



DaVinci Pilot

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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

It is over! The final episode of Deep Space Nine was broadcast (in Columbus) on Sunday 6 June 1999. To commemorate the event, the DaVinci held a Mourning Party at Hunter's Lounge inside the Hilton. The event was attended by 18 crew personnel, most of whom were dressed in black. A specially inscribed "crying towel" was on hand for those who needed it but seemed to be in the possession of the Captain most of the evening. Even though there were problems with Hunter's I would say the evening was one to remember. There were cheers, jeers, laughter, and I suppose a few tears. We will all miss Deep Space Nine; there will not be another show like it.

There will be a 4th of July cookout at my house in lieu of the July Night Out. It will start at 2 PM and go until the last of you goes home! If you were not able to make the June meeting and you wish to join in the fun, you must call ENS Karen Baker (323-4217) and let her know what you plan on bringing. This will be a covered dish affair. If you normally cannot make DaVinci functions because of your work schedule and you have that day off, please come! If you cannot attend because you do not have transportation, call me and I will try to arrange a ride. If you have any outdoor type games, please bring them. Hot weather may preclude extended play but we can have some fun nonetheless! Bring money! There will be lots of auction/sale items.

The following article will explain the upcoming elections. Please vote. It is your right as a member of the DaVinci to choose a Captain you feel is best suited to pilot the DaVinci into the new millennium!

FCPT Freddy Heller

USS DaVINCI ELECTIONS

A brief meeting was held at the Mourning Party for nominations for Captain and First Officer. The nominations for Captain went well, but during the excitement of the evening, I forgot the nominations for First Officer! That will have to be done soon, perhaps at the next meeting. Anyway, there were three nominations for Captain put forth: CPT Joe Perry, LTJG Michael Walker, and myself. Later in the evening, Mike withdrew his name from consideration, citing his inability to put the necessary time into the position. I empathize with his reason. I, too, sometimes find myself so bogged down that I feel like screaming.

Since nominations were delayed, the election did not take place at the June meeting. Instead, ballots will be sent out with this newsletter. If you did not get a ballot, please notify ENS Karen Baker. All ballots must be returned to Karen no later than the 12th of July. The voting process is simple. The ballots will already be addressed and stamped. All you have to do is check the appropriate box, put the ballot in the envelope, seal, and drop it in the mail. Results of the election will be announced at the July meeting.

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TREK BUZZ

Trekkies are the only fans listed in the Oxford English Dictionary.

Rick Berman expects the 'hiatus' (meaning the time that there is one show, not after Voyager finishes) to be one year. This item mentions 'internet rumors' that the new show will be either Starfleet Academy or a 'prequel' show set in the time period before TOS. The new show could premiere September 2000 if it is 'fast tracked', but no later than September 2002.

Starbase-1 Coffee Company, Ltd. Has announced that it is embarking on new Star Trek Bottled Water ("Altair Water") program that will complement its current product lines of coffee, candies, chocolates and other novelty items.

UPN has announced its fall television schedule. As expected, "Star Trek: Voyager" has been officially renewed, and remains in the same Wednesday 9:00 time slot, and will continue to be preceded by "Seven Days."

Deep Space Nine producer Ron Moore confirmed that he has begun writing episodes for Voyager.

Avery Brooks will reportedly be appearing in some manner at the 1999 Essence Awards, supported by Essence Magazine, geared towards African-American women.

On 21 May, Patrick Stewart received an honorary doctoral degree from the Juilliard School in New York City. Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in Las Vegas and London will also immortalize him in wax. The statue will be of him, not CPT Picard.

At a recent convention, Grace Lee Whitney (TOS: Janice Rand) reportedly told the audience that she was in discussions for an appearance on "Earth: Final Conflict."

She's only eleven years old, but Scarlett Pomers has already been acting for more than half of her life. As Naomi Wildman on Star Trek Voyager, she's the youngest recurring character on a Trek series since Jake Sisko. Now that she is a fixture in the Star Trek universe, having won a Young Artist Award for best performance in a drama series in a supporting role (her fourth win), she is beginning to attend conventions.

Thank to InterTREK NewsBits for the information.

SAY WHAT??

"I've just come back from Germany. My first visit there in 14 years. And I had an extraordinary experience there at the convention in Bonn. I have been hearing from my Star Trek colleagues about the Star Trek fans there being so amazingly generous and enthusiastic. It was everything I could have hoped for." -- Leonard Nimoy, when asked about his favorite convention.

"It's gratifying that the bat'leth has been accepted as one of the few new bladed weapons that is actually practical. The Navy department of research and the FBI have also asked for tracings of the bat'leth for their own research purposes" -- Dan Curry, speaking about his invention, the Klingon bat'leth.

