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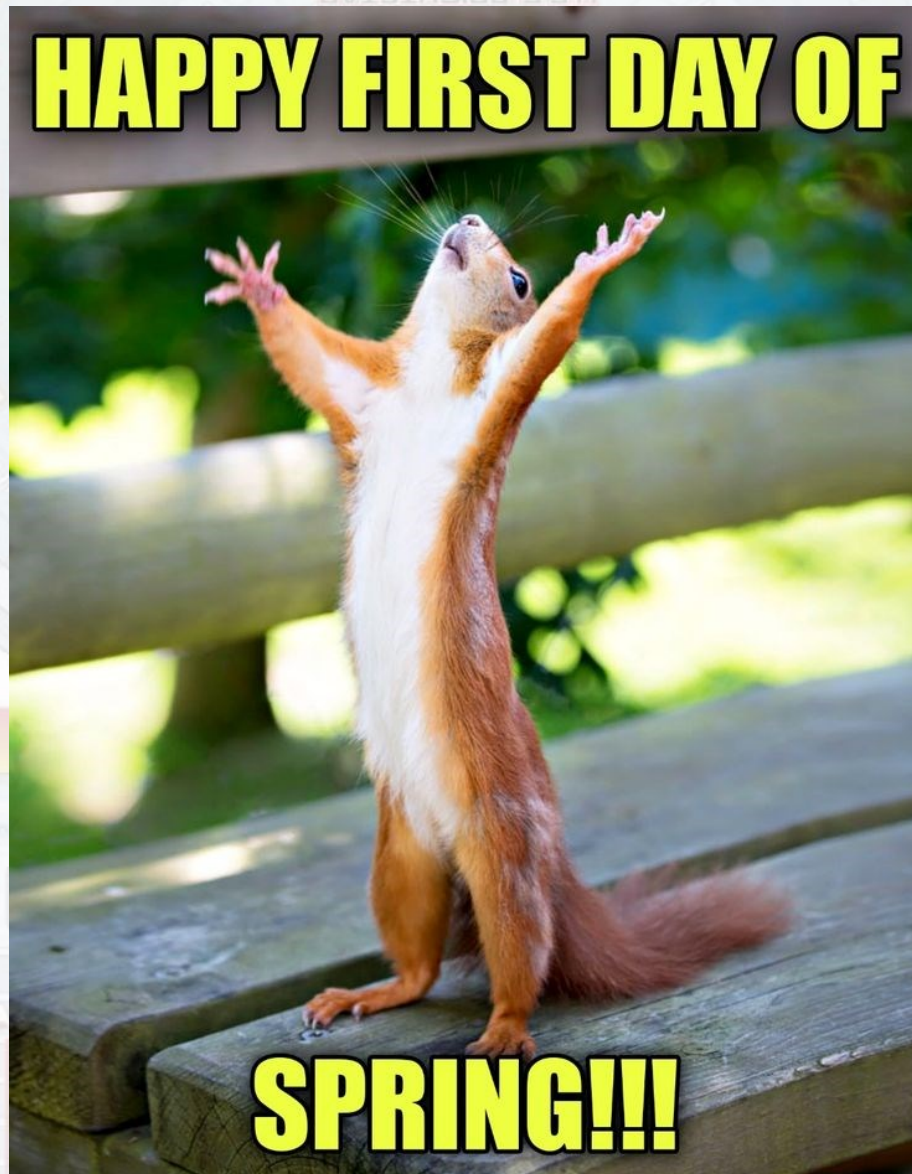
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**Yes, That's Right Folks It Only  
Gets Warmer From Here**



## From The First Officer

Well, here we go again. Welcome to another edition of the StarLight newsletter for the month of March. With this month, there are several things that are taking place (that I know of). The first one is, Daylight Savings Time. Yes, spring forward on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 a.m. That's right, Beginning the 10<sup>th</sup>.

we will lose an hour sleep. And we won't get that hour back until November.

The second item is St. Patrick Day. This holiday falls on the 17<sup>th</sup> which is (for this year) a Sunday. So, if you guessed that it won't matter, you're most likely may be right. Most likely, folks will start the party on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. The next item is the first day of Spring. Which falls on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and I bet, most everyone out there in T.V. have waiting for the last six months for this day.

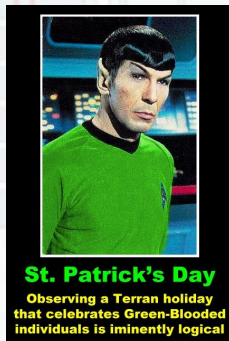
And the final item is a holiday, which for this year comes in March instead of April. That holiday is Easter. This holiday actually starts on Good Friday (the 29<sup>th</sup>) and lasts until Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> (Easter Sunday). And this does not include the Star Trek birthdays that will take place in March.

Well, enough of this dribble. Lets move on. As you already know, we have the usual articles and a few new ones. One of them, took me almost a week to put it together. The material that I had gather together, they seemed conflict with each other. And as I just said, it took almost a week to assemble material for the article. That article is about "The Study Of The Constellation #5 (Auriga, The Charioteer). One material had a list x-number of stars that comprise the constellation. While another list either did not match up or a different list of stars.

Well, as it turned out, the more I dug, the more answers I found. It seems that some the stars on list A, were not on list B. Because some of those stars that are on list A were not part of the constellation at all. Those stars just happen to reside within the borders of the constellation. If that makes any sense to everyone out there in T.V. land. Why one group had those stars on their list and not the other one, is unknown to me. So, I just combine both lists into one list.

And so with that, this is where I will end this installment. It's time to put this puppy to bed.

The First Officer.



## Bible Quotes

### Matthew 28 : 1 – 20

28: 1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

28:2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone, and sat on it.

28:3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

28:4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

28:5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

28:6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

28:7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

28:8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet fill with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

28:9 Suddenly Jesus met them, "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet, and worshiped him.

28:10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell by brothers to go Galilee; there they will see me."

28:11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

28:12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum money,

28:13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'

28:14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."

28:15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

28:16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

28:17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

28:20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



## Full Moon Schedule For 2024

With the coming of the solar eclipse in April, we thought it would be nice to give a list of the coming full moons for the coming year 2024. This article will come out in the March issue of the StarLight newsletter, so we will miss out on the full moons for January and February. So let's jump right in, shall we?

The first full moon in March takes place on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 a.m. EST, 0700 GMT. The March full moon is referred to as the Worm Moon.

"In some Native American traditions, the 'Worm Moon', is seen as a time of renewal and rebirth, as the Earth begins to thaw and the worms return to the soil, bringing nutrients and vitality to the land. It is also associated with the start of spring and the wakening of new life after the cold winter month."

The moon isn't always full. Part of it, is always in the shadow of the Earth. This is due to the Moon's rotations. The only time the moon is truly full is when the Moon, Earth, and the Sun are perfectly aligned. Only then is the Moon 100% full. This only happens during a Lunar Eclipse.

When you have two full moons in one month or four times in a season, it is called a Blue Moon.

Here is a list of the full moons for 2024. We also included the ones that have already taken place.

