



- ADMIRAL'S THOUGHTS -

Thought Admiral K'Lay epetai K'Onor-Chang

qavanneS, Suvwl'pu! nuqneH!

nuqneH....you might well ask? After all this time between issues of BATTLE LINES, indeed, what do we want anyway?

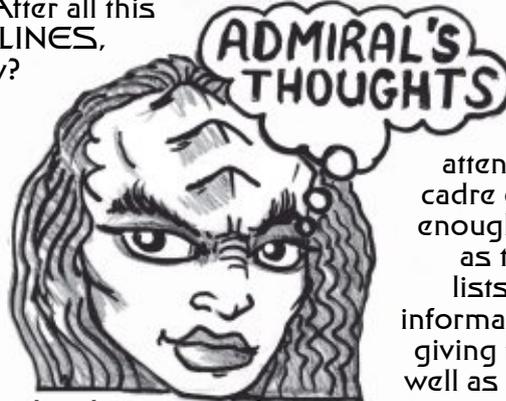
Well, I could say that many of us have been in another TIMELINE and that although to you it may seem like it's been a long time since our last BATTLE LINES, it's really a short time, in a relative sort of way. Relative to the average life expectancy of a Vulcan.....or the half life of dilithium maybe.....OKAY, Hlja, it has been a while. But we're back, qe'San and I, and those very patient contributors who have been both working and clamoring for the latest issue to be done.

The KSF, for those of you who might have wondered, is still alive and well. Our membership numbers are lower than we'd like to see, well under a hundred, less than that number of whom are genuinely active. But the RPG is still going strong,

being passed around for the past several trimesters, between a group of new GMs who have infused our TIMELINE stories with new blood, as it were, both in the figurative and literal sense, so to speak.

Both chat nights are still attended regularly, albeit by a small cadre of regulars, and we are flexible enough to change chat days and times as the need arises. Our regular listserve still sends out tidbits of information and news and post reports, giving those who can't attend chat, as well as those who can, a place to share their comments and thoughts. And now, again, we have a written voice, a medium into which a number of us have poured our warrior's soul.

So read, enjoy, and as you can, find ways to participate in the club and add your two gold pressed latimum pieces worth to the mix. BATTLE LINES...like the Klingon Strike Force itself, belongs to all of us. It's up to us to keep it going and to keep it strong.



Qapla - TA K'Lay
Thought-Admiral K'Lay epetai K'Onor-Chang



- EDITOR'S DAGGER -

by Admiral qe'San epetai be'rawn

Kai Suvwl' ... It is great news that I can bring you a new issue of Battle Lines. This issue has been long in coming and has just made it before the year ran out. However because of the time it has taken there is much content that has been gathered over the year and some like Post Reports that have been a summarisation of the previous year.

It is however sad that it follows the passing and flying free of Majel Barrett Roddenberry. This issue is therefore dedicated to her and our memories of her.. There are details later on in the issue but the best place for upto date details on the memorial service and book of condolences can be found at <http://www.roddenberry.com/>

At the time of publishing, the Memorial Service is set for Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 10:00 AM. Although it has been requested that people register their wish to attend and arrive by 9:30 AM.

Admiral qe'San epetai be'rawn



- ANNOUNCEMENTS -



Officers, Promotions in rank and status are based on a multitude of factors: activity levels in various areas of the KSF, communication with other members, service to the club, skill, hard work, dedication, a willingness to work with others, and a positive attitude, among other key points. Promotions are never given out lightly, never just for "time in service", never on a quota based "set" schedule and sometimes, not given out at all. The following are the first promotions this year.

Without further fanfare then, the Klingon Strike Force Imperial Review Board would like to announce this year's

Promotions:

Ed Ciccarone / K'Stor vestai Chi'Kosa - promotion to Lt. jg
 Gary Ormond / Korek tai Koloth - promotion to full Lieutenant
 Mike Wagar / K'logh sutai Chang-tlQwoQ - promotion to full Commander
 Rose Compton / Kimpla sutai Zu-Merz - promotion to Fleet Captain
 Curtis D. Martin / Kosh zantai Zu-Merz - promotion to Vice Admiral

I would also like to thank this trimester's Imperial Review Board members: Abbot K'Obol, qeSan, Azel, Katalya and K'Zhen. Your service is much appreciated.

I would also, at this time, like to announce a Thought-Admiral's Commendation to Alberto Gorin / Lt. Koi vestai Drocklon, who has shown the true spirit of dedication and warrior's strength by role playing, even after a recent eye operation. Kai Kassai, Alberto!!



- CONVENTION NEWS -

SCI FI Summit, Burbank CA. April 2007

from Adrienne Paradis TM Azel

We went only on Saturday, which turned out to be the best day. We walked among andorians, crew from Next Gen, DS9, Bablon 5 and even Baron Von Helsinki in Vampire form. The costumes were great, many of them home made, only a few of the manufactured type.

Tim Russ had directed a new Star Trek movie. It started out as an internet movie, but now it looks like it will go to DVD and might even air on CBS this year. It is called Of Men and Gods. I was able to speak to Lawrence Montaigne (Stonn from "Amok Time" and Decius from "Balance of

Terror") and he explained that Charlie X returns to us from the aliens he was left with to seek revenge on Kirk. Several classic trek stars will be in the movie. Tell your Star Trek friends and keep an eye out for it. <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0835378/> will give you a list of who is in it.

Tracey Scoggins of Babalon Five talked about a new movie. Babalon Five that will be revisited forty years later. That will come out on DVD, they didn't give a title, or I don't remember

For those of us Highlander fans, there is already a new movie that aired in Europe. We will only get to see it on DVD and should be out soon this year. Called "Highlander, The Source".

And now to brag :)

It was wonderful to hear the speakers. Featured on Saturday were the Okudas who showed clips of the remastered Classic Trek. Marc Alamo and Nana Visitor (Gul Dukat, one of my most FAV cardassians and of course Major Kira). They were charming and fun. I could say mom and I had lunch with Nana Visitor, but in truth we were all outside, she was at another table with friends. It was still fun. She is currently working on a show "Wildfire" Love her, but we don't watch it. Marc Alamo has retired, so he says :)

Robert McNeill was there (Tom Paris) talked mostly of his home life. He had just that morning finished a pilot I believe, but he didn't say for what.

Adrian Paul for those who know, there is nothing more to say. He didn't stay long enough, but was off to be somewhere else.

Justin Hartley from Smallville's Green Arrow. He was charming and also currently doing auditions.

Matt Frewer, one of my lifetime favs, it was wonderful to see him in person and I look forward to seeing more of him on Eureka second season.

Then there was James Master, Buff's the Vampire's Spike! He has so much energy I expected him to just bounce off the stage. Most of the questions and talk was about his music. He was performing that night, but we could not stay.

