



MOVIE RUMORS

Cinema Confidential

The following movie rumors were taken directly from the Cinema Confidential web site (<http://www.cinecon.com/>). Please note that these are only rumors, and may not be true.

A.I.

Status: In Production

Steven Spielberg has officially announced that he will take over what the late Stanley Kubrick started almost 18 years ago. Jude Law and Haley Joel Osment have been added to the cast. The general premise involves several computers taking over the human race in the 21st Century.

Back to the Future 4

Status: Rumored

Doubtful that this one will ever happen but you never know. Recent reports suggested that Ed Solomon (scribe for *Men in Black*) recently finished a draft involving Doc Brown and the Roswell UFO crash. All parties affiliated with the BTTF franchise however are denying the rumors.

Bad Around the World (Bad Boys 2)

Status: In Development

Whether this project will ever get off the ground is up in there air, although Martin Lawrence in a recent interview suggested that the sequel will be made in the near future. Rumors suggest that the storyline would take Will Smith and Martin Lawrence to England where they are to fight against a giant drug lord.

Batman 5

Status: Rumored

Assuming Joel Schumacher is staying on board with the project as director, the story would involve a young Bruce Wayne in his 20's promising revenge against all evil in Gotham City. With the trouble Warner Bros. received regarding *Batman & Robin*, the studio is fairly sketchy about doing another film.

Rumored villains include Scarecrow, Harley Quinn, Clayface, Manbat, and the Ventriloquist. One other possible theory is that they plan on making a big-screen version of the animated series *Batman Beyond*. New Ops Chief, Billy Helms, says that he heard that Kate Mulgrew has signed on to play the part of Harley Quinn, who will revenge the Joker's death.

Die Hard 4

Status: Script Search

Recent rumors suggested that Bruce Willis announced that he has signed back. However, nothing has been confirmed as of yet. Willis has stated that he is through with action films and that if another DH movie were to be made, it would be more of a thriller than action. A script for a couple years now entitled "Tears of the Sun" seems to be the likely choice for Willis, which features detective John McLaine and three other cops getting trapped in the Amazon jungle and find themselves racing for their lives. Another rumor suggested that after *Armageddon*, Willis was pleased with Ben Affleck and wanted him to join him in DH 4.

Doom

Status: Almost Dead

The latest word on the Doom project is that the studios have thrown out the latest draft of the script and currently, no further action has been taken with the project.

Ghostbusters 3

Status: As Good as Dead

While Sony and Columbia pictures are mildly interested in reviving the franchise, Dan Akroyd and Harold Ramis are hard at work with a script, even though nothing official has been announced. Rumors on the net have the story line at the city of New York, threatened by spirits again, seeks the help of a new generation of Ghostbusters who are mentored by the original. Unfortunately, however, Sony didn't smile and has put away all plans for a third film.

Godzilla 2

Status: Rumored

Sony and Centropolis are interested in bringing Godzilla back for a sequel, possibly in Los Angeles, Atlanta, or New York City again. The ending to the first film certainly left room for another.

Hannibal (Morbidity of the Soul?)

Status: In Development

Anthony Hopkins announced that he is interested in reprising his role as Hannibal Lecter in *Hannibal*, based on the novel by Thomas Harris. The novel is the sequel to the classic *The Silence of the Lambs*. Jodie Foster has announced that she will not return as Clarice Sterling but rather, Julianne Moore has been named her replacement.

Indiana Jones 4

Status: To be released 2005 or so...

George Lucas is ready... so what's the hold-up? The trio of Lucas, Spielberg, and Ford all announce that they are ready to go with another Indy film... but only when the three of them have open spaces. With Spielberg hard on work with *Minority Report* and *Memoirs of a Geisha*, Lucas on the next 2 *Star Wars*

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NOTICE:

- ♣ Next meeting is August 6 at 2 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Madison Municipal Complex at 100 Hughes Road in Madison.
- ♣ I apologize for the size and lateness of this issue.
- ♣ Please keep our injured crewmembers in your prayers and well wishes.

episodes, and Ford with the upcoming *What Lies Beneath...* one might wonder if this film is ever going to be made. But Rick McCallum (producer) is confident something will arise around 2005.

