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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, the most important news of the month is that at the May meeting we will be taking nominations for the position of Captain and Executive Officer of the USS DaVinci. Elections will be held in June. Yes, it has been two years since Joe and I were re-elected. Time indeed does go by quickly. More about the election can be read later on.

Looks as if this just might be the biggest issue of the Pilot to date. There is just so much happening next month and it has to be reported. Believe it or not, I could use articles for future issues. Sometimes it gets tough to fill in just three pages. Articles need not be on the Trek world. Who would like to do some reviews for the next few issues? Someone can rate the new Star Wars movie – or any movie for that matter. Anyway, I hope you enjoy the issue!

By the time you get this issue of the Pilot, our newborn shuttle, the Shadow Hawk, will be officially launched! Yes, the elusive paperwork has finally reached the hands of her skipper, CMDR Josh Ainsworth and able “Number One”, LTCMDR Steve Gordon. Congratulations!

We had a membership drive at Waldenbooks on 10 April. Although we did not pick up any new members we did have one renewal and lots of interest from those who did stop by. A BIG Bajoran thanks to Joe Perry and Josh Ainsworth and Steve Gordon from the Shadow Hawk for lending a hand. As always, another BIG Bajoran thanks to the folks at Waldenbooks for letting us have a membership drive in their store!

As most of you know by now, Insurrection will be out in video on 11 May and I have arranged with the kind folks at the Macon Road Blockbuster for the DaVinci to have a membership drive. I need

volunteers who have uniforms or DaVinci polo shirts to man the table from 10 AM until 3 or 4 PM. The only problem is that 11 May is a Tuesday. Normally, I would be there, but the Heller and Ainsworth clans are heading for Disney World for a bit of R&R (I would rather go to Risa but when it came to this a CMDR out-ranks a CPT). Anyway, if you can lend a hand, please contact Joe Perry or myself.

I am still trying to find a place to have our Deep Space Nine Mourning Party! The one place I tried is not open on Sundays. There is good news in all of this, the last episode is on 30 May, the Sunday before Memorial Day. This means the late hour will not be a burden on those who might otherwise have worked or gone to school on Monday. If you know of a place that has a private room with a television and is open Sunday until midnight (it is a 2 hour finale) please let me know. Oh, and do not forget, you have to wear all black to attend (no, we will not check your undies!). Well, more black than not anyway.

FCPT Freddy Heller

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USS DaVINCI ELECTIONS

Yes, it is that time again! Nominations for Captain and First Officer will be held at the May meeting with the election at the June meeting. Okay, as you might know there are some qualifications necessary for you to be Captain or Exec' of the DaVinci. First, you must be a member of Starfleet in good standing (membership up to date), second you must have taken Officer's Training School (OTS) and Officer's Command College (OCC), finally, you must have been a member of the DaVinci for at least 6 months. For your benefit, those who qualify are:

FCPT Freddy Heller
CPT Joe Perry
CMDR Connie Heller
LTJG Michael Walker

The list is short because of the loss of other qualified crew-members to the Shadow Hawk, but each of the above would make an outstanding Captain or First Officer. It is up to each of them if they wish to have their name placed in nomination. Elections will be held at the June meeting and the elected officers will take command at the July meeting. The term of office is 2 years.

An election committee will be formed to oversee the voting process. The election committee will consist of three crew personnel appointed by the Senior Staff. Voting will be done by secret ballot at the June meeting. To vote, you must have been a member of the USS DaVinci for at least 3 months prior to the election. If you cannot make it to the June meeting, you may vote by absentee ballot, but you must notify someone on the election committee in person prior to the June meeting. Each crew member may vote only once and must sign an election roster when the ballot is turned in. The ballots will be counted and the results announced during the June meeting and published in the July newsletter.

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TREK BUZZ

William Shatner, recently made a series of commercials for a start-up Internet company named Priceline.com. Shatner didn't take any money for the commercials. Instead he took stock in the company as a payment. Sometime in mid March, Priceline.com's price per share went from 18 to 70+, more than 50-point share cost increase! Shatner's stock value increased by more than \$7,000,000 on that one day. Who said time travel episodes are not worth the effort!

Don't expect another Trek movie anytime soon. "It's going to be a few years before we revisit the Enterprise", says Jonathan Frakes." "Patrick Stewart doesn't want to do one for about three years, and the studio wisely believes we should let the 'Star Wars' films come and go before we get back to the ship. We want to stay out of their way. But you know we will be back."

Rick Berman has plans for another Star Trek series after Voyager and DS9 warp out to the re-run universe. Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine) told The Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune, "If Rick Berman said Voyager was the last one, I wouldn't believe him for a million dollars. It's an absolute cash cow." UPN network exec Tom Nunan is also optimistic about the future of a Trek franchise telling the paper that the finish of Babylon 5 will boost the public's appetite for Trek. "Next season, we could be the only prime-time sci-fi show on the air. I think there will be a renaissance next year."

