

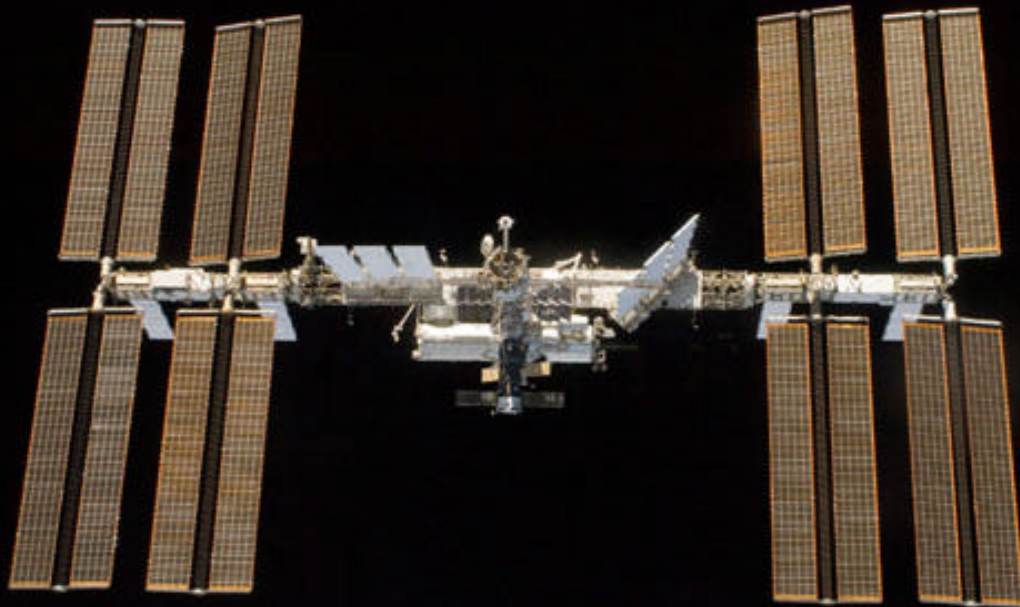
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**IMAGE - Featured Front Page**

The International Space Station as seen from *Discovery* following undocking during STS-119. This is among the first images seen with all of the solar arrays deployed. From [nasa.gov](http://nasa.gov).

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# Computer Operations

## By John Troan

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Needless to say, this issue is a little late getting out, due to a variety of circumstances. The hope is to get back on track with the Mar/Apr issue (which will be done very shortly).

This issue's feature image is from the latest shuttle mission, STS-119. The primary goal was to bring up the final part of the truss (the structural backbone of the station) and complete the U.S. commitment for power generation with the four set of solar arrays.

Looking through the shuttle manifest, there are two more missions this year to add some larger parts, including Node 3 at the end of the year. The rest of the shuttle missions to the station are mostly for large volumes of supplies. While there are other ways to get supplies to the station, none currently have the large capacity of the shuttle.

Another important note for the station is the pending approval for the crew to expand to six, enabling them to do the volume of science originally envisioned.

With all station news, don't forget about the next shuttle mission -- the final visit to Hubble. NASA is projecting this set of upgrades and repairs to enable Hubble to last until at 2014. This would give a period of overlap with its successor, the James Webb Space Telescope, planned for launching in 2013.

JWST is designed to look at farther distances and is equipped with mostly infrared instruments. (Because light stretches over distances, it tends to "redshift". Red light has the longest wavelength in people's normal vision and any light that gets shifted beyond "normal" red goes into the infrared.)

The shuttle program's successor, the Constellation program, is progressing smoothly. NASA is planning for the first test launch of the new Ares I rocket to be held this summer. All of the parts for the test launch are now at Kennedy Space Center and are being processed for the launch. The only "live" parts are the lower four segments of the solid-fueled first stage. The fifth segment and the rest of the rocket are all test articles designed to simulate the size, shape, and weight of the eventual real parts.

Work is also being done with the new Orion capsule, simulating recovery tasks after the water landings. The first tests were in a controlled environment with calm waters. Coming soon will be more realistic testing in the Atlantic, at varying locations from KSC.

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## From the Kitchen

### By Lynn Stone

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*In honor of Gene Roddenberry, all of Star Trek has initiated a sacred recipe to honor his "Wagon Train to the Stars". This precious recipe has been passed down to all members to share and enjoy as part of the entire Star Trek family.*

#### **Cowboy Cookies**

3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 tablespoon baking soda  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) butter (at room temperature)

1 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1 1/2 cups packed light-brown sugar  
3 eggs  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
3 cups semisweet chocolate chips  
3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats  
2 cups sweetened flake coconut  
2 cups chopped pecans (8 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in bowl.

In 8-quart bowl, beat butter on medium speed until smooth and creamy, for 1 minute. Gradually beat in sugars; beat to combine 2

minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Beat in vanilla extract. Stir in flour mixture until just combined. Add chocolate chips, oats, coconut and pecans.

For each cookie, drop 1/4 cup dough onto ungreased baking sheets, spacing 3 inches apart.

Bake for 17 to 19 minutes, until edges are lightly browned; rotate sheets halfway through. Remove cookies from rack to cool. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

NOTE: For 6 dozen smaller cookies, use 2 tablespoons dough for each. Bake at 350 F for 15 to 18 minutes.

