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**IMAGE - Featured Front Page**

Shuttle *Columbia* lifting off from KSC Pad 39A on Apr 12, 1981, for mission STS-1.

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# The Views From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher & Larry Pischke

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For those of you who missed the April meeting, we are looking at different things to do that would be fun as a group. If

you can access the Saturday, April 2nd, *N & O Triangle & Co.* section, page 1, there is an article about a local jewelry artist who is sponsoring a treasure hunt. Essentially, she has produced a poster which contains clues which when deciphered will lead participants to other clues within the Triangle. Ultimately, these clues will lead one lucky team to the treasure, which is a silver key.

She suggests that teams of 10 people would be best to undertake her quest. Estimates are that it

should take a team 2 to 3 months to find the treasure.

If you are interested in forming a team, contact me and we will see if enough of us can form Team *Kitty Hawk* and go treasure hunting. More information is available at: [www.raleightreasurehunt.com](http://www.raleightreasurehunt.com).

## *Esse Quam Videri*

Things are getting a bit hectic around here, so forgive me if I forget a few things. By the time you read this, our clan will have welcomed our own Next Generation – a grandson. Egad.

I want to thank everyone who came out to this year's PBS telethon. Though they don't seem

to rely on us as much as they did in the past, we still seem to have fun, and that's the important part. And it is for a good cause.

My brain is a bit mushier than normal, so I'm going to cut this short. We have two big space anniversaries this month, intentionally on the same date. On April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space. And on April 12, 1981, *Columbia* became the first space shuttle to orbit.

Then of course, on a more somber note: in the pre-dawn hours of April 12, 1861, the firing on Fort Sumter heralded the start of the American Civil War.

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# Computer Operations Report

By John Troan

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A common thread that ties this issue together is April 12. As Larry notes, there are two space anniversaries -- fifty years of manned space flight and thirty years of the shuttle program. (The latter of which is also celebrated with my choice for this month's cover photo -- the STS-1 launch.) As Spring mentions, NASA announced the four shuttle's exhibit locations on the same date this year.

Unlike most of my past writings, I actually will cover a few computer-related topics this time.

First up is a general warning for a new "phishing" attempt that is likely to hit everyone's e-mail. One of the big on-line marketing companies was recently hacked and obtained lists of customers' e-mail addresses. Unlike a lot of

phishing attempts, this one could be more dangerous because of the known relationship the users have. (Compare that to me getting an e-mail from banks I have no accounts with versus getting an e-mail purportedly from my mortgage company.) The key to remember is never click on a link you receive in an e-mail. Always go to the company's web site directly and login there.

(Phishing is spammers' way to send e-mail with a false source and point you to a web site that looks a lot like the company's site. Once you attempt to login with your real username and password, the spammer can use that to access your account on the real web site.)

If you'd like to time travel internet-style, use the Wayback

Machine ([www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)) to visit web sites from the past, or at least back to 1996. This site contains a huge amount of data in the form of snap shots of web sites across the 'net.

Lastly, there's change coming on the 'net. The current address scheme (IPv4) is slowly having to be replaced with the new IPv6. Each machine on the 'net has a numeric address and the 4.3 billion addresses are slowly being used up. The last big blocks of addresses were given out earlier this year, but there's still some time before there's truly none left.

The effect for us is that we might need new modems as our service providers work through the change. Current operating system versions and most recent home routers should be just fine.



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# Security Report

## By Spring Brooks

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NASA announced on April 12 the new retirement homes for the four remaining space shuttles -- three historic orbiters and the program's test vehicle.

The space shuttle *Atlantis* will be displayed at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida; the *Endeavour*, at the California Science Center in Los Angeles; the *Discovery*, at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Virginia; and the test shuttle, *Enterprise*, at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York, NASA Administrator Charles F. Bolden Jr. said during a ceremony at the Kennedy Center.

The announcement was made on the 30th anniversary of the space shuttle program's first flight, made by the subsequently ill-fated *Columbia* orbiter, and the 50th anniversary of Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becoming the first human in space.

More than 20 locations around the country sought one of the orbiters because of the potential tourist draw. The drama mirrored the bidding to host an Olympic games.

Supporters of sites that were rejected expressed disappointment.

"Like many Texans, I am disappointed with NASA's decision to slight the Johnson Space Center as a permanent home for one of the space shuttle orbiters," Cornyn said. "There is no question Houston should have been selected as a final home for one of the orbiters -- even Administrator Bolden stated as much. Today's announcement is an affront to the thousands of dedicated men and women at Johnson Space Center, the greater Houston community and the state of Texas, and I'm deeply disappointed with the administration's misguided decision," Cornyn said.

In Los Angeles, shortly after NASA's announcement, California Science Center President Jeffrey Rudolph told reporters that the *Endeavour* would boost the center's annual 1.4 million visitors to about 2 million people a year.

