MAIN COMPUTER

Newsletter of the INTERNATIONAL SPACE:1999 ALLIANCE Volume 3 Number 7

Helena Russell will be 21 years old on Aug. 5th, and Maya's day is Aug. 27th.

The Presidents Speak

John, I, the Section Reps and con committee wish to say a very heartfelt thank-you to all who stayed with and supported the Alliance, its newsletter and convention. The organization is everyone--all 300 of us. Not an enormous group, but still a very good number. Like a large, cooperative family, we feel we know each and every one of you (even if we've never met!). Numerous friendships, even marriages, have resulted from strangers having been brought together through 1999 fandom and all its clubs. We hope you will all choose to stay with the "family", and renew your memberships in September, so as not to miss the October issue of *Main Computer*, the first issue of Volume Four.

Many changes are planned for the newsletter, many new things tried that there just wasn't time for when John and I had convention plans to work on also. Convention planning will hopefully pass on to someone else or another willing group. (The position is currently open; we're looking for volunteers to hold small gatherings or a convention....) The Georgia Delegation has done a tremendous job with the Atlanta con organization. Con '81 is really more their con than anyone else's. John and I have helped coordinate and obtain guests, but they have done the countless tasks so necessary in holding an event of this nature. They richly deserve the credit for what has been done for this year's con.

Changes planned for *Main Computer* include: a reduction in print size to allow more material to be presented within the same number of pages; fan art and fan fiction, of which contributions will be accepted starting August 15th (send to Marty Siegrist, 1200 Pulaski, Lansing, MI 48910); interviews with 1999 cast and crew, as well as other folks prominent in media SF; more Alliance member profiles; original and thought-provoking reviews to complement the "Star Scanning" segments; reports from overseas members on how 1999 and other media SF have reached them from other countries, or originated in theirs. Suggestions and comments on these proposed changes, or other possible ones, are welcome. As indicated above, send all Good Stuff for the newsletter to Marty.

Hope many of you will again join up in the Alliance family for its fifth year. It's had its ups and downs, but the future still looks promising. Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer (or winter) wherever you are, until next fall (or spring)..."we are all aliens until we get to know one another."

Kathy and John Von Kamp,
Co-Presidents

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LANDAUS ON "GILLIGAN'S ISLAND"???

Many were surprised that Martin Landau and Barbara Bain agreed to play arch-villains in NBC's *Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island*. When this attitude is mentioned, Martin just says, "You just can't do things to please the critics." He admits that their agreeing to do the roles was "kind of a surprise to us as well. Producer Sherwood Schwartz sent us the script, it looked a little bizarre, we read it and we laughed. And

when our eyes became uncrossed we decided to do it. It's just the sort of thing we'd never be cast in." The network powers-that-be have already asked if the Landaus would be willing to reprise the roles, should more "Gilligan" movies be made, but Martin and Barbara remain noncommittal. Says Martin: "It really is very premature. I wouldn't want to say anything about it."

MAYA A REAL-LIFE BARONESS

Catherine Schell's full family title is Baroness Catherine Schell von Bauschlott Nagiroya. Born in Hungary thirty-four years ago, she married actor William Marlow in 1968, but they separated six years later and are now divorced. She's now living with television director Bill Hays in Fulham, London, and is currently starring on British TV in *Spoils of War*. In that series, she plays a character named Paula Brandt, the sister of Blake Hayward's East German girlfriend.

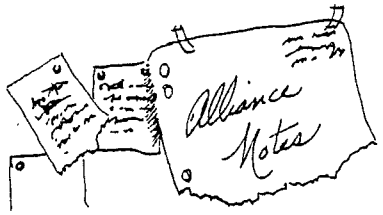
TONY ANHOLT ASKS THE QUESTION

"What Are You Doing Tonight?" is the name of the play Tony Anholt was starring in earlier this year at Windsor. An Alliance member who was lucky enough to be able to see the play reports that it's "about a happily married couple, Bob Winnick (Tony) and Liz Winnick (Paula Wilcox). Everything is fine until Liz asks Bob whom he would marry if she died. After some argument, he says he'd marry Mary Bratten (Carol Cleveland), who lives next door. Inevitably the trouble starts and Liz and Mary's husband, Fred (Don Fellow), wrongly assume that Bob and Mary are having an affair. It is an American comedy by William Walden. Naturally I thought Tony was fantastic and I think all four actors played their part very well. Tony speaking in an American accent would I'm sure have fooled even Americans into believing he was American. I met Tony afterwards and my admiration has since increased. He was lovely. (You've heard of Cloud Nine, well if there's a Cloud Ten, I sure was on it!)"--*review written by Clare Deere, of England.*

