

# DaVinci Pilot

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#### FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Wow! What a couple of months it has been. If you were not at the Halloween or Thanksgiving get together you missed some great times. First the Halloween party. This was not your normal get in costume and party all night Halloween party. What we did instead was set up a large table in my garage on which was hot cider and cookies and lots of candy. The candy, of course, was for the trick-ortreaters. The hot cider and cookies were for the parents. About 10 crewmembers were on hand for the festivities. We spent several hours passing out candy and serving cider and cookies to very surprised parents. We had so much candy we let the kids help themselves! Most of us were in uniform or DaVinci shirts.

The Thanksgiving dinner was held at my house for the first time. I had to move a few pieces of furniture and borrow 15 folding chairs, but there was plenty of room for everyone. Okay, first things first. PLEASE! If you say you are coming and are supposed to bring a covered dish and then do not show up, it sometimes makes for a mad rush to replace that item. If you cannot make it, please call! Nuff' said. Anyway about 12 crewmembers feasted on turkey, corn pudding, sweet potato casserole, mac and cheese, peas, and a host of miscellaneous items. After dinner, five of us cleared one table to enjoy a round of The Great Dalmuti! We were going to play to 50 points but when Travis (my 9 year old son-who-will-be-lucky-to-see-10-if-heever-kicks-his-dad's butt-like-he-did) was the Great Dalmuti four times and the Lesser Dalmuti two times, we figured we had enough torture for one day! Young yes, but I bet he would give the folks in Region a run for their money! Anyway, we had a great time.

Okay, fellow crewmembers mark your calendars for the 18<sup>th</sup> of December! On that day we will be having our annual Christmas party. Last year's event was a blast and I am sure this year's will be also. So, begin scrounging around your house for that special item you cannot throw out because you would be too embarrassed if anyone found out you had it! Now is your chance to get rid of it without anyone knowing! Wrap it up and bring it to the party and get ready for plenty of laughs. Again, this will be a covered dish affair and the Captain will supply the bird. It will start at 2 PM at my house and last until the last person leaves! If you plan on coming let me know what you plan on bringing as soon as possible.

Well, the DaVinci has lost a loyal crewmember and friend. Mike Walker and his family have packed up their belongings and moved to Utah where his wife, Jean, was offered good job. Hopefully, Mike will find another ship to join. If he cannot, he might try to start one himself and the DaVinci might have another baby! Mike, we will miss you. Be sure to keep in touch.

FCPT Freddy Heller

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#### TO FLU OR NOT TO FLU

Well it's flu time. Time for all of you who are not in the best of health to get a flu shot! It is also time for those with new babies, and kids under the age of three to have them also. You know who you are!

What to do if one gets the Flu? What are the symptoms? The flu begins abruptly with lassitude and malaise--that is, feeling like the bottom of a Klingon boot--and the chills with body pain that can be severe. There can be a high fever between 101F to 103F, then coughing, sneezing and hoarseness. Now we come to everyone's all time fun with the flu: the nausea, vomiting and diarrhea!

Just great, you say! Well what are we to do? One is prevention: get the shot. Treatment of the flu is not hard to do.

- 1. Drink between 3 to 4 liters of fluids; and we are not talking soda pop. We are talking  $H_20$  and juices like apple juice and the like.
- 2. Take your choice of analgesics, i.e., acetaminophen, aspirin, or ibuprofen. Youngsters under the age of 16 should not take ibuprofen or aspirin.
- 3. Rest. Yes, rest is best. Have fun and stay well. Oh brother, what a CMO! Could I sound more pompous?

**ENS Emma Certo** 

### TREK BUZZ

The Hirogen return in a February episode of Voyager guest-starring WWF wrestler The Rock as a Hirogen.

On December 1st, UPN will run Ultimate Trek: Star Trek's Greatest Moments, hosted by Jason Alexander (who guest-starred on the Voyager episode"Think Tank"). Up for best episode of all time are "The Trouble with Tribbles," "The Best of Both Worlds," "Trials and Tribble-ations," and "Scorpion." Among the segments to be presented will be: "Most Beautiful Guest Stars," "Sexiest Moments," "Most Memorable Villains," "Best Dialogue and One Liners," "Those Last Minute Heroics", and a touching salute to the late DeForest Kelley, "Our Man Bones."

Herman Zimmerman, production design on various Trek shows and movies, was honored for his work by the Society of Motion Picture and Television Art Directors. A special screening of Star Trek: First Contact highlighted the event.

