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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, the new millennium is a month old and the USS DaVinci is approaching its 5th anniversary! What does this mean? A party of course! A time to get together, a time to eat way too much food, and a time to enjoy the company of other crew personnel. Okay, here are the particulars. The anniversary party will be held on the 17th of March beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and lasting until the last person leaves! Instead of the usual covered dish affair, the DaVinci will dig into its coffers and spring for pizza! I still need a few volunteers to bring some snack food such as chips and dip, maybe a vegetable tray, desserts, and whatever else would seem appropriate.

We did it! Thanks to the efforts of those who participated, the USS DaVinci was first in the 2000 Overseas Coupon Project calendar year! Our total was \$299,037 in donated coupons! WAHOO! Way to go DaVinci! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who participated, no matter how much or little you donated, because every coupon counted towards the final total. Now, how about repeating as champs! Save those coupons from your Sunday paper, cut them out, sort them into food and non-food, count the total in each stack (making sure you do not go over \$500 in each), and bring what you have to my house. The only down side of the journey to number one was the expense it cost to mail dozens and dozens of packages to Europe. We need to build back up those funds. So, when you come to the anniversary party, make sure to bring your checkbooks as we will also have a table set up with all kinds of Trek and non-Trek goodies for sale.

Our adopt-a-highway site is looking pretty ragged, so it looks as if we need to schedule a clean-up. Plan on getting together on the 24th of February at

9:30 AM at the McDonald's on Veteran's Parkway. As usual, we will have some hot breakfast and then start picking up the trash around 10 AM. Dress warmly because it might be a cold day! After the clean-up we can all adjourn to my house for some well needed hot chocolate and other goodies!

CMDR Connie Heller spent quite a bit of time over the holidays preparing more uniforms for the Trauma Buddies. What we need is some volunteers to lend a hand with sewing the uniforms together. We have been lagging on this project too long and I would like to have at least a dozen Trauma Buddies ready by mid February for presentation to the Fire Department.

This is a little early, but the DaVinci will be holding 2 mourning parties in the near future. Both Voyager and Xena are in their final season and will be ending this spring. I know Voyager ends on May 23rd with a 2-hour episode, but I am not sure when Xena fights her last battle.

At the January meeting we drew restaurant names for the 2001 nights out. Here they are folks!

February	Hunan's
March	Ryan's
April	Ezell's
May	Philly's
June	Western Sizzlin
July	NONE (July 4 th Party)
August	Stevi B's
September	Crystal River
October	Fazoli's
November	Hooter's
December	Golden Corral

Hope you can make it to all of them!

FCPT Freddy Heller

PASSAGES

Tony and Emmy-award winning actor Ray Walston, who starred on stage and screen as the devil in "Damn Yankees" and was famed for his TV role as Uncle Martin in "My Favorite Martian," has died at age 86 after a short illness.

Although Walston was noted for a wide variety of acting credits, he is most widely recognized for the 1960s television series that made him a household name, "My Favorite Martian," which ran for three years on CBS (1963-1966). He starred as a Martian who crash lands on Earth and moves in with newspaper reporter Tim O'Hara (Bill Bixby), who keeps the true identity of his visitor a secret by passing him off as his Uncle Martin. He also played Boothby, the cantankerous grounds keeper on Star Trek: The Next Generation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Brent Spiner (Data)	2 nd
Ethan Phillips (Neelix)	8 th
CMDR Connie Heller	14 th
Andrew Robinson (Elim Garak)	14 th
CRMN Roger Wright	15 th
LeVar Burton (LTCMDR Geordi LaForge)	16 th
Michelle Forbes (ENS Ro Laren)	17 th
Gary Lockwood (LT Gary Mitchell)	21 st
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)	22 nd
Majel Barrett Roddenberry (Lwaxana Troi)	23 rd
Chase Masterson (Leeta the Dabo Girl)	26 th
Barbara Babcock (Voice of Loskene, Trelane's Mother, Isis the Cat, and others)	27 th

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE ON 15 FEBRUARY AT
7:00 PM AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
COME ONE COME ALL!!**

**THE NEXT NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT
HUNAN'S (ACROSS FROM ST
FRANCIS) ON 5 FEBRUARY AT 7 PM!
Y'ALL COME!!**

NEW TREK MOVIE NEWS

John Logan, the screen writer for the 10th Star Trek movie, has given us a small hint at what the next movie will concern. Speaking in the latest issue of Star Trek Communicator, Logan said he cannot divulge details of the story, although the fan in him is about to burst from being unable to share his ideas with *Star Trek's* legion of fans just yet

He did say that Captain Jean-Luc Picard and his crew will face off against adversaries both new and familiar to fans, and among them will be the Romulans. Logan also has created a foe for Picard in a tale he hopes will rival the drama of Captain James Kirk's encounter with the villainous Khan Noonien Singh portrayed in, "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan."