Month	Name	Time (EST)	(GMT)
January 25	Wolf Moon	12:54 p.m.	17:54
February 24	Snow Moon	7:30 a.m.	12:30
March 25	Worm Moon	3:00 p.m.	07:00
April 23	Pink Moon	7:49 p.m.	23:49
May 23	Flower Moon	9:53 a.m.	13:53
June 21	Strawberry Moon	9:08 p.m.	01:08 on June 22
July 21	Buck Moon	6:17 a.m.	10:17
August 9	Sturgeon Moon	2:26 p.m.	18:26
September 17	Harvest Moon	10:34 p.m.	02:34 on September 18
October 17	Hunter's Moon	7:26 a.m.	11:26
November 15	Beaver Moon	4:29 p.m.	21:29
December 15	Cold Moon	4:02 a.m.	09:02

Different cultures have different names for each new moon. The Farmer's Almanac lists several names for each new moon for the U.S. Some variations in names are the same. Especially among the Native Americans tribe known as the Algonquin tribe that ranged from the New England area to the west of Lake Superior. Of course, with the influx of European settlers, they would come up with their names and customs.

With Native Americans they have their own set of names. The book "This Day in North American Indian History" (DaCapo Press 2002) author Phil Konstantin, has a list of names. There is also a website, Americanindian.net that anyone can refer to. Amateur astronomer Keith Cooley came up with a brief list of moon names from the Chinese culture.

January –	Holiday Moon
February –	Budding Moon
March –	Sleepy Moon
April -	Peony Moon
May -	Dragon Moon
June -	Lotus Moon
August –	Harvest Moon

July -	Hungry Ghost Moon
August –	Harvest Moon
September –	Chrysanthemum Moon
October -	Kindly Moon
November -	White Moon
December -	Bitter Moon

The names of full moon often correspond to seasonal markers. Harvest moon comes out at the end of the growing season which comes in September or October. The cold moon is associated with the full moon that comes in the month of December. This is how it works in the northern hemisphere. In the southern hemisphere the season are of course, reversed. The Harvest Moon occurs in March, and the Cold Moon occurs in the month of June and so on. Earthsky.org has a list of names that corresponds with the full moons in the southern hemisphere.

Depending on the location you may find yourself, will depend on what that local's may call their full moon, well anyway here is list of those names.

January – Hay Moon, Buck Moon, Thunder Moon, and Mead Moon.

February – (mid-summer) Grain Moon, Sturgeon Moon, Red Moon, Wyrn Moon, Corn Moon, Dog Moon.

March – Harvest Moon, Corn Moon.

April – Harvest Moon, Hunter's Moon, Blood Moon,

May -- Hunter's Moon, Beaver Moon, Frost Moon,

June – Oak Moon, Cold Moon, Long Night's Moon.

July – Wolf Moon, Old Moon, Ice Moon

August – Snow Moon, Storm Moon, Hunger Moon, Wolf Moon.

September – Worm Moon, Lenten Moon, Crow Moon, Sugar Moon, Chaste Moon, Sap Moon.

October – Egg Moon, Fish Moon, Seed Moon, Pick Moon, Waking Moon.

November – Corn Moon, Milk Moon, Flower Moon, Hare Moon.

December – Strawberry Moon, Honey Moon, Rose Moon.

It takes the Moon (on average) 27.3 days to orbit the Earth. It also takes 27 days for the Moon to rotate upon it's axis. That means that the Moon always shows the same face towards the Earth. There is no dark side of the Moon. As the Moon orbits the Earth, the Moon becomes more illuminated at various angles. It's because of the Sun's illumination of the Moon that allow us to see the Moon in the first place. The Moon rises 50 minutes later each day. Sometime it rises during the daylight and other times it rises during the night. There is four phases of the Moon: New Moon, first quarter, full moon, and the third quarter.

**New Moon:** The Moon is between the Earth and the Sun. With Moon in the Earth's shadow the sunlight cannot reach the Moon to illuminate it.

**Waxing Crescent:** Days later, when the Moon starts to move out from the Earth's shadow, the moon will become more illuminated by the sun. This phase is called a Waxing crescent.

**First Quarter:** A week after the new moon, the lunar face is at 90 degrees away from the Sun. Almost half of the Moon is illuminated from our point of view. This phase is called the First Quarter.

**Waxing Gibbous:** Days later, illumination coming from the Sun increases to almost half of the Moon surface. This phase is called Waxing Gibbous.

**Full Moon:** At 180 degrees from the New Moon position, the Moon is fully illuminated by the Sun. This phase is called the Full Moon.

**Waning Gibbous:** A few day after the Full Moon, the illumination coming from the Sun is little less and the light is decreasing. This phase is referred to as Waning Gibbous.

**Third Quarter:** At this point, the sunlight is shining on the other half of the Moon. The light is decreasing at a dramatic rate at this point. This phase is called Third Quarter.

**Waning Crescent:** At this point, the Moon is moving back into the Earth's shadow once again. To such an extent, that only a thin sliver of the Moon surface can be seen from Earth. This phase is called Waning Crescent.

And from here, the moon returns to its starting position, the New Moon phase. The Earth and the Moon are not on always on the same plane. Sometimes, the Moon passes above the Earth and sometime below the elliptical orbit of the Earth. And then, there are times when the Moon passes in between the Earth and the Sun. It is at this moment that you will experience a Solar Eclipse.

End of report.

Source material—Space.com, nasa.gov

## **Ingenuity Is Dead, Long Live Ingenuity**

Perseverance, took one last photograph of its companion, the Ingenuity helicopter. The photo shows the 'dual-rotor' copter on the surface of Mars motionless and broken. The photo was taken on February 4, 2024, at 1:05 p.m. local mean solar time. It was two weeks earlier that N.A.S.A. announced that Ingenuity suffered damaged to rotor blades that has brought its mission to an end.

It was determined that Ingenuity rotor blades became damaged during a flight on January 18. This wasn't discovered until after it landed from making its 72<sup>nd</sup> and final flight. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) still trying to figure out what caused the damage to the rotor blades to begin with. When or if they do find out what caused the to the rotor blades will not matter. The drone is no longer capable of flight.

Both Perseverance and Ingenuity have been exploring an area known as Jezero crater. N.A.S.A. was investigating the area for the possibility that the area may have held an ancient sea that could have contained some form of life. Both N.A.S.A. and JPL personnel have been coming to terms with the loss and the ending of Ingenuity's ground breaking mission. Both agencies leaders have nothing but praise for the little helicopter and the teams behind the mission.

"We couldn't be prouder or happier with how our little

baby has done," said Teddy Tzanetos. Ingenuity's Project Manager at the JPL said during a live-streamed tribute to the helicopter on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

"It's been the mission of a lifetime for all of us. And I wanted to say thank you to all of the people here that gave their weekend, their late nights. All the engineers, the aerodynamic scientist, the technicians who hand-crafted this aircraft."

Teffany Morgan, N.A.S.A.'s Mars Exploration Program Deputy Director also said, "Ingenuity's legacy that will pave the way for future aerial mission on other worlds."

