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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

ATTENTION!!! Fox 54 is no long carrying Voyager! All is not lost, however. If you get Knology, Voyager is carried on Channel 3 on UPN! Those having TCI can also get UPN but must get a new cable box to do so. If you do not get Knology or TCI, contact your cable company for more information. Oh yes, Voyager can be seen at 9 PM on Wednesdays. Speaking of UPN>>>>>>

We need to give a hand to those ship personnel who have Direct TV! It seems as if they will not carry the UPN Network because, in their words, "We won't carry it if the only show you will watch is Star Trek", or words to that effect. Okay, here is what you can do to help. Get on-line and at your home page type: [www.directmagazine.com]. Then click on "Direct Magazine" and click on the "Ballot" icon. VOTE for UPN! Thanks.

I have scheduled a highway clean-up for Saturday the 29th of August. We will meet at 8:00 o'clock at the Burger King on Veteran's Parkway. Remember to park in the back of the restaurant. Depending on how many folks show up it could take anywhere from 2-3 hours.

Our "Sister" ship, the Muscogee Phenix, has challenged the crew of the DaVinci to a friendly game of Paresis Squares (Bowling) We have no tentative date as of yet, but you will be kept informed. The way it will work is that four Command personnel from the DaVinci will bowl against four Command personnel from the Muscogee Phenix. Other personnel from both ships wishing to compete may do so. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible!

With the tragic death of Persis Khambatta, it makes one realize just how vulnerable the Star Trek universe is. She was by far the sexiest alien from any of the trek movies. See Passages for more information.

FCPT Freddy Heller

SECOND THOUGHTS

I now have the web page written. The URL is 'http:members.tripod.com/CommanderSuvak/index.htm'. If you have any suggestions for changes send me e-mail at perry_joe@colstate.edu. There is also a link at the bottom of the page. Department/Division Heads will have the capability of adding their own specific pages.

If you can write the HTML yourself, then just send me the pages and any graphics as attachments in an e-mail message. If you do not have the desire or capability to write HTML, discuss with me what you want on the page(s) at either the night-out or at the meeting. Please remember, due to real-world constraints, if you wish me to write the HTML, it may take several months before they are posted to the server.

I am setting a deadline of the October meeting to provide me with any suggestions. After they are considered and/or implemented, I will notify Starfleet HQ and the Region 2 WebMaster that we have a working web page. It should be linked from their pages.

The Coca-Cola Space Science Center is having a special day of activities from 12 to 5 PM on the 5th Saturday of every month. The first one is scheduled for the 29th of August. There will be laser movies, public missions, telescope demonstrations, ham radio demonstrations, , water rocket launches, chemistry demonstrations, global positioning system (GPS) demonstrations, physics demonstrations, shuttle demonstrations, and in the plaza, they will be showing the movie 'E.T.: The Extraterrestrial'. The cost is \$2.00 at the door. The admission covers all activities except the Public Mission, which has an additional \$5.00 charge.

CPT Joe Perry

THE KLINGON OUTPOST

When threatened, fight.

DabuQlu'DI' yISuv.

This is one of many common exhortations that encourage Klingons to respond to situations appropriately.

After the Enterprise's initial encounter with the entity Q, Worf gave voice to this attitude. He advised Captain Jean-Luc Picard that "our only choice is to fight." If we Klingons understand anything, it is the meaning of that kind of talk.

"Encounter at Farpoint"

We fight to enrich the spirit.

qa' wIje'meH maSuv.

A more literal translation of this Klingon phrase is "We fight in order to feed the spirit," focusing more on the role of the giver of enrichment (the Klingon) than that of the recipient (the spirit). For Klingons, the spirit is something that must be cared for actively. As the clone of Kahless pointed out, fighting is more than a physical activity: "We do not fight merely to spill blood, but to enrich the spirit." Interestingly, because of the homophony of the Klingon words for "feed" and "buy," both "je'," the phrase could also be translated as "We fight in order to buy the spirit." If this is not mere coincidence, then, perhaps, to the Klingon way of thinking, while one is alive, one must sacrifice or give up something (the way one uses credits or latinum when making a purchase) in order to ensure that the spirit is one's own.

- "Rightful Heir"

ENS Josh Ainsworth

PASSAGES

Persis Khambatta, a former Miss India and the actress who played Ilia in Star Trek: The Motion Picture, died following a massive heart attack. Khambatta, who died in a Bombay hospital, had undergone a bypass operation in 1983. She was 49. She is survived by her mother and brother.

ALTERNATIVE UNIVERSE

Greetings from the A.U.

