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BEAGLE BIRD OF PREY WANTS HIS DINNER



**Beagles?!, Try Chihuahuas. They Just Sit
There, And Stare At You Until They Get
What They Want!!!**



From The First Officer

Well, here we are once again, at the beginning of a new month. And it's a month full a holidays. First off, there is Ground Hog day (Feb 2nd). Second and my favorite, National Pizza day (Feb 9th), Lunar New Year (Feb 10th), Abraham Lincoln's birthday (Feb 12th), Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday (Feb 14th) George Washington birthday and President's Day (Feb 19th), and that just the holi-days. Oh, and let's not forget that this month is Black History Month as well. This does not include all the Star Trek birthdays for this month, which includes one of are (USS BRIGHTSTAR) own, who is celebrating his 76th birthday, he will appear at the end of this newsletter.

Oh, before I go any further, I must apologize for the lateness of the newsletter. A friend came home one day with a nasty cold. After about three or four days, I found out that I had caught it. And boy did it sneak up on me. By the time I realized that something was wrong, well, you can guess the rest. Unlike my friend, I got over my cold pretty quick, but with one side effect. With all the coughing I did (still doing on some occasions), I almost lost my voice. Who am I kidding, I sounded like Froggy from 'Our Gang'!! And if you know who and what I'm talking about, then you just showed your age, just like I did. Needless to say, my voice is slowly coming back.

Well, that is enough of that dribble, lets move on. We have the usual entries in this month newsletter. And the constellation for this month is the Aries constellation, my birth sign, not that I put any stock in the stuff.

That's it for this month. See everybody next issue. It's time to put this puppy to bed.

The First Officer.



Bible Quotes

Compassion

Matthew 15:32

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

Mark 6:34

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Luke 15:20

So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Romans 9:15

For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

2 Corinthians 1:3

Praise be to the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassion to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Philippians 2:1

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

James 5:11

As you know, we count as blessed those who persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.



Problems With Peregrine Moon Lander

The Peregrine Moon Lander that was expected to land on the Moon next month (March), will not make its rendezvous.

This is due to a fuel leak on board the robotic craft. Peregrine had developed this problem after a 'flawless launch' while perched atop a United Launch Alliance Vulcan Centaur rocket. The launch took place on January 8th. On its return, it will be set on a course that will allow it to burn up in the Earth's atmosphere somewhere over the South Pacific ocean on January 18th. Astrobotic of Pittsburgh, PA. said in a statement "pledged as safe a re-entry path as possible," on Tuesday January 16th on X formerly known as Twitter.

"The Peregrine spacecraft continues to be responsive and stable," Astrobotic said in the press statement. They also went on to say as the craft returns to Earth. "We remain in contact with our U.S. government partners to ensure as safe a re-entry path as possible."

As of Tuesday (Jan 16th) the Peregrine craft was 183,000 miles (294,500 KM) from Earth. The Moon itself orbits at a distance of 238,000 miles (384,400 KM) from Earth. Which would put the craft well within the Moon's orbit.

The fuel leak when discovered put some doubts in the mission succeeding. The fuel leak suggested a short life span and no hope of a soft landing on the Moon. Peregrine was still operating more than eight days in space, Astrobotic said in a statement.

Astrobotic managed to test fire the main engines for about 200 milliseconds. But when Astrobotic officials checked Peregrine fuel-to-oxidizers ratio, they found it "is well outside of the normal operating range of the main engines, making a long burn impossible." The statement read on January 14th, 2024.

It was Astrobotic plans to make Peregrine the first private lander with a commercial payloads. The craft was also carrying five N.A.S.A. experiments. This is part of N.A.S.A.'s Commercial Lunar Payloads Services Program or CLPS for short. The payload also included human remains.

CLPS will become an integral part of N.A.S.A.'s Artemis Moon Program which is hoping to go back to the Moon sometime in the latter half of the 2020's. Even though Peregrine did not make it to the Moon, there are more CLPS launches in the near future. One in particular is schedule for sometime next month aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.

End of report

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Laugh About It

Deep Thoughts

I mowed the lawn today, and after doing so I sat down and had a cold beer. The day was really quite beautiful, and the drink facilitated some deep thinking. My wife walked by and asked me what I was doing, and I said, "Nothing." The reason I said, "nothing" instead of saying, "just thinking" is because she then would have asked, "About what?"

At that point I would have had to explain that men are deep thinkers about various topics, which would lead to other questions. Finally I pondered an age old question: Is giving birth more painful than getting kicked in the nuts?

Women always maintain that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the nuts, but how could they know? Well, after another beer, and some more heavy deductive thinking. I have come up with an answer to that question. Getting kicked in the nuts is more painful than having a baby, and even though I obviously couldn't really know, here is the reason for my conclusion: A year or so after giving birth, a woman will often say, "It might be nice to have another child." But you never hear a guy say, "You know, I think I would like another kick in the nuts."