The center plans to use the orbiter as the centerpiece to a new air and space gallery, which would cost \$200 million and is part of the center's 25-year master plan, Rudolph said. That price tag includes the \$28.8 million that the center must pay NASA to prepare and relocate the orbiter to Los Angeles, he said. The center hasn't hired an architect yet to design the new facility and is now planning a fundraiser, he said.

The Los Angeles center's existing air and space gallery is now home to the Mercury-Redstone 2 capsule that carried Ham, a chimpanzee, on a suborbital flight, and the *Gemini 11* capsule flown by astronauts Pete Conrad and Dick Gordon on an orbital flight.

U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer said she and Sen. Dianne Feinstein -- both California Democrats -- wrote to NASA's Bolden last year asking that California become home to one of the shuttles because the state has a long history with the shuttle program. Beginning in 1972, all five space shuttle orbiters were fabricated in Downey, California, and assembled in Palmdale, California, Boxer said in a statement. All of the space shuttles were tested at Edwards Air Force Base just outside of Palmdale, where 53 of NASA's 133 shuttle missions landed, she said.

Audience members at the Kennedy Space Center cheered when Bolden announced the *Atlantis* would be assigned to that launch facility. Many people in the gallery were center workers, some of whom are likely to lose their jobs when the shuttle program ends.

The *Atlantis* will fly the last planned shuttle mission in June, NASA said.

The Museum of Flight in Seattle also wanted one. But on Tuesday, Washington state Gov. Chris Gregoire also said he was disappointed that the NASA didn't select the Seattle museum for one of the retired shuttles.

"However, the full fuselage trainer, that every astronaut including Bonnie Dunbar has been trained on, will soon call the Museum of Flight home," the governor said. "The largest of the trainers, this addition will allow visitors to actually climb aboard the trainer and experience the hands-on training that astronauts get. Visitors will not be allowed in the other shuttles and this trainer is a true win for our dynamic museum."

The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex estimates a shuttle will bring in 200,000 more guests every year. The economic impact to the area is estimated at about \$15 million.

At New York's Intrepid Museum, Executive Director Susan Marenoff told CNN, "Figure over 300,000 people additional (due) to the *Intrepid*, to New York City. Couple that with \$106 million in economic benefit. We think that's a pretty good deal."

Each winning location has to fork over \$28.8 million to NASA for delivery of the vehicles. They also must guarantee a climate-controlled building will be constructed to house their shuttle. That's still a bargain, officials at the bidding locations said, because of the return on investment they expect.

One of the orbiters -- *Discovery*, the oldest -- was largely regarded as being Smithsonian-bound. That was confirmed by Tuesday's announcement.

The *Enterprise*, a test shuttle that never flew in space, is there now. It was be reassigned, at a discounted price, to one of the locations that didn't get either *Endeavour* or *Atlantis*. That location turned out to be the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York.

Only two more shuttle flights are scheduled: *Endeavour* on April 29 and *Atlantis* on June 28, wrapping up a program in which the vehicles launched satellites, built a space station, and launched and repaired an orbiting telescope. After that, they become museum pieces.

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# From the Kitchen

## By Lynn Stone

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The planet was unusual, but that was normal for the crew of Captains Kirk's *Enterprise*. The Federation had received a distress call from the planet No-ora, located in the Gamma quadrant. A Romulan scout ship had crossed the Neutral Zone to take over the harvest on No-ora of their Cheese plants. These plants provide all the nutrients needed for the No-orans to make various liquids that they can ingest through an unusual sucker-like appendage located where Terran mouths are. Fortunately, the mere presence of the *Enterprise* was enough to warn the scout ship to cross back into the neutral zone and leave No-oran territory. In grateful appreciation to the entire crew of the *Enterprise* a quantity of the No-oran's latest liquid along with the recipe was beamed aboard and served for lunch the next day. This delicious soup was a huge hit with everyone on the *Enterprise*.

### Beer Cheese Soup

(Serves 6)

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon butter/margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle light beer
- 1 and 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

#### Directions

1. Melt the butter or margarine in a 4 and 1/2 quart soup pot over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and Worcestershire sauce and stir well. Add the beer; raise the heat to high and boil for 3 minutes to evaporate the alcohol. Add the chicken broth and bring the soup back to a boil. Lower the heat to medium-low and simmer.
2. Combine the cornstarch with 3 tablespoons water and stir until smooth. Set aside.
3. Add the half-and-half and shredded cheese to the soup. Stir constantly until the cheese melts. Then stir in the cornstarch mixture. Stir constantly until the soup is thick, about 2 minutes.

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# ***VOYAGER - "Homecoming"***

**By Brad McDonald**

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## ACT ONE

FADE IN:

(NOTE: Episode credits fall over opening scenes.)

