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HOW do YOU DO?

THE GIFT OF GAB – SOME PEOPLE HAVE IT, SOME DON'T.



And where better to learn than from the old pros – the folks who have been part of The ImagiNation Network for years?

Some tips to get the conversation rolling,

from old-timers at ImagiNation:

KEEP IT SIMPLE

JenB suggests
approaching just one
person for starters, not
the whole room. "'Hi, how's
it going?' will do," she says.
"Then ask about playing
games they have highlighted."

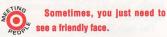
ADD INTRIGUE TO YOUR TOON

INNLani, a member for more than three years, says her bio reads: "30, + 10, + 5, +?" "This really invites a lot of hellos from others," she says. "They want to know what it means." (Betcha you're wondering right now.)

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FRIENDLY FACES

NEW HOSTS SAY "HELLO"



An introduction here, an encouraging word there goes a long way when you're the new kid on the block. Like a good neighbor who drops in to say hello, "HOSTS" on The ImagiNation Network can make you feel at home.

ImagiNation now has 60 HOSTS online who drop in and out of rooms looking for newcomers to ImagiNation. In the coming months, that number will grow to nearly 100.

"We want to make new members feel welcome, warm and wanted," says HOSTREX, coordinator for the new program.

"I don't want anyone to come on ImagiNation and not have anyone to talk with or show them around," he adds.

Most new members will be greeted right away by a HOST, who will gladly show you around or just chat for a while. If you need help, ask a HOST or anyone with the INN prefix to their name.

THE HERO'S WELCOME

By Charles Richards, a.k.a. CHAS

It wasn't the first time that Ernie Martinez Jr. had shed tears in remembrance of the years he spent and the blood he shed for his country in Vietnam.

Several dozen friends from The ImagiNation Network, many from the Married Life room, had traveled across the United States for a gathering at Martinez's Connecticut home Sept. 23-25.

They surprised him Saturday afternoon with a ceremony to formally present the medals he won during the war. He made wisecracks, but after the half hour tribute from his ImagiNation family, 47-year-old Ernie Martinez, known on ImagiNation as "Cyrano", finally broke down and cried like a baby.

And his friends cried with him.

Ernie Martinez won a Silver Star in Vietnam. It was awarded, during the war, by someone who dropped it over his shoulder and said, "We're tired of hanging on to this thing. Take it – we don't have time for ceremonies here."

He also won a Purple Heart. It had been given to him in the back of a jeep.

In notes to some of those he was closest to in ImagiNation, Ernie told of the letters he had written over a six-month period to his mayor, governor, state legislators, congressmen, even to President Clinton, in the hope that somehow there could be a ceremony in which his medals could now, finally, be formally presented to him.

He got one letter in which someone informed him there was no record he had ever served in Vietnam. Then an aide to his congressman wrote back that a ceremony wouldn't be possible, but if it would help, the medals could be sent to him – for a fee.

The fee for the medals that Ernie had already paid for once, with his blood, was finally waived. But the ceremony? He got a plain, manila envelope in the mail, and the medals were inside.

"That hurt as much as the first time," he wrote his ImagiNation friends.

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TOTAL BLAST!!!

"Just to let you know what a !!!TOTAL BLAST!!! I had being your guest on ImagiNation! I had no idea that communicating through the computer would be so much fun!"

In a letter from Nancy Cartwright, the voice of TV's Bart Simpson, after her exclusive celebrity conference on Sept. 9.

CURE FOR Shyness?

Many members find an easier time making friends on The ImagiNation Network than they do face to face.

That's not surprising when you consider the differences between meeting someone online and meeting in person.

First of all, when you come to ImagiNation, you've already made yourself at home – literally. "You're in a comfortable atmosphere," says INNKevin.

Plus, you're likely to have something in common with the people at hand. "Similar interests will gravitate to the same areas," as INNBridget points out.

And whether you're sitting at the keyboard in sweatpants or party attire, you've always got the perfect outfit. "It's easier to meet online

because the physical aspect is gone," points out INNLani. In other words, there's no asking yourself, "Do I look OK?" and "How about

my breath?"

Which brings us to wonder, how much can you believe of what you hear? Does that housewife you've been chatting with in Married Life really still fit into her prom dress? And how about that friendly guy in the Monte Carlo room – is he single?

Maybe, and maybe not.

The longtime ImagiNation members say "little white lies" are part of the appeal. "I have adopted the attitude that anything I hear on ImagiNation is taken with a large grain of salt." says INNAndy, adding that he's met everyone from Elvis to Al Gore online.

"Part of the attraction is that you can be whoever you want to be," says INNElmo.

SHORT HAND

Sometimes, our members just can "talk" fast enough.

Players on The ImagiNation Network, points out a number of special abbreviations, "to save time, space and blistered fingers.

"LOL does not mean Little Old Lady in this medium," she says. "It stands for Laughing Out Loud."

Some other abbreviations seen online, courtesy of INNBridget:

ROFL = Rolling on the Floor Laughing

BTW = By The Way

IM(H)0 = In My (Humble) Opinion

WTG = Way To Go

BRB = Be Right Back

GMTA = Great Minds Think Alike

AFK = Away From Keyboard

ATT - Amay From hoya

J/K = Just Kidding

OIC = Oh, I See

WR = Waiting Room

NP = No Problem

MF = NOTTODIGITI

FYI = For Your Information

CYA = See Ya

Thx = Thanks!