I rest my case. Time for another beer.

They Misspelt My Name

Late one night Jack takes a shortcut through the cemetery. Hearing a tapping sound he becomes scared and quickens his pace. The tapping gets louder and Jack is now scared out of his wits. Then he notices a man chiseling a tombstone. "Thank goodness!" Jack says to the man.

"You gave me a fright of my life. Why are you working so late?" "They spelt my name wrong."

Dead Penguins-I Never Knew This!

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica? Where do they all go?

Wonder no more! It is known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird and lives an extremely ordered and complex life. Penguins are extremely committed to their family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with their offspring throughout the remainder of their life. If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and their social circle have vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried. After packing the ice back in the hole, the male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing: "Freeze a jolly good fellow."

"Freeze a jolly good fellow." You really didn't believe that I know anything about Penguins, did you?

Where Do You Live?

Police: Where do you live?

Me: With my parents.

Police: Where does your parents live?"

Me: With me

Police: Where do you all live?

Me: Together.

Police: Where is your house?

Me: Next to my neighbor's house.

Police: Where is your neighbor's house?

Me: If I tell you, you won't believe me.

Police: Tell me.

Me: Next to my house...

Twelve Commandments For Seniors

#1 – Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.

#2 – "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.

#3 – You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.

#4 – Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

#5 – The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

#6 – "On time" is when you get there.

#7 – Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does Muffle the sound.

#8 – It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.

#9 – Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

#10 – Growing old should have taken longer.

#11 – Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.

#12 – You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

...And one more:

"One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

What Started The Fight

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back: now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible. My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can you believe by stupid husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight started...

Let's Pretend

A man and a pretty woman who had never met before found themselves sharing a sleeping compartment on a train. The man on the top bunk and the lady on the bottom bunk.

During the night, the man woke and asked,

"Sorry to bother you but would you reach into the closet and get me a second blanket, I'm freezing."

"I've got a better idea," she replied, "Why don't we pretend we are married?"

"Wow, what a great ideal!" he said.

"Good" she said.

"Get your blanket yourself, you lazy

The Word For Today Is Spaghetti

A doctor was having an affair with his nurse.

Shortly afterward, she told him she was pregnant.

Not wanting his wife to know, he gave the nurse a sum of Money and asked her to go to Italy and have the baby there.

"But how will I let you know when the baby is born?" she asked. He replied, "Just send me a postcard and write 'SPAGHETTI' on the back. I'll take care of expenses.

Not knowing what else to do, the nurse took the money and flew to Italy. Six months went by and then one day the doctor's wife called him at the office and said,

"Dear, you received a very strange postcard in the mail today from Europe, and I don't understand what it means." The doctor said, "Just wait until I get home and I will explain it to you." Later that evening, the doctor came home, read the postcard, and fell to the floor with a heart attack. Paramedics rushed him to the E.R. The lead medic stayed back to comfort his wife and asked what trauma had precipitated the cardiac arrest. So the wife picked up the card and read,

"Spaghetti, spaghetti, spaghetti, spaghetti-two with sausage and meatballs, and two without.

Fridays Are For Fishing

So after 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came to see a therapist. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade, listing every problem they ever had in the years they had been married.

On and on and on; neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched- with a raised eyebrow.

The woman shut up and quietly sat down as through in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said,

"This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but Fridays, I go fishing."



Rover Curiosity Discovers Trek

A rock on the Martian surface has been discovered. What makes the particle rock special is its unique shape. This rock is in the shape of the delta-shield from the Star Trek universe. The Martian rock was first found by the rover Curiosity. Images of the rock were posted on N.A.S.A.'s Jet Propulsion Laboratory site on X (formerly known as Twitter). The pictures were taken on Mars day or Sol 4062 of the Curiosity Mission.

Amateur astronomer Scott Alinson was the one who spotted the Trek symbol. He posted the pictures on X. "I bet the Star Trek fans on the @MarsCuriosity team smiled like the Cheshire Cat when they saw this new image appear on their screen," Atkinson posted on January 10th, alongside the image and a close-up of the delta symbol.

Rover Curiosity started its mission on Mars when it made landfall on August 5, 2012. Its mission, to search for the conditions of life on Mars. And as part of that mission, it is currently climbing a mountain which has been nicknamed mount Sharp (or Aeolis Mons). As the rover climbs, it is looking at the layers that comprise the mount to see how water flowed on ancient Mars.

"Different layers of Mount Sharp represent different eras of Martian history. As Curiosity ascends, scientist learn more about how the landscape changed over time." JPL official wrote in September 2023. "The rover is now in a zone that is filled with sulfate," the statement added, "which maybe the highest elevation layer it will ever visit."

Rover Curiosity was conducting a "contact science on a flat block dark-toned bedrock," when it took the picture. The near-term goal was to examine the rocks "composition and texture of the dark band we've been observing from orbit" using several of its instruments.