EXT. SPACE - VOYAGER IN SPACE DOCK IN EARTH ORBIT (OPTICAL)

INT. VOYAGER - CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM

Action is continuous from Teaser. Janeway is still trying to absorb the information.

JANEWAY

Wait. When did all this happen?

Tuvok steps closer and studies Janeway.

TUVOK

As I have stated. Two weeks ago. Actually, two weeks, one day, sixteen hours and twelve minutes.

(beat)

I am concerned at your temporary lapses of memory. I wish you would consult the ship's surgeon --

JANEWAY

(interrupting)

Believe me, I plan on it.

(beat)

Where is everyone?

She taps her comm badge.

JANEWAY

Janeway to Chakotay. Please report.

Tuvok is almost sympathetic.

TUVOK

Chakotay is not on board.

She reads the data padd and is very puzzled and confused.

JANEWAY

Who signed this report? Engineer Blake? Who's that?

Tuvok is patient as if dealing with a child.

TUVOK

Lieutenant Blake is Voyager's Chief Engineer.

JANEWAY

Where's B'Elanna?

Tuvok is acting as if he's answered these questions many times before.

TUVOK

With Chakotay and the others, of course.

JANEWAY

With the others, where?

TUVOK

At a Federation Rehab Colony.

Janeway is struck by the statement and retakes her seat.

JANEWAY

Rehab? What for?

Tuvok is now to the point of reciting the answer as if he is running out of patience.

TUVOK

Desertion, dereliction of duty, conspiracy to --

JANEWAY

Those are old charges. They don't apply now!

TUVOK

Now more than ever.

JANEWAY

How so?

Tuvok is almost without patience.

TUVOK

The Federation is at war. Which is why we must continue with repairs. If you will give your approval for the recommended repairs...

He indicates the repairs.

JANEWAY

Of course. But a war. Who with?

TUVOK

Chiefly, the Romulans. Now if I may return to my duties as

First Officer, I have much to do before we are ready.

He turns to leave and begins walking.

JANEWAY

Wait. You said chiefly the Romulans, who else?

Just as he exits, he turns back to face her.

TUVOK

The Borg.

He exits and leaves her with a reaction of total shock.

EXT. SPACE - SPACE DOCK AND VOYAGER (OPTICAL)

INT. VOYAGER - SICKBAY

Janeway enters to find a medical person crouched low behind the diagnostic bed. She approaches and when the person comes into to view we find PEARSON.

JANEWAY

Who are you?

PEARSON

Doctor Pearson of course. Is this a test or are you having another one of your little episodes?

Janeway is angered by his condescending tone.

JANEWAY

It's not little and definitely not an episode, it's a whole library. Where's my doctor?

PEARSON

You mean EMH-1, Zimmerman? He's at the Surgeon General's Office or the Academy, lecturing I think. Do you assistance?

JANEWAY

I need answers, and a lot of them, starting with how I got here.

PEARSON

I assume by walking unless you transported from --

Janeway is frustrated and not in the mood for his attempt at humor. She grabs him with force.

JANEWAY

I mean, how did Voyager get home? I don't remember.

She lets go and his attitude becomes more business-like.

PEARSON

Don't remember the greatest journey in Starfleet's history? Let's have another look at you.

He directs her to the diagnostic bed and she sits down, although she is still a bit agitated.

PEARSON

(continuing)

You are having a bad one this time. Usually you're just a bit fuzzy around the edges, but this --

JANEWAY

Just tell me!

PEARSON

Oh, yes. Voyager appeared in Andorian space about...

He stops to check a reading and she becomes impatient.

JANEWAY

Two weeks ago, I know. What else?

Pearson brightens a bit.

PEARSON

So, the memory isn't so bad after all, huh?

She gives him a scowl.

PEARSON

(continuing)

Ah yes. Well two weeks ago Voyager showed up dead center of the Alpha quadrant. Surprised the hell out of everyone.

He motions her to lay down and continues his scans.

PEARSON

So you announce your return and how you obtained an artificial wormhole generator from a group of pirates. They jump you just before you

return home and a twenty four hour running battle ensues. After your engineer figures out that a key part of the generator is missing and duplicates it, you're home.

He motions her to sit up. Janeway is anxious to hear the story.

JANEWAY

And so?

PEARSON

(off tricorder)

Slightly elevated blood pressure and pulse, a trace of anemia --

JANEWAY

I mean, what about Voyager?

PEARSON

(sheepish)

Oh yes. You're hailed as a hero, the crew receives much adulation. And you are the only captain who is considered better than old Kirk himself. You brought a weapon to counter the Borg!

Janeway nods, finally understanding.

JANEWAY

The wormhole generator.