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USE A "LINE"

HOSTREX has a few to share, such as "Are you waiting for someone?" and "Are you new here, or have I been overlooking you?" INNElmo's favorite is "Hello, your toon is cute."

BE EASYGOING

Don't use all uppercase letters when chatting – reserve capital letters for messages that are "shouted." And keep in mind that the person you're chatting with might be carrying on more than one conversation. It helps if you reference your new comment to the previous one.

NARROW THE ODDS

"Look in theme-type rooms for people with mutual interests and ask them to talk about their 'dogs, music, etc.,'" suggests INNBridget.

BE PERSISTENT

INNAndy says "If one person doesn't want to talk, try another. You will *eventually* find someone willing to talk."

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On the afternoon of Sept. 24, Ernie says, he didn't have a clue what was brewing. He walked into the backyard and noticed everyone, including his wife Linda, was wearing buttons Kelly had brought: "Our Hero – Ernie "Cyrano" Martinez Sept. 24, 1994, Danbury Gathering."

Elcee and Mazie, two of the Married Life regulars, stood to one side as Meme, whose husband also fought in Vietnam, began the ceremony.

First was a plaque, words by Tarla,

Have a story to share? Write to *Imaginings* at Box 915 or 577 Airport Blvd., Suite 300, Burlingame, CA 94010. handcrafting by Steve, that read: "The warrior rests, his peace earned with arms. Now, washed with grateful tears. Given in love and

appreciation to Ernie Martinez, September 24, 1994. From your friends and family in INN Married Life." Then came a certificate, with words by

Then came a certificate, with words by SheerBliss and crafted by Rex. Also, a letter from the mayor of Danbury, a presentation of the commemorative Vietnam Veterans Memorial Silver Dollar, and a U.S. flag.

Then came a presentation of the medals Ernie had won in Vietnam, arranged in a shadowbox by Elcee – the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the



Elcee, Steve, Cyrano, Meme, and Mazie after the backyard ceremony.

Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation and the Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, along with badges for expertise in combat infantry, rifle and machine gun.

His wife came forward with a wrapped package. Inside, Ernie found a lithograph they had both admired, one that reminded him of a late summer trip to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. In the print, a man leans weeping against "The Wall" where fallen soldiers are memorialized.

Later, Ernie reflected. "After I went to the wall, someone asked me, 'Did it work? Did it bury some old ghosts?' But healing isn't an event, it's a process. Going to the wall was part of the process, and the support from the people on ImagiNation was part of the process. And this, today, is part of the process."

POSTINGS!

There's something for everyone on The Imagination Network bulletin boards. But if you don't see everything you're looking for, send your ideas for new bulletin boards to Box 937 or post them in the "Private Notes to the Host" bulletin board found in all rooms of the Clubhouse.

ALL CLUBHOUSE ROOMS

Info from ImagiNation Private Notes to the INN Host

BACKGAMMON DEN

Backgammon League BG Announcements and Rules BG League Standings **BG** Strategy **Brain Teasers** General Discussion Hobbies and Crafts INN BG Tournaments The Arts

BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Club Activities Bridge World Standard Conventions and Treatments General Discussion How Do You Bid This Hand Kantar's Korner Partnership Desk Post Tourney Results Here Tournament Info and Winners Tourney and Lesson Sign-ups

BRIDGE PARLOR

ACBL Standard Game Card Bidding Panel Bridge Club Activities General Discussion Ladder Game Results Ladder Rounds Ladder Standings Partnership Desk Sheinwold on Bridge

CHESS CLUB

Chess Chat Chess Club Administration Chess Tournaments Chess Workshop Great Chess Games Ladder Rounds Players List and Standings Read Me First Special Events

EUCHRE II

Add-A-Comment Corner BlackJack League Checkers League INN Checkers Tournaments Poker League Serious Add-A-Chapter

EUCHREVILLE

Euchre Ladder **Euchre Tournaments** On-Line Ethics Poetry Twinion Strategy Writers' Circle Yserbius Strategy

HEARTS CLUB

Disability Issues Gardening Hearts Strategy Hearts Trny Rules and Matches Music Recipes Teachers' Forum

Trny Signups and Results INN HELP ROOM

Travel

General Interest **INN Bugs** INN Bulletin Board List INN Events and Get-Togethers Member to Member Prodigy Game Point Quotations Suggestions Write for Tech Help

INN UNIVERSITY

Ask A Professor Campus Issues Class Sign-ups General Discussion Schedule of Classes Self-Help Discussion Suggestions for Classes University Announcements

MYSTIC PORTAL

Astrology Clairvoyance Dreams and Interpretations General Discussion Hauntings Martial Arts Discussion Mythology Parapsychology Sightings Spiritualism

PILOTS LOUNGE

Air Tactics Flight Sims General Discussion **INN Tournaments** Ladder Tournaments Pilots and Squads Wanted Pilots Proving Grounds Sky Wars Tournaments

RPG ZONE

Electronic RPGs Fantasy RPGs GM-Players Forum MAGIC The Board Multi-Genre RPGs RPGs Misc **RPGO** SciFi RPGs Star Trek

SIERRA2

General Discussion GO General GO Players List GO Rules GO Tournaments How Ya Been Pen Pals

SINGLES DEUX

Current Events Environmental Issues **Fthics** Philosophy **Politics** Religion

SINGLES SPOT

Advice Breaking Up General Discussion Meeting People in the 90s Romance Singles

SPADES PLACE

Card Games Cars and Cycles General Discussion **INN Spades Tournaments** Investments Spades Strategy

