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The Captain's Ready Room



Welcome to another installment of the Wyvern's Tale!

You know what they say—time flies when you're having fun—and it sure has been the last few months. It's been a great ride reading each installment of the "Wessex Predicament". Thank you to everyone who contributed, especially COMM Ros Haywood and FCPT Dave Jamison! A few of our members are giving the Academy a good work out based on the course completion emails I have received. Keep going! We have also enjoyed a few away missions to the movies. I hope to continue to find venues we can enjoy not only online but in person.

It's now summer and we are in the depths of convention season. The largest Comic Con just wrapped up here in San Diego. It was another banner event to celebrate all things "nerdy". Congratulations to LCDR Jack Plummer who was part of the Robert A. Heinlein/SDCC blood drive. This is an annual event and this year was there best with 1288 units collected. If you have never been to a convention you must do so soon. We will post the dates and locations.

I know you want to start to enjoy this newsletter so that's it for now. We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so please, please share your feedback and suggestions to help us improve. Until next time remember "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you"! Let's accept the challenge every day. Bring It On!

Thanks for your continued support.

Captain Ron Coleman

At this time, the Wyvern's Tale is going to be published quarterly. Our next Issue will be coming out in November.

Please submit your own Fan Art, Fan Fiction, Book Reviews, etc no later than October 1st to taleofthewyvern@gmail.com. The Wyvern's Tale is a family publication, so please insure that all submissions reflect this.

By sending your work in, you are giving USS Wessex permission to publish it in this format. (And we thank you!!!)

We have the best Ship in the Fleet! Let's make this the best newsletter as well!

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The Science of Trek



Researchers at New York University believe that a Holodeck could be the learning environment of the future.

Winslow Burleson, an associate professor focusing on educational technology at NYU, believes that a network of interconnected 'Holodecks' could help people to crowdsource inventive solutions to societal problems. His goal, and the goal of the team that he is leading, is to use the NYU Experiential Super Computer (the Holodeck) to combine touch based controls, feedback and the VR technology with computers to simulate everything from environmental to societal environments in real time.

The system that they are working on will track the user's movements, as well as psychological states via heart rate, sweating and voice cues, to help personalize the experience. The use of virtual learning assistants and even robotics will help to guide users as they learn, not only to use the system, but as they learn within it.

While the development of Holodeck at NYU is fueled primarily by the team's desire to create a virtual environment in which people can work together to solve problems such as climate change, or drug policy, the VR tech that makes it possible has been developed primarily for and by the Gaming community.

Burleson says that the team has already shown that HD camera arrays can pick up the positions of all of the users and objects and project them into a virtual scene through VR Goggles. They have created a 3D sound system that can accurately recreate different acoustic spaces.

Working with NASA and the Exploratorium, researchers have designed the robotic and virtual assistant technology that the Holodeck will need.

Of course, at this time the technology of Star Trek's Holodeck is still a ways off. However, with the amazing VR tech we already have available, a super computer, and some serious brainiacs working on the problem...it won't be long now!

Ensign Ro

(<http://www.livescience.com/55228-star-trek-inspired-holodeck.html>)



The Final Voyage



The pipes were played this quarter as the Star Trek Universe said good-bye to five of our own.

William Schallert

Rico Bueno

Anton Yelchin

Angela Paton

Ronnie Claire Edwards

We commit you to the stars.



Our Region of Space

July saw another successful San Diego Comic Con here in our region of space. With an expected over 130,000 attendees, this year's Comic Con saw a lot of great activity!

Star Trek Beyond premiered at a red carpet event attended by the stars of the new franchise, and was met by positive reviews (over 87% on Rotten Tomatoes).

Stars such as Justin Timberlake, Anna Kendrick, Shailene Woodley, and Cara Delevingne all put in appearances, along with Beyond's Idris Elba.

Hasbro introduced their new line of Comic Con figurines and toys, exclusive to the Comic Con event itself. However, if you were unable to attend this year's event, they will be releasing this exclusive, limited line on August 9th. If you act quickly, you may be able to add some of these to your collection!

M-A-C cosmetics introduced their new line of Star Trek inspired make up. The make up looks are inspired by

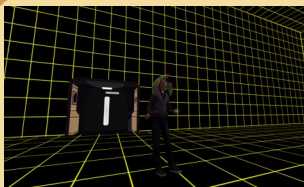
many of the Femme Fatales of our favorite space going series, including Uhura, Seven of Nine, Counsellor Troi and the Orion Girl, Vina. The makeup sets even come with your own personal Transporter Pad!



Leonard Nimoy was especially honored this year with his face featured on the guide for the entire Comic Con event.

We would love to hear your adventures at this year's event, if you were able to attend! Just send an email to taleofthewyvern@gmail.com, and we will share it with the rest of the crew!