....*SPOTTED:* MARK HAMILL *in THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT OUT IN GEORGIA*....DAVID TOMBLIN *(director of several episodes of SPACE:1999) is First Assistant Director of RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK*....LEIGH LAWSON *(Zarl, "One Moment of Humanity") in Part 6 of THE DUCHESS OF DUKE STREET*....JULIAN GLOVER *(Jarak, "Alpha Child") can be caught in the latest James Bond flick, FOR YOUR EYES ONLY*....Variety *reports that* SYLVIA ANDERSON *is working with a Canadian group to produce LAST OF THE MOHICANS*....

(Info for this issue's "Star Scanning" from: BECKY EISENHUTH, of CA; SCR--oops, TOD. ELLSWORTH, Portsmouth, OH; MARTIN EAST, of Great Britain; MARE FITZGERALD, of McMurray, PA; PHIL HANFT, of Hatboro, PA; and of course, CLARE DEERE, of Great Britain.)

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NEW SUBSCRIPTION POLICY FOR MC: If there's an "X" on your mailing label and/or in the box under the return address on your MC, then it's time to renew. Since postage and printing costs continue to rise, dues are $6.00 for U.S. and Canada and $10.00 for overseas (U.S. funds only). Bank checks or bank money orders made payable through a U.S. bank should be made out to the International Space:1999 Alliance, and mailed to 86 First St., New London, OH 44851 (U.S.A.). Hlaf-year rates are also available. They are: $3.00 for the U.S. and Canada, and $5.00 for overseas. Half-year membership entitles you to receive four of the seven issues (Oct., Dec., Feb, Apr., May, June and July) of MC which come out each year. Dues must be received by September 1st in order to receive the October issue of MC.

STARLOG CONTEST: Starlog #48 (July, '81) offers a contest, prizes for which include several SPACE:1999/ITC promotional books, for Year One and Year Two. These are usually only to be seen at conventions, at dealers' tables or at auction, where they are often sold for as much as $100.00.

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SPACE:1999 CONVENTION '81 -- AUGUST 7-9, 1981

in ATLANTA, GEORGIA

GUESTS (TO DATE) ARE:

GERRY ANDERSON, BARRY GRAY, ZIENIA MERTON, SUZANNE ROQUETTE and *JOHN HUG*. We've had no word from the Landaus yet, but that's not unusual. They never give a definite answer until a week or so before the con. Our hope is that one or both can come as a surprise guest, as in 1978.

AUCTION UPDATE:

Mary Tchir reports that one of the items up for auction will be a queen-size SPACE: 1999 quilt, handmade, with original Stars' autographs, and patches and logos from the show. This to be sold at the auction along with one of each various stars autographed pillows, with appropriate patch or logo. Bring your money! All proceeds from the quilt go to the Charity Auction. Also, Dave Hirsch has sent along some promotional posters of STINGRAY, UFO and THUNDERBIRDS movies-from-episodes for the auction. And please note, this year the auction will be held in two sessions, one Saturday and one Sunday. Double the fun, folks!

CONVENTION OPENS FRIDAY AT 10:00am, RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:00pm:

The dealers' room, art show, films and game room will be open on Friday at various times, and generally will be open throughout the convention. Films will run quite late each night, and start at 9:00 or 10:00 in the mornings. As has been stated earlier, the charity auction will be held on both Saturday afternoon (late) and Sunday afternoon (early).

THE BANQUET:

Unlike previous years, this year's banquet will be held on Friday, from 7:30-9:30pm. There are still plenty of banquet tickets available, and members are encouraged to sign up for this event. You can have a friendly, relaxed dinner with fellow congoers, and with the convention guests, and by so doing, you help provide the funds needed to bring those guests to the convention.

POSTCON REPORTS:

These will not be available for sale after the convention. Only enough will be printed for convention members, so if you'd like a copy, be sure and send in for your con membership soon. (See previous Convention Updates for prices.)

