



THE FRONTERA TIMES Christmas Edition



Christmas Cancelled – Santa victim of Friendly Fire



Reports are coming in that Santa has been shot down over North America. General George Hammond of Cheyenne Mountain Complex, stated that due to an excessive amount of naughtiness on the part of European children, Santa arrived in North American Airspace almost half an hour earlier than expected and was shot down by one of Norad's anti aircraft missiles.

The American Government has sent out its condolences to the Claus family and apologises to all those children who will not receive presents this year as a result of the error.

In the meantime, the Armed forces have removed the remains of the sleigh to Area 51 where it will be closely examined in the hopes of retrofitting and gaining understanding of the technology involved in visiting the entire world in one night.

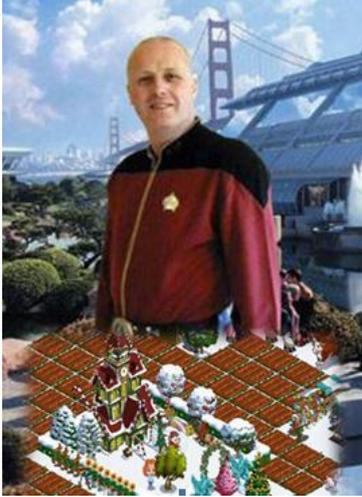
Targ runs wild on Starbase 24 Habitat Ring

In the early hours of the night, after the Starbase 24 Halloween party, a wild targ caused havoc in the residential areas of the base. The beast was finally captured by Commander Mara Bradfield (Fleet Captain Kehlan's twin sister) and Lt Steven Pattern. When questioned, both officers denied any knowledge of the targ's origin. Lt Pattern speculated that it may have been a botched attempt on the part of a drunken crewmember at romancing one of the many Klingon females who live on the base.

The matter is being investigated by Starfleet Intelligence.

Resurgence of K'Tarian Game

Meanwhile back on Frontera, the highly addictive and illegal K'Tarian game has seen an unexpected resurgence. Renamed and rebranded as Farmville, the game has become extremely popular among the officers and crew of the Rapid Response Fleet. Unconfirmed rumours indicate that Fleet Captain Kehlan is among the addicted. She is quoted as saying that it is a game worthy of a warrior. Her husband, Admiral James Mackenzie believes it is a Romulan plot, a theory which is strongly denied by both the Tal Shiar and the Fleet's Romulan mercenary N'Sal, who claims it is Kehlan who addicted her on the game, not the other way round. Both women are now receiving counselling in an attempt to break their addiction.



The game owners, Zynga, strenuously deny any connection between Farmville and the K'Tarian Game and insist they have no links with the Orion Syndicate.

The Starbase 24 Christmas Party



Senior officers of the Rapid Reponse Fleet got together for their annual Christmas celebration. Unfortunately a visiting ambassador was taken ill and an ambulance was called. The ambassador, who has asked to remain anonymous, is believed to have been using the cover of the party to engage in diplomatic negotiations with Starbase

command, although our reporter has been unable to confirm this. Hospital staff have indicated that the cause of the illness was a poisoned cream cake.

During that course of the evening, it was discovered that Santa, who had visited the Starbase the previous evening, had left several presents under the tree, one for each officer present.

Lt Pattern, head of Transport on Starbase 24 said that he was very grateful to Mr Claus for taking time out of his very busy schedule to make the unexpected visit and in the light of recent events, would like to extend his condolences to Mrs Claus and her family.

Captain Corbus was heard to say that "While Starbase 24 parties are never dull, he would be grateful if the next one was a little less interesting"



Meerkats on Starbase 24

Admiral Khalessa epetai Gorkon, second in command of Starbase 24, was recently surprised by the Wraith ambassador, who goes by the Terran name of Craig. A gift arrived at the admiral's office and after being thoroughly scanned by the security team was handed to the admiral, who has asked our reporter to publish her sincere thanks to both the ambassador and the unknown artist who so beautifully rendered the image of Khalessa with her beloved meerkats.

Speaking in defence of her obsession with these small Terran animals, considered by some to be pests, Khalessa said "These are no mere cats. They may be small but they have a big heart and were they just a little bigger would scare even a targ into retreat"

Unkle Ke'reth's Agony Booth

"Then war has broken out... whether you know it or not. A long, grueling, intoxicating war!" – General Martok on Marriage.



Welcome to the latest new feature of the Frontera Times. Ambassador Ke'reth epetai Makura of the Klingon Empire has kindly agreed to write an exclusive advice column for our publication.

In this, his first column, Ke'reth has chosen to focus on Klingon mating rituals. He says that Klingon warriors, indeed any male hoping to woo a Klingon female, should be fully aware of the traditions involved. One such tradition is the laying of a dead targ across the

intended's door. This is designed to show the female that the warrior is capable of providing for her and any future family they may have. After the recent fiasco on Starbase 24, Ke'reth is quick to remind his readers that said targ should actually be dead.

