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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! Yes, it has been 2 years since Joe and I were re-elected. Time indeed does go by quickly. Okay, as you might already know there are some qualifications that must be met in order 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:

Commodore Freddy Heller

FCPT Joe Perry

CMDR Connie Heller

The list is short, 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. According to the USS DaVinci constitution, 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. The election committee will be responsible for the tabulation of the ballots. Ballots will be mailed to each qualified DaVinci member no later than the Monday following the nominations (21 May). The ballot must be returned to the election committee no later than the Monday prior to the June meeting (18 June). Have no fear, the DaVinci ballots will not have dimples or chads to complicate the counting and the ballot will be so simple that even a Florida resident can figure it out! The only requirement for

voting is that you must have been a member of the USS DaVinci for at least 3 months prior to the election. Each crew member may vote only once. The ballots will be counted and the results announced during the June meeting and published in the July newsletter.

This is a very important meeting for you to attend. If you have not been to a meeting in a while try your best to make it to this one. Remember, the DaVinci is YOUR ship, you have a say in who sits in the center seat. We can better than last year when so few people attended the meeting, the nominations were postponed. Even if you can only stay for the nominations then leave is better than not coming at all. Thanks.

It was very disappointing that only two people showed up for our clean-up of our Adopt-a-Highway. Since there was not enough, the clean-up had to be cancelled. A Big Bajoran thanks to CPT Joe Perry and CRMN Roger Wright who gave it their best. Both will receive tee-shirts donated by the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

Commodore Freddy Heller

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TREK BUZZ

Leonard Nimoy is doing his part to ensure that Griffith Observatory lives long and prospers. The actor and his wife Susan have donated \$1 million to refurbish the 66-year-old Los Angeles landmark. The donation is the first contribution by an individual to the renovation effort, which has acquired about two-thirds of the \$63 million it needs from corporations, foundations and public money. The face lift is scheduled to begin next year and be completed by late 2004.

Rumor has it that Scott Bakula ("Quantum Leap") is up for the part of the captain on the new Trek series.

TrekToday.com claims to have gotten a hold of a character breakdown sheet supposedly straight from Paramount detailing the character names, descriptions, and backgrounds of the major players of Series V, which is set for a Fall 2001 debut, and will begin production very soon. Despite its stated confidence in the reliability of its source, they do advise that this is not in any way an "official" announcement, and therefore should be treated strictly as a rumor. There is no mention of any casting decisions, only character descriptions and such. The timeframe and mode of transportation for this series are also discussed. Here is the story link: http://www.trektoday.com/news/040301_01.shtml

After ongoing speculation, anticipation and rumors, Star Trek fans finally got their first sneak peek at the upcoming Star Trek: The Motion Picture The Director's Edition at the Grand Slam convention, in Pasadena, CA. Making the event even more special was the first-ever public by Robert Wise who discussed the film, as well as presented a brief assemblage of clips from the new version. Check out the following link for the story: http://www.dvdfile.com/news/special_report/events/startrek/sttmp_directorcut_1.html

Nana Visitor will debut as Madame X on the April 24th episode of "Dark Angel" titled "Pollo Loco." The character's arrival has been teased in recent weeks, as people around Lydecker (John Savage) repeatedly mentioned Madame X's displeasure that Max (Jessica Alba) and the other Manticore escapees are still on the loose. Visitor signed for five episodes of Dark Angel and, if the show returns next year and if her character works out, she will be back for a second season.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Marc Alaimo (Dukat)	5 th
CADET Matthew Dunn	6 th
PO2 Lisa Neal	12 th
ENS Gisela Stephens	15 th
CADET Vincenzo Flemming	16 th
Joan Collins (Edith Keeler)	23 rd
COMM Freddy Heller (& John Wayne)	26 th
Harlan Ellison (Scrip Writer)	27 th
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)	30 th
Michael Piller (Executive Producer)	30 th

GRAND SLAM - PASADENA

Recently, the Heller's went to their annual pilgrimage to the Grand Slam Star Trek convention in Pasadena, CA. Here is a brief synopsis of the three days.