"Picard needs an adversary or a foe that is up to his level. That's why James Bond should always fight Blofeld; that's his adversary," says Logan. "We hope this adversary will be every bit as memorable not only for who he is, but how and why he behaves as he does."

The story will acknowledge the continuity of other Star Trek series, he says, noting he had just screened a seven-episode story arc of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine to refresh his memory on details of the Dominion War and Worf's assignment on Qo'noS. It's important to him, Logan says, to portray the crew of the Enterprise as having lives between adventures, growing personally as well as within their relationships with each other.

"There will be lots of little things that fans will recognize," Logan says. "I want to put in a lot of cool stuff that no one in the main audience will understand, but fans will see and get it right away. One of the best parts about writing this is that I get to do things with the races, the characters and the home worlds that I've always wanted to do."

"The very fact that they hired me and are supportive of what I am doing with 'Star Trek X' should show fans something. This is a very ambitious story, and it takes some risks," says Logan. "I think what I will bring to it is my love for the characters and the world of *Star Trek*. At age 39, to be able to sit in the captain's chair is a dream come true; my hope is that it will form every part of my writing."

Thanks to Kevin Dilmore and StarTrek.Com for the information!

VOYAGER'S FINAL SEASON

A tearful Kate Mulgrew expressed to a gathering of journalists that emotions are starting to run high as Voyager nears the end of its seven-season run. "Seven years is a long time to be, as we say, 'in the trenches' with people who were initially strangers, and who have become more intimate to you than those in your personal life," Mulgrew said. It's been a marvelous journey with these guys."

The entire cast of Voyager, along with executive producers Rick Berman and Ken Biller appeared together in Pasadena, California, at the UPN Winter Press Tour 2001, sponsored by the Television Critics Association. The actors fielded questions from reporters about the final season of Voyager, their feelings about their characters and how they'd like their storylines to resolve.

The two producers were pressed for comments about how the series would end, and what to expect from the next Star Trek series and the 10th Star Trek movie. Berman was typically evasive about what the Voyager series finale holds, saying several times, "Not going to tell you." However, he did comment, "Resolving the series has a great deal more to it than just the question of, does the ship get home or not? And I think to compact it down to a simple question like that is unfair to what we're hoping to accomplish in the final two-hour episode."

The actors adamantly stated that they have not been told whether the U.S.S. Voyager would find its way home, but Mulgrew expressed that she hoped the ship would not remain lost in space. "It's time, time to land. That's how I feel," she said.

While a new [Star Trek] series could be on the air by fall of 2001, Berman said, the timing is contingent mostly upon the status of potential strikes expected this year by writers and directors in Hollywood. He said it's "premature" to speculate on when the new series would premiere and on what network. "Paramount is making all those decisions and it's a decision that's going to be coming from them hopefully in the next month or so."

Berman also noted that there is a possibility, albeit remote, that a two-hour television movie could be made based on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. "I think it's a possibility, but nothing that's in any kind of serious discussion," he said.

Thanks to StarTrek.Com for the information.

CONVENTIONS, ETC.

Make It So Productions, out of Ohio, is putting on some really awesome conventions. The first will be on the 28th and 29th of April in Jacksonville, FL. It is called "Klingon Kon 2001" and is scheduled to have a great Klingon guest list. Included is Michael Dorn (Worf), Tony Todd (Kurn), Rosana Desoto (Azetbur), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Gwyneth Walsh (B'Etor), Barbara March (Lursa), Spice Williams (Vixis), Todd Bryant (Klaa), and Mary Kay Adams (Grilka)! The second is 25-26 May in Cleveland, OH. This convention is entitled the "Women of Star Trek Voyager". Invited guests include Kate Mulgrew (Janeway), Jennifer Lien (Kes), Roxann Dawson (Torres), Nancy Hower (Ensign Wildman), and Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	163.49
Closing Balance	163.49

CMDR Connie Heller

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

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Finance Connie Heller 562-8735
Community Service VACANT
Publications Freddy Heller 562-8735

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Morale VACANT
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Cadet Corps Commander VACANT

Master Chief Petty Officer VACANT