HOTEL SUITE RATES:

The cost of suites is $125/night for a one-bedroom, and $150/night for two bedrooms; not $100 to $125 as previously listed.

RIDERS NEEDED:

Carla Moore, 1325 Amherst Rd., Springfield, OH 45504, is driving to Atlanta, but needs riders to share gas expenses. She's leaving at 3:00am Friday and arriving in Atlanta Friday afternoon of the con. She's returning on Monday after breakfast. Please write (and include SASE) or call her at (513) 390-1841 if interested.

CON ADDRESSES:

For ticket info and to order, write Space:1999 Alliance HQ, 86 First St., New London, OH 44851. See previous Con Updates for committee addresses such as Costume Competition, Art Show, Games, Film Room, Film Competition, etc.

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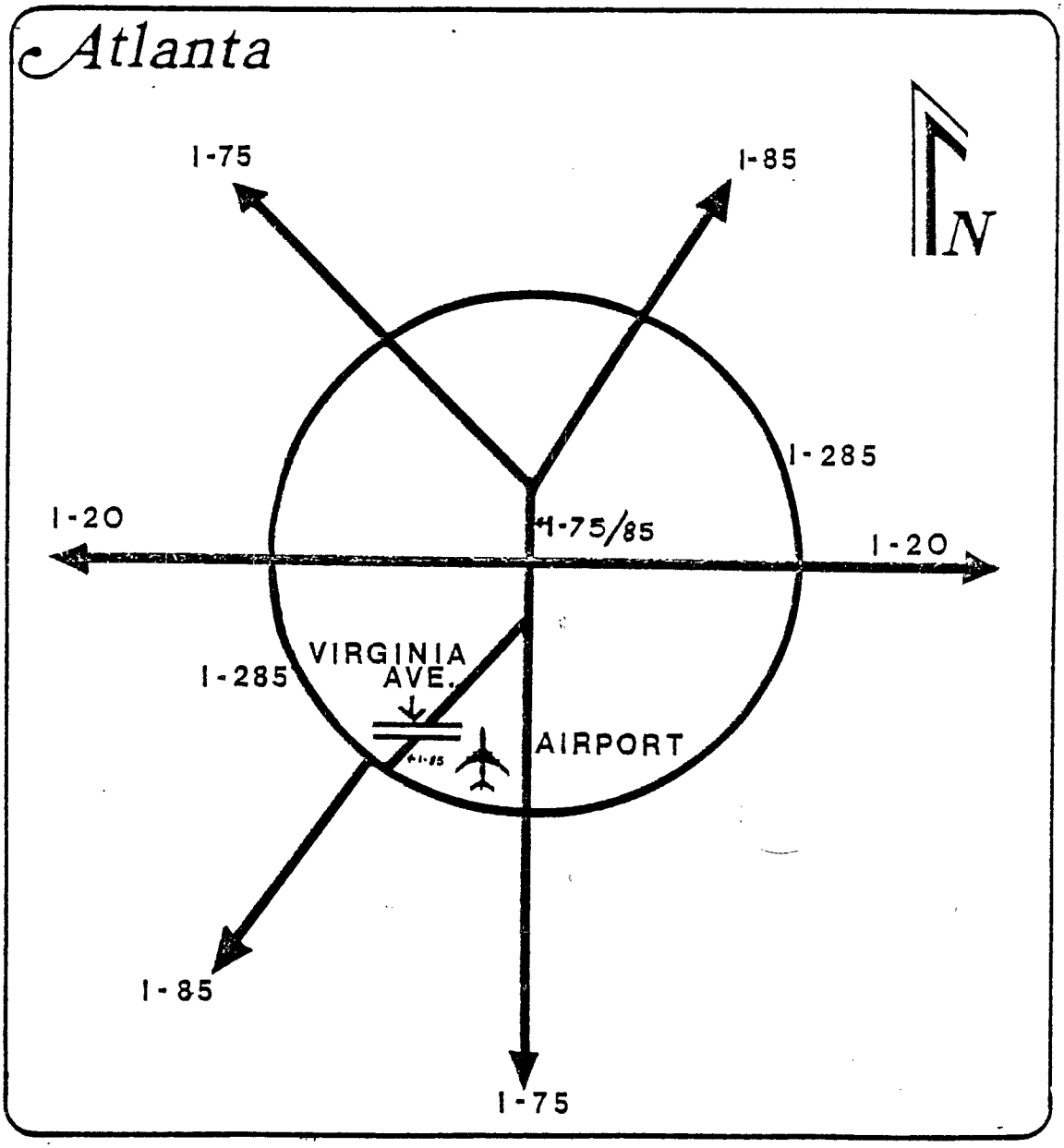
There is NO ~~R~~/~~I~~/~~O~~/~~O~~ Looney Run this year, sez Tod.

