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* A Letter From Your Editor:

* Thanks to everyone who voted in
* "Your Favorite Space:1999 Episode",
* the votes have been tallied and the
* results are below. Also, thanks to
* Alpha member Mary Bloemker, for
* suggesting the idea of a cast list.
* Unfortunately, Barry Morse has been
* dropped from the cast, but the second
* season promises to be better than the
* first, as you will see later in the
* issue. Also Alpha member Lee Pappas
* informs me that there's a 99.99%
* chance of a third season. Let's hear
* it for Space:1999!! Hope you all
* like Alpha Three!

Best to all;
Stephen

Your Favorite Space:1999 Episode

Breakaway - First Place
Earthbound - Second Place
The Full Circle - Third Place
Collision Course - Fourth Place
The Last Sunset - Fifth Place

The Infernal Machine - Eleventh Place
Dragon's Domain - Twelfth Place
Death's Other Domain - Thirteenth Place
War Games - Fourteenth Place
Guardian of Piri - Fifteenth Place

Alpha Child - Sixth Place
Force Of Life - Seventh Place
Voyager's Return - Eighth Place
End of Eternity - Ninth Place
Black Sun - Tenth Place

Testament of Arkadia - Sixteenth Place
The Last Enemy - Seventeenth Place
Space Brain - Eighteenth Place
Ring Around The Moon - Nineteenth Place
Another Time, Another Place - Twentieth Place

Matter of Life and Death - Twenty First Place
Missing Link - Twenty Second Place
The Troubled Spirit - Twenty Third Place
Mission of the Darrians

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters

Below are address on where to write to your favorite Space:1999 Actor. Write today!!
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SPACE:1999 CAST LIST

MARTIN LANDAU (COMMANDER JOHN KOENIG): MARTIN PLAYS THE STRONG-WILLED COMMANDER OF MOONBASE ALPHA.MARTIN GIVES HIS CHARACTER STRENGTH,COMPASSION,INTELLIGENCE,WIT AND WISDOM.ALL TOGETHER MR.LANDAU PLAYS HIS PART EXCELLENTLY.

BARBARA BAIN (DOCTOR HELENA RUSSELL): AS WE CAN SEE,THE SPACE COMMISSION OF 1999 CAN'T BE ALL CHAUVANISTIC,THEY PUT BARBARA IN CHARGE OF THE MEDICAL CENTER.BARBARA PLAYS THE PART OF DOCTOR HELENA RUSSELL.I LIKE THE FACT THAT THEY WRITE HER INTO MANY OF THE SCENES INSTEAD OF PUSHING HER TO ONE SIDE,CONSIDERING HER JUST A "WOMAN DOCTOR".

BARRY MORSE (PROFESSEUR VICTOR BERGMAN): BARRY PLAYS THE SCIENTIST VICTOR BERGMAN.ON ALMOST EVERY EPISODE YOU CAN SEE HIM SAVE ALPHA FROM SOME SOACE BEING.HE HAS CREATED EVERYTHING FROM FORCE-FIELDS TO NEW FOOD CONCENTRATES. *

PRENTIS HANCOCK (CONTROLLER PAUL MORROW): PRENTIS PLAYS THE ENGLISH MAIN MISSION CONTROLLER PAUL MORROW.HE IS ONE OF THE PEOPLE THE COMMANDER WOULD GO TO FOR ADVICE ON A CERTIAN SITUATION.HE ALSO HAS A ROMACE GOING WITH ANOTHER MAIN MISSION STAFFER,SANDRA BENES.THIS ROMANCE SEEMS MOST APPARENT IN THE TWO EPISODES,THE FULL CIRCLE AND THE LAST SUNSET. *

ZIENA MERTON (CONTROLLER SANDRA BENES): ZIENIA ALSO PLAYS AN ENGLISH MAIN MISSION STAFFER,SANDRA BENES.HER AND PAUL MORROW (PRENTIS HANCOCK) ARE DEEPLY IN LOVE,THEY HAVE DEVELOPED HER CHARACTER MORE SINCE THE FIRST EPISODE,BREAKAWAY.ZIENIA HAS HAD SOME IMPORTANT PARTS IN THESE EPISODES,BLACK SUN,FULL CIRCLE,MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH,THE MISSING LINK,AND THE LAST SUNSET.

