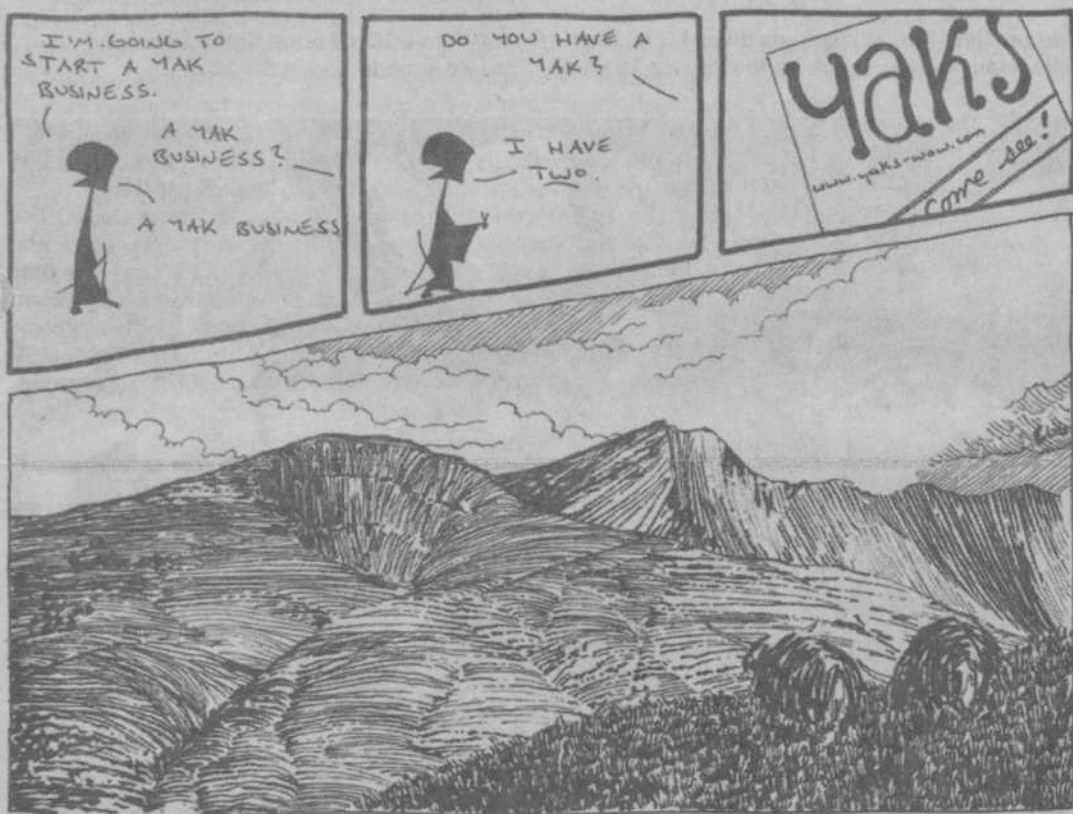


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"So, apparently, wrestling isn't the only thing you fake."

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Charity drives 'Star Trek' on the Web

BY BEN TINSLEY
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Techies and Trekkies for a good cause?

A strange partnership of the two subcultures have banded together to raise money for the families of astronauts who died in the space shuttle Columbia tragedy. They've put together an Internet version of "Star Trek," picking up where the original series left off.

Sounds like Trekkie heaven. But there's a catch: The Net series features an entirely different cast. Dr. McCoy is portrayed by a urologist from Oregon, and Capt. James T. Kirk works during the day as Elvis at an amusement park.

James Cawley, who plays Kirk, also is an executive producer. He said it will work because the time has come for fans to accept Kirk, Spock and McCoy as classic characters who can be portrayed by more than one person.

"I love William Shatner. I think he is absolutely the best, but I think the character of Capt. Kirk is like James Bond or Batman or Superman," Cawley said. "You get a good actor, and they can also play the part."

NASA was somewhat circumspect about the project, titled "New Voyages," but Gareth

Conway, media liaison for the nonprofit Space Shuttle Children's Trust Fund, said it will be a wonderful tribute to the memory of the seven astronauts killed during Columbia's disintegration over East Texas last February.

