I had no idea that requesting a leave would result in such gratitude.

BASHIR  
(devilish grin)

Just imagine what you'll get if my leave is actually approved.

Dax smiles at Bashir's attempt at humor, then exits Bashir then returns to his desk and the data padds.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACE - DEEP SPACE NINE

The Blue Horizon is still docked to the station.

INT. DEEP SPACE NINE - SISKO'S OFFICE

Sisko is working at his desk when Quark appears.

QUARK  
(tentative)

Captain? I hope I'm not intruding.

Sisko is not in the mood for one of Quark's visits.

SISKO

This better be good, Quark.

Quark enters the office, ready to make his point.

QUARK  
(business-like)

Well, it's like this. During the fight last night my establishment received considerable damage. Now I understand that Bajor has hired this Redik as an official representative of the Provisional Government. So I should be able to submit a bill to them for the cost of repairs --

Sisko has had enough of Quark and cuts him off.

SISKO  
(controlled)

Quark if you're not out of my office in ten seconds, someone is going to have to repair you!

Quark hesitates for a moment and then exits quickly. As he leaves, Dax enters and goes straight to Sisko.

DAX

Benjamin? Do you think you could agree to an extended leave for Julian? I think it would really help with his situation if he could spend some time with his father.

Sisko understands completely and nods.

SISKO

Of course. He hasn't really had a leave since he was stationed here.

(beat)

How is he doing?

DAX

Not bad, considering. I wonder if I could hold up that well, given the same circumstances.

Sisko is deep in thought.

SISKO

Same here. It's difficult to deal with the mortality of your parents.

(beat)

There are special feelings that are so hard to put into words. So usually, we don't. Too many times those feelings go unsaid... Sometimes we wait too long.

Both seemed caught up in their own reflections when Odo and Worf enter. Their appearance cause Dax and Sisko to discontinue their philosophic reflections.

WORF

Are we disturbing you Captain?

SISKO

Not at all. Come in Worf, Odo. What have you found out?

The two enter, both remain standing and seem uneasy.

NEW ANGLE

The small group of people are gathered in a semicircle.

ODO

All bad news, I'm afraid. I used all of my contacts on Bajor. No one was able, or willing to help us.

WORF

I did an extensive search within Federation laws and regulations. I can find

nothing which will support our position. Our only option is to bring up our case before the Federation Council and formerly request a hearing for an impartial arbitration. It will probably take months, by that time, Redik will be long gone.

Sisko contemplates what he has heard, he's not happy.

ODO

There is one other possibility. We refuse to hand Redik over and have him shipped off to some remote jail. I could 'lose' the records.

Sisko studies Odo for a moment, then responds.

SISKO

Very tempting, Constable, but I'm afraid we'd all be hung out to dry in that same remote jail.

(beat)

When does the official transfer take place?

ODO

Today, eighteen hundred hours.

DAX

Are they providing transport, or do we get the 'honor'?

WORF

A Bajoran ship will be sent to the station, complete with an 'escort' for Redik.

SISKO  
(sarcastic)

Evidently they want to be sure he makes it to Bajor. There's a moment of silence. The four seemed resigned to the situation.

DAX

I suppose there's little we can do --

Sisko's comm badge sounds and he taps it to respond.

SISKO

Sisko here.

NURSE (V.O.)

Captain, it's the duty nurse. Albert Bashir just had a cardiac arrest. Doctor Bashir has requested Lieutenant Dax's presence --

Dax is already on the way and calls out cutting off the nurses call.

DAX

(moving)

I'll be there in a minute!

Dax exits quickly and leaves the others staring at each other in disbelief.

CUT TO:

SICK BAY - MAIN ROOM

Albert is back on the main diagnostic table with several N.D. medical technicians gathered around. As Dax enters, she seeks out Bashir who is in his duty office reviewing records. She enters, unannounced.

DAX

(moving)

Julian? What's wrong? What has happened? I thought he was doing so much better.

Bashir seems confused and uneasy. He looks from one data padd to the other, checking and rechecking data.

BASHIR

(working)

It's the Simpson's Disorder. It's not allowing

enough oxygen to be processed. Under ordinary conditions he would be fine at this stage. But his injuries are placing an extra strain on his systems. The blood can't handle it.

DAX

What about additional transfusions? I'm sure we could find donors here on the station --

Bashir shakes his head.

BASHIR

A temporary fix at best, Simpson's will contaminate the new blood too. That's why he's having problems, even though he received a transfusion yesterday. But he will need more blood during surgery and a few transfusions afterwards.

Dax is surprised by Bashir's revelation.

DAX

Albert needs surgery?

BASHIR

His heart attack requires that I perform surgery, soon. I'm running a few more tests to ascertain the extent of damage. I called you to double check my findings. The staff is beginning a search for additional donors as we speak.

Dax is listening carefully and notices Bashir is under stress once again. He is not as confident or focused.

DAX

Okay Julian, I'll begin right away.

(beat)

Anything else?