"The N.A.S.A./JPL team didn't just demonstrate the technology, they demonstrated an approach that if we use in the future will really help us to explore other planets and be as awe-inspiring, as amazing as Ingenuity has been" Morgan said during the live-stream.

N.A.S.A. is already working on another drone that is destined for another world, this one is slated to explore the largest moon orbiting Saturn, Titan. This mission is slated for some time no earlier than 2028.

End of report.

Source material: Space.com.

## **Laugh About It**

### **Marry My Daughter Or Else**

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee.

"What's the matter, dear," she whispers as she steps into the room, "Why are you down here at this time of night." The husband looks up from his coffee, "It's the 20th anniversary of the day we met". She can't believe he has remembered and starts to tear up. The husband continues, "Do you remember 20 years ago. When we started dating, I was 18 and you were only 16," he says solemnly.

Once again, the wife is touched to tears, "Yes, I do" she replies. The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily, "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?" "Yes, I remember," said the wife, lowering herself into the chair beside him.

The husband continued, "Do you remember when he when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter or I will send you to prison for 20 years." "I remember that, too," she replied softly.

He wiped another tear from his cheek and said, "I would have gotten out today."



### Only The Canadians

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed a major Gathering of the Canadian First Nations peoples.

He spoke for about an hour about his plans for increasing their present standard of living across many areas in Canada.

Though very vague in detail with many “ums, ahs, and ers,” he spoke about his ideas for helping his Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Afterwards, the head Chiefs presented him with a nice handmade plaque inscribed with his newly given Native name of “Walking Goose” which he gratefully accepted with many pictures taken of this historic event. After Trudeau left, a news reporter asked the Chiefs how they came up with this new Native name for him. They explain to him that: “Walking Goose” is a name given to a bird that is so full of crap that it can no longer fly.”

### Going Where?

A wife was busy in packing her clothes.

Husband – Where are you going?

Wife – I’m moving to my mother’s.”

The husband starts packing his clothes.

Wife – Now where are you going?

Husband – I’m also moving to my mother’s.

Wife – And what about the kids?

Husband – Well I guess... If you moving to your mother’s and I’m moving to my mother’s... Then they should move to their mother’s.

Her clothes were quickly unpacked.

### Eating In The Fifties

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti. Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas.

All chips were plain. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh. Chickens didn’t have fingers in those days. None of us had ever heard of yogurt. Healthy food consists of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping. Seaweed was not a recognized food. ‘Kebab’ was not even a word, never mind a food. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Prunes were medicinal. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available.

It was called cattle feed. Pineapples came in chunks in a tin;

We had only ever seen a picture of real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on/at our in the fifties... was elbows, hats, and cell phones.

### Dialogue With God

One early morning, a man had a brief dialogue with God.

Man: “God, why did you create my wife so beautifully?”

God: “So you can love her.”

Man: “But why did you create her with no ability of clear thanking?”

God: “So she can love you!”

### The Irish Daughter

An Irish daughter had not been home for over three years. Upon her return, her father yelled at her, “Where have ye been all this time? Why did ye not write to us. Not even a line. Why didn’t ye call? Can ye not understand what ye put yer old mother thru?”

The girl, crying, replied, Sniff, sniff... “Dad... I was too embarrassed, I became a prostitute.”

“Ye what!!? Out of here, ye shameless hussy!

Sinner! You’re a disgrace to this Catholic family, so yer are.” “Ok, daddy... as ye wish... I just came back to give mother this luxurious fur coat, title deed to an eight-bedroom plus a 5 million pound cheque. For me little brother

Seamus, this gold Rolex. And for ye daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes limited edition convertible that’s parked outside, plus a membership to the Limerick Country Club.”

She takes a breath and continues, “and an Invitation for ye all to spend New Year’s Eve On board my new yacht in the Caribbean.”

“Now what was it ye said y had become?” says dad. The girl crying again, Sniff, sniff...

“A prostitute Daddy!” Sniff, Sniff.

“Oh! Good heavens, lass you scared me half to death girl! I thought ye said a PROTESTANT. Come here and give yer old daddy a big hug.”

### Legal and Logical

A student failed in law class and decided to make a deal with the professor.

“Sir, do you know everything about law?”

Professor: “Yes.”

Student: “If you can answer this question, I will accept my final marks, but if you cannot you have to give me an ‘A’”.

Professor: “Agreed.”

Student: “What is legal but not logical, logical but not legal and neither legal nor logical?” The professor thought about it for hours And pondered but could not find the

answer. He gave the boy his 'A'.  
The following day, the professor asked  
The same question to his students.  
He was shocked when all of them raised  
their hands. He asked one student.  
He answered: " You are 65, married  
to a 28 year old woman, this is legal but  
not logical. Your wife is having an affair with a 23  
year old boy, this logical but not legal.  
Your wife's boyfriend has failed in his  
exam and yet you have given him an 'A',  
this is neither logical for legal."  
The professor collapsed!!!

#### Do Wanna Hear?

1) blind guy on a bar stool shouts to the  
Bartender, "Wanna hear a blond joke?  
In a hushed voice the guy next to him says,  
"Before you tell that joke, you should know  
something. Our bartender is blond, the  
bouncer is a blond. I am a 6 foot tall, 200lb  
black belt. The guy sitting next to me is  
6'2", weighs 225, and he is a football  
Player. The fella to your right is 6'5"  
Pushing 300 and he is a wrestler.  
Each one of us is blonde. Think about  
it, Mister! Do you still wanna tell that joke?"  
The blind guy says, "Nah, not if I am gonna  
Have to explain it five times.

#### So You Think English Is Easy?!

Whoever put this together is some kind  
of a genius! Interesting read indeed...  
The bandage was wound around the wound.  
The farm was used to produce produce.  
The dump was so full that it had to refuse  
more refuse. We must polish the Polish furniture  
He could lead if he would get the lead out  
The soldier decided to desert his dessert in  
the desert. Since there is no time like the present, he  
thought it was time to present the present.  
A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.  
When shot at, the dove, dove into the bushes.  
I did not object to the object. The insurance was invalid for  
the invalid. There was a row among the oarsmen about  
how to row. They were too close to the door to close it  
The buck does funny things when the does  
are present. A seamstress and sewer fell down into a  
sewer line. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.  
Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.  
I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.  
How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

#### How Much Does Drinking Beer Cost

Lady: Do you drink beer?  
Man: Yes.  
Lady: How many per day?  
Man: 3.

Lady: How much do you pay per beer?  
Man: \$5 each including tip.  
Lady: How long have you been drinking?  
Man: About twenty years  
Lady: 3 beers a day equates to \$450 per  
month or \$5,400 per year. In 20 years,  
that's \$108, 000.  
Man: Sound correct.  
Lady: Did you know that if you put that  
money in a savings account, that after  
interest, you would have had  
enough money to buy a plane.  
Man: Do you drink beer?  
Lady: No.  
Man: So where's your plane?