Tim Russ became an uncle when his sister gave birth on March 9th to a little girl.

Nominees for this year's Saturn awards, honoring "the best in genre film and television entertainment" were announced in March. Among them are:

**Insurrection for Best Science Fiction Film
**Michael Westmore for Best Make-Up (for Insurrection)
**Voyager for Best Series on Network TV
**Deep Space Nine for Best Series on Syndicated Cable TV
**Jeri Ryan and Kate Mulgrew for Best Actress in a TV Series

The awards are bestowed in early June.

Thanks to Dateline: Starfleet and Strek/News for the information.

NEWS FROM THE FLEET

Starfleet is presently at around 4125 members. The Fleet Admiral would like to achieve 5000 members by 1 January 2000. He has issued a challenge beginning May 1st to all ships in the fleet. If each chapter were to recruit five new members while maintaining its current membership levels, they will receive a certificate of achievement. The chapter that brings in the most new members would receive a plaque and an engraved cup, which is the chapter's to hold for the year. Each year the cup will be passed to the ship with best recruitment.

Any chapter that brings in either five individual or five family memberships, or a combination of them would receive one free individual membership.

I encourage all Starfleet members of the DaVinci to take up the challenge. All non-Fleet members give some thought about joining. Not only will you join a great organization, but also your membership fee in the DaVinci will be cut in half.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Have you noticed after you watch something funny on the TV or ever laughed at a really good joke (such as my "awards" at the anniversary party) how good you feel? Well, studies have been shown that when you laugh, your body releases certain chemicals that help you feel better. Patients in a hospital study responded positively to humor after watching a 30-minute comedy, and the test results showed that their health actually improved after a "dose" of laughter. Laughter increases chemicals and the white blood cell count in the bloodstream that help stave off infection and fight disease.

So, next time you feel sick, or just down in the dumps, rent a good comedy from the video store, or just think of something that makes you laugh (such as a drunk Medical Officer acting funny), and I'm sure you will...

"Live Long and Prosper"

LTCMDR Steve Gordon
Shuttle Shadow Hawk

THE END OF DS9 (SIGH)

For those of you who wish to start crying now, I offer you the following:

Episode 17. Penumbra. As Sisko revels in the purchase of Bajoran land, where he hopes to finally build his dream house, word reaches the station that Worf is missing in action after a fierce battle with the Dominion. Due to strategic concerns, Sisko calls off the search party before Worf can be found. Overcome by memories of Jadzia's life with Worf, Ezri steals a runabout and goes in search of Worf herself. Meanwhile, Sisko and Kasidy Yates make wedding plans, and are warned by the Prophets that getting married would not be a good idea. The Breen capture Worf and Ezri, and facing death together, they have a "brief encounter." Later they escape and try to keep secret their renewed relationship although Ezri realizes she is also having feelings for another member of the crew. she has to ask herself if her feelings for Worf are her own or Jadzia's?

Guest Starring: Penny Johnson as Kasidy Yates, Jeffrey Combs as Weyoun, Marc Alaimo as Gul Dukat, Casey Biggs as Damar, Deborah Lacey as Sarah, and Salome Jens as the Female Shapeshifter.

Episode 18. Till Death Do Us Part Once called "Umbra", Kai Winn arrives at the station to "assist" Sisko with his wedding, and he admits the Prophets warned he would face a great trial in his future. Later, Winn has a long-awaited vision from the Prophets, who reveal that a "Guide" will soon visit her; the Prophets hope that, together, the two will lead Bajor's Restoration. Shortly before Sisko tells Kasidy that they must call off their wedding, Dukat is surgically altered to look like a Bajoran, in order to steal the Orb of the Prophets.

Guest Starring: Jeffrey Combs as Weyoun, Penny Johnson as Kasidy Yates, Marc Alaimo as Gul Dukat/[Anjohl], Casey Biggs as Damar, Barry Jenner as Admiral Ross, Deborah Lacey as Sarah, Aron Eisenberg as Nog, James Otis as Solbor, Salome Jens as the Female Shapeshifter, and Special Guest Star Louise Fletcher as Kai Winn.

Episode #19. Strange Bedfellows. Once called "Eclipse", Worf and Ezri are beamed aboard a Jem'Hadar ship, where the female shape-shifter and Thot Gor, the respective leaders of the new Dominion-Breen alliance, prepare to sign a treaty

designed to destroy the Federation and end the war. However, Damar objects to signing it because of concessions, made to Thot Gor, which could harm Cardassia. Meanwhile, Kai Winn and Dukat seal their bond by pledging to restore Bajor - even if the Emissary stands in their way. When the latest attempt to cure the Founders' disease fails, the female founder orders a mass extermination of the Vorta. This is so that their clones can be activated to bring a "fresh approach" to the problem.