SPADES TOO

Collectibles General Discussion Ham Radio Jam Session One-Game Ladder The Dating Game Three-Game Ladder

SPORTS DEN

Baseball Basketball Fantasy Sports League Football General Sports Hockey

TEEN HANGOUT

Friend-to-Friend General Discussion Gobbledvaook Heavy Metal Music Progressive Rock Music Rap Music

TEEN SCENE

Advice Animation Animation Comments General Discussion Poetry Teen Hangout Zany Add-A-Chapter

TOURNAMENTS

3-D Golf Tournament Boogers Tournament Cribbage Tournament FlipFlop Tournament Graffiti Tournament MiniGolf Tournament PaintBall Tournament Poker Tournament RocketQuiz Tournament SneakATac Tournament Stratego Tournament Tourney Info and Champions

TREE HOUSE

Add-A-Chapter Stories Arcade Games Comic Books Computer Games Home Video Games Japanimation Science Fiction Sierra Games

TRIVIA HAVEN

INN Shorthand < ROFL>

Lemmings Leap Name That Oldie NTN Chat NTN Trivia Info **Tangled Triviots** Trivia Trivia Game Schedule and Rules Trivia Scores and Announcements Triviot Games

Overheard Online:

"A friend is a person that comes in when the rest of the world is out."

From the "Life in the '90s" bulletin board in the Singles Club.

MARRIED LIFE

Budget Ideas Family Values Making Marriage Work Parenting Prayer Requests Rhyme and Rhetoric Soap Operas Twelve-Step Programs

Physical Fitness R U Who Used 2 B Remember When

SINGLES CLUB

Books Classic Rock Debates Life in the 90s Movies Single Parents Stratego Strategy Television

Paladins MLand Tourney Info Soccer

TECH TOWER

Computer Audio Computer Ethics Electronics Hardware Programmers' Forum Science Software **TechNotes**

(AlatonGM 33826) Empire Guild

(4th Sunday only)

League Of Veldare SPADES TOO (SirNick 82228)

