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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, I have made the decision to give up our adopt-a-highway project. I am doing this because for the third straight scheduled clean up, no one showed up. If you count the number of crew personnel who showed up at the last five clean ups, the total can be counted on one hand. I really wish I did not have to do it, but I feel it is unfair to the highway department and to another organization who might want our section of highway. I appreciate those individuals who called me prior to the event to let me know they could not make it.

The 6th of May has been designated as "Science Day" by the Office of the Region 2 RDC for Sciences. The plan is for each ship in the region to go on its own and have an outing at a science or educational area. I thought it would be a great time for us to meet around 4:30 PM at the Coca-Cola Space-Science Center in downtown Columbus. My "Number 1", Joe Perry, is a volunteer at the Science Center and I am sure would be happy to give those assembled a tour of the facility. The Space Science Center is located at 710 Front Avenue about three blocks North of the Hilton. Afterwards, we can all have dinner at Country's on Broadway! If you cannot make it to the Space-Science Center, join us for barbecue if you can! It should be a fun time for the entire family so please try to make it!

FCPT Freddy Heller

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"MOVING ON"

Fellow Crewmen:

It has been a pleasure, if not an honor to serve as the Chief Medical Officer for the USS DaVinci and Shuttle ShadowHawk for the past few years, as well as recently serving as Executive Officer of the ShadowHawk.

As most of you may have heard or are unaware, I am moving to Odenville, AL (just outside of Birmingham) to be closer to the members of the newly commissioned USS Drakenfire. I am engaged to A. Jean Smith, the XO of the Drakenfire. I have been commuting up there (about 3 hours each way) from my home in Valley. Back in September I asked Jean if she would be interested in dating. She accepted, and we have been seeing each other since. No, this is not a plan or a ploy to gain a leadership position<G> but I feel as though Jean and I will have a lifelong meaningful relationship.

To all the members of the ShadowHawk and the DaVinci: I am going to miss each and every one of you with whom I have had the pleasure of serving. To Randy Brown, who got me interested in the first place; to Josh, who invited me and took me in as his XO to launch his own shuttle; and to Freddy, Connie, Travis, and Ariana, who are the members and crew/officers of one of the finest ships in Region 2! To all of YOU, who have made my membership aboard the DaVinci and STARFLEET even more worthwhile, I thank you as well!

I will certainly not become invisible. If you wish, I am sometimes on the list serves or you may e-mail me at <sausageboy1701@hotmail.com>. I will be a presence to be felt certainly in Region 2 for years to come (and definitely heard, as you may see in 2001 at the R2 Summit, hopefully in Columbus!). I will

continue to faithfully serve the duties of my new positions and hopefully you will hear more from me in the Region as well as Fleet. Matter of fact, if you can attend this year's International Conference in Burlington, Vermont, I am supplying the sound/music system. Now THAT is a feather in R2's cap!

All my best wishes to you and yours, and I'll see you around the region and in Fleet!

"Space: The Final Frontier..."

In Service to Region 2 and to the Fleet,

MAJOR Steve Gordon

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TREK BUZZ

Star Trek: Voyager, the latest incarnation of the science-fiction TV saga, will face its final season next year on the UPN television network, but talks have already begun for a new series based on the classic 1960s "Star Trek," network officials said Monday.

Voyager helped launch the fledgling network in January 1995 and has remained a cornerstone of its programming ever since. It remains popular, but UPN and the show's producers figured that after next season, its seventh, Voyager will have ventured to all the strange and exotic places on fringes of space that it can.

Tom Noonan, who heads UPN's programming division, promised advertisers "a surprising conclusion" and a "smashing finale" for the show at a special meeting on the Paramount Pictures movie studio lot to preview the network's 2000-2001 season.

Network chief Dean Valentine said UPN was already talking to the show's producers about a new Star Trek series to take its place, but he remained mum on any details.

Voyager is the fourth series in the long-running and wildly profitable franchise of programs and movies originating with the adventures of James T.

Kirk and the crew of the Starship Enterprise on the frontiers of space. Star Trek first rocketed onto U.S. airwaves in 1966, but it was panned by critics and generally unwatched by audiences. After just three years, NBC yanked the show from its schedule.

In reruns during the 1970s, the show found a core audience of mainly young men — sparking conventions to buy and sell Star Trek memorabilia. By 1979 Paramount, seeing a huge marketing opportunity, brought the series back as a special effects-filled movie that proved to be a blockbuster at box offices.

The first movie sparked a years-long run of sequels that lasted into the 1990s, and three more TV series: The Next Generation, Deep Space Nine and finally Voyager, which starred Kate Mulgrew as Captain Kathryn Janeway at the helm of the 24th-century Starship. The show also spawned an animated version that ran during the mid-1970s. (Reported by MSNBC)

Rick Berman said there is definitely a tenth Trek movie in the works, and it will feature the cast of The Next Generation, according to the Fandom.com Web site. "I will be a tease a little bit to you and tell you that although I can't talk about it, or even talk about who is involved, I can say that we are about to begin the writing stages on what hopefully will be the next Star Trek feature film," Berman told the site.

Star Trek: Voyager executive producer Brannon Braga will be leaving the show at the end of the current season, to be replaced by Ken Biller, who will oversee the show in its seventh and last season, according to Cinescape magazine. Braga is leaving to work on the new Star Trek TV series he is co-creating with Rick Berman. Biller has written and produced for Voyager and Star Trek: The Next Generation.

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**THE NEXT NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT
BONANZA (280 BY-PASS) IN PHENIX
CITY ON 01 MAY AT 7:00 PM**

BABYLON 5 NEWS

Babylon 5 is going to the SciFi Channel! The SciFi Channel has acquired exclusive rights to the Emmy Award-winning SF series Babylon 5, the cable network announced Monday, April 3. The series will premiere on SciFi beginning Sept. 25 and will air Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. ET.

In a deal with Warner Bros. Domestic Pay TV, Cable and Network Features, SciFi picked up the rights to all 112 hour-long episodes of the series, as well as four two-hour TV films based on the show.

"Babylon 5 is one of sci-fi fans' favorite series. We are thrilled to be able to add it to our schedule," said Bonnie Hammer, executive vice president and general manager of the SciFi Channel.

J. Michael Straczynski created the series, which won an Emmy for visual effects in 1993, and was co-executive produced by Straczynski and Douglas Netter. It stars Bruce Boxleitner, Michael O'Hare, Richard Biggs, Andrea Thompson, Jeff Conaway, Bill Mumy, Jerry Doyle, Tracy Scoggins and Claudia Christian.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined (J) or renewed their membership in the DaVinci (D) or Starfleet (S):

Sherri L. Reagon (D)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Joan Collins (Edith Keeler)	1 st
CADET Matthew Dunn	6 th
ENS Dennis Shaw	11 th
PO2 Lisa Neal	12 th
CRMN Dennis Miles	13 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

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	78.32
Printing	5.35
Closing Balance	72.97

CMDR Connie Heller

FINALLY

Help! Okay, devoted readers I need some help in the way of articles for the newsletter. It does not necessarily have to be Trek orientated. It can be on anything you have an interest in. I would prefer something in the science fiction genre but I will take anything about now. So, get your writer's cap on and send your words of wisdom my way! You can email me at <davincico@earthlink.net>.

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

Executive Officer	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

Engineering Officer	VACANT	
Communications	Gisela Stephens	689-4266
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Zach Farley	682-0140

Cadet Corps Commander **VACANT**

Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**

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