Bashir hesitates for a moment, he seems preoccupied.

BASHIR

Um, for the moment, no.  
(beat)

Just check the results so far.

ON DAX

Dax collects the data pads and begins to work on them immediately. She keeps a watchful eye on Bashir while she works. He is nervous and distracted. After a few long beats, she confirms the findings.

DAX  
(quietly)

Julian, I concur with your findings.

(beat, suspicious)

But I'm curious. Why do you want my opinion? I'm a science specialist, not a doctor.

When Bashir doesn't respond right away, she presses.

DAX  
(continuing)

You're stalling, why? If your father needs surgery, why are hesitating?

TWO SHOT - BASHIR AND DAX

Bashir is evasive and vague. He avoids eye contact with Dax as well.

BASHIR

Well, I need to run a few more tests and then begin blood screenings...

(beat)

I may have to put Albert into stasis while I continue my work...

As his voice trails off and now Dax knows his problem.

DAX

(understanding)

You're afraid, aren't you?

Bashir is very quiet and shaken by Dax's question, then concedes.

BASHIR  
(emotional)

I can't operate on my own father! What if I do something wrong? If it were a standard operation... but the Simpson's Disorder makes it so different. Even if I have all the blood I need, I could still fail.

Dax leans forward and speaks to him in a curt manner in an effort to bring him out of his state of indecision.

DAX

(emotional)

Julian! You've got to do it! If you don't, who will? Putting him into stasis isn't the answer, it's a stall! If you don't operate soon, it will be too late. Then you really will be responsible if he dies!

ON BASHIR

Bashir seems to have been hit hard by Dax's words. He responds quietly.

BASHIR  
(distant)

I suppose you're right Dax. I want to do something, it's just that I can't bear the thought of being responsible for my own father.

(beat)

If something were to go wrong...

DAX (V.O.)  
(o.c.)

Would you want anyone else to do the operation?

BASHIR

No, not really, but I still have this enormous 'butterfly' in my stomach. I can't shake the feeling that something will go wrong.

(beat, worried)

How could I possibly explain to my mother that I killed my own father on the operating table?

Bashir's face is filled with fear.

Off his reaction...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT FOUR

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## Comp Ops Report

By John Troan

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This month's front cover image is one used to see how Hubble was performing after switching to the "B" side of the science data path. Hubble was built with two ways to transfer science observations between the various instruments and the transmission unit to get the science to the ground. The "A" side failed, which ended all science until the systems team was able to complete the switch to the "B" side in late October.

If there was going to be a failure, before the final servicing mission was probably the best time for it to happen -- even if it did postpone the mission. The current planning target for the mission is mid-2009, with the shuttle team yet to determine when it would best fit into their schedule of flights to the station.

On Mars, the *Phoenix* lander is nearing the end of its extended mission. Power levels have been dropping steadily and all non-critical functions were stopped last week when power levels crashed. The project team is hoping to coax a little more work out of *Phoenix* before winter starts, but the mission could be over any time now because of power availability versus what's needed for even minimal functioning.

The good news is that *Phoenix* was a scientific success.

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# From the Kitchen

## By Lynn Stone

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### Basic Soup Recipe

The Crew of Picard's *Enterprise* came aboard for the first time. In the first few adventures through space Chef saw that almost everyone appeared slightly overweight. It became a mission that Chef took on, to reduce the number of calories the crew consumed in order to trim them down to a healthier size. To make it easy on himself, Chef devised a soup that could be made in mass quantities and then added to, in order to create a different taste for the evening meal or at least one of the daily meals. The following is that very soup recipe with all of the variations. The results were amazing. Each crew member dropped five pounds during the first week, which was followed by one to two additional pounds each week they stayed on the diet.

- 5 medium carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch slices
  - 3 medium celery stalks, sliced
  - 3 large onions, chopped, or 3 medium leeks, each cut into 1-inch slices
  - 1 large garlic clove, minced
  - 2 cans (28 ounces each) tomatoes in juice
  - 1 small head savoy cabbage (about 1 and 1/2 pounds) thinly sliced
  - 2 medium parsnips, peeled and cut into 1-inch slices
  - 2 packages (5 ounces each) baby spinach leaves
  - 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
  - 2 chicken-flavor bouillon cubes
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1. Coat 8-quart soup pot with nonstick cooking spray. Over medium high heat add, carrots, celery, onions and garlic. Cook 5 minutes.
  2. Stir in tomatoes with their liquid, breaking up tomatoes with side of spoon. Add cabbage, remaining ingredients and 12 cups of water. Heat to boiling over high heat, stirring occasionally.
  3. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer, stirring occasionally for 15 minutes or until vegetables become tender. Add more salt and pepper if desired. Makes about 25 cups.

To retain freshness and nutrients, keep a 2-day supply of Basic Soup in the refrigerator. Store remaining soup in 3-cup

portions in airtight containers, leaving some headspace to allow for expansion. (If you plan to reheat soup in the microwave, use a microwave-safe container.) Freeze.