With the success of the Curiosity at the Gale crater, N.A.S.A. was allowed to send the rover Perseverance and the Mars helicopter Ingenuity to the Mars Jezero Crater on February 18, 2020.

N.A.S.A. is also planning a sample return from Mars that supposed to contain a cache of rocks that Perseverance has been laying aside, but that may not happen any time soon, or at least not until 2031. This due to funding and some technical issues.

End of report

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And we will love victoriously.

The Weird, The Strange, And What The?

Thirsty Work: A truck made a delivery at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Latrobe, Pa. "Upon exiting," said Capt. Jeff Shearer of the Westmoreland County Park Police, "shots were fired into the windshield of the vehicle." The driver was not injured, but after a chase across two counties, which ended when a trooper performed a PIT maneuver on the suspect vehicle, police arrested Tyler Mieczkowski, 22. "We do believe that this was a specific target," Shearer said, but Mieczkowski's motive was not reported. (RC/KTAE Pittsburgh) ...*"How many times do I have to tell you! It's so simple! One-third lemonade, two thirds teal!"*

Powered Up: The City of Philadelphia, Pa., has been implementing its 2021 Municipal Clean Fleet Plan to eventually replace its 5,000 gasoline-powered vehicles with clean, efficient, and lower-maintenance electric vehicles. So far it has 261 electric cars, but there's one teensy little problem: it hasn't been buying chargers for them. The city does have 107 EV chargers, but they aren't necessarily installed anywhere near where the electric cars are parked at night, so employees have taken to using public chargers during work hours, blocking the taxpayers they were installed for. And WCAU Philadelphia checked: none of the installed 107 chargers had a permit for the electrical work. (RC/WCAU Philadelphia) ...*But hey, nice work on the Plan, Gordo.*

The Last Screw-up: The federal government fined Northview Village Nursing Home in St. Louis, Mo., 12 times. Nearly twice that many investigations are shown on a Missouri website. Finally, one day workers didn't get paid, and residents started getting moved elsewhere. Some were bused off without their possessions. Communication was also an issue. "I did a whole lot of cursing until I finally found [my mother]," Levaré Westbrook said. Finding her took days. But Westbrook's case isn't the worst: even when a week had elapsed, one Northview patient had not been accounted for. Northview has given up its license. (AC/AP) ...*And you thought it was bad when the post office lost track of a package.*

Gone Fishin': "Nobody normally fishes around this time, but we decided to go anyway," said Mario Garcia, heading out with his son-in-law, Nivardo Delatorre. They decided to scout a new spot along a creek, and noticed something "shiny" under an Interstate 94 bridge near Portage, Ind. The "shiny" bit was a silver pickup truck that was completely invisible from the highway — it had crashed there, and no one saw it happen. The driver was trapped inside, and couldn't reach his cell phone to call for help. Luckily, a drain pipe was dripping enough water to keep him alive; he filtered it with his shirt. He used the deployed airbags as blankets to keep him warm. "I've never seen a relief like that," Garcia said, when the driver realized he had been found; he had been sitting there for six days. Matthew Reum, 27, was severely injured. As one crew of firefighters worked to extricate Reum from the truck — it took an hour — another crew used chainsaws to cut a path through the brush. Responders carried him to a helicopter to take him to a hospital; Reum's leg was so damaged it had to be amputated below the knee, but he will survive. "Quite frankly, it's a miracle that he's alive in this weather," said Indiana State Police Sgt. Glen Fifield. "It's cold tonight and I don't believe he would've made it through [another] night." (RC/WBBM Chicago) ...*That's the best part: he didn't need to.*

And Everything In Its Place: Rodney Holbrook of Builth Wells, Powys, Wales, had a mystery on his hands: each morning his work shed was tidied up compared to how he'd left it the day before. As in, little things like clothes pins, nuts, and bolts were put away into a box on his workbench. After two months of it, he set up a night vision camera to watch his

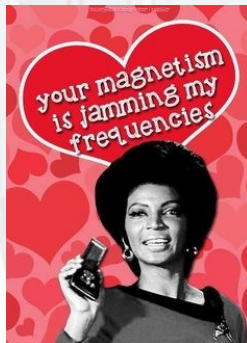
Artemis Two Delayed Until 2025

workbench. Mystery solved: Holbrook, 75, learned the culprit is a mouse, or maybe even more than one. "Ninety-nine times out of 100 the mouse will tidy up throughout the night. It is incredible really that they put them all back in the box, I think it's possible that they enjoy it." So what is he doing about the rodent incursion? "I don't bother to tidy up now," he admits. "I leave things out of the box and they put it back in its place by the morning." (RC/BBC) ...*"He takes me for granted too," sobbed Mrs. Holbrook.*