I have just recently started watching Babylon 5 this last year and I am completely hooked. And as I'm slightly obsessive-compulsive, I started looking for some of the best B5 sites on the web. Two of the best are The Lurker's Guide to Babylon 5 @ www.midwinter.com/lurk and the TNT: Home of Babylon 5 @ <http://tnt.turner.com/babylon5>.

The Lurker's Guide to B5 is the ultimate guide to the series. For all newcomers to B5 this is a must. The Lurker's Guide offers in-depth analysis of the episodes, the characters, and the five year story. Each episode is broken down, analyzed, and cross referenced with the series books and comics. Each episode is given a rating (from 1-10) and series creator, J..Michael Straczynski also provides his input, answering questions and discussing the episodes. This site also has viewing schedules, cast interviews, books and comics reviews, and convention information.

The TNT site, is the official Babylon 5 website. Here you can find all things B5. There are electronic postcards which are free and you can send to all your online friends. There are currently thirty to choose from but more are added monthly. There is an episode guide and a monthly viewing calendar; cast photos and profiles; links to other B5 sites, chats, and bulletin boards. It has a training simulator that you can download for free and try out your fighting skills. There is a FAQ and an archive of past goodies. In the archive you can find information about the new B5 series, Crusade. There are rough sketches of the new ship, The Excalibur, and its interior.

For those of you not online, the new series is called Crusade, and is set some years after the end of B5 and the end of the Telepath War. The premise is that

an ally of the Shadows has developed a deadly plague to wipe out humanity and a group of Rangers

has been sent to discover its cure. Casting is still on going but so far Gary Cole (American Gothic) has signed on as Captain Matthew Gideon. Other cast members are David Allen Brooks as Max Eilerson; Carrie Dobro as Dureena Nafeel; Marjean Holden

as Dr. Susan Chambers; Daniel Dae Kim as Lt. Matheson; and Peter Woodward as Galen. Rumored to appear from the original B5 cast are Jeff Conway and Tracy Scoggins. Crusade is set to begin in January 1999. The B5 TV movie, A Call to Arms, set to air January. 3rd, 1999 will set up the events that lead to the start of Crusade. TNT is rumored to have already ordered all five seasons of Crusade.

The next B5 TV movie to air on TNT is River of Souls. It will bring back the Soul Hunters last seen in the first season. Martin Sheen has signed on to guest star. It airs November 23, 1998.

I'll see you where no shadows fall.

Ensign Karen Baker

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

As you know, the Vulkan convention scheduled for mid November in Atlanta has been canceled. The good news is that Joe now has rescheduled the convention for 19-21 March. The guest will still be Tim Russ. Only about 6 seats in the front row have been sold so get your check in the mail today! As always contact Vulkan at (954) 434-6060 or e-mail Joe at Joemotes@aol.com .for more information.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE ON THE 17th OF SEPTEMBER AT 7:00 P.M. PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN.

TREK BUZZ

A Star Trek stamp will among those issued by the Post Office in 1999 as part of a collection of stamps representing the 1960s. ST was one of various subjects selected in voting by the general public, receiving over a quarter million votes. Number one in the 1960s voting was a stamp to commemorate Man on the Moon, receiving over a half million votes.

Star Trek received the following six Emmy nominations this year:

1. Outstanding Art Direction for a Series ("Far Beyond the Stars," DS9)

2. Outstanding Costume Design for a Series ("Far Beyond the Stars," DS9)

3. Outstanding Hairstyling for a Series ("Far Beyond the Stars," DS9 and "The Killing Game, Part I and II," VOY)

4. Outstanding Makeup for a Series ("Who Mourns for Morn," DS9)

5. Outstanding Music Direction ("His Way," DS9)

6. Outstanding Special Visual Effects for a Series ("One Little Ship," DS9 and "Year of Hell, Part II," VOY)

Ezri Dax, the next host, will be played by Nicole deBoer. Ezri's plot twist will be that she took the symbiont to save its life and never wanted to be joined.

Paramount paid \$1.25 million for the rights to the documentary "Trekkies", which Paramount plans to release to theaters. Trekkies was produced by Denise Crosby (Tasha Yar).

Speaking of Denise Crosby, she gave birth to son August William Sylk on the 17th June!

Voyager has filmed its 100th episode, directed by LeVar Burton.

The Sci-Fi Channel will be running a sweepstakes between September and October 8th as part of promoting their carrying TOS starting 1 September. Grand prize is a week in Germany for the kickoff of the "Star Trek World Tour."