There were, as always, many "ya had to be there moments". What REALLY made the conventions great tho, was the autograph room. It was a first for us. There were many stars in the room who, for around \$20, would give you a signed autograph. More than that tho, I was blown away by their willingness to just chat!! Almost every table I went to I had a charming conversation with people I never thought I would actually meet.

I dearly loved talking to Bob May. Looking very handsome in his suit, he was the man inside the robot on Lost in Space. I was able to tell him that he was the reason I watched the show. Him and Dr. Smith. It was one of those childhood mysteries I never bothered to research, who was in side that tin can. The robot was there, but I did not get to see it as it was in the photo room.

There were many stars there, but the ones in the room while I was there were Lois Jewel, "Bread and Circuses" I believe was at a table with Celeste Yarnell (Yeoman Martha Landon from "The Apple"). She now has a company, Celestial Pets, that helps you make your own pet food at home and provides supplements to make them complete. www.celestialpets.com if you want help making your own dog and cat food.

Lawrence Montaigne, Stonn from "Amok Time" who fought with Spock during the Pon Farr. He took a time to answer my questions and tell me about the movie they had just finished, due out soon. Of Men and Gods. I promised him I would tell everyone I know, consider yourself informed almost from the source!

Arlene Martel (T'Pol) was also there, I did not get a chance to speak with her, but my, how people change.

Mary Linda Rapelye and Victor Brandt from "The Way to Eden" were also there.

What jazzed me tho was I had the opportunity to speak at length with Virginia Hey and Wayne Pygram. Wayne is Scorpius from Farscape and an excellent musician. If you have seen Farscape you know he is definitely the consummate villain. He has marvelous stories to tell as well.

Virginia is the delvian, Zhaan. I have been a fan since day one. As some of you know, my other email address is Delvians. She is why. She is working on a project as we speak. <http://www.starfighters-pi.com/> It looks like it will be a series, I hope so. Gigi (Chiana) is also in this one. She was wonderful to talk to, we spoke on just day to day things.

And last but not least, well maybe, I had to speak to the two very large, imposing Klingons in attendance. They were based in San Francisco, The IKV Bloodlust, as they demonstrated, the LOUDEST ship in the fleet.

<http://ikvbloodlust.net/> I believe it was the captain and an officer. They made it clear they were NOT a part of Kag. I mentioned the KSF, they had never heard of it. I said the KSF Klingons could probably give them a good run, they laughed. Should we do anything about this????

That's it this time around. My next con will be the Final Frelling Farewell to Farscape con later this year. If anyone has any questions, feel free to ask.

TM Azel, signing off.



Starfleet/Klingon Banquet, Milton Keynes, 2008

submitted by Adm qe'San from an article written by Capt Kehlan of [Starbase 24](#)

I was going to write my own article about how it went but decided in the end to allow the person who put all the hard work into organising the Banquet. The following was an article submitted to the local press:

KLINGONS DECLARE WAR ON CANCER

For the second year running the Klingon Empire invaded Milton Keynes to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support. They were joined in the fight by their allies from the United Federation of Planets. An ambassador was sent from Hogwarts and even the Jedi and the Stormtroopers put aside their long time enmity to attend.

The event was held on Saturday the 27th September 2008 at the Holiday Inn on Saxon Gate. We would like to thank the hotel publicly for the effort they went to in making it a very special night for all who attended.

Guests enjoyed a three course meal based on cuisine from the Klingon Empire, including dishes such as Bloodwine Soup, Sabre-bear steak in warnog sauce and the Holy Rings of Betazed. We were treated to a short talk from our special guest, Mr John Carrigan (Captain Kargh in Star Trek: New Voyages) and after a charity auction and raffles, the dancing got underway.

Lorna and Matt Bergin broke off their honeymoon to attend the party and were required to retake their vows on the evening with a Klingon wedding ceremony.



The second Starfleet/Klingon banquet was organised by UK fan group Starbase 24 and was attended by 67 guests. A total of £1270 was raised for Macmillan on the evening. The crew of Starbase 24 would like to thank all our guests for their generosity. There is not a single person alive who can truthfully say they have not been affected by cancer in some way, we are proud to support Macmillan and do our bit to fight this terrible disease. We look forward to holding the third Starfleet/Klingon Banquet next year in October to continue the fight. There are some more photos at the end of this issue.

The next banquet date is currently set for 26th September 2009



Vulcan 2009

The Abbot and I are traveling to Vulcan, Alberta in the summer (June, I believe) 2009 for a Klingon convention. It's a bit....ok, quite a bit....off the beaten track for most of you. But if anyone is interested, some of the details are below, and either the Abbot or I can provide more information.

<http://www.town.vulcan.ab.ca/>

Vulcan capitalizes on its name, and hosts a Trek themed con every year. It is small, even quaint by more seasoned con goers. However, it is also unique in that the town supports the convention. It is not a fan run con, nor is it a Creation Con.

The mandate of the con is to raise awareness for the town of Vulcan. It has been successful. If you have any questions, you can ask Vulcan Tourism. vultrek@telusplanetvult

They would love to hear from you, and it helps in validating their mandate. K'LAY



- **POST REPORTS** -**GSA**

The 2007 Year in Review
Summarized by F. Cpt. Kimpla

Earlier in 2008 Kimpla took the entire 2007 years worth of posts and pulled out just the highlights for each member who posted. IF anyone has been missed or an important event skipped, she apologizes. It was not intentional. That was just a lot of data to sift thru in a short period of time.

**GSA Sector One**

← **K'Eherang** - Sarah Tate: 2007, Sarah received her Bachelors degree in 2006 and began work for various temp. agencies. By June she had secured a permanent position with a customs broker in her area. She moved into a new department and in Dec. had some computer issues which required taking it in for maintenance.

← **Qurra DoQ'marr** - Steven Holdren: 2007, Steven rejoined us online in December and has attended a couple of chats since. At the time of his post, he was having some issues with model BOP color schemes and asking for club input.

← **Kosh** - Curtis Martin: 2007, He began the year with new abode furnishings as well as new computer programs. He changed his email addy and was participating in Khen's (Alan Gunhouse) Bright Star rpg. He reconnected with cable, got a new cell phone and scored some "Alaskan Amber Ale".

He traveled to Desert Hot Springs Ca. where he visited with his mother. He also traveled to Cotton Oregon to visit with his sister and Bro-in-law. Then flew to Palm Springs to be with the family over Thanksgiving.

He celebrated the big 4-0, in August and reporting receiving many treasures. As well as working too many hours of OT on the job, he also hosted the KSF RPG, 'Wild Weird West' and still managed to attend KSF Chat nights. He also reports that his felines, Nikko and Sandra are doing well.

← **Thought-Master Keel K'Ta-ri** (retired Thought-Admiral) - David Christensen: a note in from Keel K'Tari regarding the KSF Covert Ops Manual: "I typed in my name and 'Klingons' on Google and it came up with Klingon Ops Manual on Amazon. One copy new and one copy used, both at \$99 each!