The Matrix 2 & 3

Status: To be released and filmed back to back with a release in 2002 or so...

Keanu Reeves along with the Wachowski brothers plan to start a long 250 straight day shoot (starting in the winter of 2001) on the next two sequels to 1999's hit sci-fi action flick. The Wachowski brothers have been approached to direct a number of different films, including a possible *Batman 5* but they're currently at work on the script for the next films.

Men in Black 2

Status: Rumored

Robert Gordon is currently drafting a screenplay. But director Barry Sonnenfeld suggested that another MIB with him and Will Smith is out of question. Therefore, a new possibility surfaced stating that Linda Fiorentino would be the only original cast member to return with a new partner. Tommy Lee Jones, however, was quoted as saying that he would love to return but no one has asked him as of yet.

Rocky 6

Status: Rumored

The Hollywood Reporter revealed that MGM president Chris McGurk announced to investors that a sixth Rocky project is being planned. But Stallone's publicist states that Stallone is not working on another Rocky film. Rumored plot lines include Rocky Balboa coming out of retirement to fight one last fight in an effort to raise money for an ill Adrienne.

Scooby-Doo

Status: In Production

Mike Myers was originally hired to draft the script but his script has been turned down. Instead, James Gunn has been brought in to write a new script. No word if Myers will star as Shaggy as previously planned.

Spider-Man

Status: Fixing up legal entanglements

A recent legal entanglement hindered development on the live-action adaptation of the popular comic book series by Stan Lee. Originally to have been written and directed by James

Cameron, screen-writing duties have been handed over to David Koepp. It is likely that Cameron has no involvement with the project right now. Rumored names to play the web-slinger include Ben Affleck, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Matt Damon.

Star Wars, Episode 2

Status: Being prepared for a May 2002 release

Lucas is hard on work on a script. Shooting for Episode II is expected to begin this summer in Australia. Among the returning cast members include Natalie Portman, Ewan McGregor, Frank Oz, Samuel L. Jackson, Anthony Daniels, and Kenny Baker. Anakin Skywalker will be played by Hayden Christensen of *Higher Ground* on Fox Family Channel, as reported in TV Guide. Lucas describes the second prequel as a "love story" between Anakin at 20 years and Amidala (who is 24 years old at this point). Expect to see the rise of Emperor Palpatine into the darkness, the birth of the current Empire, and the attempt to lure Anakin into the dark side.

Star Wars, Episode 3

Status: Being prepared for a May 2005 release

What will probably be the best of the six films, Lucas describes Episode III as a very dark film. In this Episode, we will see how Anakin finally converts into Darth Vader and watch him help the Emperor destroy the Jedi, including betraying his own master, Obi-Wan Kenobi. We will also see James Earl Jones return to do the voice of Darth Vader again.

Superman Lives

Status: Budget and script problems are being tweaked

Production on this movie is like a roller coaster. It was set to go in front of cameras in the fall of 1997 for a summer 1998 release date but that was delayed.

And it kept being delayed...Warner Bros. keeps changing their minds about a script they can use which would fit their budget. Originally to have been directed by Tim Burton, it is unclear if he is still involved with the project. However, producer Jon Peters states that the project is still "very alive".

Terminator 3 & 4

Status: In Production

Producers Mario Kassar and Andy Vajna have announced that they plan on production for two more *Terminator* sequels with a release date in 2001. The third *Terminator* film will be written by Tedi Sarafian while the fourth will be written by David Wilson. The third film will take place in a modern-day setting whereas the fourth will go into the future after the development of SkyNet. Arnold Schwarzenegger has stated that he will return only if James Cameron has any type of involvement with production, which Cameron has repeatedly said "no" too. So don't look for Arnold to "be back".