Paramount Video releases the Talking Tribble Gift Set on October 6th: the videos for "The Trouble with Tribbles" and "Trials and Tribble-ations" along with a tribble that "shrills" when squeezed!

NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT HUCK'S IN HARMONY PLACE ON THE AIRPORT THRUWAY (OLD PO' FOLKS LOCATION) ON SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 7:00 P.M. Y'ALL COME!!

TOY NEWS

Okay all you collectors, here is the latest information direct from Playmates!

Next wave of "Twin Packs" due out in November: Data and Worf (Holodeck) and Harry Kim and Scorpion Alien

Next wave of "Transporter Figures" due out in November: Data, Picard, Worf, LaForge, and Riker.

Next wave of "4.5 inch" due out the beginning of September: Borg Queen, Kirk & Spock from "City on the Edge of Forever", and Seven of Nine from "The Gift".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Star Trek Premieres (1966)	8 th
Star Trek Animated Series Premieres (1973)	8 th
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt B'Ellana Torres)	11 th
Walter Koenig (ENS Pavel Chekov)	14 th
Bruce Hyde (LT Kevin O'Riley)	14 th
CADET Kalan Vazquez	22 nd
Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)	23 rd
CRMN Sam Thomas	24 th
CADET Rebecca Dunn	25 th
The Next Generation Premieres (1987)	28 th
ENS Karen Ferris	30 th

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	191.13
Printing *	42.75
Pips for promotions	54.00
Closing Balance	94.38

I purchased a pre-paid printing card which should last for several months and save some money.

CMDR Connie Heller

PROGRAM SCHEDULES

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

Deep Space Nine:	
05 September	Time's Orphan (R)
12 September	The Sound of Her Voice (R)
19 September	Tears of the Gods (R)
Voyager:	
02 September	One (R)
09 September	Hope and Fear (R)
Babylon 5 (All Repeats)	
02 September	The Tragedy of Telepaths
09 September	Phoenix Rising
16 September	The Ragged Edge
23 September	The Corps is Mother, The

30 September Corps is Father
Meditations on the Abyss

ACCOLADES TO:

To all who participated in the Coupon Contest! The final 2 month total is \$7355 which is only \$600 short of the entire 1997 output!!!!

Thanks to ENSs Randy and Deniece Dunn who contributed most of that amount!

FANTASTICON REPORT

As you know, Freddy, Ariana, and I attended the 3rd annual Fantasticon, the big charity convention in Los Angeles. Many sci-fi stars besides Star Trek appear, although Trek is the primary focus.

So with all the stars, who do you think stole the show? None other than Miss Ariana Nerys. At the end of the first day's program, fans were lining up to take her picture. She was wearing the Starfleet dress that day. I later heard someone say she was dressed up as Janeway. If that's the case, then it sounds like Mulgrew has fallen victim to the Starfleet Captain Hair Syndrome.

The "usual suspects" were there: Grace Lee Whitney, Jonathan del Arco, Jennifer Hetrick, and let's not forget That Hussy (Robin Curtis). It was great to see Martin Milner and Kent McCord reunited (Adam 12), and the Alien Nation trio was most amusing. The Battlestar Galactica reunion was touching, especially when the cast discussed Lorne Greene's influence upon the set and crew.

Of the groups that were not "A-list" the best was the Deep Space Nine guest stars. They included Max Grodenchik, Chase Masterson, Robert O'Reilly, and Mark Allen Shepard.

The two "biggies" were on Sunday, when Deep Space Nine and Voyager cast members were scheduled back-to-back. Alexander Siddig, Rene Auberjonois, Andrew Robinson, and Armin Shimerman represented DS9, while Roxann Dawson, Tim Russ, Garrett Wang, and (pant, pant) Robert Beltran beamed in from Voyager.

All in all, it was most enjoyable, very smoothly run for a con in which the actors volunteer to appear, and we saw many convention friends which we have made over the years.

CMDR Connie Heller

FINALLY

I received a letter in the mail from the folks at Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission. The Fourth Annual Help the Hooch river cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th from 9 a.m. to noon. The DaVinci had a great representation at last year's event and I would love to meet or beat that this year. If you are interested you must let me know before the September meeting because I have a form I must send in! Thanks.

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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.

COLLINS CARDS & COLLECTIBLES

4728-A Warm Springs Road 569-5353

COLUMBUS BOOK EXCHANGE

6440 W. Hamilton Park Drive,
Suite B 324-2559

CYBER EXCHANGE

5256 Armour Rd. 320-9711

EXTREME GALAXY

3554 Hilton Ave. 317-2500

EXTREME GALAXY II

2901 University Avenue, Suite 42 569-5939

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!."