The ambassador also states that he looks forward to receiving questions from the lovelorn populace of Starbase 24 and Frontera and to providing sound Klingon advice to solve their problems.

SHOWBIZ

- 1) Locutie, its been an incredible year for you since you emerged on the scene in February. What have been your personal highlights?

Well that's a tough question, my debut at the SF ball was nerve wracking, and it was the first time I had performed in front of a crowd like that. But the crowd loved it, and that's a fantastic feeling. But to be honest I think the biggest highlight was performing at the Federation/Klingon Banquet, I was still nervous, but nowhere near as much as I was that first time, and it turned out even better than my first performance. I don't know if there's anything that can top that feeling.

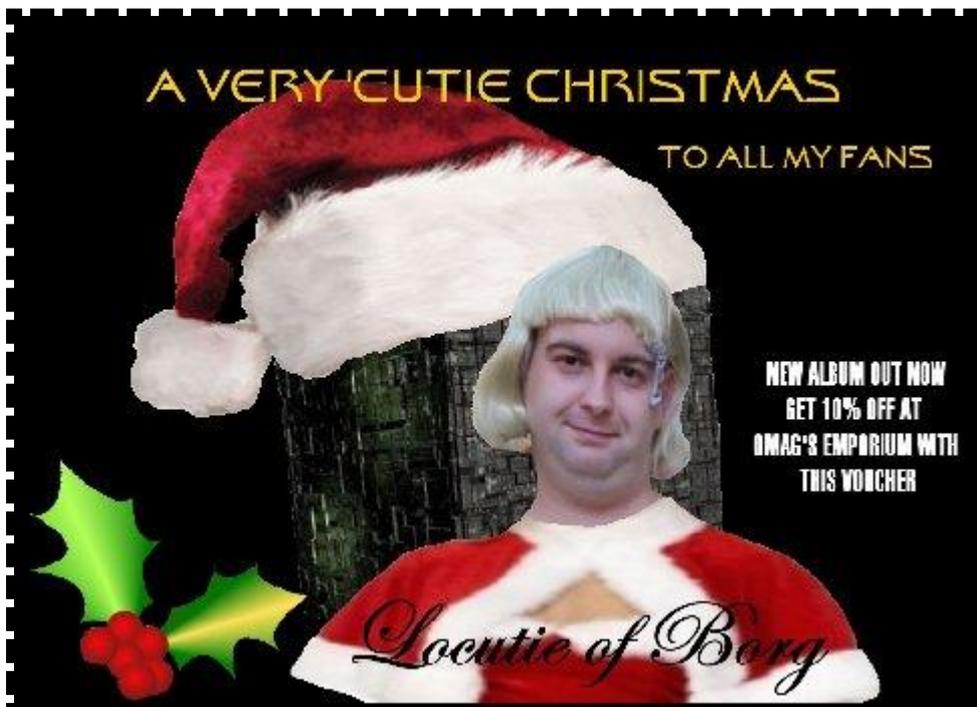
- 2) The recent Starbase 24 was a particular success for you.

Yes it was, as I've said I think it was my best performance, I can't begin to thank all the people who made the event special. We raised a massive amount for a really good cause, but the best thing was the people there. Everyone loved the songs I picked out and they were cheering before and after the performance.

- 3) The album is a special one as it marks the first Christmas since your liberation from the collective. What are your favourite Christmas songs?

Well I have several, but there's O little town of Bethlehem, and its Christmas, by Sheena Easton. Those are my two all time favourites.

- 4) Finally what's next for Locutie?



Well aside from the next Banquet, I've received a couple of offers to make some new albums,

but I haven't made up my mind yet. To be honest I need to talk with my agent before making any kind of decision. But stay tuned to Starbase 24's subspace frequency, because if I have any new announcements that will be the place to hear them.

Existence of Laundry Wormholes proven!

Academics and quantum theorists were stunned yesterday as one of science's hotly debated anomalies apparently proven. Since the advent of laundry technology, lost laundry was simply assumed to have "vanished". In the late 20th century, it was postulated that these garments fell into a wormhole, a theory widely criticised by some.

However, for the first time in history, examples of laundry appearing from nowhere, (instead of disappearing into nowhere) has been documented. Several examples of 21st century clothing have appeared around the base.

"Its proof man." Said Broderick Maplestar of the Galactic Laundry League. "The reason that clothes in the 20th century vanished is that they were needed in the future, where we use sonic washers instead of good ol' soap and water. Its cosmic man, cosmic."

Maplestar returned to his padded quarters before he could be asked for further comment.

Drama as USS Obready visits Starbase 24

The Northampton Class USS Obready NCC 1946, under the command of Vice Admiral Robert Kelley, recently arrived at Starbase 24 and is currently berthed in docking bay Beta 4 where she has been impounded following an accusation of Dominion Infiltration. Admiral Kelley, indignantly denies all charges against his crew, saying that despite the evidence to the contrary his ship has nothing to do with the Founders and that the name of his ship is not a code for the Dominion.

HAPPY
CHRISTMAS



To the crew of Starbase 24 and
the Starship Obready