Not a Pro: It was nearing closing time at a Bass Pro sporting goods store in Leeds, Ala., when a man crashed his car into a light pole in the parking lot — on purpose, witnesses say, with his family in the car. The driver then jumped out, stripped off his clothes, ran into the store, and did a "cannonball" into the giant aquarium inside the store, then stood in the waterfall that feeds the tank. As responding police climbed the stairs to the aquarium, the man taunted them — and then fell and knocked himself out. Officers had him in a control hold and then handcuffed by the time he came to. George Owens, 42, was taken for a mental fitness exam, and then booked into jail, charged with public lewdness, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, assault on a police officer, criminal mischief, and reckless endangerment. (RC/Birmingham News, WIAT Birmingham) ...*It's just a guess, but his is probably a long-suffering family.*

Unqualified Immunity: John Holmstrom, 32, was at work when he learned his vehicle had been towed from his Tampa, Fla., apartment complex. Holmstrom — a Tampa police officer — called his department's communications bureau and got the name of the towing company: AutoPros. He called AutoPros, telling them he was a police officer, "not a regular guy," and that his personal vehicle they'd towed was used for "city work." Holmstrom then drove to the tow company, accused them of stealing his vehicle, and threatened to arrest one of the employees. He allegedly admitted to these actions. "It was just a moment of panic," he said, adding he disagrees with the disciplinary action against him: he was fired. (MS/Tampa Bay Times) ...*That's only appropriate for a "regular guy."*

D'AwW — da Pussy Kitty! A patrolling Lee County (Fla.) Sheriff deputy spotted an injured cat lying in the road, but decided to take care of the matter himself rather than call in animal control. Deputy Lopez picked up the cat and transported it to the Blue Pearl Animal Hospital in Fort Myers. None of this sounds like news until the other paw drops: it was an adult bobcat. "It's amazing what our deputies come across while out keeping our great residents safe," the department said online, posting the story and a photo of Lopez holding the cat. (RC/WINK Fort Myers) ...*I'm not sure what's more impressive: that Deputy Lopez picked up an adult bobcat, or that he didn't drop it when he found out it wasn't a house cat.*



We must wait a little while longer for Artemis2 flight to the Moon. This was announced during a teleconference that was held by N.A.S.A. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. N.A.S.A. stated that Artemis 2 launch which was to have taken place on or around November 2024 to sometime in September 2025. The date for the Artemis 3 Moon mission has also been moved from late 2025 to September 2026.

"Safety is our top priority and to give Artemis teams more time to work through the challenges with first-time development operations and integration, we're going to give more time on Artemis 2 and 3." N.A.S.A. administrator Bill Nelson said during the briefing. "So, what I want to tell you is, we are adjusting our schedule to target Artemis 2 for September of 2025 and September 2026 for Artemis 3, which will send humans for the first time to the lunar south pole."

N.A.S.A. also said that Artemis 4 is still on track for launch for September 2028.

"Crew safety is the foremost in the mind of N.A.S.A." N.A.S.A. associate administrator Jim Free said in a statement. "I want to emphasize that safety is our number one priority. You heard it from the administration today; you've heard it multiple times. And as we prepare to send our friends and colleagues on this mission, we're committed to launching as safely as possible. And we will launch when we're ready." Free said during the press conference. "The crew is a constant reminder for us how important it is to remain focused on the work we need to do to ensure their safe return."

Amit Kshatriya, deputy associate administrator for N.A.S.A. Moon to Mars program, noted a number of new systems and technologies. Their is two new facilities at the Kennedy Space Center, which will facilitate a rapid propellant loading for future space launches. They are also testing a new system for the ingress and egress for the Artemis crews, and a new life support system." And those are all added there, of course, to support the crew and of course, to support crew safety.' Kshatriya said.

Kshatriya also stated that the heat shield has become an issue. Data taken from the 2022 uncrewed Artemis 1 mission showed that the heat shields on the Orion's space capsule did there job quiet well, but a good portion of the heat shields had been charred away from the craft.

"We did see the, the off-nominal recession of some char that came off the heat shield which we were not expecting." Kshatriya said during the briefing. "Now, this heat shield is an ablative material-it is suppose to char-but it's not what we were expecting, with some pieces of that char to be liberated from the vehicle."

Kshatriya also stated that the life- support hardware in both Artemis 2 and 3 are in the process of being replaced due to failure in the testing phase. This process is both exhaustive and extensive as it requires the disassembling and accessing several different system that are in the capsule.

Another system that is not working as it should is the electrical system of the SLS rocket (Space Launch System). This electrical system is part of the abort system that when activated, in case of a 'launch anomaly', would push the capsule away from the rocket. This system is getting a very thorough inspection, because it is not performing as it should during the testing phase.

"We're still very early in that investigation. We have not yet developed a forward path; we have multiple parallel options to fix this issue," Kshatriya said. "and we have a lot of testing to do in front of us, but we wanted to make sure we give ourselves the time to do that."

