Subject: Re: Star Trek (original series)
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ST-TOS was a landmark show. So much so that people never forgotit and initiated a 20 year campaign to bring it back to television.I agree that the characters represented all that is best aboutan inclusive society. But I wonder how that one episode with 2 primative peoplesat perpetual war with each other would be viewed today. I'mthinking of the one that concludes with Kirk reciting the Declaration of Independence. Even as a kid, that choked me up a little bit when hearing it. Today 30% of high schoolkids polled are in favor of a reduction of freedom fora spurious security. The fact is that productions these days are made by businessadministrators rather than even studio heads. So the production landscape has become severely limited. And there's not enough of us old trekkies to keep it going. Think of what they did with that show in symbolic andartistic terms: showing the race conflict of the time as a fight between two men, each having a half/half skin coloron opposite sides-- and when they spoke they reflected each other'simage. That one was written by Harlan Ellison. Ellison is now one of the senior figures in s-f and fantasy, mostly as a consultant andeditor. As a final aside, I wish I knew all the authors of those episodeswho worked under pseudonyms. Major figures of that era wrote some of them under pen names.