

The DaVinci Pilot

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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Happy New Year to y'all! Let us hope that the new year will bring everything you hope for. For me it is a healthy little girl!

The Thanksgiving celebration was a blast! The food was plentiful and delicious to boot! Most noteworthy of the vittles was Patty's potatoes (who swears it was not store bought or made by her mother) and Randy's this-time-I-did-not-burn-them-to-bits macaroni and cheese! Naturally, after the meal, the standard games of the DaVinci began - The Great Dalmuti and Chinese Checkers! I am not sure who the checkers champ was but Rob Anthony was the Great Dalmuti!

Now the Christmas celebration was even better! The food was just as plentiful, but missing was Patty's potatoes (some kind of excuse concerning not being able to find potatoes!). The exchanging of gag gifts was a blast! Classic items such as fuzzy dice, a really awful-looking hat, and a "mad cow" clock were just a few of the noteworthy items! Laughs abounded! A couple of special guests were present - Karen and Kim's mom and dad! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended and made both of these very special occasions!

Congratulations to the following crew members who received promotions during the festivities: PO2 Rob Anthony, PO2 Lisa Neal, and PO2 Patty Williams!

Well the new year is upon us and hopefully it will be a great one for you and your family. I know it will be a great one for me for my daughter will soon be born! We have decided on Ariana Nerys. Another reason to look forward to 1998 is because the next Star Trek movie will be out in November!

Another thing I would like to do this year is to host the First Annual Region 2 Parrises Squares tournament. What it will be is up to us. Putt Putt maybe? How about bowling? Think of something we can have a fun time doing. After the contest we can have a banquet followed by an award ceremony. The whole Region would be invited to

send teams. What I would like is for one of the Divisions to take the lead in planning the event, although the whole ship will pitch in to help.

Prepare to get a call to help clean up our highway! It will be the first of the new year and no doubt the coldest! Hot chocolate at my house after the affair!

Great news! We may have a Cadet Corps Commander! She has expressed interest but has not yet committed. It is, after all, a thankless job. I have been hoping for someone to volunteer for quite a while! Now the Cadets will have the opportunity to do things on their own. If she does volunteer, she will need an assistant or two to help run the show!

Say a BIG Bajoran thanks to all who gave me coupons last year. Our 1997 total of \$8053 was not as good as 1996, but I am sure we can do better this year.

One thing which has really slowed down to a snail's pace is the stamp collection. With all the Christmas Cards y'all got over the holidays I should have enough to fill a shoe box! Oops! Forgot to save them, right? Okay, beginning this year please save all the stamps that come in your mail. Just cut around the stamp about 1/4 of an inch. Remember, the stamps go to Starfleet which in turn sells them to dealers. The proceeds go to charity.

Make a list of your top 10 favorite Original Series episodes! Coming soon another mini-marathon, but with a slight twist. Whereas the last two marathons were covered dish and pizza, this one will be ICE CREAM the way you like it! A real BIG Bajoran thanks to PO2 Lisa Neal for the suggestion!

CPT Freddy Heller

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CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Not much going on in the general area but if you are interested, here is the information on a con in St. Louis:

When: January 10th and 11th

Where: Holiday Inn Southwest

Who: Michael Dorn and Terry Farrell

What a great chance to see the newlyweds together on stage! Also in attendance will be Chase Masterson (sigh) and Stephen Furst (Babylon 5). The cost is quite reasonable: \$50 for the weekend for reserved seating. For more information contact:

Slanted Fedora Entertainment

(913) 894-8735 or sfedora1@aol.com

I have not heard who Joe Motes at Vulkan will be bringing to Atlanta in the Spring but as soon as I find out, I will let y'all know.

TREK BUZZ

Terry Farrell has confirmed that she is the only cast member who has not signed on for a seventh season. The main reason is a poor offer from Paramount and the desire to do other things.

Coming up in January will be a Deep Space Nine episode centered around Morn. He will have a lot to say but none of it on camera! Will poor Morn ever get a speaking role?

If you miss Keiko, Molly, and CPT Kasidy Yates, all three will be back on DS9 sometime this year! The planned IMAX Star Trek movie is now under development. IMAX must approve any script.

William Shatner was married in a private civil ceremony attended by family and friends. The bride is Nerine Kidd of Boston, MA.

Richard Arnold said at a recent convention that the primary reason the Kes character was dropped from Voyager was that the powers to be were concerned about the show's ratings for the 18-35 year old MALE viewers and wanted to increase the sexual quotient of the show (sure worked for me!!). In addition, the writers had written themselves into a corner (e.g., Ocampan lifespan) and did not know what to do with the character. It had nothing whatsoever to do with the actor. If you want to join the letter campaign to bring back Jennifer Lien visit geocitis.com/area51/cavern/2888/kiss.html.