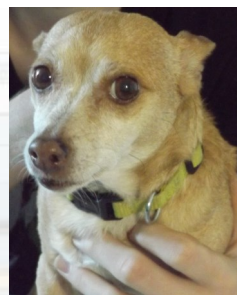
Artemis 2 will have a crew of four that will orbit the Moon and then return to Earth. The crew itself will consist of three N.A.S.A. astronauts and one Canadian astronaut. The four astronauts are Commander Reid Wiseman, Pilot Victor Glover, Mission Specialist Christina Koch, and Canadian Mission Specialist Jeremy Hansen.

Artemis 2 will also have several first on this mission. "Pilot Victor Glover will be the first person of color to leave low Earth orbit (LEO). Mission specialist Christina Koch will be the first woman to orbit the Moon, and Canadian Mission Specialist Jeremy Hansen will have the trinary honors of being the first Canadian to go into space, the first Canadian to leave low Earth orbit and finally the first Canadian to orbit the Moon and return to Earth.

N.A.S.A. leadership, despite the delays, is still enthusiastic about the Artemis project and what it will mean to space exploration. "Artemis represents what we can accomplish as a country as a global coalition," Nelson said, "And what we can accomplish when we set our sights on what is hard, and what has never been done before.

End of report

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Pin-Pin's Recipe Corner

Tellarite Veggie Dip

INGREDIENTS

1 stalk celery, chopped
½ orange bell pepper, chopped
2 green onions, chopped

2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced to taste
8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
¼ cup sour cream
Pinch of salt
¼ teaspoon ground white pepper

In a food processor, combine the celery, bell pepper, green onions, and garlic and pulse until no large pieces remain. Add the cream cheese, sour cream, salt, and white pepper and blend until smooth and completely mixed.

Note: For a richer flavor, roughly ¼ cup of cheese such as feta, Grated cheddar, etc., can be added to taste.

K-7 Quadrotriticale Salad

INGREDIENTS

QUADROTRITICALE TOPPING

1/3 cup water
1 teaspoon unsalted butter or olive oil
Pinch of salt
1 butterfly pea flower tea bag (or blue food coloring)
¼ cup pearl couscous
½ teaspoon fresh lemon juice

CARROT TENDRILS

2 medium carrots, peeled
Pinch of salt
1 tablespoon salted butter
1 tablespoon honey
Splash of fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon beet juice

DRESSING

¼ cup Greek yogurt
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon poppy seeds
Pinch of salt

Make the quadrottricale topping: In a small saucepan, combine 1/3 cup water, the butter, salt, and butterfly pea flower tea bag. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Remove the tea bag after a minute, when the water should be rich dark blue color. Add the couscous and reduce the heat to low, and cook until the liquid is all absorbed and the couscous is soft, another 5 to 10 minutes. Scoop about one-third of the couscous into a small bowl and toss with the lemon juice, which will give it a purple tint, then return the separated couscous to the saucepan and set aside to cool.

Make the carrot tendrils: Cut the carrots into long, thin wedges to make them tentacle-shaped. Bring a small pot of water to a boil and add the salt. Add the carrots to the boiling water and cook for about 5 minutes. Drain.

In a separate saucepan, melt the butter and honey together over medium heat. Add the boiled carrots to the butter/honey mixture, stir to coat, and cook for another 5 minutes until the liquid has been mostly absorbed. Add the lemon and beet juice and cook until the glaze is thick and sticky, about another minute. Remove from the heat and allow to cool.

Make the dressing: In a small screw-top jar or other lidded container, combine the yogurt, honey, vinegar, oil, poppy seeds, and salt and shake vigorously for several seconds to combine. Store in the refrigerator until ready to use.

To serve: When you're ready to serve, pile the greens in the middle of serving plates and arrange the carrots among them. Top with the quadrottricale and pomegranate seeds, then Drizzle a little of the dressing over everything.

Jiballian Fudge

INGREDIENTS

Softened unsalted butter for the pan
1 cup diced dates
1 cup granulated sugar
½ cup packed light brown sugar
½ cup heavy cream
¼ cup molasses
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
Dash of vanilla extract
¼ cup mini chocolate chips

Lightly butter a sheet of parchment paper and press it into a standard 9 x 5-inch loaf pan.

In a medium saucepan fitted with a candy thermometer, combine the dates, both sugars, the cream, molasses, cinnamon, and ginger. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally to keep the dates from sticking to the bottom

of the pan, until the mixture reaches 235F (soft ball stage). Remove from the heat and add the butter, but do not stir.

Allow the budge to cool in the pan for about 10 minutes, then add the vanilla and chocolate chips. Stir the mixture briefly for several minutes until it looks less shiny and feels slightly thicker. Transfer to the prepared loaf pan and refrigerate for 3 or more hours until firm.

Use the parchment paper to remove the fudge from the pan and cut into 1-inch squares.