KOS Guild

CONFERENCE GUIDE SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY Cartoons & Comics Uncanny Xmen Fan Club X-Men and More TREE HOUSE (Feron 79108) (TimV 93440) Computers & Games 5 p.m. NBA Jam SPORTS DEN (NBAWhitey 107276) 5 p.m. BBS Stuff and Info 0 a.m. On Computers Special Event 5 p.m. Programmers Palace 10 a.m Simulations Beginning BBS'ing TECH TOWER ECH TOWER Taven+ 82551) HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Tuesdays only) (ChrisTin 134811) SPORTS DEN (Zack 47973) TECH TOWER (ErichR 45840) Nov. 18 - 25 (Ren+ 58848) 6 p.m. VGPA 5 p.m. DOOM Players Club **Dead Programmers** DOOMsters OS/2 Users Group TREE HOUSE (ICEMAN 96908) TREE HOUSE (LCChris 37788) TEEN SCENE (KillerCow 74535) CHESS CLUB (Master 121514) (FrankW+ 21493) Lion Kina Virtual Reality SIG Computer Gaming Club **Animation Contest** X-Com/INN Base (REALITY 80456) (Arcane 118133) Post your own Lion TECH TOWER (WWTriax 77374) King animation PC Flight Simulators (Avalance 30559) Games & Strategies 6 p.m. TTG Trivia 6 p.m. TTG Trivia 6 p.m. TTG Trivia 11 a.m. Go Club p.m. TTG Trivia 5 p.m. PBP Team Conference TTG Trivia EUCHRE II (Xeon5Kyu 38502) Bridge Clinic (PBPKicker 83713) TRIVIA HAVEN
PaintRall Talk 7 p.m. TTG Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN Chess Club Business p.m. TTG Trivia 8 p.m. TTG Trivia BRIDGE CLUB (BridgeDr+ 83491) SINGLES CLUE (Matt 82506) TTG Trivia TTG Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN p.m. TTG Trivia p.m. TTG Trivia **Special Event** TTG Trivia p.m. TTG Word Play CHESS CLUB (INNMichael+ 997) 8 p.m. TTG Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN FF2 Game Club 8 p.m. TTG Trivia Blue Monday Trivia 8 p.m. TTG Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN (NickChrls+ 23850) Moo Cows Anonymous INN UNIVERSITY 8 p.m. TTG Trivia Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN p.m. TTG Trivia How to animate on a bulletin board TTG Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN **INN** University 4-6 p.m. 4-6 p.m. 4-6 p.m. p.m. Beginning Assembly Homework Hotline Homework Hotline Homework Hotline Homework Hotline INN UNIVERSITY Visual Basic Cribbage INN UNIVERSITY Language INN UNIVERSITY Box 764 INN UNIVERSITY Box 740 5 p.m. Cribbage INN UNIVERSITY p.m. Spades Snanish Internet INN UNIVERSITY CasinoLand INN UNIVERSITY Box 727 INN UNIVERSITY Box 708 Twinion INN UNIVERSITY INN UNIVERSITY Creative Writing Beginning C++ INN UNIVERSITY Box 735 p.m. Pascal INN UNIVERSITY Box 703 Yserbius p.m. Windows 5 p.m. Spanish INN UNIVERSITY INN UNIVERSITY 2 p.m. SierraLand Box 722 p.m. dBase INN UNIVERSITY Box 701 Euchre INN UNIVERSITY Box 767 p.m.
Beginning WordPerfect
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Box 777
Chess
INN UNIVERSITY Advanced Red Baron INN LINIVERSIT INN UNIVERSITY Box 754 Intermediate C++ INN UNIVERSITY Red Baron INN UNIVERSITY Go INN LINIVERSITY INN UNIVERSITY Resume Writing Hearts INN UNIVERSIT Box 734 8 p.m. Cribbage INN UNIVERSITY 6 p.m. QBasic INN LINIVERSITY Spades INN UNIVERSITY INN UNIVERSITY Box 704 8 p.m. **Go** Desktop Publishing 8 p.m. Backgammon INN UNIVERSIT INN UNIVERSITY
Novel Writing INN UNIVERSITY Box 781 Need a little help with your homework? Our Euchre INN UNIVERSITY homework hotline is now available FOUR DAYS INN UNIVERS Box 745 6:30 p.m. Adv. Assembly Language A WEEK, Mon. - Thurs., from 4-6 p.m. Pacific time at INN University. INN UNIVERSIT Box 793 MedievaLand Guilds 6 p.m. Amber Guild OPEN Paladine Lorien Lorien Lorien Guild of the Golden Arroy HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Sundays only) (Advenger 67446) Amber Guild EUCHRE II (Dworkin+ 14288) Excalibur Guild SINGLES DEUX (Dorsia+ 31309) MoT GO SIERRA2 GO SIERRA2 GO SIERRA2 GO SIERRA2 6 p.m. GOT: Lance Lair GO SIERRA 2 (AJAX 108064) GOT: RR 6 p.m. ROC Guild Armageddon Guild EUCHRE II (Flash 83606) a.m. Lost Legions Guild SINGLES SPOT (Ironwolf 14367) ROT AOD Guild p.m. KOY: Dragon Court EUCHREVILLE (MajicWold 69330) 6 p.m. GOT: High Council TECH TOWER (FuShnik 91000) KOY Sword Swamp ancelot 11676 MYSTIC PORTAL (LordJolan+ 15592/Term+) SPADES PLACE (RangerCrAI 39802) **EOF Guild Jamborie** Champions of Justice SCA Clan Mcbaud GOT: Getting to Know Us 3 p.m. YR Guild LOS Guild Meeting FFBH Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (LordPat 105038) KOR Guild MYSTIC PORTAL p.m. SOF: CA SINGLES DEUX (Beowulf 100935) MedievaLand Sysop SPORTS DEN MARRIED LIFE (Orin 94701) **EUCHRE II** (Dragon 91073) GOT: ROLEPLAY CAFE 2 CHESS CLUB WEOT Guild Tolland 81900 **HOT Guild** 4 p.m. KOY Volcano Ridge MARRIED LIFE (Barburas+ 61339) CHESS CLUB (Crypto 114083) KIM: Fear Forest SINGLES DEUX (Dryzzyl 130651) KOY: Rolegiay Inn RPG ZONE (Bock 64650) SOF QuestiMasters MYSTIC PORTAL (SAGA 67735) p.m. EUCHRE II (Trevor 76793) SOF:FF Guild SINGLES DEUX (Zationa+ 100636) TECH TOWER PSCT Guild MARRIED LIFE (Zhang 150866) Dragon Princess Guild GO SIERRA2 (4th Mondays only) (INNLani) Darius 91022) SOF:SS EUCHRE II (CaptainM 102485) SOF/MM Guild TECH TOWER SPRI Sysop SPORTS DEN (1st & 3rd Mo (INNSue) 5 p.m. Companions Guild BACKGAMMON DEN Falcon Guild BACKGAMMON DEN (Epic 85475) SOF-VR Guild (Garion 121658) KOY Sword Swamp (Hasan 71900)

Defending Angels Guild
SINGLES DEUX
(Nirvana 102115) EUCHRE II (TOLLAND 81900) (Ranstar 98662) 8 p.m. VOYS Guild Heroes for Hire Guild WFIC TECH TOWER GOT: Evil Way EUCHRE II p.m. SOF Guild (Marty 100075) (RickyWIFC 64542) SOF/DA Guild (Wolfer 96024)
GOT: Sword Swamp
HEARTS CLUB 6 p.m. Adventure Guild p.m. LLOA Guild p.m. TSOY Guild Masters (Matt+ 41308) DROW Guild EUCHREVILLE MYSTIC PORTAL (SirWolf 66025) (Yuglooc2 67832) SOF RC TREE HOUSE MARRIED LIFE (Jacques 58793) GOT: TP/FOT TECH TOWER (Saradon 150528) KAAOS Guild (Printius 91925) (Scrape 13017) Misfits Guild p.m. Darksbane Guild KORS Guild p.m. Camelot Guild (Iret+ 68169) VEA Guild EUCHRE II GO SIFRRAZ SPORTS DEN (Rolaine 68279) HELP ROOM (2nd Saturdays only) HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Thursdays only) (Aphrodite 84224) KOY: MM EUCHRE II MYSTIC PORTAL (HYDRO+ 92726) MoD Guild HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Red Dragon INN Org Wednesdays only) /Mordred+ 14169 (Krishna+ 42335) (Sabre+ 70464) CHESS CLUB (MILORD+ 85469) MYSTIC PORTAL (Hawksguard 129 CABAL Guild POY HEARTS CLUB Adventures of Yserbius SPORTS DEN 10 a.m. to 5 p.m SOF: Raptor Reach Warriors of Light GO SIERRA2 (SirJames 120124) SPORTS DEN (DanielS 116472) SINGLES DEUX (SirJorge 83803 SOF Guild Saturdays and (Oak 80756) p.m. Silver Chalace MYSTIC PORTAL MYSTIC PORTAL (SirKill 102641) GOS Guild TECH TOWER (Foxbane 93955) Coven of KOY Guild RPG ZONE Sundays, get the HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Sundays only) SINGLES DEUX

information you need

to navigate the world

of INN. These special

members start at the

top of each hour in

the HELP ROOM

classes for new

(VanHelsing 72797)

