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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

I was a little disappointed at the last turnout for our highway clean-up. Even with its announcement in the newsletter and at the meeting only two other people besides myself showed up. A BIG Bajoran thanks to LTJG Joey Allcorn and ENS Randy Dunn for coming. Since there were only three of us I felt it was not worth the effort cleaning up the trash - it would have taken all day with only three of us. Please, try to make the scheduled clean-up. If we cannot get enough interest, I will be forced to give it up. So help out when you can.

The Klingon Empire has accepted our challenge! Now we just need to schedule a time when we can get a good turn-out. If you are interested in playing a friendly game of Parrises Squares (Softball) please give me or CPT Joe Perry a call. The reputation of Starfleet is on the line!

There are some exciting things happening in the near future. Starfleet will be having several events that will be open to all on the DaVinci. On the 4th of July will be the Starfleet Atlanta Picnic; on July 25th, the Whitewater Blowout; and on August 15th, the Battle for Stone Mountain (also known as the Annual Stone Mountain Outing and Picnic). The dates are tentative but mark your calendar anyway. I would love to have a large contingent from the DaVinci attend one or all of these events.

Coming soon will be the mini marathon for the DaVinci's favorite science fiction movies! It will work the same way as our other marathons with the exception that you will pick your top FIVE favorite films and the top THREE will be shown at a date yet to be determined. So, get your list together!

FCPT Freddy Heller

**NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE
AT PIZZA PIE ON VICTORY DRIVE
ON MAY 4TH AT 7 PM Y'ALL COME!!**

SICKBAY

“My Left (and Right) Foot”

First of all, allow me to apologize for my callous omission of my article in the April Pilot. I was very busy unpacking from our move to Lafayette.

Anyway, you may have heard this classic joke:

Lem: “What is the first thing you put on in the morning?”

Clem: “Your feet on the floor!”

Well, your feet probably do not receive the respect due them. More often than not, feet are taken for granted by us every day. We awake in the morning, put our left and right foot on the floor, and begin our day, not realizing how hard our feet perform their requested tasks.

Here is an example of how hard our feet work in an average day:

- 1) Walk an average of 100 miles.
- 2) Carry an average accumulative weight (figuring a 200 pound person and 100 pounds per foot) of 3,000 pounds every day carrying a human body, plus the added weight of carried items.
- 3) Perform these two basic tasks every day for about 70 years!

All our feet ask from us is some basic TLC. Wear comfortable shoes, change socks every day, and a breath of fresh air (barefoot) with a good old fashioned rubdown every once in a while will make your feet (and you) feel a whole lot better.

Anyway, to let everyone know, I had a great time at the Sunny Summit in Birmingham in March (although it was not so sunny as it rained almost the whole time we were there). The next Summit is in 1999 in Jackson, MS. I plan to go and I encourage more of you to make the trip so I will not feel so alone and will have more participation in the events with the other ships in the Region. The ship hosting the '99 Summit will be the USS Haise, CPT Bethany Theilman, Commanding.

Finally, let me encourage you to participate as much as you can in DaVinci, Region 2, and Starfleet related activities. Believe me, you will get

a lot more out of your Starfleet membership than just the Communiqué. I would love to see more of the crew involved in ship's activities than just a few dedicated individuals who seem to be there time and time again. I would also like to know if there is any interest in starting a chapter of the Starfleet Marines aboard the DaVinci!

LTJG Steve Gordon

TREK BUZZ

Filming for the next Trek film began on the 31st of March. The title is rumored to be "Star Trek: Prime Directive". The planned release in November has been changed to mid December.

Two of the guest stars will be F. Murray Abraham and Anthony Zerbe, two award winning actors!

The plot concerns the finding of the Fountain of Youth and Picard's vigorous fight against the Federation in order to protect the inhabitants of the alien world where it was discovered.

Voyager was nominated in the Prime-Time TV Series category of the Imagen Foundation Awards but lost to Chicago Hope. The Imagen award is given for positive portrayals of Latinos in TV and films.

Brannon Braga has come out and stated that the rumors that Voyager will be going home next season are false.

The Post Office will begin taking votes on May 3rd on which subjects they should use in a series of new stamps commemorating the 1960's. Star Trek is a potential vote getter! So everyone make sure to cast your vote for Star Trek!

Patrick Stewart has been nominated for a Helen Hayes Award for lead actor in a resident play for his performance in Othello.

In addition, Moby Dick starring Patrick Stewart, drew the biggest audience ever for an original basic cable movie.

Showtime is planning a miniseries based on the William Shatner Man O'War series of books.

UPN has a pilot in the works called Mercy Point, about the chief surgeon at an inter-galactic medical facility.