Ferengi Snaildoodles

INDGREDIENTS

DOUGH

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 ounces cream cheese
¼ cup Gorgonzola cheese (see Note)
1 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon baking powder
2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour

ASSEMBLY

1/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, Melted
1 teaspoon green and blue
Decorating sugar (optional)

Make the dough: In a bowl, with an electric mixer, cream together the butter, cream cheese, Gorgonzola, and sugar until smooth. Beat in the egg, vanilla, and baking powder. Finally, beat in the flour until there is a nice, thick dough that holds together. Wrap and chill the dough, if needed, to make it easier to handle.

To assemble: In a small bowl, combine the sugar and cinnamon. Divide the dough in half. Working with one half at a time, roll out into a rectangle roughly 12 x 8 inches. Brush the dough with the melted butter, then dust with the cinnamon sugar. Sprinkle with a few dashes of the colored decorating sugars if desired. Starting on a short side, roll the dough tightly into a coiled tube. Wrap both tubes and chill for at least 1 hour.

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 375F. Line a baking sheet or two with parchment paper.

Using a sharp knife, slice the dough into discs about ¼ inch thick and arrange on the baking sheets.

Bake until just starting to turn golden on the edges, 8 to 10 minutes. Allow to cool briefly on the baking sheet, then remove to wire racks to cool.

Note: For those who are not fans of snails (or blue cheese), Simply replace with additional cream cheese. However, it Should be noted that the finished cookies will lack that Ineffable piquancy for which the main recipe is known.

DS9 Rippleberry Ice Cream

INGREDIENTS

½ cup orange juice
½ cup raspberries
¼ cup blueberries
¼ cup sugar
Dash of balsamic vinegar
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
Pinch of salt
1 ½ cups heavy cream

In a small saucepan, combine the orange juice, both berries, the sugar, and vinegar. Cook over medium-low heat for about 10 minutes until the berries are soft and easily mashed. Press half the berries through a small sieve into a bowl and reserve their juice. Set the remaining berries aside.

Set out two medium bowls. Pour the condensed milk and salt into one and mix in the reserved berry juice. Pour the heavy cream into the other bowl and with an electric mixer beat until the cream is light and fluffy, about 1 minute. Fold about half the whipped cream into condensed milk, then fold all of that mixture back into the remaining whipped cream.

Spread about half the whipped cream mixture into a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Spread the reserved berries over this layer, then add the rest of the whipped cream. Make several good swirls a spoon to distribute the berries in a decorative layer.

Cover with foil and freeze for at least 4 hours or overnight. If the finished ice cream is too firm, let it soften slightly at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.



The Study of the Constellations

#4 Constellation Aries (The Rams)

Well, here we are once again. Our fourth installment. This month we will be diving into my own constellation/zodiac birth sign (not that I believe in that stuff), Aries the ram. Yes, that's right, I was born under the sign of (April 11th) Aries (March 12th to April 19th). Some facts about the Aries constellation.

Pronunciation: EH-reez

Abbreviation: Ari

Location: Right ascension 3 hours Declination 20 degrees

Visible between latitudes 90 degrees -60 degrees

North Quadrant One (NQ1)

Area in Square Degrees: 441

First catalogued by the Greek astronomer Ptolemy in his Almagest in the 2nd century A.D.

Visible during the late winter and early spring

Aries is the 39th largest constellation in the night sky.

Aries is a medium size constellation

Aries is bounded by the constellations Taurus, Pisces, Cetus, Perseus, and Triangulum.

Aries is Latin for 'ram'

Aries was officially recognized by the I.A.U. (International Astronomy Union) in 1922

Aries boundaries was defined by Belgian astronomer Eugene Delporte.

Aries is one of Zodiac family of constellation, others being Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpius, Sagittarius, Capricornus, Aquarius, and Pisces.

The constellation (Aries) contains five star system that are known to contain planets. It contains several well-known meteor showers. They are the May Arietids, Autumn Arietids, Delta Arietids, Epsilon Arietids, Daytime-Arietids, and Aries-Triangulids.

The Aries constellation contains eight known star systems. They are,

Hamal-Head Of The Ram (Alpha Arietis)

It is the brightest star in the constellation at a magnitude of 2.48th overall in the night sky. Its star is a K-type orange giant. The star is twice the size of our star Sol. The name Hamal means lamb. It derives from Arabic phrase 'ras al-hamal' meaning 'head of the ram'. The system itself is 66 light-years from Earth.

Sheratan-The Two Sign (Beta Arietis)

Is a binary star system. One star is a blue-white sub-giant while the other star is suspected to be a G class star. This binary star system as a whole, the system has magnitude of 2.64. The system is 59.6 light-years from Earth. The name itself comes from Arabic phrase, 'as-saratan' meaning "the two signs".

Bharani-41 Arietis (c Arietis)

This star is sometime known as c Arietis, but it has an-

Named after the second lunar mansion (division of the sky) in Hindu astrology. This system is 160 light-years from Earth. It is a blue-white dwarf star with magnitude of 3.61.