Wow! It's not #1 on the book list. In fact, it's #2,683,579! But what the heck, to see it listed at \$100 is so cool!!! It was given a 5 star rating with a 97% positive response rate over the last year and over 1500 reviews! If you are still doing the Klingon NL, I would pleade my case that you insert this bit of news in it ASAP. I only sold 3000 copies and got \$1 per book and to see it now viewed as a 'collectible' is such a treat. David"

PS: I'd say those of you who happen to have a copy of the old KSF Ops Manual ought to keep it!!!

**GSA Sector Two**

← **Azel** - Adrienne Paradis: 2007, She attended Sci-fi Summit in Burbank Ca. (see convention news) She also suffered through foot surgery to have a bone chip removed and enlarged her pets with the addition of K'Bunny.

← **Toraq** - John Barnes: 2007, He attended Starfest in Denver Colorado. While there he participated in a 'bar'leth 101' class and a Klingon Culture Panel. During the month of May, he moved to a new residence.

Borg - Michael Robbins: 2007, The wildfires in California forced Michael from his home in October. While staying at the local Red Cross Emergency shelter, he had the privilege of meeting with the Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger. He also told of Mickey and Minnie Mouse visiting the children at the shelter. By mid November, Michael was back at the ranch, living in a motor home and awaiting the utilities to be restored. At years end, he traded-up on his vehicle to a 2007 Hyundai Elantra.

GSA Sector Three



← **Kimpla & K'Stor** - Rose Compton & Ed Ciccarone: 2007, They began the year with their sewer backing up into the basement, affecting about 20% of the area. Rose was volunteering some of her free time at the local Humane society, until their smallest dog; GreyPaws; was diagnosed with diabetes, which meant some lifestyle changes to accommodate his insulin injections. Rose also won 2nd and 3rd place in a photo contest and Ed participated in 2 charity marathons. In the 7 mile run/walk, he placed 11071 out of 15000+.

They made some improvements to their abode, in the form of new windows and a deck and had family from Virginia visiting for a week. Rose suffered an injury at work, which required 12 stitches to close and Ed got his license reinstated. He also celebrated the big 4-0 in August and they purchased a second car, in the form of a Hyundai Elantra wagon.

In the fall, Rose completed a 300 page 2 year genealogy project, with copies sent to her siblings as an Xmas gift. Bringing the year to an end, they attended a 'Sammy Hagar w/ Michael Anthony' concert and decorated their home "Brightly" for the upcoming holidays.

← **Katalyia** - Lyndia Phillips: 2007, During the month of April, she lost her long time pet, Cybil. Not being one to dwell in the past and knowing she has a lot of love to share, She adopted 2 Chihuahuas from 'My Jojo Rescue'. They are known as Rowdy & Peewee. Lyndia also learned to drive a bus and got her CDL so that she could aide in transporting the children in her church group. She went on camping trips, enjoyed 4th of July fireworks and went to Vegas for a Barry Manilow convention. While at the convention she also attended 2 special dinners. One in 1960's dress and a formal dinner in 1940's fashion. last we heard she was busy at work and adjusting to two new pets.

Editors Note, A dedication submitted by Kat earlier in the year which has been added in memory of a great friend: "As some of you know, my dog, Cybil, had been chronically ill since July 2006. Yesterday, when I got home, I had to take her to the Vet and have her put down. She left this world in the loving arms of her owner and faced the end with the bravery of a Targ.

So, I raise my voice and howl to the stars, to remind them to watch out for my little warrior. I will miss her. Katalyia

← **Khaufen** - Ron Pohlen: 2007, Ron continues to have computer problems, but during his last report Did mention the acquisition of a new pet. Salem ... the cat.

GSA Sector Four



← **Khen** - Alan Gunhouse: 2007, He continues his employment in the field of recycling, including the shredding of Government documents and is active in playing the online game 'City of Heroes'. In this game, the last we heard, he had advanced a character to level 30. He was also elected to GM a super heroes game set during WWII.

He took out a loan and consolidated all of his debt. This being done, he then procured some new furnishings for his abode. During the fall, the area he resides in, suffered some major flooding and he missed some work due to the high waters. At last check, he was still involved in the Star trek Challenger game online and was still actively searching for his soul mate.

GSA Sector Five



← **Volar** - Chris Gable: 2007, With the purchase of a new house, He and his mate began to make it a home. This included decorating the inside, fencing in the yard and putting plants into the ground. He is still active in online games, including 'City of Heroes/Villains'. They added a new addition to the family in the form of a puppy they named 'En'Kidu', bringing their puppy population to 3.

Chris applied for and was accepted to a masters program, of which he began classes in the fall. Not only did he return to class, but he also gained new employment which has allowed him more time for the KSF.

← **Samwl & Kanara** - 2007, Michael & Bed Stanley: Deb suffered some medical issues during the first 2 quarters of the year, and lost some weight due to the illnesses. Michael procured new employment and ended his probationary period (with a raise in pay) in May. He's begun a new project known as 'Klingon Omnibus'.

GSB

← **Kohn** - Phillip Mostyn (GSB Australia): 2007, He joined an online Klingon Kommunity called "The Empire" <http://www.klingon-empire.org/> changed his line name to Kohn MoStin and celebrated the big 4-0. He's began an online journal <http://kohn.livejournal.com/> and last we heard was looking for new employment.

GSD

← **TA K'LAY & VA. K'OBOL** ('Da Abbot) - Margie & Doug Welsh: 2007, Due to open windows, some water pipes froze resulting in a flooded apartment. Their losses included KSF materials as well as Star Trek materials. They became grandparents with the arrival of Michael Emelio (Doug's first) Doug also suffered a trip to the dentist for a tooth extraction and due to a specific diet lost some weight. Margie gratefully accepted a reduction in work hours and together, they visited family in California. While there, they attended a family reunion and spent some time visiting with Azel (Adrienne Paradis). Later in the year, Margie dealt with a lot of OT and with her company moving it's office to another building..

During the California wildfires, Margie's daughter and brother were evacuated and Margie watch from the TV as her hometown area smoldered and burned to ruin. She also attended work on casual day, dressed as a Klingon, which Made the local news. Shortly thereafter, a tropical storm made landfall in Nova Scotia, leaving Doug and Margie in the dark once again.

For the Christmas holidays, Doug and Margie traveled to Texas to visit with family and warmer temperatures.

← **Klogh** - Mike Wager (British Columbia, Canada): 2007, Began the year with his car being stolen. By the fall, things had been turned around, including a new job, a new girlfriend and a new tattoo.



GSE

← **qe'San be'rawn** - Jonathan Brown: 2007,

← **Korek** - Gary Ormond: 2007, With the beginning of the year, Gary was attempting to build up his entourage of students for guitar. He put a lot of effort into writing and creating for the KSF in the forms of the rpg and artwork. One personal project included a Starship design proposal. His household suffered bouts of illness in the fall and his computer suffered a malfunction which required a total reboot, resulting in many lost files.