NICK TATE (CAPTIAN ALAN CARTER): NICK PLAYS THE EAGLE CAPTIAN,ALAN CARTER.YOU CAN ALSO SEE HIM FILLING IN AS A MAIN MISSION STAFFER.NICK ALSO PLAYS HIS CHARACTER WITH STRENGTH,COMPASSION,WIT,WISDOM,AND INTELLIGENCE.NICK ALSO HAS HAD SOME VERY IMPORTANT PARTS,ONE OF WHICH WAS IN THE EPISODE,COLLISION COURSE.MYSELF AND ALL OTHER NICK TATE FANS WERE PROBABLY OUTRAGED WHEN WE SAW HIM KILLED OFF IN,THE MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.BUT WHEN WE SAW HIS FACE ON THE COM-LOCK VIEW SCREEN,WE KNEW EVERYTHING WAS OKAY.MR.TATE,YOU'RE GREAT!

CLIFTON JONES (TECHNITION DAVID KANO): CLIFTON PLAYS THE COMPUTER TECHNITION DAVID KANO.HE HAS A SORT OF LOVE/HATE AFFAIR WITH THE COMPWTER.THE FACT IS,HE TREATS IT LIKE A HUMAN BEING,HE TALKS TO IT AND BABIES IT.YOU CAN REMEMBER CLIFTON WELL IN THE EPISODE,GUARDIA OF PIRI.

ANTON PHILLIPS(DOCTOR ROBERT MATHIAS): ANTON PLAYS BARBARA BAIN'S ASSISTENT,BOB MATHIAS.ANTON'S PART HAS ALSO BEEN IMPROVED.HIS CHARACTER,BESIDES GETTING MORE TO DO,HAS GOTTEN SOME PUMPS AND BRUISES,AS WE SEE IN THE MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH HE GETS THROWN ACROSS THE ROOM BY LEE RUSSELL (RICHARD JOHNSON) AND GETS HIT WITH A BOLT OF ANTI-MATTER LIGHTNING.



*NO LONGER ON THE SHOW

Space:1999 has been seen, here in the Boston area on WCVB T.V. Channel Five at 3:30, Sunday afternoons. When Space:1999 was first premired, I was one of those people who said it would never last and it was terrible, compared to Star Trek. Look what happened, I love the show and I run a Space:1999 club. I suppose alot of people thought like I did when they first watched Space:1999, you can't watch one episode and dismiss it as "trash", you have to watch several episodes to get the full impact of the show. Two things hit me as wonderful, when I became a Space:1999 fan, one, they were completly on their own, they didn't have any Earth bases to depend on, and no reienforcements to help them if they were in trouble, they had to decide things on their own, and they did a pretty good job of it. Second, was the special effects. I started watching it on a b/w T.V. because the rest of the family wanted to watch their programs in color, I finally "liberated" myself to the living room and discovered the special effects in color, they were fantastic! The planets, the space-ships, and especially the moonbase, they were out-of-this-world! (to coin a phrase)

I have alot of other favorite episodes besides Full Circle, the one that sticks out in my mind the most is Collision Course, I had three reasons for liking this. One, the story plot was fantastic, a race of beings being able to convert matter and to stop a collision with the moon. Second, Margret Leighton played here part beautifully, she gave her character boldness and strenght as well as compassion and kindness. (sources tell me this was her final part before her death). Third, Nick (Alan Carter) Tate was fantastic in this episode, he had a very important part in this particular show, and as all of you know from past issues, Nick Tate is my favorite '1999 actor.