Mesartim-The Fat Ram (Gamma Arietis)

Is another binary star system with two white A-type main sequence stars. The system is 160 light-years from Earth. The binary system has a magnitude of 3.86

Botein-Little Belly (Delta Arietis)

Botein is a K-type orange giant star. Thirteen times the size of our own star. The name is derived from the Arabic word butain meaning 'belly'. The star lies 168 light-years from Earth, with a magnitude of 4.35.

Epsilon Arietis

It is a binary star system. Both stars are an A-type white dwarf with a magnitude of 4.63. The star is 293.8 light-years from Earth.

Lambda Arietis

It's a double star system with a magnitude of 4.79 and is 128.8 light-years from Earth.

Zeta Arietis

It is a dimly visible white dwarf that can only be seen using a telescope. The star is a magnitude 4.89. The system is 255 light-years from Earth.

The constellation has no Messier objects.

Myths

Babylonians

Babylonians identified Aries as an farmhand or an agrarian worker. The Babylonians would change the constellation name to just 'the ram'. Why they change it, the reason for the change are uncertain.

Chinese

To the Chinese Aries was known as the twin inspectors.

Marshall Island

In the Marshall Islands, Aries is seen as a Porpoise.

Greeks

To the Greeks, as the myth goes, Aries is identified with a golden ram. The ram was presented to Nephele by the Greek god Mercury, when her husband took a new wife, Ino. Who persecuted Nephele's children, and wanted to get rid of both of them.

Ino came up with a plan to put the land on the brink of famine by making sure the wheat crops failed. Ino sent a man to consult the Oracle of Delphi. Ino bribed the man to lie and say that 'the Oracle asked for the King's children to be sacrificed if he did not want his people to starve.

To keep her children safe, Nephele sent her son Phrixus (who is the son of the Boeotian king) and his sister Helle away on the back of a magical ram with a golden fleece to the east to Colchis on the eastern shores of the Black Sea.

Only Phrixus would survive the trip. Helle would fall off the golden ram into the Dardanelles sea (now known as the Hellespont, it was named after Helle) and drown. The sea lies between the Aegean and the sea of Marmara.

Phrixus was welcome by King Aetes of Colchis. As gratitude for the King's welcome, Phrixus would sacrifice the

golden ram, and presented the golden fleece to King Aetes. In return, King Aetes would present his daughter hand in marriage to Phrixus. The golden fleece would later be recovered by Jason and the Argonauts. That of course is another story.

End of report

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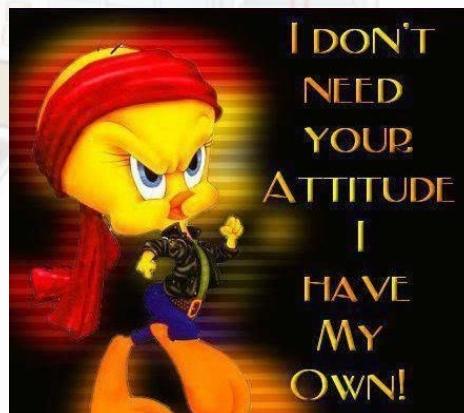
Brightstar Notes

The first meeting of the U.S.S. BRIGHTSTAR for the month of January, was held on the 21st at 11:25 p.m. this meeting involve the commanding officer (Captain Debbie Henderson) and the first officer (LCDR James Webb). This being the first meeting of the new year, the crew roaster was reviewed and updated. Captain Henderson said that she would know by the end of the week whether or not everyone onboard on the Brightstar had renewed (with the exception of the first officer). They both agreed to table the subject until the next meeting on the January 26th, 2024. LCDR Kathy Graves relayed to Captain Henderson that her husband is interested in joining the Brightstar. The commanding officer and the first officer, both agreed that he would be more than welcome to join the Brightstar. After this discussion, the meeting fell into a general chit-chat session. The meeting was called to a close at 12:30 a.m. on the 22nd of January 2024.

The second meeting of the Brightstar was held on the 26th of January. The meeting was called to order at 11:45 p.m. Present at the meeting was the commanding officer (Captain Henderson) and the first officer (LCDR James Webb). Item one to be discussed at the meeting; was renewal's. Captain Henderson relayed that everyone onboard the Brightstar have renewed their membership.

Item two: Away mission. The first officer said if everything works out he might be able to attend either InConJuction or Starbase Indy, if not both (he hoping on the latter). He hasn't made his decision yet. The first officer reminded the captain about the ships awards.

The meeting was called to close at 1:14 a.m. 27th January 2024.