← **It koi kai drocklon** - Alberto (Netherlands): 2007, He began the year suffering through eye lens replacement other wise known as cataract surgery and dental appointments. He also attended some Sci-fi conventions in his area. He is considering the change to Vista for his computer, but at last report was sticking to XP for awhile.

← **Ke'Reth Makura**: No post reports as such but several pieces of artwork including the cover have been provided by Ke'reth shown here at the desk of his Embassy.



- **WHAT'S BEEN IN THE NEWS** -

Articles taken from the List-serve Mar-Dec 2007 Compiled by Kimpla'

Shatner To Emcee Space Camp Banquet

submitted by Borg Ql'impeq

Monday - January 1, 2007

The U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and William Shatner, known as Capt. Kirk to legions of "Star Trek" fans, is planning to attend the party.

Shatner has agreed to be the emcee for the Space Camp Hall of Fame induction banquet in June, said Larry Capps, CEO of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The inaugural Hall of Fame event will honor 10 people who either attended Space Camp or have been major supporters of the Space Camp and Space Center, he said. A committee is establishing criteria for selecting the first inductees. The exact date and location of the banquet will be announced later, he said.

SOURCE : AP - ENTERTAINMENT Information from: The Huntsville Times



Klingon Campaigning

March 19 2007

Submitted By K'Lay K'Onor-Chang

HELSINKI (Reuters) - A Finnish member of parliament is aiming for re-election by campaigning with a translation of his Web site into Klingon, used in the TV series "Star Trek." "Some have thought it is blasphemy to mix politics and Klingon," said Jyrki Kasvi, an ardent Trekkie. "Others say it is good if politicians can laugh at themselves."

He said his politics posed some translation difficulties, since Klingon does not have words for matters such as tolerance, or for many colors, including green -- the party under whose banner he is running in the national elections on March 18.

Non-warriors can also access the site, <http://www.kasvi.org/index.php?kli>, in English, Swedish and Finnish.



Beaming up Scotty

Beaming up Scotty ... and Gordo
 Posted: Thursday, March 29, 2007 3:15 PM by Alan Boyle

Celebrities from TV's classic "Star Trek" and America's space program are due to take a posthumous trip to the final frontier and back on April 28, when an UP Aerospace suborbital rocket carries the cremated remains of "Star Trek" actor James "Scotty" Doohan, NASA astronaut Gordon "Gordo" Cooper and more than 200 others on a memorial spaceflight.

The flight - organized by Celestis Corp., a subsidiary of Houston-based Space Services Inc. - has been in the planning stage for more than a year. Here's how it works: Ashes from the dearly departed are placed in metal capsules about the size of lipstick tubes, then put aboard the rocket for launch from New Mexico's Spaceport America to an altitude of about 70 miles, just beyond the internationally accepted boundary of space. The payload then falls back to earth for recovery. "We will take those capsules, and we'll mount them on beautiful plaques, and they will be a keepsake for the families," Susan Schonfeld, a spokeswoman for Space Services, told me today.

A memorial ceremony will be conducted on the eve of the flight at Alamogordo's New Mexico Museum of Space History, Schonfeld said. Doohan and Cooper are the best-known names on the flight list: Cooper orbited Earth 22 times during his Mercury 9 flight in 1963, becoming the last American to fly alone in space until SpaceShipOne's private-sector astronauts did it in 2004. Cooper was also the command pilot for Gemini 5 in 1965. He died in 2004 at the age of 77.

Doohan played Chief Engineer Montgomery Scott on the classic "Star Trek" TV show in the 1960s, and reprised that role in several "Trek" movies. His portrayal of "Scotty" was the highlight of a TV and film career that spanned more than 50 years. He died in 2005 at the age of 85. Among those attending the launch will be Doohan's widow, Wende C. Doohan. "While 'Scotty' lived this, Jimmy lived for this," she said in a Space Services news release. "I will be there, to see the launch, knowing that Jimmy is participating in an industry which he loved so very much."

If this flight is successful, it would mark the first true space foray for Connecticut-based UP Aerospace. The venture's maiden launch ended in failure last September, but the company says it has resolved the aerodynamic problems that prevented the earlier Spaceloft XL rocket from getting up to space. It would also mark the first real space mission for Spaceport America, which is seeking support from local taxpayers in an April 3 ballot. That vote could well determine how quickly the New Mexico spaceport moves ahead with its plans for a \$198 million suborbital space tourism complex.

This week, the spaceport authority announced agreement on the terms of a future lease with billionaire Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic - and on Friday, the spaceport is planning a spacecraft integration ceremony for the UP Aerospace flight.

All this activity seems aimed at raising the spaceport's visibility in advance of next week's vote.

"We're all breaking new ground," Rick Homans, chairman of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority and cabinet secretary for the New Mexico Economic Development Department, was quoted as saying in Space Services' release. "We're in this for the long term, developing new businesses and new technologies." Celestis offers space-themed memorial

packages ranging from \$499 (for a suborbital-and-back flight) to \$12,500 or more (for a one-way trip beyond Earth orbit).

Space remains the domain of the few, the dream of many, Charles Chafer, chief executive officer for Celestis and Space Services, said in the release. With Celestis, the dream of spaceflight, and the desire to take part in the opening of the space frontier, can be realized - and is available to everyone." Next month's flight won't necessarily mark the final trip to the final frontier for Doohan and Cooper: Samples of their ashes are also due to fly as part of Celestis' secondary payload aboard SpaceX's next Falcon I flight, Chafer told me last week. That launch is scheduled for September.



Star Trek shields will protect Man in space

Mark Henderson, Science Editor

For Captain Kirk and his crew, the starship Enterprise's force fields were all that stood in the way of oblivion from Klingon lasers. Now scientists are seeking to build Star Trek-style shields for real, to protect astronauts on their way to Mars.

Though a manned mission to the Red Planet could probably expect to avoid any unpleasant alien encounters, researchers believe that magnetic fields could be crucial to shelter its crew from deadly radiation. Cosmic rays and solar flares are one of the chief hazards faced by astronauts venturing into space,

and the need to protect crews against them is one of the biggest obstacles to long missions.

On the surface of the Earth, the magnetic field that envelops our planet deflects most of this radiation, and even in the low orbits used by the space shuttle and the International Space Station (ISS) it offers a measure of protection.

Beyond this magnetic field, however, astronauts would be exposed to constant low levels of radiation that would raise their risk of cancers. Solar flares are eruptions of charged gas or plasma from the Sun and pose an even greater danger, as they would kill anyone unshielded in their path.

Neil Armstrong and the other Apollo astronauts spent only ten days in space on their trips to the Moon in the 1960s and 1970s and were lucky in that no solar flare came their way while they were in space. On the ISS, astronauts protect themselves against flares by moving into a special thick-walled room, but such barrier shielding would be impractical for a mission to Mars.