#### I'm Drinking For My Brothers

A cowboy, who just moved to Montana from  
Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs  
of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip  
out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes  
back to the Bar and orders three more.  
The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy,  
"You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it.  
It would taste better if you bought one at a time."  
The cowboy relies, "Well, you see, I have two  
brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado.  
When we all left our home in Texas, we  
promised that we'd drink this way to remember  
the days when we drank together. So I'm  
drinking one beer for each of my brothers and  
one for myself." The bartender admits that this is a nice  
custom, and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular  
in the bar, and always drinks the same way.  
He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.  
One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs.  
All the regulars take notice and fall silent.  
When he comes back to the bar for the  
second round, the bartender says,  
"I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I  
wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."  
The cowboy looks, quite puzzled for a moment,  
then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.  
"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains.  
"It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist  
Church and I had to quit drinking. It hasn't  
affected my brothers though."

#### Let Fate Decide

An English landlady was dating two of her  
tenants, both of them playwrights.  
She could not determine which one of them  
to marry; so she decided to let fate decide.  
So she baked five of her famous round flat  
wheat cakes and put poison in one of them;  
deciding to marry the survivor.  
However, the two playwrights twisted fate



for her when they split the last one, the  
poisoned one, between them.  
The police arrested her for...  
"killing two bards with one scone."

## We Can Do This

Recently, N.A.S.A. is all smiles after a successful launch and soft landing on the surface of the Moon by a private robotic probe this past month.

Astronaut Tracy Dyson says the Artemis program has received a much needed shot in the arm from the landing of a probe constructed by a private company Intuitive Machine. This mission is known as IM – 1, is first soft landing of an American craft in on over 52 years.

"It means we can do it" Dyson told Space.com on February 26<sup>th</sup> in an exclusive interview before she returns to space next month. "We're going back (to the moon), and we're got some momentum from this, that's going to propel us to keep moving with the Artemis 2 and 3, and beyond and all the hard things that we have ahead of us. It's a big deal."

The IM – 1 lander known as Odysseus, but the craft is really known by its nickname given by some of the N.A.S.A. personnel. That nickname is 'Odie'. On board Odysseus (or Odie), are six N.A.S.A. experiments which were flown to the Moon under the CLPS (Commercial Lunar Payload Services) program.

This program aims to do the science ahead of the Artemis mission. The first CLPS mission, the Peregrine lander failed to land on the Moon. N.A.S.A. would later learn that, despite a perfect launch, that Peregrine probe had developed a fault in its thrusters. This fault was the death for the craft. It was decided to allow the craft to orbit the Moon and return to Earth, and then be allowed to burn up in the Earth's atmosphere, somewhere over the south pacific area.

Artemis 1 was a successful mission that took place in 2022. Onboard the capsule were four mannequins. Artemis 2 will not carry dummies but four actual live astronauts. This mission is now set for sometime in 2025. Artemis 3 is now set to have boots on the Moon surface sometime in 2026. N.A.S.A. delayed Artemis 2 and 3 this past January 2024 due to several technical problems.

Plans are being made to have a permanent settlement near the water rich area of the Moon's south pole. Which is needed for fueling, machinery, and for human consumption. This attempt is built upon 25 years of launching astronauts to Low Earth Orbit (LEO) or to the ISS (International Space Station). Which for Dyson, her flight is set to take place in March 2024.

Dyson's flight is scheduled to take lift-off from Kazakhstan aboard a Russian Soyuz MS – 25 spacecraft. Dyson will reside at the ISS for six months stay. Joining her will be Roscosmos cosmonaut Oleg Novitskiy and spaceflight participant Marina Vasilevskaya of Belarus. Both will spend 12 days aboard the station before returning to Earth.

Dyson herself has flown to orbit twice already aboard STS – 118 for a 12 days mission to the ISS in 2007 and aboard Soyuz TMA – 18 for a long-duration mission from April 2nd to September 25<sup>th</sup> in 2010. Between the two missions, she has spent of total of 176 days in Space.

End of report.

Source material: Space.com, nasa.gov

## The Weird, The Strange, And What The ?

**A Victim of Circumstances:** A Pizza Hut in Timmins, Ont., Canada, went viral thanks to a cringe-worthy typo on a sign on its front door. The dining room was closed, it said, due to "unforeseen circumcisions." As the image spread online like wildfire, the joint didn't fight back, but rather acknowledged the gaffe, and capitalized on it with a limited-time \$5 pizza special — "no tip required." In an online post, restaurant general manager Marc Girard placed the blame on "damm [sic] auto correct," and "your [sic] having fun with our little mishap." (RC/CTV) ... "Our," he says.

**Polar Plunder:** Harry, a 500-pound stuffed polar bear, was stolen from the Lionsheart Wholeness Centre in Legal, Alta., Canada. "The bear is symbolic of healing and truth," executive director Wanda Rowe said. "To have something like that taken when our work is so important ... feels like a violation." The facility is staffed 24/7, but security had been called away to ensure the safety of guests in freezing weather. But that happened about a week prior to Rowe noticing Harry was missing. "It's on the second floor. I walked by every single day to my office, but we're so used to him being there that no one looked up," she said. She called police. "One of the best measures that can be taken is letting everyone know that it's out there," Rowe said. "We're certainly keeping our eyes and ears open." (MS/Ottawa Citizen) ... *Seems like they were bearly looking before.*

**Console Me, Elmo:** "Elmo is just checking in!" tweeted the "Sesame Street" character. "How is everybody doing?" Some replies on the former bird site were from characters (including, appropriately enough, Big Bird), celebrities and brands, but some were not. "I'm at my lowest. Thanks for asking," said "Woshingo." "This world don't like us Elmo," said "Dragongeminii." "Becca Lizz" described the conversation: "We started this year. STARTED IT. by trauma dumping so hard on Elmo the official 'Sesame Street' account had to tweet out mental health resources. god help us." "Elmo is glad he asked!" the character's account replied. "Elmo learned that it is important to ask a friend how they are doing." (AC/KTLA Los Angeles) ... *It's better than anything brought to you by the letters D, S, and M and the number 5.*

**We Deliver — And Pick Up!** A contractor noticed "suspicious activity" on security cameras at a home construction project in Lehigh Acres, Fla., and had his wife check things out. She alleges an on-duty mail carrier had loaded his U.S. Postal Service truck with construction materials; she demanded that he put them back. When sheriff's deputies arrived, they found Cristian Huarte, 39, across the street unloading construction supplies from his truck. He was arrested and charged with grand theft. When asked for comment, the USPS simply replied, "Huarte's Dates of employment: July 2023 to January 2024." (RC/WBBH Fort



Myers) ...*Finally we know approximately where the "embarrassment to the U.S. Postal Service" line is.*

**Suspicions:** Jessica Beatty, 42, of Pinellas County, Fla., was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and driving on a suspended license. As a condition of her release she was required to submit to random drug screenings. But according to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Beatty "had a fraudulent urine sample that she intended to provide during testing." Deputies arrested Beatty again and, according to them, "The defendant readily admitted pre- and post-Miranda that she collected urine from her aunt's dog." (MS/WOFL Orlando) ... *The suspicions started when she lifted her leg.*