"Certainly, the vision of Gene Roddenberry in the 'Star Trek' series is tantamount to what many believe the explorations of the heavens might be," Conway said.

Even Shatner had something nice to say. He praised the project in a statement issued by publicist Robin Guido.

"I think it's a wonderful thing for the fans of a science-fiction space show to give real money to real people in a loving desire to help," Shatner said.

"New Voyages" focuses on the continuing voyages of Kirk and crew in the 1966-1969 "Star Trek" television series, which was canceled after its third season — the same year the first astronaut walked on the moon.

The series is being restarted as if it were in the fourth year of the original five-year mission.

The actors and producers, working for free, hope to raise at least \$250,000 to donate to the Space Shuttle Children's Trust Fund on Sept. 8, the 38th anniversary of the first episode of "Star Trek."

But episodes are free to anyone who can download them onto a computer, says Jack Marshall, an executive producer and series director of "New Voyages." Filming — most of which takes place in upstate New York — will be spaced throughout the year.

The show is produced by Cow Creek Films, Marshall's Maryland-based nonprofit corporation, which partners charity organizations with art projects.

Cow Creek has produced features such as the "Dare To Dream Project," a documentary of the revitalization of a poor, failing community in the Washington, D.C., area.

Cawley, who also is production designer, has spent many years and at least \$100,000 collecting the original "Star Trek" set pieces, props and costumes that are being used on the show.

In his day job, he plays Elvis at Six Flags Great Escape-Splashwater Kingdom in upstate New York.

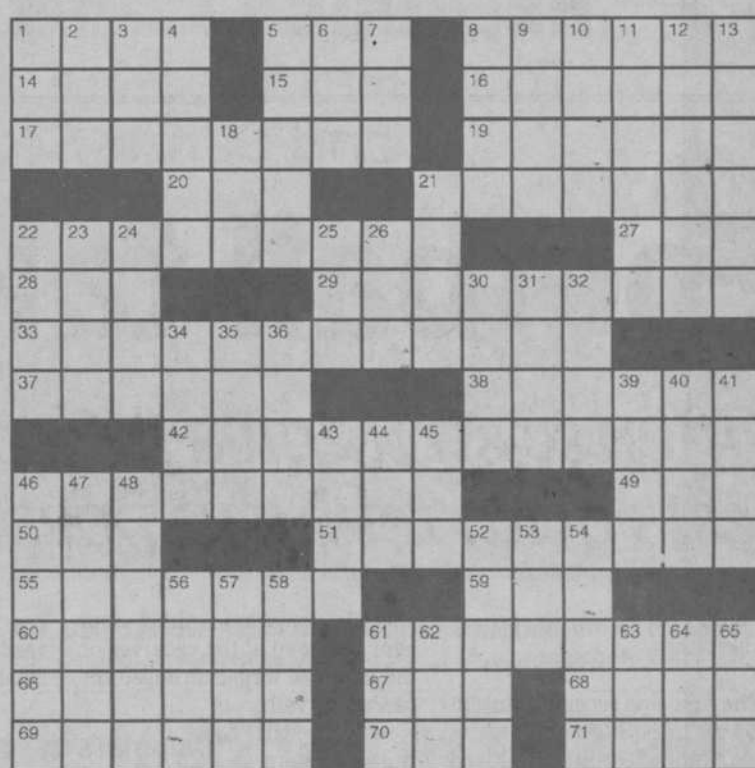
John Kelley, an Oregon-based urologist who plays Bones McCoy and writes for the show, said episodes will challenge fans with interesting, thought-provoking story lines.

Paramount Television, which owns the "Star Trek" franchise, didn't have a comment on the site, publicist Rachel Fox said.