(Pug+ 65980)

MYSTIC PORTAL (Kharolis 102683) Twinion Dwelle

Protectors of Yserbius

MYSTIC PORTAL (Paladin 89124) Aces Guild RPG ZONE

(Huma 132403)

(Thomas+ 102263)

Lost Legions Reunite

MARRIED LIFE

GOK Council of Krynn

MedievaLand Guilds

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SUNDAY NOR High Council SINGLES DEI (Leto 92464)

Heroes Unlimited CHESS CLUB (Alarik 57615)



TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

(Crys 88364) Air Warriors Squad THURSDAY Trivia Maniacs!

Three ImagiNation members won 100 FREE hours online as the top players on NTN Trivia:

FRIDAY

Jean, Doug and Dug. Congratulations!

Soldiers of Fortune TECH TOWER (Iret 68169) Help Room (1st & 3rd Saturdays only) (Lurker+ 20068) ShapeShifter Guild

SATURDAY

HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Saturdays only) (Algeron 62338) Shadow Horde Guild TEEN HANGOUT (Slash 22569)

Music

8 p.m. Courtney Love Fan Club TEEN SCENE (CourtneyL 96414)

MONDAY

Piano Club TOURNAMENTS

They Might Be Giants EUCHREVILLE (MeatLoaf 12937) Pearl Jamers (PLUTO 126074)

p.m. Guitar Club

EUCHRE II (KCobain 33101)

Led Zep Fan Club SINGLES DEUX (Isildur 101911) p.m. MTV/VH1 Talk

litical & Social

Commonwealth Club (1st & 3rd Sundays only) (Chinook+ 114758) 7 p.m. Ditteaux Institute (Bianca 69065)

8 p.m. TV News EUCHRE II (SukiTV 68460)

6 p.m. Republican Forum SPORTS DEN (JoshM 122220)

10 a.m. Anarchist's Underground TREE HOUSE (BlackJack+ 76909)

6 p.m.
HIV/AIDS Info Conference SINGLES CLUB (darlenem+ 22991)

p.m. GH Squadron Operations PILOTS LOUNGE (GHDarkOne 21593)

p.m. *Wing Walker Squad* Pilots Lounge (WWBlueMax+ 18340)

Hell's Bandits Squad TREE HOUSE (HBMagnum+ 81551) Holy Air Force TEEN SCENE (HAFJubilee 89367) KO Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE (KOGuido 116904) Flying Warlords Squad HEARTS CLUB (FWSnake 75829)

p.m. Sky Wars PILOTS LOUNGE (SkyGrupWM 86135) Blue Knights Squad Training EUCHRE II (BKNavajo 148436)

RPG ZONE (MattSA 36444) RAF Squad BACKGAMMON DEN (RAFRazor 71155) 5 p.m. Joining Luftwaffe (LWCurt 71140)

Aerial Atrocity Squad HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Mondays only) (ScubaAA 18954)

p.m. Blue Knights Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE (BKMalice+ 22916)

DeathCrushers Squad (DCManda 55228)

5 p.m. RC Squadron EUCHRE II (RcXcaliber 83440) 7 p.m. WFT Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE Colorblind Dogfighters Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (CD Merlin 14572)

6 p.m. Rolling Thunder Squad HEARTS CLUB (RTWashout 60859) Viper Squadron

TREE HOUSE (VSDylan 111115) Sky Hunters PILOTS LOUNGE (SHRattler 14497) p.m. Lethal Xecutors Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (LXMichael 104114)

8 p.m. Flying Circus Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (FCSev+ 16785, FC9Lurker+)

Flying Police Squad EUCHRE II (FASAsten 35280)

Death Crusaders Holy Angels Squadron (HAEagle 125095) Secret Order's Meet HEARTS CLUB (EmperorSO 147782 SQUAD)

Lafayette Escadrille Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (HeroLE+ 71625) Red Knights Squad TREE HOUSE (RKFokker 56134) EgoSquad Meeting BACKGAMMON DEN (EgoMuncher 47646) LB Squadron GO SIERRA2 (CourgarLB 140255)

5 p.m. Force Ten PILOTS LOUNGE (AssaultF10 47087)

(BWAce 120513)

Black Widows Squad

Black Dragon Squad

Hawk's Talon Squad CHESS CLUB (HTSteath 70654) Killer Serpents

EUCHREVILLE (KSCobra 38563) p.m. Desert Fighters Squad SPADES TOO (Justin 73346) Armageddon Armada PILOTS LOUNGE (AAARipFire 117762)

p.m. Black Widows Squadron SINGLES DEUX (BWAce 120513) SBP Squad EUCHRE II (SBPdead+ 60728)

it is by the bold type (for example, MYSTIC PORTAL, SPADES Les Cigognes Squad INN HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Sundays only) (LCJim 22806) PLACE). These are waiting rooms in the Clubhouse. Once in the waiting room, click the Go to button, select A Conference, and then click on the conference name desired - you'll join immediately. Soaring Allies Squad And remember, you can always start your own conference! Just drop a line to box 931. It's that easy!