Now scientists at the Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire are proposing a Star Trek solution: to protect the spacecraft with a magnetic field like the Earth's. A team led by Ruth Bamford, who will present details today at the Royal Astronomical Society's annual meeting in Preston, has been awarded a \$30,000 grant by the Science and Technology

Facilities Council to start developing such a scheme. It will use technology originally developed for experimental nuclear fusion reactors to wrap a model spacecraft in a magnetic cocoon, so that harmful plasma bounces off. It's no accident that Star Trek featured this sort of technology, as it had advisers who work for Nasa and its feasible, Dr Bamford said. The shields seem to be some sort of invisible barrier, which energy bounces off, and that sort of deflector shield is exactly what we're talking about. Magnetic field generators, she said, could be critical to Nasa's plans to establish a permanent manned base on the Moon by 2024, and to send astronauts to Mars around 2030.

Now there's the will to send astronauts back into space, we need to be able to do it safely. That means protecting astronauts from radiation. Artificially generated magnetic fields are already used in experimental fusion reactors to keep superheated plasma from touching its walls, which would otherwise melt. What we want to do is the opposite, Dr Bamford said. Fusion, the aim is to keep the plasma in. We want to keep it out. The team is currently setting up an experiment at Manchester University, where it will use magnets to try to deflect a one-metre beam of plasma. We have already tried with a little magnet, but while that deflects it a bit it doesn't keep the plasma off, Dr Bamford said. All the components that we need for this already exist. It is a matter of design and engineering to put them together.

Science fact:

Ion engines Nasa's Deep Space 1 comet chaser, and the European Space Agency's Smart1 probe, have ion engines. Charged atoms are fired into space at about 1,000mph (1,600km/h), building up to propel the craft at up to 36,000mph. Artificial eyes Scientists at the University of Southern California have created an ebionic eye that has already been fitted to six blind patients. Cloaking devices Scientists at Imperial College London have shown that it is theoretically possible to create materials that bend light so that they appear invisible. Source: Times database



CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP)

Astrophysicist Stephen Hawking floated free in zero gravity Thursday, becoming the first person with a disability to have the experience.

The zero-gravity flight in a modified jet creates the experience of microgravity during 25-second plunges -- called parabolas -- over the Atlantic Ocean.

"It was amazing," Hawking, paralyzed by a progressive neurological disorder, said afterward through an electronic device. "The zero-G part was wonderful and the full-G part was no problem. I could have gone on and on. Space, here I come." Hawking, a mathematics professor at the University of Cambridge who has done groundbreaking work on black holes and the origins of the universe, has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He cannot speak or move.

He is one of the best-known theoretical physicists of his generation and also wrote the book "A Brief History of Time." A doctor and three nurses monitored Hawking throughout the Zero Gravity Corp. flight. The scientist floated in the air, free of his wheelchair and electronic communication gear for the first time in 40 years.

The jet's interior is padded to protect the weightless fliers and is equipped with cameras to record their adventure. Normally, the plane conducts 10 to 15 plunges for its passengers who pay \$3,750 for the ride, although that fee was waived for Hawking.

After the jet reached its proper altitude, Hawking's assistants lifted him out of his seat and laid him on his back in the front of the cabin for the first plunge.

"We consider ... having him weightless for 25 seconds is a successful mission," Peter Diamandis, chairman and CEO of Zero Gravity, said before the flight. "If we do more than one, fantastic." Urged on by Hawking's smiles after the first parabola, they did seven more, Diamandis said afterward.

"He was doing gold-medalist gymnastics in zero G," Diamandis said. Hawking has an ulterior motive for going on the flight other than the personal thrill of weightlessness -- he believes in the importance of private space ventures and the need to reduce the cost of space tourism so that it is accessible to more people.

"Many people have asked me why I am taking this flight. I am doing it for many reasons," he said before the flight. "First of all, I believe that life on Earth is at an ever increasing risk of being wiped out by a disaster such as sudden global warming, nuclear war, a genetically engineered virus, or other dangers. I think the human race has no future if it doesn't go into space. I therefore want to encourage public interest in space."

Diamandis put it more poetically afterward: "Professor Hawking reached for the sky and touched the heavens today."



Astronaut Walter Schirra Dies At 84

By THOMAS WATKINS,
Associated Press Writer
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Walter M. "Wally" Schirra Jr., who as one of the original Mercury Seven astronauts combined the Right Stuff - textbook-perfect flying ability and steely nerves - with a pronounced rebellious streak, died Thursday at 84.

He was the only astronaut to fly in all three of NASA's original manned spaceflight programs: Mercury, Gemini and Apollo. Although he never walked on the moon, Schirra laid some of the groundwork that made the lunar landings possible and won the space race for the United States.

Schirra died of a heart attack at Scripps Green Hospital in La Jolla, said Ruth Chandler Varonfakis, a family friend and spokeswoman for the San Diego Aerospace Museum.

In 1962, the former Navy test pilot became the fifth American in space □ behind Alan Shepard, Virgil "Gus" Grissom, John Glenn and Scott Carpenter □ and the third American to orbit the Earth, circling the globe six times in a flight that lasted more than nine hours.

Schirra returned to space in 1965 as commander of Gemini 6. Some 185 miles above Earth, he guided his two-man capsule to within a few feet of Gemini 7 in the first rendezvous of two spacecraft in orbit.

On his third and final flight, aboard Apollo 7 in 1968, he helped set the stage for the landing of men on moon during the summer of 1969.

An inveterate prankster, he could be grumpy and recalcitrant in space, most famously during his Apollo mission.

But "on Mercury, Gemini and Apollo, he flew all three and did not make a mistake," said Christopher Kraft, who was Schirra's Mercury and Gemini flight director and later head of NASA's Johnson Space Center. "He was a consummate test pilot. The job he did on all three was superb."

Of the Mercury Seven, only Glenn and Carpenter are still alive.

Schirra was named one of the Mercury Seven in 1959. Supremely confident, he sailed through rigorous astronaut training with what one reporter called "the ease of preparing for a family picnic."

"He was a practical joker, but he was a fine fellow and a fine aviator," Carpenter recalled Thursday. "He will be sorely missed in our group."

Roger Launius, a space historian at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, said Schirra "had a personality that was fun and effervescent. He had the gift of gab. He was able to take complex engineering and scientific ideas and translate that to something that was understandable."

Launius recalled that Schirra smuggled a corned beef sandwich onto his Gemini flight. During the mid-December 1965 flight, he and his Gemini crewmate, Thomas Stafford, unnerved Mission Control when they reported, slowly and in deadpan fashion, seeing some kind of UFO consisting of "a command module and eight smaller modules in front. The

pilot of the command module is wearing a red suit" - Santa Claus.

When Schirra and Stafford played "Jingle Bells" on a tiny, smuggled-aboard harmonica and a set of sleigh bells.