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# VOYAGER - "Dealer's Choice"

By Brad McDonald

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Brad's notes on Dealer's Choice --

*Okay, this was a bit ambitious and my agent doubted it would even be considered -- too many opticals (special effects) and the story line was probably not what they were looking for. Anyway, see what you think...*

STAR TREK: VOYAGER  
"Dealer's Choice"

Written by Brad McDonald

## CAST

JANEWAY CAREY  
CHAKOTAY ROGERS  
PARIS  
KIM  
TUVOK  
NEELIX  
TORRES  
KES

## Non-speaking

N.D. SECURITY PERSONNEL  
N.D. CREW PERSONS  
N.D. TRANSPORTER TECHNICIAN

## SETS

INTERIORS  
USS VOYAGER  
MAIN BRIDGE  
ENGINEERING  
TRANSPORTER ROOM  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
JANEWAY'S READY ROOM  
BUILDING #1  
BEACON CONTROL ROOM  
BUILDING #2  
BORG REGEN UNIT  
HUMANOID CONTAINERS  
BUILDING #3  
POWER GENERATOR ROOM  
EXTERIORS  
USS VOYAGER  
KAZON SHIP  
VOYAGER'S SHUTTLE  
BORG HOME WORLD  
NEBULA  
BUILDING #1  
BUILDING #2  
BUILDING #3

## TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE - VOYAGER  
(OPTICAL)

Voyager is moving at warp speed as we hear the Captain's log is heard in the B.G.

## JANEWAY'S VOICE

We are all tired and we've been on reduced power for some time. We've been collecting raw materials for days, but we still lack dilithium.

INT. VOYAGER - BRIDGE

Everyone is at their station, with Neelix visiting. The voice-over continues as Janeway walks about the bridge, camera follows action.

## JANEWAY'S VOICE

(continuing)

Neelix has informed me he doesn't know much about this sector. Not exactly helpful and what he does know isn't encouraging, as it's supposed to be haunted. Still, any port in a storm, as the saying goes.

She stops at OPS and studies the readout over Kim's shoulder.

## JANEWAY

How are we doing Mister Kim?

Kim rubs his eyes and forehead, obviously tired.

## KIM

A lot of nothing, Captain.

## JANEWAY

(reassuring)

Keep trying. There must be a dilithium source somewhere in this sector.

(to Paris)

Better plot a course to the next system, just in case.

## PARIS

(tired)

Already done, Captain.

(sarcastic)

I'm the 'eternal optimist.'

Janeway looks over her shoulder towards Tuvok.

## JANEWAY

Tuvok? Is there anything of interest in this sector?

## TUVOK

I read a nebula on the fringes of our sensors and not much more.

## KIM

It's as if someone has already mined all the worthwhile minerals from every planet.

## JANEWAY

(thoughtful, distant)

I hope we get back to full power soon. I can't wait to use my ration for the food processor.

## NEELIX

(mild agitation)

Captain, I'm hurt. You don't like my cooking!

Janeway realizes that she's stepped on Neelix's toes.

## JANEWAY

(recovering)

Not at all. I'm just dying for a dish of traditional sushi, with teriyaki sauce and garlic --

## CHAKOTAY

(disbelief)

Wait a minute! Teriyaki sauce and garlic? Are you kidding? That sounds awful.

## JANEWAY

Not at all, you ought to try it.

## CHAKOTAY

(musing)

Hmmm. Japanese- Italian food.

BRIDGE - NEW ANGLE

PARIS

The use of garlic is not confined to Italy, what about French cooking?

KIM

Japanese- French, doesn't sound much better...

JANEWAY

None of you seem to have a sense of adventure --

PARIS

(interrupting)

Boldly going where no one has gone before, 70,000 light years from home and no sense of adventure, I'm hurt.

KIM

(working, disappointed)

This planet is not going to help us Captain. Suggest we move to the next system.

Despite the recent levity, the disappointment is evident on Janeway's face, even though she tries to hide it.

JANEWAY

(weary)

Very well, Mister Kim.

(to Paris)

Activate your course, maximum... belay that, warp two, Lieutenant.

PARIS

Warp two, aye sir.

CHAKOTAY

Mister Kim, can we boost the output of your scans? Maybe we can pick up something a little easier...

JANEWAY

(agreeing)

Or the lack of, and save some time and energy? I approve.

KIM

(working)

Aye sir, boosting scans--

(surprised)

Whoah! What's this?

Hopeful and excited, Janeway moves quickly to Kim.

JANEWAY

(moving)

What do you have?

KIM

(working, surprised)

A signal!

PARIS

At last, civilization! Maybe they'll have refined dilithium waiting for us.

TUVOK

Not very likely.

PARIS

(to self, quietly)

Always the 'party pooper'.

Tuvok's hearing picks up the comment.

TUVOK

This is not a party, Mister Paris.

Janeway and Chakotay suppress a smile.

PARIS

(sheepish)

Understood.

KIM

(working, excited)

I've got a fix on that signal, Captain. Bearing oh-nine-four, mark three.

CHAKOTAY

Analysis?

KIM

(working)

Working on it, Sir.

Janeway turns to her old friend for help.

JANEWAY

Mister Tuvok, give Kim a hand. Two heads are always better than one.

PARIS

(to self)

Unless they're both on one girl...

Tuvok continues to work without missing a beat.

TUVOK

Personal prejudices are not appropriate on the bridge.

JANEWAY

(amused)

Will you ever learn, Mister Paris?

KIM

(working)

Still having a problem identifying the signal...

NEELIX

Not surprising, since you're so far from home.

CHAKOTAY

Better concentrate on recent contacts.

TUVOK

I have exhausted that approach.

KIM

(scared)

Oh no!

JANEWAY

Report!

KIM

I've got a match!

CHAKOTAY

(concerned)

What's wrong?

Kim looks at Janeway, horrified.

KIM

It's the Borg!

Off the crew's reaction...

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

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## Upcoming Events

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<b>May</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4 p.m. Ship Meeting -- Loco Lu's Cafe</b>
<b>Jun</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4 p.m. Ship Meeting -- Loco Lu's Cafe</b>

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IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR *KITTY HAWK* DUES, PLEASE DO SO ASAP**

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