**Quick Thinking In Action:** A witness saw a man out walking his dog just as he fell through the ice into a lake in East Bay Township, Mich., and called 911. Michigan State Police Trooper Kammeron Bennetts arrived quickly and ran to the shore with a rescue device, but the man was too far out to throw it to him. As recorded by his body camera, the quick-thinking trooper called out, "Send your pup here. Will she come to me?" The man said the dog's name is Ruby. "Ruby come here! Come here Ruby!" Bennetts shouted. Ruby came running, tail wagging. Bennetts tied the rescue device to the dog's collar and sent her back out to the man while holding the device's rope, and told the man to grab on. Bennetts was able to pull the man to thicker ice, and by then a second trooper had arrived and helped drag the 65-year-old unnamed man to safety. He was checked at a hospital, re-warmed, and released. (RC/Traverse City Record-Eagle) ... *Good girl, Ruby! But next time you come running to say Timmy fell in the well!*

**You're Gonna Pay, Pal:** Baxter County (Ark.) Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of a robbery at a house in Mountain Home. Two men had pounded on the front door a half hour before midnight. When the three homeowners opened the door, they were confronted by two masked men with guns. The residents didn't have cash, so one of the robbers said he'd take PayPal. One of the victims sent \$120 while still at gunpoint, and the men fled. Investigators simply traced who the recipient account belonged to and arrested Jacob Gray and Skyler Henson, both 19, the next morning, charging each with three counts of kidnaping, aggravated robbery and burglary, and theft. (RC/KOLR Springfield) ... *Paypal: the first choice of obliiviot criminals.*

**Artificially Intelligent, Naturally Awesome:** After the Covid-19 pandemic, Aubrie Vinzant, 8, of Las Vegas, Nev., struggled with her reading from missing so much school. "Really it was about halfway through the first grade that we realized that she couldn't read," said her father, Dave Vinzant. Tutors were prohibitively expensive and nothing else seemed to help until he found a solution: artificial intelligence. Vinzant, with no programming background, built WordStumble: a web app that uses ChatGPT to build custom children's stories. According to the app's website, WordStumble works by "integrating words they already know with those they are currently learning." "This is now my passion," Vinzant says. "It is a dream that I see is working for her, and is starting to work for other kids." (MS/KVVU Las Vegas) ... *And along the way he's teaching his daughter a lot more than reading skills.*

**Lack of Temperament:** The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office carefully investigated a November shooting involving Deputy Jesse Hernandez, and released the results. Hernandez searched, handcuffed, and put a man into his patrol car

while he and his sergeant investigated a complaint. Hernandez was near his patrol car and heard a pop. "Shots fired! Shots fired! Shots fired!" Hernandez called out to Sgt. Beth Roberts. He fell to the ground and pulled his service pistol to open fire — on his own vehicle. Roberts, seeing Hernandez had no cover, also opened fire, and called for backup for an "officer down." She asked Hernandez if he was OK. "I'm hit! I'm hit!" he yelled. Both kept shooting until their pistols were empty, and Hernandez crawled to cover. All was caught by the deputies' body cameras. The "pop," video shows, was an acorn that fell onto the roof of Hernandez's patrol car; no one was shooting until Hernandez opened fire. Once Hernandez, a deputy for 2 years after 10 years in the military with two deployments, realized that the pop was an acorn, not a gunshot, he resigned. Sgt. Roberts' actions were found "objectively reasonable." The man handcuffed in the patrol car was not injured. (RC/WJHG Panama City Beach) ... *But he does have "objectively reasonable" cause to sue.*

**Tall Tale:** Brett Elmore, the owner of WJLX-AM radio in Jasper, Ala., sent a crew out to the transmitter site to cut back the brush. They called to say the 200 ft. tower wasn't there. Flabbergasted, Elmore asked them to check the transmitter. The shack had been broken into, and the transmitter was gone. Worse, the FCC would not allow the FM translator that also broadcasts his signal to stay on the air. And worse than that: Elmore has no insurance on the transmitter or tower, which will cost about \$100,000 to replace. "More than we have," Elmore said. "We're a small market station." Police have no leads. (RC/Birmingham News) ... *Well, has a "new" radio station in the region popped up on 1240?*

**Car Trouble:** According to police, Jorge Cornejo, 47, confronted a tow truck driver who was repossessing his car in St. Petersburg, Fla. Cornejo allegedly told the driver, "If you try to take it I am going to hurt you" — and pepper-sprayed the driver and took his phone, wallet, and keys, refusing to return them until his car was unhooked. The driver complied, but police say Cornejo didn't return the phone until he was leaving, when he tossed it out of his car — breaking the screen. Cornejo was arrested and charged with robbery, burglary, and criminal mischief, and held on \$20,000 bail. (MS/Tampa Bay Times) ... *And then his car was repossessed.*

**Party On, Dude:** Jamey Noel only served two terms as sheriff in Clark County, Ind., but state investigators say he still managed to embezzle more than \$5 million from his budget, the jail fund, and the Urica Township Volunteer Firefighters Association, which he supervised. He allegedly gave credit cards to his wife and daughter for unlimited spending against public funds; they are charged separately. Court documents show Noel has a "personal" collection of at least 133 vehicles — which are registered to the fire department and/or the New Chapel EMS Association, which he also supervised. Noel was removed from office and has been charged with 25 felonies so far, but he still holds one job: "Those named are innocent until proven guilty," said Griffin Reid, spokesman for the Indiana GOP, so Noel will be allowed to continue to serve as Chairman of the Clark County Republican Party. (RC/WHAS Louisville) ... *Make America Honest Again.*

**Ready, Fire, Aim!** U.K. Defence Secretary Grant Shapps was aboard the HMS *Vanguard*, a nuclear missile submarine, to observe a test launch of a Trident II D5 missile, which has a range of 4,000 miles (6,400 km). It didn't go well. "It left the submarine but it just went plop, right next to them," a "source" told a British newspaper. Shapps refused specific comment in the interest of "protecting national

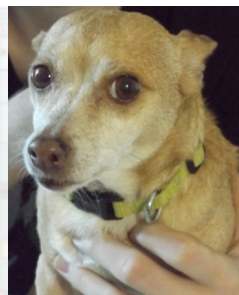


security,” but said “The government has absolute confidence that the U.K.’s deterrent remains effective, dependable, and formidable.” The interesting part is where the submarine was doing the test: just off the coast of central Florida. (RC/WFLA Tampa) ... *The U.S. allows this because “the only thing at risk is Florida.”*

**Truth is Stranger than Fiction is Stranger than Truth:** Florida’s state senate has passed SB-632, titled “Taking of Bears” but dubbed “the cocaine bear bill” on social media. The bill, which allows residents to shoot bears without a permit if they’re “an imminent threat,” had already passed the state house after it was introduced by Republican Rep. Jason Shoaf. “They break your door down and they’re standing in your living room growling and tearing your house apart,” Shoaf explained. “When you run into one of these crack bears, you should be able to shoot it. Period.” (MS/WFLA Tampa, AP) ... *If the bears aren’t on crack, who in this story is?*