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YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE (OR THERE)....

(The following directions are courtesy of Juanita Cunningham, of Warner Robins, GA.)

You will find that it is fairly easy to get to, as it is visible from the I-85 freeway From any direction, the easiest route to the hotel is to take the I-285 Atlanta bypass until reaching the I-85 North exit near the airport. Follow I-85 north to the Virginia Avenue exit. Turn left on Virginia Avenue. The Atlanta Airport Sheraton will be almost immediately on your right.



CO-PRESIDENT JOHN VON KAMP WRITES:

"Here we are one month before the con. Things are flowing smoothly toward what we hope will be a most enjoyable weekend. Our dealers room may be one of the best we've ever had. The film schedule is packed to the limit. We'll have 12 episodes each from 1999 years 1 and 2; selected episodes from other Gerry Anderson shows such as THUNDERBIRDS and STINGRAY and UFO; OUTER LIMITS episodes, including two with Martin Landau and one with Barry Morse; and some great SF movies. The con schedule is packed with lots of great activities.

"Hope to see you all at the con!"

ALLIANCE MERCHANDISE ORDERS: All orders that were received after July 12th at Alliance HQ will be filled in late August, after the presidents have recovered from Con '81. Aforesaid presidents would also like members who've had problems with their photo/merchandise/con ticket orders to send a SASE and a short note describing the problem, so they can get things straightened out.

SPACE:1999 LIVES!: Becky Eisenhuth reports that members around the Los Angeles area can now catch 1999 at 4:00pm weekdays on channel 5. Karen Domain of Maryland says 1999 is now shown on WDCA, Channel 20 in Washington, D.C. (They're now showing Year One! And J. Mittler of Palos Hills, IL says WGN-Channel 9 of Chicago, which was showing 1999 sporadically at 3:00am, is now deciding whether to continue it or not. The address for the station is: WGN-Channel 9, c/o Mr. Harry Trigg--Film Dept., 2501 Bradly Place, Chicago, IL 60618. Please send letters of encouragement to these stations.

THE ENVELOPE PLEASE: During any Alliance year, each Section Rep has enthusiastic members in their section who go out of their way to help out. These members send for flyers to distribute, inquire about area fans, or serve other invaluable roles in section events and projects. The Co-Presidents and Reps are very grateful for their special efforts, and wish to honor these ever-active individuals before the entire membership. Each Rep is asked to send the names of their most active members of this year to Alliance HQ as soon as possible. Your list can include up to three names. If the honored member is unable to accept the award at Con, it will be sent to them afterward. Thanks, gang--we couldn't have had such a productive year without your support!

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FAN CLUBS 'N PUBS

BRITISH NICK TATE CLUB--send two IRC's for info to Eileen Skidmore and Phyl Proctor, 69 Francis Rd., Acock's Green, Birmingham, B27 6LT, ENGLAND.

PRENTIS HANCOCK FANCLUB--Citations for Best Newsletter(Sept. and Dec., '80); Special Achievement for layout and design (Sept. '80) from International Fan Club Assn. See what all the excitement's about. Write c/o Mare Fitzgerald, 123 Fawn Valley Dr., McMurray, PA 15317.

ALPHA NEWS SERVICE--newszine. SASE to Alpha News Service, 160 W. Foster St., Melrose, MA 02176.

THOM CHRISTOPHER FAN CLUB--"Hawk" from Buck Rogers, 917 North Wayne St., Apt. 302, Arlington, VA 22201. Hawk/Lucky Buck material (fiction, articles, art) accepted by club for possible entry in newsletter or yearbook. Send submissions with sufficient return postage to TCFC/Publications, 900 Leweston Rd., Rockville, MD 20852.

ALPHA NEWSLETTER--c/o Steve Eramo, 5 Kimball Dr., Stoneham, MA 02180.

