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Comedic gem hits Portland; *Trekkies* rocks!

The Paramount documentary premieres exclusively in Portland and Indianapolis.

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• "We find that *Star Trek*, the episodes, are always geared with a moral. They're good doers, and we wanted to portray dentists as good doers."

Dr. Denis Bourguignon, owner of Starbase Dental featured in the documentary of *Star Trek* fans.

As far as documentaries go, *Trekkies*, an extremely entertaining film about the fans of "Star Trek," is a Robert Nygard masterpiece that could be considered the first mainstream documentary.

Co-Executive Producer, host of *Trekkies* and formerly Lieutenant Tasha Yar from the series *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Denise Crosby made a promotional appearance Friday, March 5 at the Things From Another World comic shop to autograph photos.

Promotion and press screenings were done in only two cities, Portland and Indianapolis, because, according to Crosby, these two cities were the best locations to premiere the soon-to-be-released film. It's no secret that Portland's movie crowd is very enthusiastic, and this film should be received well by everyone.

Even non-*Star Trek* fans, who are, no doubt, aware that there is a huge *Star Trek* following, will find this film hilarious and unexpectedly informative.

Some of the fans in the film were pretty obsessive, and I asked Crosby if she ran into any scary situations. She said no, and that she, in fact, found people to be very open with

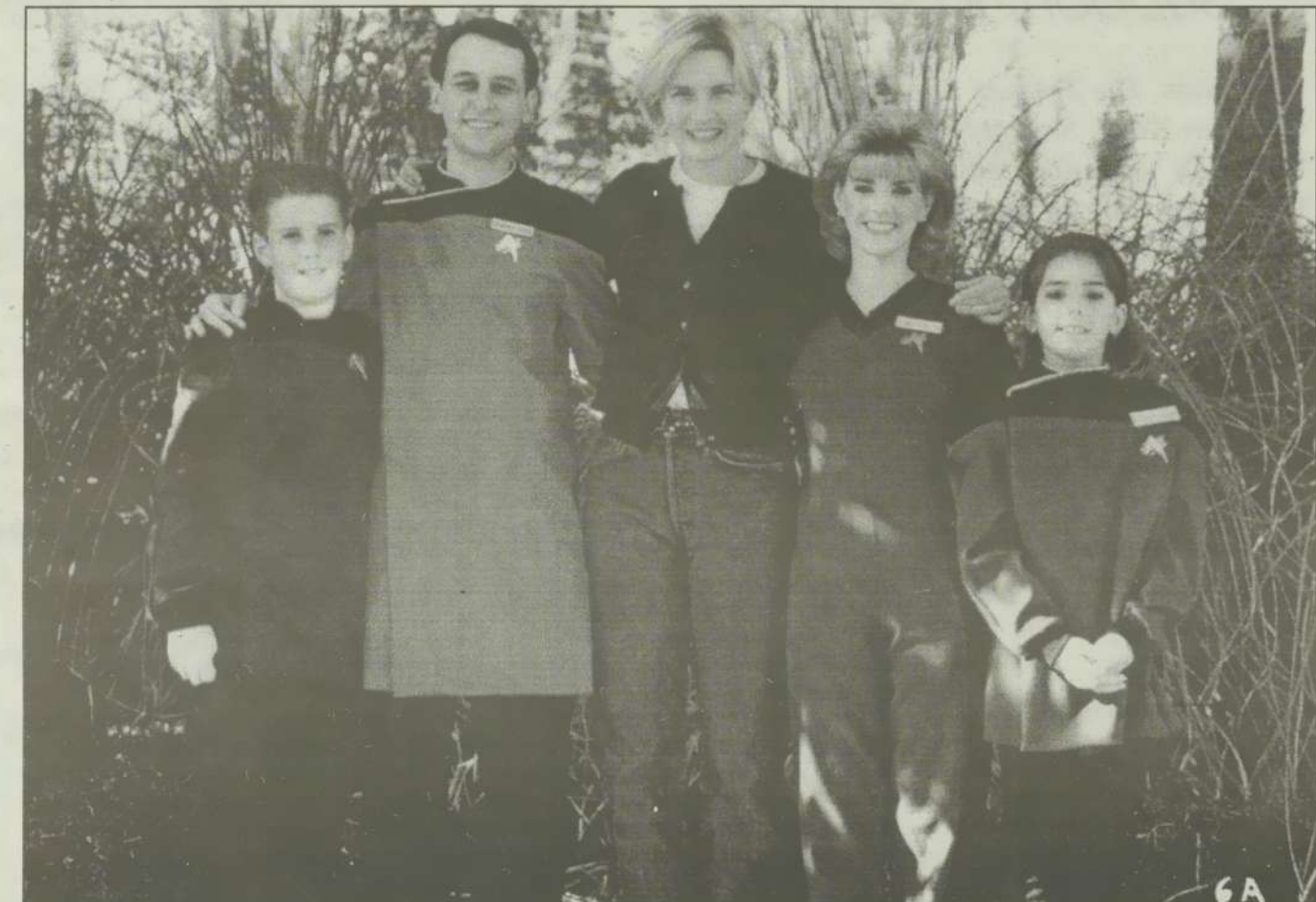


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The Bourguignon family, of Orlando, Florida (L-R, Doug, Denis, Shelly and Kayla) are owners of Starbase Dental, a *Star Trek* themed business. Shown here with documentary host Denise Crosby, the family displays their *Star Trek* costumes.