**Malware in Your Mouth:** “Every device that is connected to the Internet is a potential target,” Stefan Züger said. And if you don’t protect yourself, the Fortinet Switzerland system technology chief said, “sooner or later you will become a victim — or your own device will be misused for attacks.” The devices that could be used in distributed denial of service attacks on websites include webcams, baby monitors, and even — this warning was widely reported — smart toothbrushes. Or maybe not. “The topic of toothbrushes being used for DDoS attacks was presented during an interview as an illustration of a given type of attack, and it is not based on research from Fortinet,” a company representative said. “It appears that due to translations the narrative on this topic has been stretched to the point where hypothetical and actual scenarios are blurred.” (AC/London Independent) ... *“Hypothetical and actual scenarios are blurred” describes the world we live in now in more ways than one.*

**Flushing Bride:** “Logen, do you take Tiana to be your lawfully wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, through disco beats and quiet moments, in sickness and health, and to hop through life together in love?” So began married life for Logen Abney and Tiana Ailstock, who married at a “Hop Shop” in Verona, Ky. *Er... what’s a Hop Shop? A gas station and convenience store chain known for their “disco bathrooms” — the couple was married in the men’s room, and apparently their preacher was fine with that.* (RC/WLKY Louisville) ... *Usually, marriages of convenience just and in the toilet.*



## Pin – Pin’s Recipe Corner

### Earth Classic Tomato Soup

#### Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil  
1 tbsp unsalted butter  
1 medium yellow onion, medium dice  
Kosher salt  
2 medium garlic cloves, mined  
Pinch of red pepper flakes (optional)  
1 (28-ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes in their juices, preferably San Marzanos  
1 ½ cups low-sodium chicken broth or water  
1/3 cup heavy cream  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Optional garnishes (alone or in combination)  
Extra-virgin olive oil  
4 fresh basil leaves, julienned  
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Place a medium saucepan over medium-low Heat and add the oil and butter. When the butter melts, add the onion and a big pinch of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is completely soft, about 15 minutes. (If at any point the onion like it’s beginning to brown, reduce the heat), Add the garlic and optional red pepper flakes and cook for 5 minutes more, stirring occasionally.

Increase the heat to medium and add the tomatoes and their juices to the pan. Roughly crush the tomatoes, with the back of a wooden spoon and cook until they’ve hot and beginning to soften, about 10 minutes. Add the broth or water and bring to a simmer. Cook at a medium sinner until the tomatoes begin to fall apart about 15 minutes.

Remove the soup from the heat and cool slightly, about 10 minutes. Puree the soup directly in the saucepan using immersion blender, or use a countertop blender, carefully pureeing the soup in a couple of batches until smooth. Return the soup to the burner over low heat and stir in the cream. Add black pepper, then taste and adjust the seasoning with additional salt or pepper as needed. Serve in warmed bowls, as is or topped with the garnishes of your choice.

### DS9 Chevre Deviled Eggs with Asparagus

#### Ingredients

12 eggs  
6 tbsp mayonnaise  
2 tsp Dijon mustard  
2 tbsp fresh squeezed lemon juice

Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
Blanched asparagus tips, thinly  
sliced, for garnish (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

Hard-boil the eggs; cool, peel, and halve them; and carefully remove the yolks. Reserve the whites.

Combine the egg yolks, mayonnaise, mustard, goat cheese, lemon juice, and chives in a medium, nonreactive bowl. Season well with salt and pepper, then mix well until the yolks incorporated.

Evenly pipe or spoon the yolk mixture into the Reserved egg white halves. As desired, top with thinly sliced, blanched asparagus tips.

### Risan Mai-Tai

#### Ingredients

Thin slices of kiwifruit, plus  
1 slice for garnish

Crushed ice  
3 ounces mango juice  
1 ounce spiced rum  
½ ounce triple sec  
½ ounce cinnamon whiskey  
A few drops of Angostura bitters  
Splash of grenadine

## INSTRUCTIONS

Layer the kiwifruit slices along the bottom of a large glass with a deep bowl and fill two-thirds full with crushed ice. In a cocktail shaker, combine the mango juice, rum, triple sec, cinnamon whiskey, and bitters. Shake just enough to mix thoroughly, then pour into the glass. Drizzle a little grenadine on top, allowing it to sink to the bottom of the glass for color, then garnish with a slice of kiwi and serve.

### Scotty's Green Drink [Extra Green]

#### Ingredients

2 cups kale or baby spinach  
½ cucumber, roughly chopped  
1 apple, cored and chopped  
¼ cup fresh lemon juice  
1 inch fresh ginger, peeled and  
grated  
1 teaspoon spirulina powder

## INSTRUCTIONS

In a blender, combine all the ingredients and puree until very smooth. If a little texture is preferred, leave it as is. Otherwise strain it through a fine-mesh sieve, pressing the pulp with a spoon to extract as much of the juice as possible. Serve immediately for maximum freshness.

### Ferengi Slug-o-Cola

#### Ingredients

½ cup orange juice  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon matcha powder  
1 teaspoon ground turmeric  
Dash of spirulina powder  
(optional)  
1 medium cucumber, skin-on,  
Shredded  
Grated zest and juice of 1 lime  
Dash anise flavoring  
Dash of vanilla extract  
Green food coloring (optional)  
13 liters seltzer water

## INSTRUCTIONS

In a small saucepan, combine the orange juice, sugar, match, turmeric, and spirulina (if using). Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in the cucumber and lime. Cover and let the syrup infuse for about 30 minutes.

Strain into a clean container and add the anise, vanilla, and the desired amount of food coloring (if using).

For each serving, combine 1/3 cup of the syrup mixture with 8 ounces of seltzer (or tweak the proportions of seltzer and Syrup to taste).

Note: For a more mature, bar side version, substitute tonic Water for the seltzer and add an ounce (or two) of gin.





## The Study Of The Constellations #5

### Auriga (The Charioteer)

Welcome to our fifth installment. This time we will be looking at the constellation Auriga 'The Charioteer'. This constellation was the most troublesome so far. The information I found on the net, was very confusing. But after a couple of days and after visiting four different astronomy websites. I finally figured everything out. So, here we go.

#### Auriga 'The Charioteer'

Pronunciation: ah-RY-guh

Abbreviation: AUR

Genitive: Aurigae

North Quadrant: 2 (NQ2)

Location In Night Sky: Right Ascension 6 hours Declination 40 degrees

Area covered in squared degrees: 657.438

Crosses Meridian 9 p.m. January 10.

Visible between latitude 90 Degrees and -40 degrees.

Made official by the IAU (International Astronomy Union) in 1922.

The constellation Auriga can be seen in the night sky most of the year in northern latitudes, this is due to it's circumpolar in nature. The constellation is medium in size. It ranks 21<sup>st</sup> in size among the 88 known constellations. The constellation is boarded by the constellations Camelopardalis, Gemini, Lynx, Perseus, and Taurus. Auriga is the site of the galactic anti-center, a theoretical point that lies directly opposite of the center of the Milky Way Galaxy. Our Milky Way galaxy lies 180 degrees away in the direction of the constellation Sagittarius.