Tomb Raider: The Movie

Status: Script Search

Picking up slack from years of nothing, Angelina Jolie has officially been signed for Lara Croft. The film, based on the popular video game, tells the story of the Indiana Jones type female who goes on exotic adventures. Paramount will distribute the film.

True Lies 2

Status: To be released in 2001?

Persistent rumors from even Tom Arnold have stated that James Cameron is penning a script for a sequel to his 1995 hit which will hopefully bring back Jamie Lee Curtis and Arnold Schwarzenegger. All the cast members want to return and Cameron is interested in returning so a sequel is very likely at this point. ♠

SCIENCE-FICTION COLLECTIBLES



Autographs, jewelry, T-shirts, toys,
trading cards, and other collectibles.

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SUSPICIOUS REASONS

Reasons given for missing a meeting.

I was modeling leather casual-wear in the Mirror Universe.

I got lucky in Unimatrix Zero.

I evolved to a higher state of being, but I'm coming back for the quarterly meeting, and there will be hell to pay.

My pet targ ate my appointment calendar. I worked so fast I experienced relativity effects.

I was trapped in a malfunctioning holodeck for several hours.

My ship ran out of dilithium.

Starfleet protocols prohibit me from attending meetings.

I was abducted to the Delta Quadrant by the Caretaker.

I was inhabited by an alien who took my body to Risa.

I misread the holographic display of the minutes and thought the meeting was tomorrow.

I'm caught in a temporal loop, so to me this is yesterday.

It is a violation of my cultural beliefs to attend any sort of group function which coincides with our celebration of the coming of the Blessed Nebula.

My combadge must not be working right.

What? We're not at battlestations? I could have sworn I heard we were at battlestations.

My boss needed my brain to run the Xerox machine.

The transporter was slow.

I was recalibrating the phase variance of the lateral configuration array in the tertiary nacelle chamber when an unexpected fluctuation in the bilateral interphase matrix necessitated a delay. Did I miss anything?

I never got the memo. I suspect a Romulan conspiracy.

I'm a doctor, not a bureaucrat.

I was dead, Jim.

Found on the internet, author unknown. ♣

COMMANDING OFFICER

COMM Richard L. Trulson

A bad month, but looking ahead.

July has been a very bad month for the ship. This has been particularly disheartening because it should have been a very good month.

First up is the medical problems of our new Ops Officer, Billy Helms. He was working hard making plans for recruiting at the *X-Men* movie premier. An infection from some pulled back muscles spread to his heart, which triggered a heart attack. That's bad enough, but it cascaded into a stroke, which in turn led to seizures. Fortunately, he's recovering, but he's looking at a future with high blood pressure and a heart condition. We wish you well Billy!

I found this out less than two weeks prior to the movie when I called to see how plans were progressing. Unfortunately, I was also busy with my own plans for going out of town on vacation the weekend prior to the premier. Because of being away for so long at a crucial moment in the planning stages, I was unable to pick up where Billy left off. Even though I tried contacting the manager of the Madison Square Mall theater several times, our schedules never met together. The Hollywood 18 Theater had done canceled on us earlier.

Therefore we were unable to do a recruiting table for the *X-Men*. This is unfortunate, since it looked to be our best recruiting potential this year. Not only was it sci-fi related, but it was also a great movie with Patrick Stewart in a lead role. Anyone know of anything else coming out later this year?

The next bad thing to happen is the tragic accident involving Tom Perry. He is an associate member of the ship from our earliest years, though he hasn't been around much lately. I've only had the pleasure of meeting him once. He was in a severe car wreck that killed his mother and broke his spine. As result, he's paralyzed from the chest down. The last I heard as of July 24 was that he was in Huntsville Hospital's neurological intensive care unit in critical condition. They have him in an induced coma to try

to lessen any further damage. They want to stabilize him further before performing surgery on his back.