Gene Roddenberry's Earth: Final Conflict was nominated in two categories in Canada's Gemini Awards: Best Photography in a Dramatic Program or Series and Best Sound Editing in a Dramatic Program or Series.

Patrick Stewart will be starring in A Christmas Carol on TNT December 5th.

Robert O'Reilly will be hosting Millennium Trek, a New Years party in Tampa, FL.

For the week ending October 24th, Star Trek: Insurrection was number two on the Video Business Magazine sales chart.

Over in the UK, John de Lancie will autograph copies of I, Q on December 6th at Kulture Shock in Norwich.

Next summer, Alexander Siddig stars in Vertical Limit, a movie about a mountain climber rescue team.

J.G. Hertzler (Martok) will be writing two Klingon Empire-themed DS9 books, picking up after the end of the series. The books are scheduled for a 2001 release.

Jeri Ryan appears in a new independent film The Last Man, now coming into release.

Roxann Dawson will guest-star on the January 12th episode of Seven Days on UPN.

Thanks to Dateline: Starfleet for the information!

## VOYAGER INFO

In an episode slated to begin production on November 4th, the Voyager crew run into 'The Collective', a set of Borgified children that have been separated from the collective (notice that separation seems to be a recurring theme on Voyager?). Determined to rejoin the Collective at any cost, these little demon seeds hold the Voyager crew hostage until things turn really ugly. Unbeknownst to the would-be Borg babies, they're "flawed" and the Collective would rather destroy them than let them interface. Look for a lot of Seven of Nine angst scenes as some of the Borg children start to question returning to the Collective.

The Another Universe.Com website just posted the synopsis for the upcoming Voyager telemovie 'Dragon's Teeth', which will air in November. In the 90-minute episode, Voyager encounters two new enemies, a race called the Turei and another one called the Vaadwaur.

#### EARTH 2 - SAD NEWS

J. Madison Wright, the young actress that played True Danziger on "Earth 2", is suffering from an extremely rare lung condition that has caused progressive heart failure. She was on the list for a new heart, but was removed from the list because of her deteriorating condition. She is currently at the Cleveland Clinic Pediatric Cardiology Unit, where she will be monitored for at least 3 months, until her lungs improve and she can have a heart transplant. Her family is staying at the Cleveland Ronald McDonald house while she's in the hospital.

Earth 2 fans, cast, and crew are in the process of organizing a fund-raising drive for Maddie's care. This kind of illness is draining her family's savings. In the meantime, cards and gifts can be sent to:

> J. Madison Wright c/o Cleveland Clinic Room M40, Bed 14 9500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44195

J. Madison Wright c/o Ronald McDonald House Room 224 10415 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 4410

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	57.54
Deposit	25.00
Postage	36.22
Closing Balance	46.32

**CMDR** Connie Heller

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)	$3^{rd}$
Star Trek VI Premiers (1991)	$6^{th}$
Star Trek: The Motion Picture Premiers (1979)	
Michael Dorn (LTCMDR Worf)	9 <sup>th</sup>
John Colicos (Kor)	$10^{th}$
Star Trek Insurrection Premiers (1998)	$11^{th}$
Terry Garr (Roberta Lincoln)	$11^{th}$
VADM Kelly Hilliard	$12^{th}$
CRMN Kim Townsend	$13^{th}$
Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim)	15 <sup>th</sup>
ENS Zach Farley	$15^{th}$
CRMN Patty Williams	$18^{th}$
Rick Berman (Executive Producer)	$25^{th}$
Nichelle Nichols (LT Uhura)	$28^{th}$
ENS Jean Walker	$28^{th}$
PO2 Robert Anthony	$30^{th}$
ENS Randy Dunn	$31^{st}$

#### **DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER**

<b>Commanding Office</b>	r Freddy Heller	562-TREK
<b>Executive Officer</b>	Joe Perry	327-5888
Finance	Connie Heller	562-8735
Community Service	Teri Massoud	568-9943
Publications	Freddy Heller	562-8735
Science Officer	VACANT	
Counselor	JoAnne Vazquez	563-9185
Morale	VACANT	
Medical	Emma Certo	582-3442
<b>Engineering Officer</b>	VACANT	
Communications	Karen Baker	323-4217
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Zach Farley	682-0140
Cadet Corps Comma	nder VA	CANT

**Master Chief Petty Officer VACANT** 

## **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.

#### **FINALLY**

Connie and I are having a garage sale on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. If you have anything you wish to add to the pile bring it by the house by the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday). One stipulation, the club will get a percentage of anything we sell For you. Of course, if you donate items to the club, even better!