A BIG Bajoran thanks to Dateline: Starfleet for the information.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

The Picard from Tapestry II figure offered in this month's Toy Fare was a resounding success. The issue sold out everywhere, but if you were one of the ones who wanted the figure and were not able to get the issue, you will be getting a second chance. Check out next month's Sci-Fi Invasion!

Following a sell out, Toy Fare was quick to plan their next exclusive Star Trek figure, Geordi LaForge from "Identity Crisis" It is the same figure that was released several years ago except he is molded in translucent plastic. The issue of Toy Fare #13 will go on sale on July 8th.

Playmates has once again made changes to their 1998 product line. Number One, LTCMDR Shelby, and Sisko and The Doctor in First Contact uniforms were all canceled with no explanation. And, all the Ultra Trek, Latinum, and Masterpiece figures were pushed back two months.

While there is still little known about Star Trek IX, some general information about the movie is given in Playmates' latest catalogue:

A new alien species has been discovered, with a new alien agenda. If they achieve their objective, the Federation is doomed. Now, Starfleet must turn to CPT Jean-Luc Picard,, LTCMDR Data, and the crew of the USS Enterprise. But, there's an unexpected twist -- their key to victory may be their own defeat!

The ninth Star Trek film premieres during 1998 holiday season. With the \$150 million worldwide success of First Contact, Patrick Stewart and the entire TNG cast reprise their memorable roles. Jonathan Frakes, "CMDR Riker," will once again direct! To coincide with the film's release, Playmates will feature an all-new line of action figures, accessories, and collectibles, supported by a Fall print campaign and all-new exclusive movie in-pack premiums. Star Trek IX Premiere in record-breaking wide release! Exciting new film being written by Michael Piller -- the award-winning veteran Star Trek writer, and fan favorite, of the TNG series! Multi-million dollar marketing campaign from Paramount Pictures! ALL NEW product of the world's favorite sci-fi property from Playmates Toys! What else do the fans need?!

LTJG Joey Allcorn

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Time is getting short to still buy good seats for the Ethan Phillips convention on the 23rd of May in Atlanta. The caravan will leave my house at 7 AM on the 23rd. Since I will probably be taking Ariana and Travis I will only have room for four more people. So, reserve your convention and van seats today!

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE ON MAY 21st AT 7:00 P.M. COME FOR GOOD TIMES AND COMRADESHIP.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently come aboard or renewed their membership in the DaVinci (D) or Starfleet (S):

LTJG Joey Allcorn (S)
 PO2 Karen Baker (S)
 CRMN Kim Townsend (S)
 Cadet Chantel Billingsley (S)
 Cadet Malik Coles (S)
 FCPT Freddy Heller (S)
 CMDR Connie Heller (S)
 Cadet Travis Grisham (S)
 Cadet Ariana Heller (S)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Joan Collins (Edith Keeler)	1 st
CADET Matthew Dunn	6 th
CRMN Samuel Schiro	8 th
ENS Dennis Shaw	11 th
CRMN Lisa Neal	12 th
CRMN Sherry Schiro	15 th
CRMN Gisela Stephens	15 th
FCPT Freddy Heller	26 th
Harlan Ellison (Scrip Writer)	27 th
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)	20 th
Michael Piller (Executive Producer)	30 th

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	147.17
Printing	10.11

Postage	36.00
Deposit	61.00
Closing Balance	162.06

CMDR Connie Heller

PROGRAM SCHEDULES

All listings are tentative and based on the Paramount schedule. Check local listing.

Deep Space Nine:

02 May	Valiant
09 May	Profit and Lace
16 May	Out of Time
23 May	Statistical Probabilities (R)
30 May	Waltz (R)

Voyager:

06 May	Demons
13 May	One
20 May	Hope and Fear (Season End)

ACCOLADES TO:

ENS Michael Walker for completing Office's Command College (OCC) as well as earning a Bachelor of Library Science from the Vulcan Academy of Science!

ENS Zack Farley for competing Officer's Training School (OTS) and being promoted to full Ensign!

LTJG Steve Gordon for completing Starfleet Medical!

FINALLY...

Say, did you happen to catch Jeopardy the other day? One of the answers was: "Kathryn Janeway and 7 of 9 are two of the females on this Federation Starship." Okay, who missed it?????

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DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-
TREK

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

Science Officer VACANT
Counselor JoAnne Vazquez 563-9185
Holodeck VACANT
Medical Steve Gordon 864-2607

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

Co-Cadet Corps Cmdr Dana Ainsworth Unlisted
Co-Cadet Corps Cmdr Marilyn Gordon
(334) 864-2607

SR Chief Petty Off VACANT

CARGO BAY 1 - BUSINESS

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

GALAXY CCG
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!."