Auriga is one of 48 constellation that was first listed by the Greek astronomer Ptolemy in the second century A.D. Auriga is the Latin word for 'the charioteer'. It an ancient constellation known by many ancient cultures like the Mesopotamians, Bedouins, Chinees, Greek, and the Babylonians.

#### The Mesopotamians

The Mesopotamians saw the constellation as a Scimitar or crook of a shepherd staff. The crook stood for a goat-herder or shepherd.

#### The Bedouins

Bedouins astronomers saw the constellation as a representation of a herd of goats.

#### The Chinese

Chinese astronomers saw the group of stars as a Wuche, the five chariots of the celestial emperors and it representation of the grain harvest.

#### The Greeks

The Greek mythology Auriga represents the charioteer Erichthonius who is seen carrying his children in his arm.

### The Babylonians

The Babylonians saw the constellation in the same light as the Greeks.

The constellation contains three Messier objects, M36, 37, and M38. The Auriga constellation also contains 20 known stars. And those stars are Almaaz, Capella (the most known out of the constellation), Haedus, Haedus II, Hassaleh, Lucilinburhuc, Mahasim, Menkalinan, Nervia, Nu Auriga, Prijipati, Saclateni, Tau Aurigae, and Upsilon Aurigae.

#### Stars that comprise the Auriga Constellation

##### Almaaz – 'He Goat' (Epsilon Aurigae)

Epsilon Aurigae is an eclipsing binary star system. It's magnitude of 2.98. An FO class supergiant. It is 135 times larger than own star Sol. It has a large dark dish orbiting the star. It is 2,000 light years from Earth. Almaaz is an Arabic word for 'billy goat'.

##### Capella – "She Goat" (Alpha Aurigae)

This star system contains a double star. It has a magnitude of 0.08. The star is the brightest star in the constellation. The system lies 42 light years from Earth. It's a known source of X-ray. Capella mark charioteer left shoulder or a goat he is carrying.

##### Haedus – 'One of the Kids (goats) (Eta Aurigae)

A binary star system. The star has a magnitude of 3.75. The main star is a blue-white B-type main sequence dwarf star. It lies 219 light years from Earth. The constellation represents the 'kids' or goats held by Capella. The word Haedus in Latin for 'kids'

##### Haedus II – 'Middle of the Belt' (Eta Aurigae II)

A blue subgiant star with a magnitude of 3.18. The star system is 220 light years from Earth. It is a class B ordinary (the core is a Hydrogen – fusing) dwarf.

##### Hassaleh – 'East End of the Belt' (Iota Aurigae)

The main star of this system is a orange giant, K-type. The star has a magnitude 2.69. The star is 127 times larger than our own star, 7.1 times more massive than our own. The star itself is 512 light years from Earth.

##### Lucilinburhuc – (HD 45350)

This star is not part of the Auriga constellation proper, but resides in side the constellation borders. It is a G-5 yellow star, and is 159.42 light years from Earth. You need the use of a telescope to observe the system. At present, the star system, has one known exoplanet and has a magnitude of 4.44.

##### Mahasim – 'Wrist' (Theta Aurigae)

It is a binary star system with a magnitude of 2.65. The system is located 173 light years from Earth. Mahasim in Arabic is the word for Wrist. It is also known by another name, Bogardus. The stars in the binary system contains a white A-type main sequence dwarf (Theta Aurigae A) star. The companion star is a yellow G-type main sequence dwarf (Theta Aurigae B) star. Theta Aurigae A has a magnitude 2.7. Theta Aurigae B has a magnitude of 7.2.

### **Menkalinan – ‘Shoulder of the Charioteer’ (Beta Aurigae)**

A trinary star system with a total magnitude of 1.90. The system is located 85 light years from Earth. Two of three stars are a white A-type subgiant stars, while the third star is a red dwarf. The name Menkalinan is an Arabic phrase meaning ‘shoulder of the rein holder’.

### **Nervia – (HD 49674)**

The star system is not part of the constellation, but lies within the boarder of this constellation. The star itself is a yellow G 0 type star located 144.26 light years from Earth. You will need a telescope to observe it. The star has magnitude 8.1.

### **Nu Aurigae – (NU Aug)**

This star is a yellow giant class K (KO) with a magnitude of 3.96. It lies some 66 light years from Earth. The star began its life 400 million years ago as a B8 dwarf star.

### **Prijiptati – (Delta Aurigae)**

A binary star system. The main star is an orange K-type giant and its companion star lies 140 light years from Earth. The yellow giant primary star has a magnitude of 3.75. Its companion star may have a magnitude of 9.70. The name Prijiptatic in Hindu or Sanskrit means ‘The Lord of Creation’.

### **Saclateni – ‘kid held by the charioteer’. (Zeta Aurigae)**

This star system is another star that is not part of the constellation, but lies within the borders of the constellation. Saclateni is a Arabic phrase meaning ‘the second arm of the charioteer. It is a binary star system that lies 790 light years from Earth. The system contains a red supergiant star and a B8 type companion star. The system has a magnitude of 3.69. The star can be seen with the naked eye.

### **Tau Aurigae – (Tau Aurigae)**

Is a yellow giant star with a magnitude of 4.51. It lies some 213 light years from Earth. The star is 2.5 times the mass of our own star, Sol. 100 million years ago it started out as a class A hydrogen-fusing dwarf star.

### **Tevel – (TYC 2463-281-1)**

Another star system that is not part of the constellation, but lies within the boarders of the constellation. The system has a yellow-white star of unknown magnitude. It is 1,503.96 light years from Earth.

### **Upsilon Aurigae – (UPS Aur)**

The star in this system is a red giant star with a magnitude of 4.74. It is the southern anchor in the small triangle in the eastern Aurigae constellation. Upsilon Aurigae helps make the informal figure of the ‘little kids’. It lies some 475 light years from Earth. 760 million years ago, the star started as a white class B9 dwarf star.

## **Messier Objects**

### **Messier 36 – (M36, NGC 1960)**

Is an open star cluster. It has a magnitude 6.30. It is located in the southern region of Auriga. First discovered by the Italian astronomer Giovanni Batista Hodierna in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This star cluster was rediscovered in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by the Le Gentil. The star cluster was included in a catalogue authored by Charles Messier in 1764.

. It contains about sixty stars, with small cluster of the bright stars of the B2 type with a magnitude of 9. M36 is 14 light years in diameter and 4,100 light years from Earth.

### **Messier 37 – (M37, NGC 2099)**

Messier 37 is an open star cluster with a magnitude of 6.20. Discovered by Giovanni Batista Hodierna (1597-1660) before 1654. The star cluster is 3,600 to 4,700 light years from Earth. The cluster consists of 500 stars. There is also 150 stars that are the brightest with a combine magnitude of 12.5. The cluster is 24 light years in diameter.

### **Messier 38 – (M38, NGC 1912)**

This star cluster is an open star cluster with a magnitude of 7.40. The cluster is northwest of M36. It is 4,200 light years from Earth. Discovered by Giovanni Batista Hodierna (1597-1660) in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It was rediscovered by the French astronomer Le Gentil (1725-1792) in 1749. Charles Messier (1730-1817) included the star cluster in his catalogue in 1764. The cluster is 25 light years in diameter.