"At times he gave us a hard time during his flight; technically what he did was superb," Kraft said.

Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral on Oct. 3, 1962, aboard the Sigma 7 Mercury spacecraft. "I'm having a ball up here drifting," Schirra said from space before making a perfect splashdown in the Pacific Ocean.

His Gemini mission represented a major step forward in the nation's space race with the Soviet Union, proving that two ships could dock in space.

Kraft said Schirra showed great poise during his Gemini flight when a problem on the launch pad cropped up. Schirra would have been warranted in triggering a launch ejection, but instead, he held steady, and the launch went off OK, Kraft said.

Schirra's Apollo mission in October 1968 restored the nation's confidence in the space program, which had been shaken a year earlier when three astronauts, including Grissom, were killed in a fire on the launch pad.

The Apollo 7 crew shot into space atop a Saturn rocket, a version of which would later carry men to the moon. But Schirra and his two fellow crewmembers were grumpy for most of the 11-day trip. All three developed bad colds that proved to be a major nuisance in zero gravity.

The following year, Schirra left NASA and retired from the Navy with the rank of captain, having logged more than 295 hours in space. He became a commentator with CBS.

"Mostly it's lousy out there," Schirra said in 1981 on the occasion of the first space shuttle flight. "It's a hostile environment, and it's trying to kill you. The outside temperature goes from a minus 450 degrees to a plus 300 degrees. You sit in a flying Thermos bottle."

Born in Hackensack, N.J., Schirra was practically born to fly. His father was a fighter pilot during World War I and later barnstormed at county fairs with Schirra's mother, who sometimes stood on the wing of a biplane during flights.

Schirra took his first flight with his father at age 13 and already knew how to fly when he left home for the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Schirra flew 90 combat missions during the Korean War. He was credited with shooting down one Soviet MiG and possibly a second. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals.

In 1984, he moved to the San Diego suburb of Rancho Santa Fe, serving on corporate boards and as an independent consultant. His favorite craft became the Windchime, a 36-foot sailboat.

In one of his last interviews, last month with The Associated Press, Schirra said he was struck by the fragility of Earth and the lack of borders.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine, daughter Suzanne and son Walter Schirra III.

"I left Earth three times. I found no place else to go. Please take care of Spaceship Earth," he said.

Associated Press writers Mike Schneider in Orlando, Fla., Seth Borenstein in Washington and Rasha Madkour in Houston contributed to this report.



Gene Roddenberry inducted into the Hall of Fame

June 2007

This past weekend, the late Gene Roddenberry was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Science Fiction Museum in Seattle. The Science Fiction Hall of Fame "honors the lives, work and ongoing legacies of science fiction's greatest creators," according to a press release.

The induction ceremony was held on Saturday, June 16 at the Experience Music Project/Science Fiction Museum (EMP/SFM) at the base of the Space Needle. As part of the induction, a display featuring personal artifacts and video footage from Gene was added to the existing Hall of Fame exhibit. Gene Roddenberry's face is now visible as a laser-etched image on the translucent, glowing Hall of Fame display.

Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry was in attendance to accept the award on behalf of his father. Part one of his experience at the Sci-Fi Hall of Fame can now be seen in our [Captain's V-Log](#) (<http://www.rodtenberry.com/>) . Join Rod as he shows you the laser-etched image of his father on the Hall of Fame display. Tune in to part 2 of the Captain's V-Log next week to catch an incredible conversation between Rod and Will Wheaton, and see what Will presents to Rod as a token of his appreciation.

<http://www.rodtenberry.com/>



contributed by K'Stor Chi'Kosa

A Survival Imperative for Space Colonization

An interesting article about colonization of space and the future of mankind.

- <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/07/17/science/17tier.html>



Contributed by Borg Ql'mpeq

Group Renames Asteroid For George Takei

By SAMANTHA GROSS, Associated Press Writer

Tuesday - October 2, 2007

A piece of outer space named for George Takei is in kind of a rough neighborhood for somebody who steers a starship: an asteroid belt.

An asteroid between Mars and Jupiter has been renamed 7307 TAKEI in honor of the actor, best known for his role as Hikaru Sulu in the original "Star Trek" series and movies.

"I am now a heavenly body," Takei, 70, said Tuesday, laughing. "I found out about it yesterday. ... I was blown away. It came out of the clear, blue sky just like an asteroid."

The celestial rock, discovered by two Japanese astronomers in 1994, was formerly known as 1994 GT9. It joins the 4659 RODDENBERRY (named for the show's creator, Gene Roddenberry) and the 68410 NICHOLS (for co-star Nichelle Nichols, who played Lt. Uhura). Other main-belt asteroids

have been named for science fiction luminaries Robert Heinlein and Isaac Asimov.

The renaming of 7307 TAKEI was approved by the International Astronomical Union's Committee on Small Body Nomenclature. About 14,000 asteroid names have been approved by the panel, while about 165,000 asteroids have been identified and numbered, union spokesman Lars Lindberg Christensen said.

Unlike the myriad Web sites that offer to sell naming rights to stars, the IAU committee-approved names are actually used by astronomers, said Tom Burbine, the Mount Holyoke College astronomy professor who proposed the name swap.

"This is the name that will be used for all eternity," he said.

Burbine said he suggested Takei's name in part out of appreciation for his work with the Japanese American

Citizens League and with the gay rights group Human Rights Campaign. Takei, a spokesman for HRC's Coming Out Project, was cultural affairs chairman of the JAACL, and he was appointed to the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission by former President Clinton.

Takei has appeared on NBC's "Heroes" and appears regularly on Howard Stern's satellite radio show.

Under the committee's policies, whoever discovers an asteroid has 10 years in which to propose a name. After that, the panel considers other suggestions, although it warns would-be namers to avoid anything "in questionable taste" and any names honoring political or military figures sooner than 100 years after their deaths.

NASA asteroid database browser:
[http://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/sbdb.cgi\(pound\)top](http://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/sbdb.cgi(pound)top)

SOURCE : AP - SCIENCE



MAJEL BARRETT RODDENBERRY

December 18, 2008, at 12:27 AM

"Majel Barrett Roddenberry passed away this morning, December 18, 2008, at 12:27 AM in her Bel Air home. She died peacefully, in her sleep, and was surrounded by family and loved ones.

"My mother truly acknowledged and appreciated the fact that Star Trek fans played a vital role in keeping the Roddenberry dream alive for the past 42 years. It was her love for the fans, and their love in return, that kept her going for so long after my father passed away." - Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry, Jr.

<http://www.roddebber.com/>

Majel played not only Nurse Chapel but the voice of the computer, and Lwaxana Troi. Trek will not be the same without her.

May she Fly free with the great bird of the galaxy!