Well, kow to the review of Full Circle, after all, what's this article about anyway. The episode starts out on the planet Retha, where a landing party mysteriously disappears. Commander Koenig (Martin Landau) takes another party down to the planet to search for his missing comrades. One by one each member of the landing party disappears, until all that are left are Alan Carter (Nick Tate) and Sandra Benes (Zienia Merton). The missing people were caught in a time warp that turned them into Cro-magnon men. The time warp effect was handled beautifully, they didn't walk into a machine or anything, a mist slowly covered and changed them. In this state, they have no recollection of who they were, or on Alpha, or their friends, this adds to the story, in this asmatic state they take Sandra captive. Alan Carter was met by Proffeseur Bergman (Barry Morse) and Dave Kano (Clifton Jones) when he returned to the Eagle, they informed him of Sandra's disappearance, but they could do nothing till morning. Meanwhile, Sandra has escape the cavemen by knocking out the Cro-magnon image of Commander Koenig and running into the night, but she soon fell into unconsciousness in the woods. This was a bad thing to do since the cave woman (Barbara Bain) sent out a "gang" to capture their leaders attacker. Carter, Bergman, and Kano finally come to the caves where they find the cavepeople. One of the cavemen ran out and Bergman and Kano gave chase, while Carter searched the cave for Sandra. When they caught up to him, it was not a caveman they found, but Commander Koenig. They took him back to Alpha where he discovered one of the dead cavemen was actually an Alpha, he had to get to the planet and find the others before Carter did. They found them the same time Carter did, they rescued Sandra and backed out of the cave. Once out Koenig and Bergman forced the cavepeople thru the mist, which reverted them back to Alphans, Dr. Russell and the others of the reconecense team. Back on Alpha, no one had any recollection of what happened all the information they got was from Sandra's experience. They all wondered if reverting back to 5,000 years ago, changed their basic emotional responses and instinics. Commander Koeing's last line to Victor Bergman was, "I'll let you know in 5,000 years"



The biggest hit of the new TV season is a show that all three major networks turned down, and its success has been so phenomenal that the brass at CBS, NBC, and ABC may well see some heads rolling in the not-too-distant future.

Space:1999, a sci-fi opus starring Martin Landau and Barbara Bain, was finally picked up by ITC and syndicated across the country. Usually, syndication means non-prime-time airing on secondary channels, but the popularity of Space:1999 has been so strong and so instantaneous that, to the chagrin of the networks, some of the local affiliates have been bumping the regular network fare in order to show Space during prime-time. In New York, the show drew an unprecedented 36% share of the audience, even against Walt Disney, the perennial Sunday night favorite.

The Landaus, back together for the first time since their highly successful series Mission: Impossible, were behind the show from the beginning. "We were very involved with script conferences, meetings with writers, directors, and special effects people. Working on the show is a lot of fun," says Martin. "Our crew was splendid, and the cast was great".

But even under these idyllic conditions, it wasn't all fun and games. The Landaus have received a couple of bumps and bruises in the line of duty. Martin describes an unusual problem while filming on the set of an imaginary planet. "We needed snow for a scene, so the effects crew created a new kind of snow made from detergent. It gave all the actors in the scene dishpan face." And director Charles Chrichton (of Lavendar Hill Mob fame) had some difficulty while filming the "Space Brain" episode. As Martin tells it: "The main mission set had to be filled

with this foam from these enormous machines. Charlie has all the foam he needs to match the last cut, and yells 'Stop the foam' but the machines make a racket and the crew can't hear him so the foam keeps coming. So he walks out into the set and he's gone, vanished, and we're hysterical. When he finally came out of the foam Charlie looked like Frosty the Snowman".

The Landaus love working together and try to do so every chance they get---in fact they spent their honeymoon touring in the national company of Paddy Chayefsky's Middle of the Night. Before turning to acting Barbara was a high fashion model, appearing on the pages of Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, and Mademoiselle. In between modeling agency assignments, she studied modern dance with the legendary Martha Graham. Martin studied fine arts at New York's Pratt Institute, and the Art Students League, before landing a position as a staff artist on the New York Daily News. Dissatisfied with their respective careers, Martin and Barbara turned to acting. They met in Curt Conway's acting class and were married soon after. It wasn't until Mission: Impossible that the Landaus got their chance to act together again. Barbara is the only actress to have won three emmys in a row in the dramatic field since the inception of the television Academy. With the certified success of their new venture, who says the Landau's can't do it again.

STEPHEN MITCHELL

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SPACE:1999's SECOND SEASON

Space:1999 has made some rather drastic changes in the second season, below are a list of some of the changes.