It has been reported that Earth: Final Conflict has become the number one new weekly syndicated

series running right in the pack with Xena, Hercules, and Deep Space Nine.

Cake is very high on the list of things Jeri Ryan can no longer eat!

First Contact was knocked out of first place in the "top science fiction rentals" by The Fifth Element.

Star Trek: The Motion Picture director Robert Wise will be the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Film Institute.

William Shatner's red uniform from "Wrath of Khan" recently sold for \$11,000 at a recent auction!

Thanks to Transwarp, Dateline: Starfleet, and the Ledger-Enquirer for the information!

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ALTERNATE UNIVERSE

Greeting from the A.U.

The end of the year is upon us, so it's out with the old and in with the new. The sci-fi shows that have bit the dust are the Sci-fi Channel's The Flash, The Mantis, and Robo Cop; Fox's The Visitor: and just about everything on UPN. New shows coming in January are: Space: Above and Beyond, Earth2, and American Gothic to the Sci-Fi Channel and Babylon 5 to TNT.

American Gothic premieres on Friday, January 2nd at 8 P.M. and there will be four never seen before episodes. Space: Above and Beyond premieres on Sunday, January 11th at 7 P.M. with a 2 hour. Pilot. Its regular time slot will be on Sundays at 8 P.M. Earth2 premieres on Sunday, January 11th at 9 P.M. with a 2 hour. Pilot. Its regular time slot will be Sundays at 9 P.M.

Although the Sci-fi Channel's website still promotes a new Sliders season, rumors are that Sliders is gone for good.

Now on to the biggest premiere of the new year, Babylon 5 on TNT. It premieres on January 4th at 8 P.M. with "In the Beginning" an original 2 hour. TV-movie prequel covering the Earth-Minbari Wars. Immediately following this at 10 P.M. will be the 2 hour pilot "The Gathering", re-edited and re-scored.

They will both be re-shown starting at 12:30 A.M. On January 5th, TNT begins showing the first season episodes, uncut and in order, Monday-Friday at 7 P.M. So for those of you that want to find out what Babylon 5 is all about (like me) or just want to catch up, now is the time to check it out.

Babylon 5's fifth season starts on TNT on Wednesday, January 21st at 10 P.M. with a replay of that week's episode on the following Saturday at 7 P.M. This will conclude Babylon 5's five year arc. There is no sixth season planned, although TNT has

not ruled out a few TV-movies further down the line.

Something else to look forward to is Penn and Teller coming to Babylon 5 in March of 1998. They will be guest starring in an episode called "Day of the Dead" as a bumbling comedy team called Rebo and Zooty, the 23rd century's answer to Laurel and Hardy.

Out in cyberspace, TNT plans to go all out on their Babylon 5 website. You can go there now but it is still under construction. They promise it will be ready in time for its January premiere. Its address is <http://tnt.turner.com/babylon5/>.

You can get the new trailer for the X Files movie at their website www.thex-files.com. It takes about 2hrs. to download. It is a biggie, but well worth the wait. Also, I have copies of the online chats from the Sci-Fi Channel's online convention, SCIFI Con 2.0. I have Leonard Nimoy (TOS), Clancy Brown (Earth2, Starship Troopers), John Delancie (STNG), Jerry O'Connell (Sliders), Michael Ironside (Starship Troopers), and J. Michael Straczynski (Babylon 5). I will have them at the next meeting and if you want a copy let me know and I'll see about getting you one.

So long for now.

PO2 Karen Baker

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SICKBAY

"To See, or Not to See?"

As most of you are aware, I have recently converted to contact lenses from eyeglasses.. However, some of you may not know about another procedure to correct poor eyesight: radial keratotomy, or "RK."

Radial keratotomy is a procedure by which a laser light is used to correct poor vision by reshaping the retina, the part of the eye on which light images fall and are transmitted to the brain by the optic nerve. The retina can become damaged or be out of shape and, therefore, transmit the wrong image to the brain. More often than not, the image on the retina is out of focus because the eyeball is not perfectly spherical or round. Thus, the picture "formed" on the retina falls either in front of or behind the retina, causing a blurry image as interpreted by the brain.

RK surgery is able to correct his problem by reshaping either the retina itself or the eyeball (cornea) by "shaving" a small part of the affected area in the eye. This is done in an optometrist's office in only about an hour's time and recovery time is often less than 24 hours. In rare instances, however, the procedure can last longer and recovery time extended due to complications such as a preexisting condition such as glaucoma.

Should you decide to have this procedure performed, I urge you to discuss this surgery with your physician and your optometrist and weigh the pros and cons. Your eyesight is the most important gift you are given: take great care of it!