This October schedule is subject to change. The most

Once you find a conference you're interested in, find out where

accurate, up-to-date schedule can always be found online in Town Hall under Conference Schedule. All times listed are Pacific time. All conferences listed in blue italics are private and require approval from the conference's host (displayed in parentheses with their mailbox number) to attend.

Member-hosted conferences and any comments, suggestions or advice given therein do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The ImagiNation Network, Inc

Religious & Spiritual

Pagan and Wiccan MYSTIC PORTAL (Simone+ 37543) Bible Study & Discussion SINGLES DEUX (Peace 69872)

Metaphysical Conference MARRIED LIFE (NIGHT 56450)

Chapel of KIGS MYSTIC PORTAL (RShotgun 46672)

Divination Conference MYSTIC PORTAL (Salem 102224)

What's a Conference?

A conference is like listening in on a party line but it's OK to drop in with a comment when you like. In conferences, people with similar interests share their ideas about a favorite subject anything from games to TV shows to dating tips.

Psychic/Mystic Conference MYSTIC PORTAL (Gwydion+ 111067)

Christian Conference

Role-Playing Games

Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering Lorien GO SIERRA2

9 a.m. 3FL Fantasy Draft ROOF TOURNAMENT (Fetters 16178) Dangerous Journeys

Magnamund TEEN SCENE (Macros 129064) Shadowrun SPORTS DEN

(Fiberman 86401) Circle of the Dagger Toon SPADES TOO (DanTheCool 73253)

Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering Lorien GO SIERRA2

4 p.m. Me and My Dragon SINGLES DEUX (Calamar 58925)

New York 2192 6 p.m. Rotian's Sceptre GO SIERRA2 (ByronDM+ 40311)

RPGO RPG ZONE erry+ 65048) USS Galaxy (CaptBell 55010)

Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering

Theatre de Vampires RPG ZONE (Armand+ 72917) p.m. *Gnar* SINGLES DEUX

(DMFuzzbut+ 78277) Star Trek Club TREE HOUSE (Seth 111797)

GO SIERRA2 (DMaster 131083) p.m. Star Trek World of Terath (KiraDM+ 79917)

Red Dragon Inn Lorien GO SIERRA2

Riftwar Saga MARRIED LIFE (Arutha+ 94720) BattleTech MARRIED LIFE (BtechPlayer) DragonSlayers Guild GO SIERRA2 (Hades 124437)

Realms of Ayskria SPADES TOO (AyskriaWM+ 98896) 6 p.m. USS Phoenix

SINGLES DEUX (CaptGrant 53752) SOF: RR GO SIERRA2 (Qwerty 111781) Spitle of the Spinx SPORTSDEN (ByronDM+ 40311)

Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering

World of Two Moons (2nd Thursdays only) (Slik+ 73524) GOT: Roleplay Cafe OWA Wrestling

SPADES TOO Jushin 131978) Amher SPORTS DEN (Nietzsche 139890) Red Dragon Inn RPG ZONE Magic: The Gathering RPG ZONE

4 p.m. Wanderers of the Realm TREE HOUSE (Venture 59399) Castle of Cool RPG ZONE (Spock 49915) MYSTIC PORTAL (Sythe 90757) Hell Spawn

TECH TOWER (HSDusty+ 123071) Star Trek BACKGAMMON DEN AD&D 2nd Edit GO SIERRA2 (Gideon 79306)

Red Dragon Inn RPG ZONE Magic: The Gathering a.m.
Time Warriors

TEEN SCENE (ALWZIT 102285) 8 a.m. Time Warriors SPADES TOO (ALWZIT 102285) 10 a.m. Keovland Campaign TREE HOUSE (TheDM 76129)

DragonLance (SauronDM+ 34961) D.M. NBA TEEN SCENE (ghBEAVIS 131672) Superheroes TEEN HANGOUT

Role-Playing Games

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SUNDAY BACKGAMMON DEN Wild Cards Bass Player's Club War of the Lance RPG ZONE (GregDM 52609) The Gathering MARRIED LIFE (Lughe+ 39148) The Purge MYSTIC PORTAL

Gamers Cavern (JohnathanK+ 45469) Star Trek Enterprise BACKGAMMON DEN BACKGAMMON (Kevin 138331) TORG SPADES PLACE (Stormer+ 71389) 8 n.m.

Seattle Supers MARRIED LIFE

(Doomsayer 53527)

MONDAY

Rotian's Scentre (Byron 40311)

(Drous 69192)

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Let the Games Begin

As the ImagiNation Network has grown, the number of online tournaments and clubs has skyrocketed. We're working hard to keep up, but we need your help. Send us information about upcoming tournaments and the details of your club, and we'll return the favor. We'll publish updated listings and help get the word out to other ImagiNation members.

TUESDAY

It's simple to register your tournament or club: write to the Club Registry at E-mail box 699, or drop us a line at Imaginings. 577 Airport Blvd., Suite 300, Burlingame, CA 94010.

To include your information in Imaginings, we need the information at least three weeks before the start of the month in which the tournament or special event takes place.