To reheat frozen soup in the microwave -- loosen lid on container. Heat on high 8 to 12 minutes until bubbling, stirring twice. Top of stove -- place container of frozen soup under running cold water to loosen soup from sides. Heat frozen soup in covered saucepan over very low heat about 3 minutes until soup begins to thaw. Increase heat to medium; heat about 15 minutes longer until heated through, stirring occasionally.

Note: if using frozen soup to prepare Super Soup, add ingredients during the last 5 minutes of heating. For microwave heating, use a container large enough to hold the add-ins.

This sounds like a lot of work but the original effort goes fast and you have many meals that you have only to add something to in order to make it very different. So here it comes..... have fun with this and try first the ingredients that sound good to you. Then venture out into the world of different. That is, after all, the Star Trek code and what we hold dear. The proportions are for 1 serving.

- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 3 ounces skinless, cooked rotisserie chicken breast, cut into chunks (2/3 cup), 3 tablespoons instant rice (or left over cooked rice), 1 teaspoon soy sauce and 1/4 teaspoon thyme. Heat to boiling; then simmer until rice is tender. Add 4 sesame breadsticks or 1/2 whole wheat pita with the soup.
- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 1/2 cup drained, canned garbanzo beans, 2 teaspoons lemon juice and 1/2 teaspoon oregano. Heat through. Top with 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese. Add 4 sesame breadsticks or 1/2 whole wheat pita.
- ◆ In a small saucepan, combine 1/2 teaspoon curry powder and 1/2 teaspoon oil. Cook over low heat for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir the following into curry mixture; 1/2 cup cooked or drained canned lentils and 1/2 cup canned sweet potatoes that are cut up. Add this to 2 to 3 cups of the Basic Soup. Heat through. With this have 2 cups bagged salad greens with 2 tomato slices and 2 tablespoons fat-free Italian dressing. Add 20 grapes or 1 small apple.
- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 3 and 1/2 ounces cooked, lean deli roast beef, cut up and 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard.

Heat through. Top with 3 tablespoons low-fat sour cream. To the meal have 5 reduced-fat Triscuits or 1/2 whole wheat pita.

- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 1/2 cup drained, canned corn, 2 teaspoons lime juice and 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin. Heat through. Stir in 1/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers (pepper jack cheese). Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro. Have with this 1 ounce baked tortilla chips (about 18 chips) or 4 sesame breadsticks.
- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 3 ounces reduced-fat turkey kielbasa, cut up. Heat through. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese. Have with this 4 sesame breadsticks or 1/2 whole wheat pita and 1 tangerine or 1 whole kiwi, sliced.
- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 4 ounces peeled raw shrimp, 2 tablespoons dry couscous, 1 teaspoon soy sauce and 1/4 teaspoon thyme. Heat to boiling, then simmer just until shrimp are opaque. Add to the meal 1 small pear or 1/2 cup canned pineapple chunks in juice.
- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 3 ounces skinless cooked rotisserie chicken breast, cut into chunks (2/3 cup), 2 tablespoons macaroni, uncooked, 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar and 1/4 cup water. Heat to boiling; cook until pasta is tender. With this meal have 4 reduced fat Triscuits or 20 grapes.
- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 4 ounces cod fillet, cut into chunks, 3 slices cooked turkey bacon, crumbled and 1/4 teaspoon thyme. Heat to boiling; cook until fish is opaque throughout. To this meal add 5 sesame breadsticks or 1 medium banana.
- ◆ In a small pot, combine 1/2 teaspoon curry powder and 1/2 teaspoon oil. Cook over low heat 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir curry mixture and 1/2 cup cooked rice into 2 or 3 cups Basic Soup. In blender, at low speed, blend soup mixture until smooth. (If Basic Soup is hot, remove center part of blender cover.) In saucepan, combine pureed soup and 3/4 cup fat-free milk; heat through. To this meal add 5 sesame breadsticks or 1 pear.
- ◆ To 2 to 3 cups Basic Soup, stir in 2 ounces cooked ham, diced and 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard; heat through. Turn out into bowl and sprinkle 1/3 cup shredded light Cheddar cheese and 1/4 cup seasoned croutons over heated soup.



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# Pics from DragonCon

From Spring Brooks and Matt Mitchum

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JR and a few friendly Klingons

To the meal add 1/4 whole wheat pita or 1 small apple.

Spring and a knight she encountered



Matt as "Jiraiya" from *Naruto*

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## Upcoming Events

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Nov	1	4 p.m. Ship Meeting -- Loco Lu's Cafe
Dec	6	4 p.m. Ship Meeting -- Loco Lu's Cafe
	12	Articles due for Dec <i>Wright Stuff</i>
	14	7 pm. Anniv. Dinner -- Kanki (Crabtree Mall)

**There are only 24 seats for the anniversary dinner.  
Contact JR ASAP to reserve your seats.**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR STARFLEET STATUS  
IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR *KITTY HAWK* DUES, PLEASE DO SO ASAP**

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