If you're able to give blood, please do so on Tom's behalf, especially since I heard on the news that local blood banks are fairly low right now. Specify to the Red Cross that it's for Albert Thomas Perry at Huntsville Hospital. Even if you don't have the same blood type, your donation in his name will give him some blood for free. At the August meeting, we'll discuss what we want to do as far as donations and other support. I know mine and the crew's prayers go out to him and his family.

Billy has made arrangements with a bowling ally to provide a free game and shoe rental. Since outdoor activities would be incredibly hot, I thought scheduling the bowling night for mid to late August would be perfect. We'll decide at the meeting on when exactly. The only drawbacks is that we'll need a minimum of 10 people to show up one day on Monday through Thursday. A couple of people on the *Dark Silence* and the *Draco* have expressed an interest in joining us. We just need to decide on a date, which we'll probably do at the August meeting.

September also marks our and *Star Trek's* anniversary. If we can't recruit at the movies, then perhaps the Space and Rocket Center would be a good alternative. We could get group discounts for the park to run around in, as well as do some recruiting. We'll see what plans develop for that. At the very least, we'll have some sort of gathering to commemorate our anniversary and give out ship awards. It may be nothing more than a cookout at someone's home, or a dinner at a restaurant, but it will still be fun. Nominations and voting will occur at the September meeting, so we can have this at the end of September. ♣



MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2000

Members Present: Ron Zuckerman, Billy Helms, Russ McNutt, Laura Peterson, Don Daniel, and Richard L. Trulson.

Guests: Joanie Martin.

CO: COMM Richard L. Trulson

Communiqué 98 has been received. Next one should arrive in mid-June to put us back on schedule.

Richard explained the Vote of Confidence. We voted unanimously that we did have confidence in Pete Mohney as Regional Coordinator.

Election season has started for Commander, STARFLEET. Richard explained that he as CO is able to cast a nomination, though people could vote for anyone when the election was actually held. Russ shared some election materials received from Robert Westfall, a candidate seeking nomination, and Allyson Dyar, the election coordinator. If anyone wanted to nominate someone, they would need to inform Richard by July 1, which is when he will mail the nomination letter. The person receiving the most votes would be the ship's official nomination.

XO: CAPT Russ McNutt

Russ passed around various other materials he had received recently because of the Fleet vessel registry still showing him as CO. This included the above materials and information on the STARFLEET International Conference in Burlington, VT.

The latest Trek magazine has confirmed that this will be last season of Voyager. He announced that Garek has written a novel and that there are various computer games available. One of the Klingon groups has started a scholarship to honor the actor who played Kor. The actor had passed away.

Communications: COMM Richard L. Trulson

Because the newsletter was delayed, the next one will be delayed shortly as well.

Operations: Acting CMDR Billy Helms

Billy has made arrangements with a bowling ally to provide a free game and shoe rental. However, we need a minimum of 10 people to show up one day on a Monday through Thursday before 8 p.m.

Both Hollywood 18 and Madison Square 12 have agreed to let us have a recruiting table at the *X-Men* premiere on Friday, July 12.

He's also been in contact with the U.S. Space and Rocket Center about having a recruiting event out there.

Operations: LT(sg) Don Daniel

Don will be attending Dragon*Con as usual.

General Business:

We've been invited to the Hephaestus Cookout in Birmingham on Saturday, June 10.

Dragon*Con is June 29-July 2 in Atlanta. CreationCon is July 8-9 in Memphis.

We voted to cancel the next meeting since the holiday is postponing it a week, and Richard will be out of town that weekend on vacation.

Possible activities were discussed. We finally decided on lunch and a matinee movie on Saturday, June 17. We'd meet at the Madison Square 12 theater ticket booth at noon to buy tickets, and then do lunch at the mall. Richard also tentatively scheduled the Aerospace day on July 22.

July meeting is canceled, so the next meeting will be August 6. ♣

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harmony. The USS *Wernher von Braun* accomplishes this through a variety of social and community service activities. But most of all, we have fun by sharing a common interest in all forms of science-fiction. For more information or questions about the USS *Wernher von Braun* or STARFLEET, contact:

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