## **Myths By The Greeks**

Auriga is depicted as a charioteer, holding the reins of a chariot with his right hand, and carrying a goat and its two young ‘kids’ on his left arm. Even through the image of the charioteer appears in Johann Bode’s Uranographia (1801), none of the stories Auriga is usually associated with have a goat in them.

In the Greek mythology, Auriga is most frequently associated with Erichthonius, king of Athens and son of the god of fire, Hephaestus. Erichthonius was raised by the goddess Athena, who taught him many skills he wouldn’t have ordinarily learned. He was the first man to tame and harness four horses to a chariot, imitating the chariot of the sun god Zeus. Zeus was so impressed that he (Zeus) would later place the image of Erichthonius among the stars.

Erichthonius is usually credited for that invention of the four-horse chariot, the quadriga. In another myth, Auriga represents Hephaestus himself, the lame god, who built the chariot so that he could travel anywhere he wanted, whenever he wanted without any difficulty.

In another popular myth, the charioteer is Myrtilus, son of Hermes, who served the king Pisa. Oenomaus had a beautiful daughter, Hippodamia. And was determined not to give her hand away to any of her suitors. He would challenge each of them to a chariot race. If he caught up with them before they arrived to Corinth, they would forfeit the lives.

With Myrtilus driving the king’s chariot, none of Hippodamia’s suitors survived the race until Pelops, son of Tantalus, came to ask the king for his daughter’s hand. Hippodamia fell in love with Pelops at first sight and asked Myrtilus to let him win. The charioteer, who was himself in love with the king’s daughter, obeyed and tampered with chariot’s wheel. During the race, the wheel fell off and King Oenomaus was thrown off the Chariot and did not survive. Once Pelops had won the race, he cast his rival Myrtilus into the sea. Betrayed, Myrtilus cursed the house of Pelops before he drowned. It was Myrtilus’ father Hermes who placed his son’s image among the stars.

The star Capella, Alpha Aurigae, is associated with Amalthea, the goat who was foster-mother to Zeus.



The name Capella is Roman and means 'she goat'. The star is located on the Charioteer's left shoulder.

End of report.

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### **Brightstar Note's**

This will be the first and only meeting for the month February for the USS BRIGHTSTAR. The meeting was held via Messenger on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 p.m. Those in attendance were Captain Debbie Henderson (commanding officer) and LCDR James Webb (first officer/chief science officer).

The meeting itself was a short one. There was due to everyone suffering from either the flu or some form of the cold.

Items that was discussed were renewals, donations, newsletter, and the website. Captain Henderson reported that all crew members have renewed their membership with Starfleet Command, with the exception of the first officer, who has a lifetime membership with SFC. Another donation of \$25 dollars was made to the Wheeler Mission of Indianapolis. The first officer apologized for the lateness of the newsletter. He reported he was slowed up because of problems he was having with his left shoulder. He said he thinks this was due to a possible inflammation of his right shoulder. Of course, this is not official yet. He reported that his shoulder was bothering him so badly, that he had a hard time putting together the newsletter. He also reported that he had put off the updating of both the ship's website and it's Facebook page.

Due to the medication that some the crew were taking at the time in some form agreed that general chit-chat session that usually took place was skipped and the meeting was called to a close at 11:45 p.m.

End of report.



## **Star Trek Birthdays**



### **Gates McFadden/ Dr. Beverly Crusher**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Star Trek: TNG; Star Trek: Generations; Star Trek: First Contact; Star Trek: Insurrection; Star Trek: Nemesis; Star Trek: Picard; The Hunt For Red October



### **Barbara Luna/ Lt. Marlena Moreau**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS (Mirror, Mirror)



### **James Doohan/Montgomery Scott 'Scotty'**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS; Star Trek: TAS; Star Trek: TMP;  
Star Trek: Wrath of Kahn; Star Trek: Search For Spock;  
Star Trek: The Voyage Home;  
Star Trek: The Final Frontier;  
Star Trek: The Undiscovered Country;  
Star Trek: TNG



### **Jolene Blalock/Sub-Commander T'Pol**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: Enterprise



**Joanna Miles /Perrin (Sarek's wife)**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: The Next Generation ( Sarik; Unification Part I)



**Paul Fix/Dr. Piper**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS



**Donna Murphy/Anij**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: Insurrection



**Harry Bosch/Dr. Brown**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS (What Are Little Girls Made Of)



**Jonathan Del Arco/Hugh "Third Of Five"**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: The Next Generation (I, Borg, Decent Part II,)

Star Trek: Picard



**John G. Hertzler/ General Martok**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine; Star Trek: Voyager



**Anton Yelchin/Chekov**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek (RB); Star Trek(RB): Into Darkness; Star Trek (RB): Beyond



**Tige Andrews/Scratch (Klingon)**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS (Fridays Childs)



**Leslie Parrish/Lt. Carolyn Palamas**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS (Who Mourns For Adonais?)



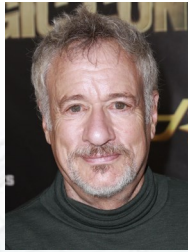
**Connor Trinneer**

**Chief Engineer Charles "Trip" Tucker III**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: Enterprise





**John de Lancie/Q**

**March 20**

Star Trek: The Next Generation;  
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine; Star Trek: Voyager



**Logan Ramsey/Proconsul Claudius Marcus**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS (Bread and Circuses)



**William ( Bill ) Shatner/Captain James T. Kirk**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS; Star Trek: TAS; Star Trek: TMP;  
Star Trek: Wrath Of Kahn; Star Trek: Search For Spock;  
Star Trek: The Voyage Home;  
Star Trek: The Final Frontier;  
Star Trek: The Undiscovered Country;  
Star Trek: Generation



**Leonard Nimoy/ Spock**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS; Star Trek: TAS; Star Trek: TMP;  
Star Trek: The Wrath of Kahn;  
Star Trek: Search For Spock;  
Star Trek: The Voyage Home;  
Star Trek: The Final Frontier;  
Star Trek: The Undiscovered Country; Star Trek: TNG;  
Star Trek (RB); Star Trek: (RB) Into Darkness;  
Mission: Impossible



**Jon Steuer/Alexander Rozhenko**

**(Son Of Worf)**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: The Next Generation



**Ron Soble/Wyatt Earp**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: TOS



**Marina Sirtis/Counselor Deanna Troi**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Star Trek: TNG; Star Trek: Generations;  
Star Trek: First Contact; Star Trek: Insurrection;  
Star Trek: Nemesis; Star Trek: Enterprise;  
Star Trek: Voyager; Star Trek: Picard



**Jacqui Kim/Demora Sulu**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Star Trek: Generations



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THE EASTER BUNNY GETS A RUDE AWAKENING.

Um.. Ma'am? I Think those ...I Think  
You're Better Off Trying Another Pair  
Ma'am.

Have Safe Month