PEARSON

Gracious no. That's just the means of delivery. The weapon was that Seven of whatever. A study of her allowed Starfleet to get inside the Borg Collective and really scramble their eggs, so to speak. The Federation duplicated hundreds of generators and gave some to the Klingons for defense. Unfortunately, they jumped into Romulan space to exact revenge for a multitude of previous sins. The Romulans countered by allying themselves with the Borg. Since then, it's been one battle after another.

(beat)

Okay. Now you get another ten hours of rest. Stop trying to micromanage this ship. Let everyone do their work and you'll be fine.

Janeway get off the diagnostic bed shaking her head.

JANEWAY

I need to catch up on history. Why can't I remember these events?

PEARSON

Mostly stress and fatigue. You had a serious injury to your head during your last encounter with the pirates.

Pearson adds with disgust and contempt.

PEARSON

(continuing)

I didn't perform the surgery, EMH-1 did. Maybe you should see him. That's what you get when you trust your medical care to a hologram.

He resumes his previous work and she exits.

#### CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM

Janeway is at her terminal reading when the door chime sounds. She does not look up, engrossed in the text.

JANEWAY

Come!

We see the ADMIRAL PARIS from the back, enter and wait.

JANEWAY

Report.

ADMIRAL PARIS

Funny, that's what I was going to say to you.

She looks up and is embarrassed. She begins to stand.

JANEWAY

I'm sorry Admiral. I thought --

He indicates for her to relax.

ADMIRAL PARIS

At ease. I just came to see how the repairs were going and bring you some news. But first, I want you to tell me how you are doing.

JANEWAY

Just fine, a bit confused maybe...

She leaves the thought unfinished.

ADMIRAL PARIS

Part of the reason I'm here. I got a report from Pearson, he's a little worried about you. Still trying to sort things out?

He indicates the active console.

JANEWAY

Yes. I remember bits and pieces. It's very frustrating. But I'm not sure I like my ship's surgeon reporting to a flag officer behind my back.

Admiral Paris softens his manner and becomes friendlier.

ADMIRAL PARIS

He's under direct orders from Command. We're concerned about our newest hero. Got to take care of you, Kathryn.

He smiles broadly and warmly.

JANEWAY

I'm not comfortable with the hero label. I had lots of help. Which brings me to a point I'd like to discuss.

Admiral Paris' mood changes slightly.

ADMIRAL PARIS

Chakotay and the others? It's a point you've made several times. Starfleet will not budge on this and you'd be wise to back off. There's too much at stake here. Which brings me to one of my reasons for being here.

He reaches inside his tunic and offers Janeway a small box. She accepts it and opens it, becoming surprised.

JANEWAY

Admiral pips, for me?

ADMIRAL PARIS

Youngest Admiral to date. You even beat Kirk's old record. You have my congratulations and your next assignment.

He hands her a data padd; she's surprised by his statement.

JANEWAY

But you haven't heard my readiness report yet. Voyager

is still days away from being fully operational.

ADMIRAL PARIS

Not a problem. As a newly appointed staff officer, you're being assigned to Star Base Two Two Four. Chief of Operations and Tactical Officer for the entire sector. Quite a feather in your cap.

Janeway is reluctant to accept and he senses it.

ADMIRAL PARIS

I know, leaving Voyager won't be easy. You've been through a lot. It's almost like leaving your family behind, right?

She is quiet and subdued.

JANEWAY

Quite a shock actually. What will happen to Voyager?

ADMIRAL PARIS

Don't remember the operational orders? And Pearson said you'd be ready for your next assignment. Voyager goes to Tuvok. At least it stays in the family, so to speak.

She seems resigned to it, but is reminded of something.

JANEWAY

Speaking of family, I want to express my condolences to you on the loss of your son.

His attitude changes sharply.

ADMIRAL PARIS

Save it. He died a coward, at best confused and afraid of his future.

Janeway is surprised by his attitude.

JANEWAY

You don't know that. He took a shuttle and headed off towards the pirates. I believe he was attempting to divert the pirates --

He cuts her off, angry.

ADMIRAL PARIS

Was he under orders? Did he have your approval? No. He

knew what was in store for him if he returned.

JANEWAY

How?

ADMIRAL PARIS

The message I sent through that alien communication network.

JANEWAY

Half the messages never made it. What did you say to him?

He looks off, past her.

ADMIRAL PARIS

That I expected him to face a full court martial upon his return.

Janeway is shocked by the revelation.

JANEWAY

Why? He lived up to his end of the deal. He served Voyager admirably. Why would Starfleet want to court martial him?

He stares at her, embarrassed and angry.

ADMIRAL PARIS

We found evidence to suggest that not only was he linked to the Maquis, but he was passing classified information to them, using my security codes!

Janeway is now struck by his statement.

Off her reaction...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE



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## **Upcoming Events**

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**May        7            4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Triangle Factory Outlet**

**Jun        4            4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Triangle Factory Outlet**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR STARFLEET STATUS  
(AND THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY KITTY HAWK DUES)**

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