SATURDAY

Dark Sun HEARTS CLUB (Ferro+ 109132)

Death Caverns EUCHRE II (Death 132112)

Amher

FRIDAY IISS Universe 3 p.m. Continued Shadowrun SS CLUB aForge 49933) USS Potemkin TheAzter 32515) FltAdmKyle+ 108678) (Golbez 134128)

Ranma 1/2 Seitch Jacurutu SINGLES DEUX (Rayek 79283)

FR Adventures TECH TOWER (Warlock 110235) USS Endocrine

5 p.m. Bodyslam BACKGAMMON DEN

Two Ears Club TEEN HANGOUT (Marcie 60887)

Teen Advice Club

TEEN SCENE (Nathan 136163)

TEEN SCENE (KatieK 1336)

(Della+ 32155)

SPORTS DEN (NastiNB 91802)

GH Chat Room

Pelican Club SPADES TOO

TEEN HANGOUT (ahLIStorm 48501)

(JohnCarney 68131) Poetry Workshop

EUCHREVILLE (Hal9000+ 17066)

O p.m. SNL Fan Club

Nasti Boyz

WFIC TECH TOWER (RickyWIFC 64542) SPORTS DEN (Freedom 55284) AD&D Planescape BACKGAMMON DEN (FWMasmune+66812) Gate Runners BACKGAMMON DEN GateBunDM 13920 SPORTS DEN (LtMaddox+ 94720)

Guardians of Freedom

p.m. Red Dwarf IC PORTAL 6692) Star Trek MYSTIC PORTAL (CaptTommy 102263) Forgotten Realms TECH TOWER (TomDMing 102263)

Star Wars (Stormer 71389) RIFTS TOURNAMENTS (GMLoki+ 101288) Final Fantasy II

Le Circle Français (Frenchy 50335)

STAWTLIBC (MikeL 129261 Overeaters Anonymous p.m. The Earth's Problems

People With 2 Ears Club TEEN HANGOU (Kathy 124257)

p.m. Joke Etc. CC Social Group TOURNAMENTS (1st & 3rd Saturdays only)

> WVOST HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Saturdays only) Road Kill Kafe (DeadPool 61016)

Special Interests

5 p.m.

The Gathering
MARRIED LIFE (Lughe+ 39148) 7 p.m.

James Brown Hot Tub EUCHREVILLE (JimR 1011) The Dining Room Table TOURNAMENT ROOM (ArcyC 23489)

TOURNAMENT R (MrBoddy 23637)

6 p.m. Virtual Pen Society TREE HOUSE (Casiopia 71802) Ask The Doctor TOURNAMENTS (LadyDoc 30097)

Raleigh Kids Zack 47973) The Disney Club TREE HOUSE (RJ+ 519)

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5 p.m. Great Ones 6 p.m. Food Fun and Recipe Club HEARTS CLUB (Princess+ 84036) 6 p.m. GFFG TREE HOUSE (Danny 72523)

Old Timers Reunion GO SIERRA 2 (3rd Tuesdays only) (Kathyf 132614) News Events MARRIED LIFE Northwest Singles

SINGLES CLUB (NWAngel 67992) Aquarium Club

TREE HOUSE (ChuckH 76648)

EUCHRE II (Peg+ 110470) Texas Zoo Gang SPADES TOO (Liisa+ 39492) Lorn RPG ZONE

Pelican Club

SINGLES DEUX (Scanless 102708)

Angel's Party TEEN HANGOUT

(Angel 129404)

Vigilantes SINGLES DEUX

Cyberspace Ethics

(WTNaomi 63351)

FF2 EUCHRE II (Doom 79024)

Coalition MARRIED LIFE

(Centauri 33907) Rebel Freedon

SPADES TOO (JohnCarney 68131)

5 p.m. Horse Lovers an 82044) PQ4 SIG MYSTIC PORTAL (PQ4Dan 115590) Trek Talk

MYSTIC PORTAL (Picard159 133219) Midkemian Legends

BACKGAMMON DEN (JimTheHand 71625) (Mutasa 114327) Criminals TEEN SCENE (Infamous 72081) Hawkeye's Bar & Grill TREE HOUSE (Hawkeye 63543)

YPI TECH TOWER (Cassy 30807) Beads MARRIED LIFE Pelican Club

(JohnCarney 68131)

HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Fridays only) (HotSalsa 108895) MST3 Satellite of Love MARRIED LIFE (MST3KCrow 69762)

NBA Jam Conference SPORTS DEN (AgentSteve 119977)

Sports Events Sports Events

Sports Events

GYM: Fitness for All

8 p.m. Puck Lovers Paradise SPORTS DEN (TJZ 70943)

12 Step Recovery MARRIED LIFE (Wisteria+ 46608) Victims No More TOURNAMENTS (StarChild+ 35377)

7 p.m. Desert Hearts Club TECH TOWER (Nina/MARgot+ 80101)

Need a little help with your homework? Our homework hotline is now available FOUR DAYS A WEEK, Mon. - Thurs., from 4-6 p.m. Pacific time at INN University.