See you next time! And remember, 'Always listen to your Pagh!'
Ensign Ro



Off Duty Recreation

The Man Trap

TOS Season 1 Episode 1

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Man Trap
Robert Crater
Judith Crater
McCoy
Crewman Darnell
Spock
Sturgeon
Green
Yeoman Rand
Lee Erwin
September
Alfred Ryder

Jeanne Bal
Michael Zaslow
Bruce Watson
John Arndt
George Johnson
Marc Daniels
Sickbay
Salt Vampire
Pleasure Planet
Borgia
Professor
Archeologist
Salt



Random Flotsam



Great News for many people in the American Television Market!

The *Heroes & Icons* channel will begin broadcasting every single episode of TOS, TNG, DS9, Voyager, and Enterprise in order from start to finish beginning July 24th.

To see where and when to watch in your market, [go here](#).

‘O, but I am in the UK,’ you say? Never fear! British Netflix is not only carrying all five of these Star Trek series, but also, The Animated Series, First Contact and Into Darkness.

Are you ready to get your Trek on?



It's Summer time and that usually means we will be taking time off to travel. I travel a great deal for work so proper planning makes all the difference between a rushed, stressful trip and a restful, worry-free trip. Luckily, smartphones and tablets are here to help, thanks to the apps they hold. From trip planners and itinerary generators, to online marketplaces for accommodations and establishments, crowd-sourced reviews and more, there's no shortage of applications to ensure your trip goes smoothly.

Here is a selection of apps, available in Android or iOS, I use that could be of great use to travelers.

AIRLINE APPS

Just about every airline has their own official app that you can log in on and get up to the moment flight info, or find last minute flights with ease. It is somewhat difficult to rate and rank all of these airline apps, since many of them offer exactly the same thing, but they can be very helpful to not only see your flight information. But receive up to the minute gate change announcement, airport maps, and requests for upgrades. They are also handy in case your flight is cancelled and you need to find out the next flight to your destination. I use America Airline, Alaska, and on occasion United.

SeatGuru

News flash: you don't have to pay for a costly upgrade to get extra legroom on your next flight. SeatGuru's search tool lets you look for seats with maximum pitch, power outlets, in-flight entertainment, and Wi-Fi. Want to shop like a pro? Check the site's plane charts before booking your ticket to make sure you're not sacrificing precious inches for a slightly lower fare.

TripAdvisor

TripAdvisor is your crowd-sourced guide to hotels, restaurants and attractions worldwide. TripAdvisor allows you to browse through millions of reviews, images and videos featur-

ing various establishments worldwide. You can also access contact details; search for nearby establishments; explore restaurants by food type, price range or rating; check out air fares; and even add to the knowledge base by posting your own reviews, images and entries for the places you visit.

GasBuddy

If road trips are more your thing, consider GasBuddy, a mobile app that helps users track down the cheapest gas in their region. Users can use their GPS location, or search by address or zip code. As many of the prices are based on user reports, GasBuddy rewards users with points for reporting and updating a station's prices, with points making you eligible for regular raffles of prizes like free gas.

XE Currency

XE Currency's excellent currency conversion app is everything you'll ever need when you find yourself in need of prices and exchange rates abroad. The app supports just about every national currency used worldwide, with the ability to track up to 10 simultaneously. Rates are regularly updated (you can set the frequency), and best of all, the app stores the rates of currencies you've looked up, so that they're always available offline, even away from Wi-Fi or a mobile connection.

Booking.com

Most hotel discount sites make you front cash (or at least a credit card number) to get a deal. Not so with Booking.com, which often lets you lock in a price and pay when you arrive (or cancel without penalty). Your options include hotels, B&B's, guesthouses, villas, and more, each with a score that factors in value, cleanliness, location, and comfort. Bonus: call the customer service hotline and you'll be connected to attentive, helpful staffers. Not endless voice-activated menus and recordings.

The Weather Channel

Thanks to a recent redesign, this app is easier than ever to navigate: current weather is at your fingertips, along with hourly and 10-day forecasts and motion-based radar maps. Pollen indexes and airport conditions are handy extras for iPhone users.