Condolences can be sent via email to share@roddebber.com or by mail to:

Roddenberry Productions
 4400 Coldwater Canyon Avenue, Suite 100
 Studio City, CA 91604

The family thanks you very much for your thoughts and sentiments. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests that a donation in Majel's name be made to one of the two following organizations, who share Majel's love for animals and dedication to animal rescue.



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Obama to boldly go where no geek has gone before

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<http://news.aol.com/article/obama-to-boldly-go-where-no-geek-has/286984>

WASHINGTON -Get ready for the geek-in-chief.

President-elect Barack Obama used to collect comic books, can't part with his BlackBerry, and once flashed Leonard "Mr. Spock" Nimoy the Vulcan "Live Long and Prosper" sign.

That and other evidence has convinced some of Obama's nerdier fans that he'll be the first American president to show distinct signs of geekiness. And that's got them as excited as a Tribble around a Klingon.

Obama is good at "repressing his inner geek, but you can tell it's there," especially when he goes into nuanced explanations of technical matters, said Benjamin Nugent, author of the book "American Nerd: The Story of My People."

"One imagines a terrifying rally of 'Star Trek' people shouting, 'One of us!'" Nugent said, in an interview conducted by e-mail, of course.

Others see only some geek qualities, qualifying the president-elect as merely "nerd-adjacent." After all, he's an athlete and kind of cool, some experts demur. Still, there's enough there for geeks to celebrate.

Psychology professor Larry Welkowitz of Keene State College in New Hampshire hopefully speculated that there's a shift in what's cool and that "smart can be in. Maybe that started with the computer programmers of the '90s. The Bill Gateses of the world are OK."

The Obama transition team would not comment on the president-elect's geek qualities, even when it was suggested those could be positive. And his old college friends give the geek idea a split vote. While Margot Mifflin, now a journalism professor in New York, said she saw no geeky signs in Obama as a freshman at Occidental College in California, Amiekoleh Kimbrew Usafi recalled it differently, despite the lack of technology back in 1979.

"He's a geek because he was smart," Usafi said, noting that Occidental was a geeky school to start with, billing itself as the Yale of the West. "I remember he would be hitting his books. I would see him in the library. ... There were a lot of girls that liked him because he was cute, but he kept his head in the direction he was going in. I would see him studying all the time."

Wired magazine first crowed about Obama the geek, complete with five reasons in its GeekDad blog. A lot depends on definition of geek, which to Wired is more a compliment than insult.

GeekDad contributor Matt Blum, a software engineer in Reston, Va., defines geeks as having high intellects, embracing technology, "getting excited about things in the future especially, particularly fiction," having a science viewpoint and being steeped in the geek culture of science fiction and fantasy.

Geeks know and use references from "Star Trek," "Dungeons and Dragons" and comic books. And, he added, they are nit-picky, unafraid to correct mixed science fiction metaphors, such as confusing Star Trek's Andorians with "Star Wars" Iridonians.

So a quick geek cultural check for Obama:

□Technology. Click that icon. He's the candidate who tried to announce his vice presidential pick by text message and embraced Facebook as a campaign tool. He's seldom seen

without a BlackBerry and talks of a chief technology officer for the nation.

□Comic books. As a youngster, Obama collected Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comic books. His Senate Web site used to have a photo of him posing in front of a Superman statue, and in October at New York's Alfred Smith dinner he joked: "I was actually born on Krypton and sent here by my father Jor-El to save the planet Earth." Jor-El was the father of Superman, born on the planet Krypton.

□"Star Trek," the long-running TV show. According to the actor Leonard Nimoy, who played Mr. Spock in the series, Obama flashed him the split four-fingered Vulcan salute when the two crossed paths last year. In May in Des Moines, Newsweek caught Obama teasing wife Michelle about her belt buckle, saying it was studded with Star Trek-powering lithium crystals and adding, "Beam me up, Scotty!" As he laughed at his own joke, Michelle Obama rolled her eyes, as geek wives often do.

Yes, geeks have wives. That's one of the things that separates them from nerds and dorks.

"A geek is someone who has the knowledge of the geeky type stuff and has social graces," Blum said. "A nerd is someone who has the knowledge but not the social graces and a dork is someone who has neither."

By that definition Obama is a geek, not a nerd or dork, Blum said. Nerds are the type who live in their parents' basements until they're 45, whereas geeks are more normal, he said.

"I'm a geek because I'm a dad," Blum said. "I managed to find a woman who wished to marry me and have children with me."

Blum said Obama qualifies as the first geek-in-chief because George W. Bush was too much a cheerleader and Bill Clinton too wonky and not technological enough. The other presidents came of age before geek culture did, so don't qualify.

But don't discount John Quincy Adams as a geeky guy who steeped himself in government as a teenager, contends author Nugent (who just by adding that historical reference reinforces his geek expertise).

In some ways, though, experts say Obama is just too cool, too athletic, too normal to wear the geek cape. Obama did use drugs and was a high school athlete, missing out on two prime nerd qualities, Nugent said.

Dan Sarewitz, a professor of science and society at Arizona State University, said calling Obama a geek is unfair both to the president-elect and geeks.

"He's too cool to be a geek; he's a decent basketball player; he knows how to dance; he dresses well," Sarewitz said. "It's too high a standard for geeks to possibly live up to."

All the nerds at home can at least try, though, courtesy of a heavily muscled "beach blanket Obama" action figure for \$29.95.

So is Obama a geek?

In the words of Alan Leshner, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which had two past leaders appointed by Obama to high posts: "I hope so."



- KLINGON POETRY -

by Lt.Ccmdr Lusciouslips sutai Juriss-chang

Encounters

She stood surveying the motley crew
so of her courage they'd get a better view,

'We are Klingons!

tlhIngan maH!

was what they steadfastly said

in her eye's bore afire

before she was finished

they might just wish they were dead!

Their Captain bowed low

and asked if she needed their help

to this she giggled

she really couldn't help herself!

In space, all warriors are cold warriors.

loghDaq Suvrupbogh Suvwl'pu' chaH Hoch Suvwl'pu" e'

does your blood run hot or cold Klingon..

They stood and eyed this lone half human, half cat

tail curled around her leg

thinking on her words

this is what their Captain said,

"A warrior does not complain about physical discomfort.

loQ 'oy'DI' Suvwl' bepbe'

are you cold my dear?"

She looked him in the eye

on the caitian wind it carried a sigh,

"Brute strength is not the most important asset in a fight"!

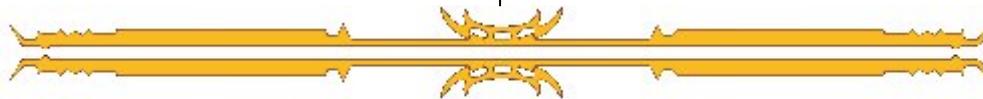
Suvlu'raHvIS yapbe' HoS neH!

The klingon Captain eyed the 'assets'

and bowed deeply as he had to agree,

so was this friendship found on a mutual respect

the klingon Captain and the lone caitian..