Deaf Community TREE HOUSE (RobertVI 90833)

Television & Movies

Support Groups

Pythonites Anonymous MARRIED LIFE

6 p.m. Star Wars Reunion MARRIED LIFE (Kaleicy 76841) p.m. The Movie Club

(JeremyM 14114)

5 p.m. M*A*S*H (Hawkeye 100334)

Soap Talk EUCHREVILLE New TV Shows Letterman Asylum EEN HANGO Ann 90644)

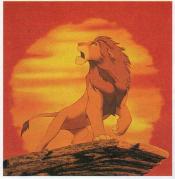
Three Stooges Info Line TREE HOUSE (SteveG 80339)

Liquid TV Club Star Trek Remembrance RPG ZONE (AndrewW 115511)

SNL Fan Club HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Fridays only) (HotSalsa 108895)

LION KING ROARS INTO

IMAGINATION!



TM Walt Disney Pictures

The ImagiNation Network will sponsor a contest where members can create their own animated Lion King.

If the words "Lead Animator" are part of your dream job description, we'd like to help you get started. ImagiNation has arranged for special lessons in online animation. INNBuffy will show you how to animate from Sunday, Nov. 13, to Friday, Nov. 18, from 4-6 p.m. Pacific time in INN University.

You can show off what you've learned in a special contest on The ImagiNation Network.

To celebrate the Lion King's return to big screens all across America in November, The ImagiNation Network will sponsor a contest where members can create their own animated Lion King.

All day long from Friday, Nov. 18 to Friday, Nov. 25, members can post their own animation of the Lion King on "The Lion King Animation Contest" bulletin board in the Teen Scene room of the Clubhouse.

We'll give prizes in two categories. The first category is the "most lifelike" character. There's a limit of one page per entry for this category. The second category is for the best use of animation. Entries for this category can be up to 15 pages long.

And the Winner Is...

The "Academy Awards" for the interactive industry has nominated The ImagiNation Network to win an award as Best Interactive Product of

As you can imagine, we're grinning from ear to ear to be in the running for a prize from The Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences, We'll find out if we take home a trophy on the night of Nov. 5, when the Academy airs its gala glittery awards ceremony "Cybermania 1994" nationwide on TBS.

Hosts for the show, to be held at the Beverly Hills Wilshire Theater, are actor Leslie Nielsen (of "Naked Gun" fame) and Jonathan Taylor Thomas (from TV's "Home Improvement.")

Check local listings for program times. If you miss the program on Nov. 5, TBS will rebroadcast it on Nov. 12. And keep your fingers crossed for us!



How Do You Get a Job Like That?

Talking with game designer Vince Lee

Game designer and programmer Vince Lee, of *Rebel Assault* fame, fielded questions from would-be game designers and others September 21 on an exclusive conference in the Tournaments room. Some highlights: Saavik: Okay, on Rebel Assault, what language was it in? And tell us something interesting about development.

Vince: Most of the game was written in C, at least initially. Then, the important routines were recorded in assembly language. Interesting? Well, about six months into the project we go to the stage where we needed to get the thing running off a CD drive. Until that point, I had been assuming that streaming would be possible... after all, who would design a CD standard where you couldn't do that?... Well, there was a period of time when I wondered whether the game could be done at all!!! Only after pulling some nasty tricks and lots of head-banging did we get it to work... Thank goodness.

Bill: What kind of computer did you program Rebel on? And is there any kind of software that you know of to help make games?

Vince: I actually started Rebel on a 386SX16 with a 40 MB hard drive. Later, I moved onto a 386 and then a 486. As far as software goes, I think the only way to really push technology is to program the machine directly,

not using pre-made script-based multimedia tools. A lot of art tools were really handy in making Rebel, however. 3D Studio was used for much of the rendering, and Photoshop and Deluxe Paint as well.

MrScary: What do you guys do for fun after making games all day?

Vince: We're all really different here. Some of us play even more games. Some of us sleep. Personally, I'm pretty hyper, so I rollerblade, ski, play ice hockey, and do other stuff.

Mike: What is Skywalker Ranch, and what is your BBS number?

Vince: Skywalker Ranch is George Lucas's complex for creative people to work up here in Northern California. the BBS number is (415) 257-3070.

Adam: What's life like on the Ranch?

Vince: The Ranch is big, beautiful, and a lot like a resort... a really NICE resort. (But you still have to work.)

CONGRATULATIONS!!! These ImagiNation members won copies of Rebel Assault: Wraith, JeffGe, TheCrow, Thalia and Tim.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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MAGINATION. In explanation

As you may have recently heard, a member of Congress has brought to the attention of the online service industry the issue of selling names and demographics for the purposes of direct mail.

Representative Edward J. Markey had seen a recent advertisement in *Direct Marketing News* that promised a sizable list of "active members" of an online service that included data on members' computer equipment, gender, running charges, home and business address, income, children by age and other information.

As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, Markey had overseen the adopting of comprehensive privacy provisions in this year's "information superhighway" legislation. His questions were to the point. Do subscribers know that information of a personal nature could be sold to direct marketers? Do they have the option to say no to such an invasion of privacy?

As members of ImagiNation, you no doubt have concerns about your own privacy online.

An Update

In November we will be sending you important information about pricing. Look for a letter in the mail and postings on bulletin boards for the details.

You should know that ImagiNation has never sold its customer list and has never contemplated doing so. I certainly don't expect our policy to change. Your privacy, your name, and any other information is strictly held within ImagiNation and could only be released with your permission.

As the hearings go on and as this industry grows and changes, we will no doubt continue the dialog about privacy and online communication. But rest assured that as members of the ImagiNation community, we respect your right to privacy.

See you on ImagiNation!

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Tom Pomeroy, a.k.a. Tom. Tom Pomeroy is the Vice President of Marketing and Sales at The ImagiNation Network.