Guest Starring: Jeffrey Combs as Weyoun, Penny Johnson as Kasidy Yates, Marc Alaimo as Gul Dukat[/Anjohl], Casey Biggs as Damar, James Otis as Solbor, J.G. Hertzler as Martok, Salome Jens as the Female Shapeshifter, and Special Guest Star Louise Fletcher as Kai Winn.

Episode 20. The Changing Face of Evil Once known as "Emergence" and "Darkness ", this episode may deal with the end of the Changelings! Rene Auberjonois will direct this episode. This episode does indeed have a prison cell scene with Worf and Ezri and there's a pretty high chance that the source of the Founders disease will be revealed. The Great Link itself will NOT be killed off, not in this episode anyway.

Episode 21. When It Rains... Garak may be a major player in the last five episodes. Michael Dorn will direct this episode.

Episode 22. Tacking Into the Wind. Probably a Klingon based episode, with General Martok and Gowron (last seen in the Season 5 episode "By Inferno's Light"). Expectations: a wrap-up of most Klingon threads, and the stage set for the finale.

Episode 23. Night Tremors. Features the Ferengi gang - Quark, Rom, Nog, Leeta, Moogie, The Grand Nagus, etc. Probably not comic relief, however, since the last of that was supposed to be "Badda-bing, Badda-bang." This episode may have something to do with Ferengi involvement in the war, or something along the lines of Season 5's "Business as Usual" but tied into the final arc. May be the Ferengi wrap-up equivalent of "Tacking Into the Wind".

Episode 24. The Dogs of War. Garak will be making an appearance. The Dominion War will enter its final phase, but which way it swings is anyone's guess. This is, after all, Deep Space Nine.

Episode #25. The Eleventh Hour. The 2 hour finale, and the end of DS9 as we know it. Rats.

STAR WARS MOVIE NEWS

Well, theater exhibitors are breaking the news of restrictions handed down by Lucasfilm regarding Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace. There will be no advance ticket sales for Episode I for at least the first two weeks of showings, except for same-day sales. This is, apparently, an effort to prevent ticket scalping. So if you want to see the movie opening Wednesday afternoon, you better get there Wednesday morning to get your ticket!

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COMEDY ZONE - PART I I I

You know your Captain is redneck when:

- 1) They wear mirrored shades on the Bridge.
- 2) Their idea of a "gas giant" is that big ol' XO Bubba after a meal of beans and weenies.
- 3) They set phasers to "Cajun."
- 4) They order the Chief Engineer to dig out the jumper cables.
- 5) The warp reactor is coated in duct tape, Bond-O, and Super-Glue.
- 6) They order the Sickbay to carry castor oil and turpentine.
- 7) They keep livestock in the cargo bay.
- 8) They refer to the Kobiyashi Maru test as "the best target practice I ever had."
- 9) They order the ship into time warp so he can have another go at the "Tuesday Night All-You-Can-Eat Ribs" buffet.
- 10) The ship, all the shuttlecraft, and the ship's mascot are all named after their favorite actresses.

ENS Karen Baker

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):

ENS Gloria Woolley (S)
CRMN JoAnne Vazquez (D)
Cadet Kalan Vazquez (D)
CRMN Scott Jones (D)

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 Kenneth E. Smith	9 th
ENS Dennis Shaw	11 th
PO2 Lisa Neal	12 th
ENS 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

And finally to CRMN Michelle Farley who I inadvertently left off the list last month (March 21).

ACCOLADES TO:

ENS Dennis Shaw who won a medal in Race Walking during the Special Olympics!

ENS Chantel Billingsley who was one of those selected at a recent call for young models. She now goes to Birmingham for phase two of the selection process. Way to go Chanty, we always knew you were beautiful, glad to see you finally realized it too!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	94.19
Deposit	87.00
Closing Balance	181.19

CMDR Connie Heller

SPACE: THE GAME

The pieces for this month's newsletter are EQUIPMENT Romulan disrupter and ALIENS Nausicaan.



RED SHIRT DIARY

Due to the length of this month's newsletter, the Red Shirt Diary will be postponed until the June newsletter.

PROGRAM SCHEDULES

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

Deep Space Nine:

02 May	When It Rains...
09 May	Tacking Into The Wind
16 May	Night Tremors
23 May	The Dogs of War
30 May	The Eleventh Hour

Voyager:

05 May	11:59
12 May	Relativity [Time Bomb]
19 May	Warhead
26 May	Season Finale

FINALLY

I am going to miss Deep Space Nine more than I care to admit. It is the best Trek show that ever was or ever will be. 'Nuff said

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Cadet Corps CMDR **VACANT**

