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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

So, what do you think of the Pilot's new front-page look? I have wanted to add our logo to the newsletter for quite awhile. The scanner we recently bought made it much easier. Of course, it also helps to have a spouse who knows what she is doing.

For those of you who were wondering what happened to our Christmas party, it was canceled due to lack of interest. ENS Randy Dunn only received one telephone call. It is too bad because last year's event was really fun.

The DaVinci had a membership table set up the weekend of the Insurrection premier. I would say that we generated a great deal of interest as well as picking up several new members! Much thanks to CPT Joe Perry, CMDR Connie Heller, LTJG Josh Ainsworth, LTJG Michael Walker, ENS Gisela Stephens, ENS Frazier Smith, PO2 Lisa Neal, and CRMN JoAnne Vazquez for working the table. Even though the critics were split on Insurrection, almost all of the people I spoke to really liked the film. What did you think of the movie? Let me know and I will put your comments in the February Pilot!

One of our crew suffered a serious knee injury after falling on some rocks. CRMN Rob Anthony will be laid up for several weeks. Rob, we hope you mend soon. Actually, I am glad he is incapacitated because now I have free rein to all the choice action figures in the state of Georgia (snicker snicker)!

Great news! LTJG Josh Ainsworth is planning on starting a shuttle in Phenix City! This will be the DaVinci's first "baby". I am sure that he will be able to get the go ahead from Starfleet once he has all the necessary paperwork filled out. If there is

any crewmember of the DaVinci who wishes to transfer his or her membership to the new shuttle I will give it my full support. Josh and I will keep you informed as to the status of the new shuttle.

FCPT Freddy Heller

SICK BAY

"Happy New Year"

Well, it's that time of year again--time to make those New Year's resolutions. I know what you're thinking--"I can't keep resolutions.-I only break them after the first few days". Well, you can keep them! Just follow a few simple steps. I'll use the most often used resolution--"I resolve to lose weight".

1) Make your goal easy to obtain (start at 10 pounds), then gradually increase or move your goal up;

2) Most importantly: **STICK TO IT!** Don't give up if you don't see immediate results (Rome was not built in a day);

3) Once you have reached your goal, don't quit--keep striving to do more to improve upon what you have accomplished (go for the gusto--try to lose another 10!)

As I promised in my last article, I will update you on Ashley's progress with her epilepsy. Her tests came back positive--she did have abnormal brain patterns, which suggested possible epileptic seizures. So, she remains on the pheno for now.

I wish all of you a happy healthy and prosperous 1999!

Yours in service to the fleet

LTJG Steve Gordon, CMO

AUTOGRAPH COLLECTING

Continuing from last month, in this part of autograph collecting I will let you know where to write to obtain autographs from individuals who rarely do conventions. I am not talking about the major cast members, but the guest stars and minor supporting characters. There is not one address that encompasses everyone. If there were, collecting autographs would be simple. As I mentioned last month, some requests will be quickly forth coming; others may require several attempts.

One of the nicest stars is Whoopi Goldberg. Whoopi will sign just about anything you send her. Try to keep the number of items to less than five.

Whoopi Goldberg
C/O Forum St. James Theater
246 West 44th St
N.Y., NY 10036

How about Ray Walston, the actor who portrayed Boothby (grounds keeper at Starfleet Academy) on the Next Generation?

Ray Walston
423 S. Rexford Drive
#205
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Then there is Clint Howard who played Balok on the TOS episode "The Corbomite Maneuver".

Clint Howard
4286 Clayborne Avenue
Burbank, CA 91505

A real tough autograph to obtain is Joel Grey who played Caylem on the Voyager episode "Resistance." Expect several tries and months on this one.

Joel Grey
9119 Thrasher Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90069

What to have the autograph of the head Talosian from the Original Series episode "The Cage"?

Meg Wyllie
1316 Irving Avenue
Glendale, CA 91201

Paul Winfield played CPT Terrell in "Wrath of Kahn" and Dathon in TNG's "Darmok." Write to him at:

Paul Winfield
5750 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 590
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Well, that is about it. Try sending photographs, trading cards, or other items to these addresses. Let me know how successful you were and I will report it in a future issue of the Pilot.

Good luck!