Helping you to "Live Long and Prosper!"

ENS Steve Gordon

THE KLINGON OUTPOST

Curse Well!

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Cursing, or swearing, is considered a fine art among Klingons. One who curses well is the recipient of a great deal of respect; one who does not curse well may not be worthy enough to be called Klingon. Thus it was a compliment when Klingon Governor Vagh said, "You swear well, Picard. You must have Klingon blood in your veins." The commonly heard send off, "Curse well!"-roughly comparable in usage to the Federation Standard "Good luck!"- literally means, "Shoot curses forcefully!" Curses are considered a

weapon of a sort which must be propelled to their targets.

The Next Generation: The Mind's Eye

Relating to what I said about Direct TV at the night out, if anyone is interested in contacting Direct TV about getting the UPN network (so that their subscribers can see Star Trek) they can be reached at 1-800-DirecTV (347-3288) or leave them a message at their website at www.directv.com. If they get enough viewer response they may consider more efforts to make a deal with UPN. Thanks for your help.

Finally, anyone who would like to send me email can now send it to me at: joHtod@webtv.net

Qapla!

ENS Joshua Ainsworth

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined or renewed their membership in the DaVinci!

ENS Gisela Stephens
CRMN Rock Haynes
CRMN John "Rooster" Lewis
CRMN Samuel Thomas
CRMN Marilyn Gordon
CADET Ashley Gordon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel and Star Trek celebrities and events who are celebrating birthdays in January!

Deep Space Nine Premieres (1992)	2 nd
CRMN Jason Fields	3 rd
CADET Kimberley Schiro	4 th
ENS William Lavender	6 th
CRMN Chuck Orr	10 th
Kirstie Alley (LT Saavik)	12 th
Voyager Premieres (1995)	16 th
CRMN Chris Mason	18 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy)	20 th
David Gerrold (Author & Script Writer)	24 th
CRMN Michael Walker	25 th

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	831.74
Senior Center (Thanksgiving)	50.00
Turkey	18.68
Printing	18.00
Medical kit	50.00
Deposit	92.00
Unlimited T-shirts	799.26
Deposit	64.50
Returned check	38.00
Deposit	144.00
P.O. Box rental	40.00
Senior Center (Christmas)	50.00
Turkey	11.98
Closing Balance	56.32

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PROGRAM SCHEDULES

All listings are tentative and based on the pattern for the last couple of years.

Deep Space Nine:

03 January	Waltz
10 January	Rocks and Shoals (R)
17 January	Sons and Daughters (R)
24 January	Behind the Lines (R)
31 January	Who Mourns for Morn?

Voyager:

07 January	Message in a Bottle
14 January	Waking Moments
21 January	Revulsion (R)
28 January	Hunter

FINALLY...

If you ordered a DaVinci T-shirt, Polo shirt, or both, PLEASE pick them up as soon as possible. The Polo shirts cost nearly \$800 and just about cleaned out the finances! We must have your money if you ordered a shirt. I will bring them to the night out and meeting, or you can come to my house to pick them up.

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

Executive Officer Joe Perry 327-5888
Finance Connie Heller 562-8735
Community Service Josh Ainsworth 448-3457
Publications Freddy Heller 562-8735

Science Officer VACANT
Counselor JoAnne Vazquez 563-9185
Holodeck VACANT
Medical Steve Gordon 448-4621

Engineering Officer Deniece Dunn 291-0150
Communications Karen Baker 323-4217
Quartermaster Randy Dunn 291-0150
Security Zach Farley 682-6911

Cadet Corps CMDR VACANT

SR Chief Petty Off VACANT

Positions are going fast! If you are interested and are willing to join or are already a member of Starfleet, please let me know.

The following businesses will give DaVinci crew personnel a 10 percent discount on purchases. Make sure you let them know who you are.

ARENA GAMES

2901 University Avenue, Suite 42 569-5939

CCG EXTREME

4214 Hamilton Road 322-5449

COLLINS CARDS & COLLECTIBLES

4728-A Warm Springs Road 569-5353

COLUMBUS BOOK EXCHANGE

2334 Wynnton Road 324-2559

DUGOUT

1033 Broadway 653-9060

PREFERRED COMPUTERS

4405 Armour Road, Suite C322-3225

CARGO BAY 2 - THE CREW

WANTED: Star Trek fan material. In need of trading cards that came in pre-recorded videos of original series episodes. Call Freddy at 562-TREK.

FOR SALE: Cards, action figures, and a whole lot more! Both Star Trek and Star Wars! Call Freddy at 562-TREK.

FOR SALE: Star Trek toys and memorabilia. See Patty at the meeting. "I have what you need!."

CARGO BAY 1 - BUSINESS