Fred Freiberger, from Star Trek fame is the new producer-writer.

Barry Morse leaves the second season-in the the first episode, already filmed last January, his atomic heart fails. (Forget about saving Barry, folks!)

Catherine Schell-who played the Guardian in The Guardian Of Piri will play a semi-Spock type character with the ability to change he molecular stucture at will.

The budget is now increased from \$6,500,000 to \$7,200,000.

There is now supposed to be new music and "spectacular new special effects."

There will be a new Eagle with larger boosters.

The costumes will be of a bigger variety; women wearing skirts occasionally, etc.

Main Mission will be underground for better security and will be drak with "blinking lights" in the background to give it a busy atmosphere

The base will possibly be equipt with Mark 9 Hawks.

The acting will supposedly be improved.

They will have a limited amount of control over the moons course.

Besides the old Lasers, new ones will be introduced.

A new type of land rover may be used.

Info obtained from Pat Kelley, Lee Pappas and Mary Hartery.



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Find the hidden words
 by reading across, up
 and down, upside down
 or reversed.

Martin Landau
 Alpha
 Barbara Bain
 Piri
 Eagle
 Barry Morse
 Force Of Life
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 Nick Tate
 Sandra
 Arkadia
 Anton Zoref
 Kaldorians
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 Kano
 Balor

Eva
 Last Sunset
 Alan Carter
 Paul
 John
 Comlock
 Mathias
 Interstellar
 Arra
 Darians
 Earthbound
 Laser
 Prentis Hancock
 Jarak
 Ariel
 Red Alert

 Space;1999 Quickie Quiz

1. How many men and women are stranded on Moonbase Alpha _____
2. Who played the mysterious queen Arra, in "Colision Course" _____
3. Gianni Garko played a guest apperence on '1999. What was the name of the charcter he played and the episode he was in? _____
4. Who plays Dr. Bob Mathias on '1999 _____
5. What was the name of the Bethen gun ship in "The Last Enemy" _____

Answers - 1. 111 2. Margaret Leighton 3. Tony Cellini 4. Anton Phillips 5. Satazins

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SPACE:1999 PRODUCTS

Paperbacks: Two new Space:1999 paperbacks are out. The first one is Lunar Attack, and it contains War Games, Space Brain, The Troubled Sprit, and The Last Enemy. The other book, Astral Quest, contains, Mission of the Darians, Dragon's Domain, The Infernal Machine and The Testament of Arkadia. Each book is \$1.50.

Newspapers: Mönster Times, No.47 / May 1976 contains a large 4-pg article on Star Trek/Space:1999. Article also contains several b/w photos of ST and Space:1999.

Comics: Space:1999 comics are still going strong, No.4 should be out now.

Modles: There is a possibility that M.P.C. might be coming out with a new '1999 model. (It'll either be Moonbase Alpha or a Mark 9 Hawk)

Toys: At your local toy store you can find a matchbox size Eagle for \$.80 and a larger version of the Eagle for \$14.95, with working spring-loading landing gear, detachable module, and opening hatch, it does everything but fly. You can also get a Space:1999 Laser that fires twirlierounders, this runs for \$1.39.

Records: Power Records has put out a Space:1999 record. It contains Breakaway, Deaths Other Domain, and Mission Of The Darians. It sticks to the television dialogue with some excellent sound effects. The cover is fantastic, with scenes from Breakaway, War Games, and Earthbound.

Bubble Gum Cards: These sell for 10¢ a pack with 5 in each pack. Some shots include Alpha, Eagles, and a close up of the comlock. Some of the captions are screwed up because the bubble gum co. picked some of the same pics from different episodes. The ITC press agent had to make it look as if the came from d different shows. Buy them though, they are Great!!!!

Viewmaster: GAF will be coming out with an episode of Space:1999 on viewmaster reels.

Dolls and Stuff: Matel will be coming out with Space:1999 merchandise.

Photos: Preview Photos has added another b/w 8 X 10 of Barbara Bain to their stock.

You can order back issues of Alpha Number One and Alpha Number Two for \$.75 a copy. Send your orders to: Alpha Newsletter Stephen Eramo 5 Kimball Drive Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180

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