LoDnal Prayer

Warrior of my heart

you bring much honor to our table

Kahless himself bows before you

I beseech thee

keep thyself safe..for me.

loDnal-my husband

father of my children

keeper of my soul.

We fight to enrich the spirit.

qa' wlje'meH maSuv

your spirit has been blessed by your courage

the stars are bright tonight my loDnal

they keep the memory of you alive

may Kortar pilot your enemies upon his barge

may the kos'karii deliver them to their sorrow.

If Sto'vo'kor should beckon you my warrior

I will remember your name in the stars.

A leader is judged not by the length of his reign

but by the decisions he makes- choose well my lord,

Great deeds, great songs

ta'mey Dun, bommey Dun Listen to the voice of your heart.

'IwlIj ghogh yIQoy.

for it is me by your side,

for my klin-my loDnal

you are my tai

my epetai-zana.

O honored loDnal

I have jilek (visions) of your glorious battle

I drink a jurkim in your honor

Kahlesste kaase himself would be proud of your House

Klinzhai bows to your courage

for thy spirit walks with the God's

and thy heart walks beside mine.

Your deeds will be writton in your enemies blood

nu Kishai'in-the book of war honors thy name.

My I never hear the sweet music of your dying

my sweet loDnal

my lover

my brave Warrior

I await thy return

Borath bows before your glory

I stand alone until your return.



The Klingon Soul Dance

By Lord Borg Epetai Ql'mpeq
Dedicated To: Lady B'Ettera Zantai K'Tral-K'Mpec

A Klingon Warrior Sensing A Calling,
From So Far Away,
Seeing A Face Of A Klingon Female,
But Not Very Clear.
Feeling A Warmth But Is Air,
Knowing A Smile Not Really Seen.
Cherishing The Time You Are Spending With me,
Hearing A Name Called Out In The Darkness.

Seeking A Presence So Strongly Felt,
Needing A Joining Through The Distance.
Visioning Two Flames Meeting Together,
Taking With Them On Their Journey.
Through Life A Piece Of The Other Forever,
Remembering The Pure Essences Of The
Klingon Soul Dance

Lord Borg Epetai K'Mpec
Lady B'Ettera Zantai K'Tral-K'Mpec



- HOW DID I GET HOME? -

by Borg Ql'mpeq

How many times have you woken up in the morning after a hard night of drinking and thought 'How did I get home?'

Klingon BloodWine Scooter. The scooter scoops up the Klingon passenger and deposits them in their bedroom via a trans-dimensional portal.

As hard as you try, you cannot piece together your return journey from the bar to your home. The answer to this puzzle is that you used a Klingon BloodWine Scooter.

It is not cheap to run a Klingon BloodWine Scooter franchise, so a large portion of the Klingon passenger's in-pocket darseks is taken as payment. This generates the second question after a night out; "How did I spend so much darsek?".

The Klingon BloodWine Scooter is a mythical form of transport, owned and leased out to the Klingon drunk by Brackhus the Klingon God Of BloodWine.

Klingon BloodWine Scooters have a poor safety record and are thought to be responsible for 90% of all UKDI (Unidentified Klingon Drinking Injuries).

Brackhus has branched out since the decrease in the worship of the Klingon pantheon and bought a large batch of these magical devices. The Klingon BloodWine Scooter works in the following fashion: The Klingon passenger reaches a certain level of drunkenness and the slurring gland begins to give off a pheromone.

Independent Klingon studies have also shown that Klingon BloodWine Goggles cause the scooter's navigation system to malfunction thus sending the Klingon passenger to the wrong bedroom... often with interesting consequences.

Now... all Klingons know...

Brackhus or one of his many subcontractors detects the pheromone and sends down a winged



- PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (Hol) -

Hol by Korek

HolDaq
In Terran**QongDaq jIH bomp'u' 'oH, najmey cholpu'.**
In sleep he sang to me, In dreams he came.**ghoghveth jIHdaq mulaw', 'ej pongwIj jatlhthaH.**
That voice which calls to me, and speaks my name.**'ej jInajqa' 'a'?, vaj DaH jltu',**
and do I dream again, for now I find,**ghe'naQ qa' naDev 'oH, qoDDaq yabwIj.**
The phantom of the opera is here, inside my mind.**jIHvaD yIbomqa', cha'vaD bomma' Huj.**
Sing once again with me, our strange duet.**qa' ngup qaghajtaH, HoSHom mojtaH**
My power over you, grows stronger yet.**'ej jIHvo' bItlthe'meH, 'emDaq bIlegh.**
and though you'll turn from me, to glance behind.**ghe'naQ qa' pa'Daq 'oH, qoDDaq yablIj.**
The phantom of the opera is there, inside your mind.**chaH luleghpu' bogh qabwIj, ghIjpu' HeDtaH.**
Those who have seen your face, draw back in fear.**jech 'e' qatuQtaH jIH, JIH muQoytaH.**
I am the mask you wear, it's me they hear.**qa'Ilj ghoghwIj je, wa'Daq chenmoH. (qa'wIj ghoghIlj je, wa'Daq chenmoH.)**
Your spirit and my voice, in one combine. (my spirit and your voice, in one combine)**ghe'naQ qa' naDev 'oH, qoDDaq yabwIj. (ghe'naQ qa' pa'Daq 'oH, qoDDaq yablIj)**
the phantom of the opera is here inside my mind. (the phantom of the opera is there, inside your mind)**pa'Daq ghaH, ghe'naQ qa'!**
He's there, the phantom of the opera!**pa'Daq ghaH, ghe'naQ qa'!**
He's there, the phantom of the opera!**Hoch tIq najmeywIjDaq, reH bISovpu'**
In all your fantasies, you always knew.**loD Sovpu'be' je, SoHdaq bIHpu'.**
That man and mystery, were both in you.**'ej tlhoy'mey vonvamDaq, Daq legh laHbe' ram,**
and in this labyrinth, where night is blind.**ghe'naQ qa' naDev 'oH, qoDDaq yabwIj (ghe'naQ qa' pa'Daq 'oH, qoDDaq yablIj)**
the phantom of the opera is here inside my mind. (the phantom of the opera is there inside your mind)**(qa'wIj yIbom!)**
(sing my angel)

pa'Daq ghaH, ghe'naQ qa'!
He's there, the phantom of the opera!

Ahhh! (QoQ qa'wIj yIbom)
Ahhh! (sing my angel)

Ahhh!
Ahhh!

Ahhh! (qa'wIj yIbom)
Ahhh! (sing my angel)

Ahhh! (yIbom!)
Ahhh! (sing)

Ahhh! Ahhh! (jIHvaD yIbom!)
Ahhh! Ahhh! (sing to me!)

Ahhh!
Ahhh!



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nIteb Qob qaD jup 'e' chaw'be' SuvwI' - A warrior doesn't let a friend face danger alone.

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