"Well, I've already missed my worm for a year... I'm a rather selfish person... and I don't like sharing my worm with just anyone. But I would have to say I will miss sounding so intelligent on a daily basis. And being a great pilot." -- Terry Farrell describing what she'll miss most after leaving DS9.

"I have a soft spot for actor/directors, obviously. I think we understand the actors' psyche problems, neuroses, insecurities, imperfections, self-loathing... need I go on?" -- Jonathan Frakes describing differences between actor/directors and directors.

Thanks to "Continuum Communicate" for the quotes.

PASSAGES

The man who saved many lives on the Starship Enterprise lost his own. Actor DeForest Kelley, forever known to Star Trek fans as Dr. Leonard McCoy, has died. He was 79.

Kelley died June 11 at 12:15pm Pacific time, according to a spokeswoman for the Motion Picture and Television Country Home and Hospital, a retirement facility, in suburban Los Angeles. His wife of 55 years, Carolyn, was at his side when he lost his battle with an extended illness.

Leonard Nimoy, who portrayed Mr. Spock, said Kelley "represented humanity and it fitted him well. He was a decent, loving, caring partner and will be deeply missed."

"Aye....."

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):

Teri Massoud (D)	Freddy Heller (D)
Joseph Massoud (D)	Connie Heller (D)
Sarah Massoud (D)	Travis Grisham (D)
Harold Newfield (D)	Ariana Heller (D)
Becky Newfield (D)	Randy Dunn (D)
Michelle Farley (D)	Deniece Dunn (D)
Lisa Neal (D)	Mathew Dunn (D)
Joe Perry (D)	Rebecca Dunn (D)

NEWS FROM THE FLEET

For those Starfleet members wishing to attend the International Conference (IC) in Charlotte, NC, please let me know. It will take place on 6-8 August 1999 at the Charlotte Marriott. Both CPT Joe Perry and myself plan on attending. There is plenty of sleeping space in the room and the more in the room, the cheaper for everyone! The IC is a chance to meet other Fleet members from all over the country and learn what the Fleet Admiral has in store for Starfleet in the new millennium.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Rick Sternbach (Senior Illustrator)	6 th
CRMN Stephen Sprung	9 th
Cadet Gracie Walker	9 th
Patrick Stewart (CPT Jean Luc Picard)	13 th
Robert Justman (Producer)	13 th
VADM Mike Henigan	20 th
CPT Joe Perry	25 th
Nana Visitor (COL Kira Nerys)	26 th
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)	29 th
David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon)	29 th
ENS Alan Certo	31 st

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REVIEWS

Well, Deep Space Nine is officially over, although it will live forever in syndication, on video, and in our hearts.

It was great watching the finale with all our friends and fellow fans. Having a group with you that feels the way you do about a show enhances the enjoyment. (We won't say much about the location of the party, however.)

I was quite happy to see that, unlike all the Internet rumors, Sisko is not "dead" as we understand death. A co-worker made the observation that with Sisko as a Prophet, Paramount has the perfect vehicle to get Voyager out of the Delta Quadrant. I doubt that prediction, since they've always had Q and Wesley Crusher roaming the galaxy and haven't used those "shortcuts" yet.

I did have a couple gripes. The much-vaunted duel between Sisko and Dukat didn't even last as long as Quark's duel with the Klingon. And most importantly, couldn't they have had reminiscences of Jadzia Dax? Jadzia was such an integral part of the crew for six years that they could have paid a little money to Terry Farrell for footage of her, since they wouldn't pony up the money to keep her another year.

All in all, I enjoyed it, and anticipate watching it several times to pick up on little "bits" that I missed the first time.

CMDR Connie Heller

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	181.19
Deposit	70.00
Closing Balance	251.19

CMDR Connie Heller

PROGRAM SCHEDULES

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

Deep Space Nine: Reruns, Reruns, Reruns!

Voyager: Who cares? Still mourning the end of DS9. Besides they are all reruns!

SPACE: THE GAME

The pieces for this month's newsletter are SHIPS Enterprise 1701 and EQUIPMENT Phaser (TNG).



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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	VACANT	
Publications	Freddy Heller	562-8735
Science Officer	Michael Walker	214-5179
Counselor	JoAnne Vazquez	563-9185
Holodeck	VACANT	
Medical	Emma Certo	582-3442
Engineering Officer	Deniece Dunn	291-0150
Communications	Karen Baker	323-4217
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Zach Farley	682-0140
Cadet Corps Commander		VACANT
Master Chief Petty Officer		VACANT