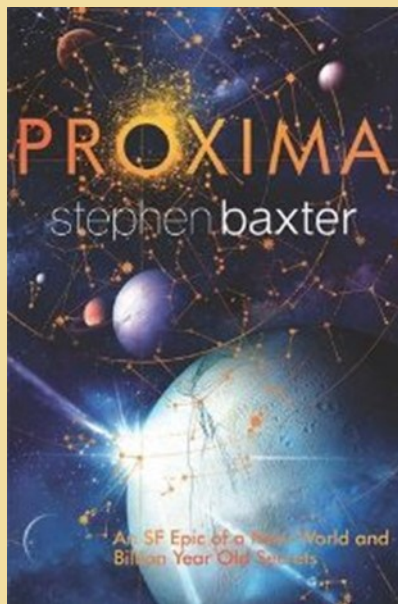
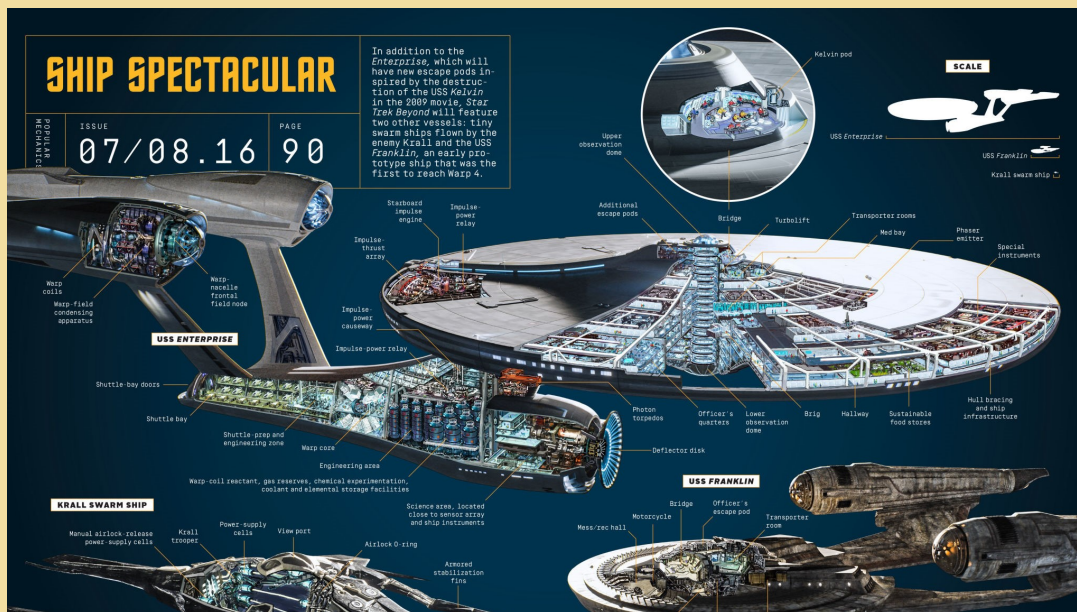
Yelp

Despite some outdated listings, Yelp is still the fastest way to pinpoint the nearest ATM, pizzeria, market, or coffee shop in more than 25 countries from Austria to New Zealand. And now, thanks to the acquisition of Seat Me, users can make restaurant reservations straight from the site or app.

Captain Ron



And Jetsam



If you're looking for a good read this summer consider Stephen Baxter's latest book *Proxima*. A story about a risky colony mission to a tidally locked planet focuses on our lead character Yuri. This is an out-of-time remnant of "The Heroic Generation", whose energy intensive geo-engineering efforts to sort out global warming caused more problems than it solved. Popped into cryo-stasis by parents hoping for a better future, he wakes up into a world that resents him for his association with the disastrous past. He's not treated well, and that includes being shipped off on the dodgy, bare-bones colony effort to the Alpha Centauri multiple star system. His struggles to remain alive, and the mysteries he uncovers on the way, form one of the novel's two major strands. The other strand takes place in the Solar System, where the cold war between the expansionist Chinese Empire and the constituent countries of the United Nations is heating up. Alien artifacts have been discovered on Mercury, and the UN isn't sharing.

Baxter captures the same science fiction mystery design we have come to enjoy with Arthur C. Clark. It's not too much of a reach to say Baxter can be Clarke's natural successor. Clarkian tropes such as mysterious extra-terrestrial leavings, deep time and the sinister majesty of the cosmos

are greatly in evidence here. Baxter takes a worthwhile chunk of time detailing a fascinating planetary ecology for "Per Ardua" as the colonists end up calling their world. This is ingeniously alien, and includes a banded series of biospheres. Rather than possessing cells like Earth life, the creatures of Per Ardua are made of much larger, interchangeable "stems" with the result that they behave somewhat like predatory Lego, brutally disassembling one another and using the parts to create their own young. The depth and ingenuity of this part of the tale has me thinking of Clarke's efforts in *Rendezvous with Rama*. Similarly well set out are Baxter's various modes of space travel, which include a multi-year colony mission, a one man cosmic dash, and an interesting take on interstellar sailing, where the vessel contains tens of thousands of disposable sails, each invested with its own consciousness.

But there's a lot more in *Proxima* besides alternate realities, wormholes, Teilhardian galactic consciousnesses, and a couple of mysteries set up for the next book on both human and cosmological scales. That's right, this is number one of two, but we're sufficiently hooked to come back for more

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