February Birthday USS BRIGHTSTAR



LCDR Donald Henderson
Chief Of Chaplin Services
February 8

Star Trek Birthday's For The Month Of February 2024



Levar Burton
February 16th
LCDR Geordi La Forge
Star Trek: TNG
Generations
First Contact
Picard



Alice Eve
February 6th
Dr. Carol Marcus
Star Trek: Into Darkness



Chase Masterson
February 26th
Leeta
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine



Anson Mount
February 25th
Captain Christopher Pike
Star Trek: Discovery
Star Trek: Strange New Worlds



Jerry O'Connell
February 17th
Comm. Jack Ransom
Star Trek: Lower Decks



Simon Pegg
February 14th
LCDR Montgomery 'Scotty' Scott
Star Trek (RB)
Star Trek: Into Darkness
Star Trek: Beyond



Ethan Phillip
February 8th
Neelix
Star Trek: Voyager



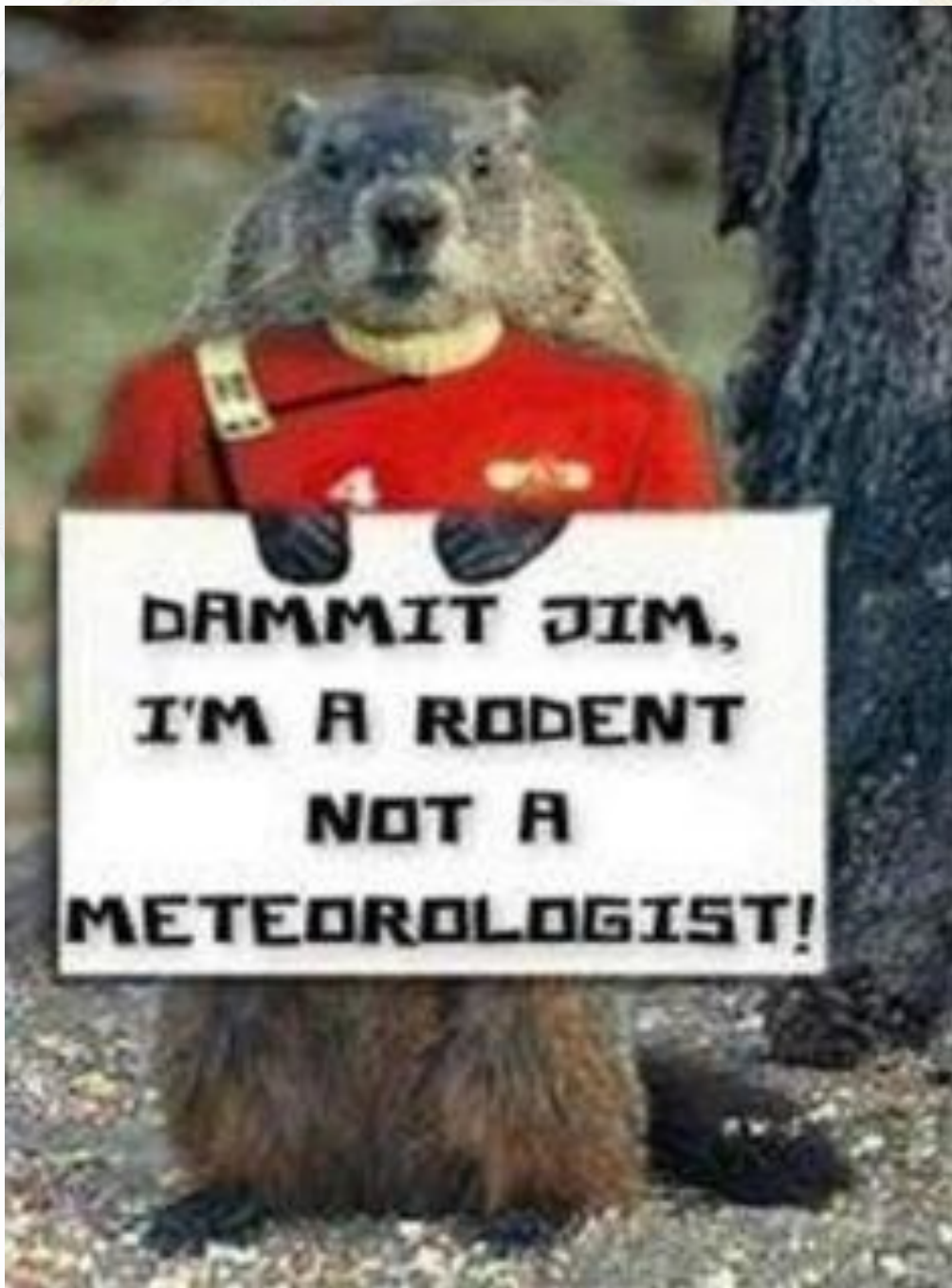
Majel Barrett-Roddenberry
February 23rd
Nurse Christine Chapel
Lwaxana Troi
Star Trek: TOS
Star Trek: TNG



Jeri Ryan
February 22nd
Seven Of Nine
Star Trek: Voyager
Star Trek: Picard



See Everybody Next Issue



**Did He Ever See His
Shadow?**