her. The fans she encountered were comfortable, knowing they were talking to someone who understood. Being one on the great list of involved actresses, fans were not afraid to be very trusting and technically expressive of their feelings, ideas and experiences.

In one instance, there is a dentist's office, "Starbase Dental," that is owned by a family who dresses in *Star Trek* costumes often. The entire office is completely decorated with *Star Trek* themed lights, statues, pictures and even a "transporter" that "beams" patrons away while the dentist

works on them. Their belief is that the *Star Trek* series portrays "good doers" and they wanted to "portray dentists as good doers." The idea came to the two owners, Denis and Shelly, when they were in a science fiction store. They had looked at each other and said, "Are you thinking what I'm thinking?"

Also of note is the story of the Little Rock, Arkansas Whitewater trial juror Barbara Adams, who went to court wearing a Starfleet Commanding Officer uniform, communicator badge, rank pips, her phaser and tricoder.

Trekkies' journey of *Star Trek* memorabilia covers from costumes and figurines to *Trek*-themed publications involving homo-erotic Kirk and Spock stories.

And, throughout the film, young *Star Trek* enthusiast Gabriel Koerner, makes numerous appearances, showing his devotion to the show. Film editors even left in a candid shot with Koerner, at home in his bedroom, answering his telephone. Not to give too much away, I will give the scene one brief description: an unexpectedly hilarious element that makes the entire film a come-

dic gem.

Normally, Crosby is in front of the camera, but as co-executive producer, she became acquainted with the technical side of production.

"It was interesting being behind the scenes," said Crosby. It gave her a "unique and different" perspective into movie production.

The public sneak preview, Friday, March 12, exclusively in Portland and Indianapolis, will show at these Portland theaters: Lloyd Cinema, Century Eastport 16, Division Street 13, Tigard Cinema, Evergreen Parkway and Cascade 16 Cinemas.

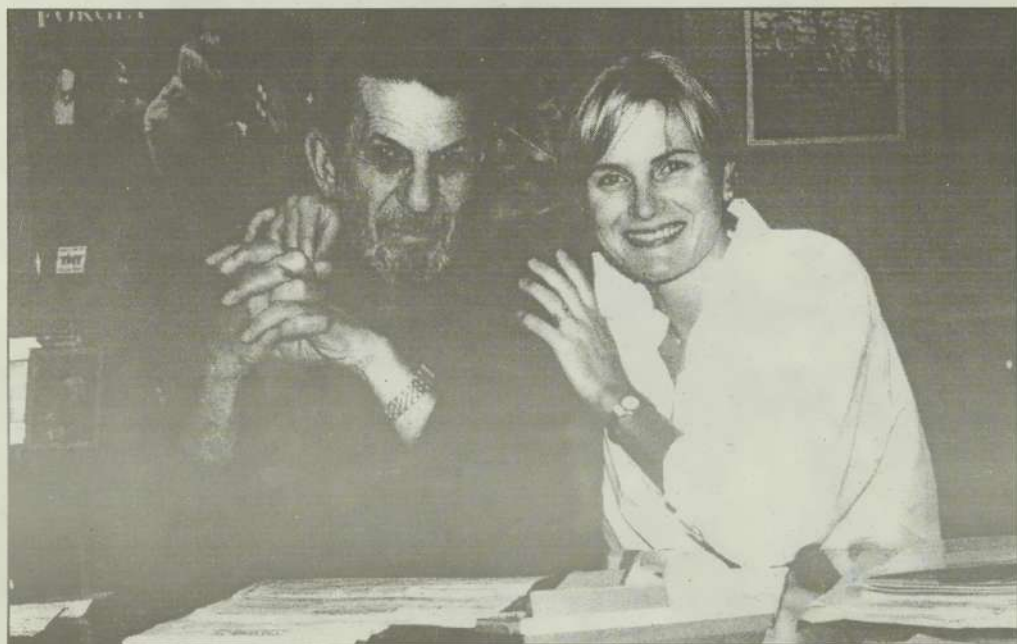


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Denise Crosby embraces Leonard Nimoy, easily recognized as Mr. Spock from the original series of "Star Trek." In *Trekkies*, Nimoy, as well as many other *Star Trek* mainstays, discusses his experiences on the show and his encounters with fans.

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