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

As you know, the Vulkan convention scheduled for mid November in Atlanta was canceled. The good news is that Joe now has rescheduled the convention for 19-21 March at the Marietta Holiday Inn. The guest will still be Tim Russ and others still to be determined. In addition, Vulkan is holding a convention in Raleigh, NC the last weekend in February. The guests are Garrett Wang (Harry Kim), Mary Kay Adams (Grilka), Richard Hatch (Battlestar Galactica), and Jeff Conaway (Babylon 5). I plan on going to both so if you need a ride or would like to share a room (Raleigh) let me know. As always contact Vulkan at (954) 434-6060 or e-mail Joe at Joemotes@aol.com for more information.

**NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE
AT COUNTRY'S ON BROAD
ON JANUARY 4th AT 7:00 P.M.
Y'ALL COME!!**

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
CADET Kimberley Schiro	4 th
CRMN Dana Ainsworth	5 th
Kirstie Alley (LT Saavik)	12 th
Voyager Premieres (1995)	16 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy)	20 th
David Gerrold (Author & Script Writer)	24 th
CRMN Michael Walker	25 th

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON THE 21st OF JANUARY AT 7 P.M.
AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE. COME
FOR THE FUN AND COMRADESHIP**

TREK BUZZ

Cinescape Online reports that Star Trek producer Rick Berman has confirmed there will be another Star Trek television series, but don't expect to see it anytime soon. "So will there be another Star Trek series? I would think undoubtedly there will be," Berman said. "Will it premiere at the end of next season when Deep Space Nine goes off the air? I can give you a very definite no to that."

On November 14th, a music/comedy tribute to George Takei was held in Los Angeles as a benefit for the East West Players, the nation's premiere Asian-American theater.

Robert Beltran, Garrett Wang, Robert Duncan McNeill, and Tim Russ were the Celebrity Grand Marshals for Los Angeles' first annual Veteran's Day parade this year.

The Library of Congress recently changed the category under which Star Trek fiction is located in their cataloging system. Trek has now broken out of being under "science fiction" to it's own genre subject heading: "Star Trek fiction."

A walk-on part in a Deep Space Nine episode sold for \$3,800 in Universal Studios latest Memorabilia Auction.

Frank Virga of Wantagh, NY, was arrested on October 22 and was due for arraignment in US District Court on October 30, on charges of selling \$100,000 worth of phony Star Trek and other TV/movie collectibles.

Mainframe Entertainment has secured the rights to create a new series based on work of Gene Roddenberry. Starship is being co-developed by Majel Barrett Roddenberry. Starship will be a "3D computer animated" series about an exploring space ship. Production is to start in mid-1999 for a series debut in 2000.

Tim Russ has released his first music CD, a four-song set. Only a Dream in Rio is available for \$8 plus \$2 shipping/US (\$4/Canada) from Insiders CD, PO Box 8248, Long Beach, CA 90808.

The futuristic ion engine flying on NASA's Deep Space 1 probe mysteriously shut down within minutes of being turned on this week, and ground controllers were trying to figure out what went wrong. The engine must work in order for Deep Space 1 to rendezvous with asteroid 1992 KD next July.

Thanks to Transwarp for the information.

COVERS

Jeri Ryan is on the cover of the January issue of "Bikini" magazine. It is a terrific issue full of very sexy shots of your favorite Borg. The cover is a fold out and would be great for an autograph.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

ENS Gisela Stephens
CRMN Roger Stephens
CRMN Emma Certo
CRMN Alan Certo
CRMN Kenneth Smith

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	100.00
Thanksgiving party room rental	50.00
Postage	32.00
Deposit	61.00
Deposit	69.80
Closing Balance	148.80

CMDR Connie Heller

FINALLY

The Heller clan spent the Christmas holidays at the family in Sherman, Texas. The Monday before Christmas we drove to Killeen, Texas so that we could visit friends. While we was there the USS Texas was holding their monthly meeting. Travis and I went to the meeting to see who was still around from the days of the USS Kepler (the Kepler moved to Copperas Cove and the Texas was formed in Killeen). To my great joy, three of my old friends were now part of the Texas. Several others were also crew members but were out of town for the holidays.

If you ever go out of town on business or pleasure check to see if there is a ship in the area and if they happen to be meeting while you are in town. I have attended several such meetings and have always been welcomed and treated as an honored guest.

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

Executive Officer Joe Perry 327-5888

Finance Connie Heller 562-8735

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Holodeck VACANT

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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

Co-Cadet Corps Cmdr Marilyn Gordon

(334) 864-2607

COMING SOON

Coming soon to this space – BINGO! You can win some terrific prizes. Rules and regulations will be explained next month.

CARGO BAY 1 - 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.