Crossword

- ACROSS
 1 Most desirable
 5 Handle clumsily
 8 Soprano Maria
 14 Beehive State
 15 Chapel vow
 16 Save your ___!
 17 "Mean Streets" director
 19 Make beloved
 20 Horse morsel
 21 Camp-stove fuel
 22 Hard-bop jazz drummer
 27 Buttons of films
 28 "Road to ___"
 29 17th-century French dances
 33 Office breathers
 37 Washington portraitist
 38 Chicago singer Peter
 42 Performs spin-doctoring
 46 Thomas Arne song, "Rule ___"
 49 Have dinner
 50 Operate
 51 Ben Franklin's sayings
 55 "The Spectator" co-founder
 59 Brooch
 60 Streaked, like blue cheese
 61 Unique person
 66 On cloud nine
 67 Harem room
 68 Matter of regret
 69 Ecclesiastical councils
 70 Lah-di-___
 71 Certain feds

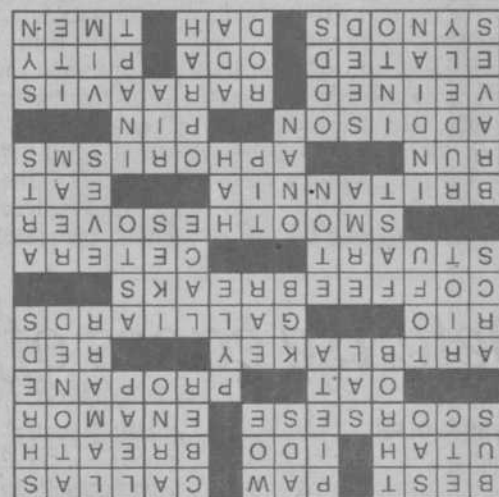
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 1 Public vehicle
 2 & more
 3 ___ Paulo
 4 Pulsate
 5 Michelangelo masterpiece
 6 Want ___
 7 Sadness
 8 Person with a handle?
 9 River of Pisa
 10 Hurdle
 11 "Ecstasy" star



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Solutions



- 48 Bombay man
 52 Ms. Winfrey
 53 Narrow inlet
 54 Not the right thing to say
 56 Keen on
 57 Future plant
 58 ___ and ends
 61 Fishing pole
 62 Clare of "Bleak House"
 63 Energy
 64 Resident's suffix
 65 Equivalent wd.

Horoscopes

ARIES You're like a laser beam when you get on track. A door that was closed will burst open through the sheer force of your enthusiasm.

TAURUS Your nerves may be just about shot, but don't give up. The worst is over. Well, almost. Don't ask for any big favors quite yet.

GEMINI Start winding down the operation, and don't overshoot your mark. Your energy level is diminishing, and there are complications ahead. Proceed with caution.

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CANCER The good news: The most difficult part of this testing phase is almost over. The bad news: You may discover that a benefit you

thought you'd win was all in your imagination. Don't worry; there'll be others.

LEO You're greatly expanding your awareness. Use what you're learning to become a better leader. You may have to take charge soon.

VIRGO Deep breaths in through the nose and out the mouth will help. Meditate on green rolling hills and the time you can spend there.

LIBRA Once you and your partner have made the commitment, the interesting part begins. You'll get to figure out how much you can spend and on what, where and when. It'll be fun.

SCORPIO Just when you're feeling swamped, somebody will come to your rescue. This is a person you've helped in the past.

SAGITTARIUS Once you've made the commitment to

someone you love, the work will be much easier. There'll still be some tough parts, of course, but you know it's for a good reason.

CAPRICORN For the past few days, it may have felt as if you were being dragged down. You were, actually, but you didn't sink, and now you'll emerge more loveable. You'll see.

AQUARIUS Loved ones may worry that you're spending too much time with your nose stuck in books, but the one who really matters understands. He or she may be in there with you, figuratively speaking.

PISCES Conditions are changing dramatically as you enter a studious phase. You'll find that you can concentrate more easily over the next few weeks, starting now.

CALENDAR

Monday

"TAKING SIDES": 7 and 9:15 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
MARY PRANKSTER WITH THE TALK, THE MAGAZINES: 9 p.m. New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St. \$5.

Tuesday

USC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: 7:30 p.m. Koger Center, \$18 for public, \$8 students.
THEATRE SOUTH CAROLINA PRESENTS "LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST": 8 p.m. Drayton Hall. \$14 general public, \$12 faculty/staff/seniors, \$10 students.
"MYSTIC RIVER": 8 p.m. Russell House Theater.
THE SERIES WITH FOCUS, B-SPOT VS. FONZ-Z, TAKITUS, KEANE, MC DOT: 9 p.m. New Brookland Tavern, \$3.
"TAKING SIDES": 7 and 9:15 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre.



Tuesday, 8 p.m. Russell House Theater.