IS:1999 ALLIANCE/NORTHWEST CONFERENCE--Reconnaissance newsletter. SASE to Tony L. Wynn, 1660 Lorane Hwy., Eugene, OR 97405.

SPRINGFIELD SPACE:1999 CLUB--c/o Chris Landry, 12 Maplewood Terrace, Springfield, MA 01103.

SHADO*USECC--UFO club. Dues $7.00/year. C/o Jim Main, 121 Railroad St., New Milford, CT 06776.

INTERNATIONAL MARTIN LANDAU-BARBARA BAIN FAN ASSOCIATION--For info, send SASE to Debbie Phares, 1780 Ednamary Way, Apt. E, Mountain View, CA 94040.

MAIN MISSION ALPHA--c/o Mary Bloemker, 5 Lamson St., East Boston, MA 01108.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF FAN CLUBS--dues $2.00/year. Will be holding a convention Nov. 14-15, 1981. Write to the Association at Rt. 1 Box 208D, Cordova, MD 21615.

PERIPATETIC TWO--zine w/emphasis on 1999, due out at the end of July. To reserve a copy, send $3.00 and SASE to George Eichler, 1088 E. 43rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11210.

NEW CHICAGO TRIBUNE--Buck Rogers and 1999. C/o Darryl Riley, 613 Garrard St., Covington, KY 41011.

CATACOMB ECHOES--1999 zine, available Sept. '81. C/o Mark Robertson, 9421 Sagefield Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70811.

ALPHA QUARTERLY #1--SASE to Daniel J. Pallotta, P.O. Box 11123, Cleveland, OH 44111.

MERCHANDISE (AND MORE)....

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 1999 books, mags, cards, buttons, records; British mags; Sci-Fi, with 1999, ST, DW articles. Will be at con, but not at a booth. Write ahead and reserve. Tracy Fretwell, 2701 E. 88 Apt. 646, Tulsa, OK 74136.

PLASTIC MODEL KITS: I deal in SF and the unusual. Send SASE for list to John Green, 1872 Carol, Fullerton, CA 91633.

WANTED: Address of A-1 Record Finding Co. Interested in singer Cliff Richard material. Sandra Sprecker, Box 111, Battleford, Sask., CANADA S0M 0E0.

FOR SALE: Buttons, stationery, scripts, tapes and more. Send large SASE to Sue Cole, 2710 Rohlwing Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

FANDOM DIRECTORY: Fan and dealer directory for 1999, SW, ST, comix, more. $7.95, postage paid. Alliance HQ, 86 First St., New London, OH 44851.

LODESTAR--#2 now out, 92 pages, $4.72. #1 still available, 105 pages, $5.62. C/o Gail Zehner, 889 Maple Lane, Meadville, PA 16335.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE EPISODE GUIDE--with photos, seasons 1-3. C/o Terry S. Bowers, 603 N. Clark St., River Falls, WI 54022.

PRE-CON AUCTION! Help buy a guest's airline ticket. Pillows featuring original Star autographs. One each: Nick Tate, Zienia Merton, Prentis Hancock. 13"x13". Taking SEPARATE bids on each pillow. SASE w/each bid, please, to Mary Tchir, 1101 S.E. 184th, Portland, OR 97233. Deadline July 29th. Minimum Bid $10.00.

FOR SALE: Complete set of 17 1st & 2nd season 1999 books, incl. THE MAKING OF SPACE:1999. Brand new, excellent condition. $65.00, postage paid (foreign buyers should add $15.00 for shipping). First come, first served--duplicate orders will be returned. Also 1977 SPACE:1999 calendar, published by Warner Books, in excellent condition. Rare value. Glossy cover, w/color photos from 1st and 2nd seasons. $50.00, postage paid, or best offer. Eric A. Stillwell, P.O. Box 10221, Eugene, OR 97440.

7TH ATLANTA COMICS & FANTASY FAIR--Atlanta, GA, July 24-26, 1981. Write to Marilyn White, 1[illegible]-D Briarwood Rd., Atlanta, GA 30319.

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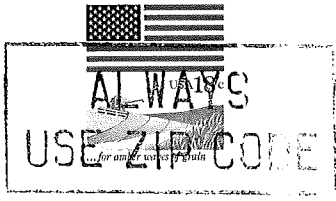
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