All of the surviving main cast members from the Original Series were there. We saw George Takei, James Doohan, Leonard Nimoy, Nichelle Nichols, Walter Koenig, William Shatner, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, and Grace Lee Whitney. Of course, the big draw was none other than Khan himself—Ricardo Montalban! He was gracious and entertaining, despite enduring constant pain.

Next Generation's stars included Wil Wheaton, Michael Dorn, John DeLancy, Marina Sirtis, and Alice Krige.

Deep Space 9 was represented by Max Grodenchik, Chase Masterson, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, James Darren, Rene Auberjonois, Armin Shimerman, and Nicole DeBoer.

Voyager cast members included Robert Picardo, Roxann Dawson, Scarlett Pomers, Garrett Wang, Kate Mulgrew, Tim Russ, Ethan Phillips, and Robert Duncan MacNeil.

In the "Too Much Money and Not Enough Sense" Category, the award goes to the fan who paid \$10,000 in an auction for a walk-on, non-speaking role in the next Star Trek series.

About the new series—well, all that Brannon Braga could tell us was that there WOULD be one. He claimed that until Paramount makes an official announcement, his hands are tied and his lips are sealed.

A representative from Tribune Entertainment gave some information about their shows. Next season on Beastmaster Marc Singer (who starred in the Beastmaster movie many moons ago) will guest as the Ancient Warrior and be a mentor to Dar. Andromeda is going to raise the intensity the latter half of this season, and next season should be even greater. (Freddy made the mistake of dragging me off to the dealer's room for a fool's errand right before scenes from upcoming Andromeda episodes were shown. Ask him about his peace offering.)

I am working on a more detailed version of the convention, with photographs. See it at <http://worldzone.net/family/ds9is1/index22.shtml>.

CMDR Connie Heller

CONVENTIONS, ETC.

Joe Motes and his fantastic Vulkan Conventions are getting ready to host another fabulous show. None other than Seven of Nine herself, Jeri Ryan, is scheduled to be in Tampa, FL on the 14th and 15th of July! Other confirmed guests have not yet been announced, but you can always count on Joe getting someone exciting! For instance, Joe is trying to get someone from Andromeda! I am sure tickets will go fast for this show so act now and go to the Vulkan web site and order them today (<http://www.vulkan.com/upcoming.htm>)! I have ordered mine and will gladly share a room with anyone who wants to drive down to Tampa with me. So, go to the web site and check it out!

Joe's Atlanta convention is also shaping up to be a good one! So far the guest list includes George Takei (Sulu), Alice Krige (Borg Queen), Bruce Campbell, and Robin "The Kiss" Curtis (the one and only true and real Saavik from Star Trek III and IV). The convention will take place on 25-27 May at the Marriott Century Center in downtown Atlanta! Get your tickets early because Joe's Atlanta shows sell out quickly.

Emily Barth's 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". Guests include Kate Mulgrew (Janeway), Jennifer Lien (Kes), Roxann Dawson (Torres), Nancy Hower (Ensign Wildman), and Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)! They are also planning a convention in Dallas, TX on 30 June and 1 July. It will be called the "Borg Collective". Some of the invited Borg guests are Jeri Ryan, Alice Krige (Borg Queen), Jonathan Del Arco (Hugh Borg), and Manu Intiraymi (Icheb). Other Borg guests are pending. This has the promise to be an exciting convention so if you think you can make it, go to makeitsoproductions.com and check it out.

PASSAGES

David Graf died on April 7th of an apparent heart attack a few days before his 51st birthday. He played on Deep Space Nine as Leskit, the Klingon pilot in "Soldiers of the Empire" and on Voyager as Fred Noonan, Amelia Earhart's navigator, on "The 37's". He is probably most known for his role as Eugene Tacklberry in the Police Academy movies.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Roger Wright (S)

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	193.49
Deposit	15.00
Postage	60.40
Closing Balance	148.09

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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 **VACANT**

Counselor **VACANT**

Morale **VACANT**

Medical Emma Certo 582-3442

Engineering Officer **VACANT**

Communications Gisela Stephens 689-4266

Quartermaster Randy Dunn 291-0150

Security **VACANT**

Cadet Corps Commander **VACANT**

Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**

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