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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, another Trek series has ended its long run. Voyager ended on the 23rd of May and the DaVinci had its usual Mourning Party. Although not as well attended as the Deep Space Nine Mourning Party, all who were there enjoyed the pizza as well as the finale. Thanks to all who were there.

Our annual 4th of July picnic is just around the corner! It will begin at 2:00 PM and end when the last person leaves. So, if you plan on attending please let LT Gisela Stevens know what you are bringing. As usual, this will be a covered dish affair with the DaVinci supplying the dogs and burgers! Last year was a blast with crews from three ships attending. Remember the reporter from the Ledger-Enquirer and that great front page article about us the following day? Do not forget to bring your wallet because there will be lots of goodies for sale as well as the Penny Jar contest, "Your Favorite Captain". There will be an autographed picture of Roxann Dawson (B'Elanna Torres) as a door prize! Naturally, we will have a Great Dalmuti tournament and I can even dust off the Original Series and Next Generation trivia games.

Our clean-up was a bust because only two people showed up. Yes, it was raining but was very light and would not have prevented the clean-up had more folks showed up. A couple more folks did show up around 8:15 but by then we had left. Do not let a little rain stop you from at least having breakfast with those who do show up. The clean-up is rescheduled for the 21st of July at 8 AM. Please try to make it on time rain or shine so that we do not have a repeat of last time. A BIG Bajoran thanks to Roger for coming and to Karen and Lesh for trying.

Commodore Freddy Heller

ENDGAME – A CRITIQUE

So, it is all over! The USS Voyager finally made it home and the series has come to an end after seven memorable and not so memorable years. Personally, I will miss the show. Although I did not like it as much as Deep Space Nine or The Next Generation, it did have its good points. I particularly liked the 7th and final season.

One of the few blots on the seventh season was the finale, "Endgame". I think Voyager could have ended in much better fashion. I really did not mind the time travel angle and all the temporal references, even though that plot line has been used way too much over the years. I did not mind a crusty old Janeway talking to her youthful self. It gave the episode a little boost. I did not mind the presence of the Borg even though I still do not understand how they can kill off the Borg Queen twice. What I did not like about the show was twofold.

First, was the fact that Seven and Chakotay got together. So what happened to the relationship Janeway and Chakotay had steadily built for seven years! Everyone knows they had a thing for each other, but the writers chose to ignore the last seven years and instead concentrate on the Seven angle. ARRGGGG! Not that I dislike Seven (on the contrary), but I sure would love to have seen just once Janeway and Chakotay in a passionate kiss. As Kor said to Kirk in "Errand of Mercy", "It would have been glorious".

Next, there was the ending from Hell! Made me want to run around the house screaming and pulling out the little hair I have remaining. There was no finale to the series. A bunch of ships heading to the blue-green Earth in the background is not what I wanted to see. How could they do that to the very

individuals who kept food in their mouths for the last 30 years? I wanted to see the reaction of the crew as their feet touched home after a long and painful journey. I wanted to know what happened to the Maquis. Were they taken into custody and lead away in chains over the futile protests of Janeway? Did they steal a ship and head back to the Badlands? If so, did B'Elanna go with them? I wanted to know what happened to Seven of Nine. Was she proclaimed a hero or a mass murderer? Did she decide to find her roots and move in with her aunt or did she join the staff of the Daystrom Institute? Maybe she decided to become recluse. Perhaps she stole the Doctor's holo-emitter? I wanted to know if Harry Kim got promoted to Lieutenant. Was his girl waiting for him with open arms or did she dump him in favor of someone else? I wanted to know if Tom Paris and Admiral Paris hugged each other. Did he decide to remain in Starfleet or run off to the Paris bistro where he is most comfortable. If so, did B'Elanna go with him? I wanted to see what Tuvok's family looked like. I wanted to know what happened to the Doctor. Did he open his own practice? Did he get a name? Did Starfleet give him the accolades he richly deserves or did they end his program because he was outdated? Did he become a political activist for the rest of his kind on the mining colony? I wanted to know if the crew received a ticker tape parade down Broadway. You get the idea.

I saw Kate Mulgrew at a convention last month in Cleveland, OH and she mentioned that the ending was designed to leave everything up to the imagination of the viewers. Sorry, Kate, but that does not work for me. Whenever I close my eyes, I picture the Voyager entering the Earth's atmosphere when suddenly the inertial dampers give out and no matter what Harry and Tom do they cannot repair the damage. Voyager burns up in the atmosphere will the loss of all hands. Well, sometimes Seven survives and maybe B'Elanna too, but no one else. Satisfied?

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE AT 7:00 PM ON JULY 19TH
AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
COME ONE COME ALL!**

ENTERPRISE UPDATE

Star Trek: The Next Generation stars Jonathan Frakes (Riker) and Brent Spiner (Data) visited the set of UPN's upcoming fifth Trek series, Enterprise, and offered advice to the new captain, Scott Bakula (Jonathan Archer), the official Trek Web site reported. Bakula received advice on the tricky vocabulary he would be facing and on the world of Star Trek in general. Frakes and Spiner also admired the new uniforms, ones that the site described as having more of a contemporary look, rather than one from an imagined future several hundred years from now. Among other things, the new uniforms are looser, are made with natural fibers, lack foot stirrups and, have zippers and pockets, the site reported. A source previously told SCIFI Wire that at least some of the crew's uniforms resemble navy blue jumpsuits with colored yoke and shoulder piping and shoulder patches with the Enterprise logo.

In other Enterprise news: The Project Quantum Leap Web site reported that UPN will premiere the series in August, not October, as some UPN stations have said. The site added that the cast and crew of the pilot episode, "Broken Bow," will take a couple of weeks off after completing the pilot to allow for fine tuning. Shooting is expected to resume in late June.

The Lcarscom.net Web site quoted John Eaves, Enterprise's senior illustrator, on the design of the show's new starship. "The look of the show, I think, is Star Trek, but it's not," he told the site. He also added, "We had dome [some retro design] with [Zefram] Cochrane's ship [in First Contact], and we went kind of high style. You still had the buttons and the toggle switches, but the gauges and scanners were retro'ed up to go above that, and yet not repeat the '60s look of the way things were." The new ship will be smaller than the one in the original series.

**THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT OUT IN
JULY! COME INSTEAD TO THE
ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PICNIC
STARTING AT 2 PM
AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE!**

CONVENTIONS, ETC.

Joe Motes and his fantastic Vulkan Conventions are getting ready to host another fabulous show in Tampa, FL on the 14th and 15th of July. Unfortunately Jeri Ryan will not be able to appear due to family matters. But, Joe has gotten three guests to fill in the vacant spot. They are Walter Koenig (Chekov), Denise Crosby (Tasha Yar), and James Horan (various guest appearances on TNG and DS9). Other confirmed guests include Dr Crusher herself, Gates McFadden! 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>)! 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!

Sad news. Because of poor ticket sales and other undisclosed reasons, the Make It So Productions convention, The Sikso Family Reunion, has been cancelled.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Rick Sternbach (Senior Illustrator)	6 th
CADET Gracie Walker	9 th
Patrick Stewart (CPT Jean Luc Picard)	13 th
Robert Justman (Producer)	13 th
VADM Mike Henigan	20 th
ENS Michael Crossman	21 st
CPT Joe Perry	25 th
Nana Visitor (MAJ Kira Nerys)	26 th
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)	29 th
David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon)	29 th
CRMN Alan Certo	31 st

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

ENS Karen Pynenburg (S)

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	148.09
Closing Balance	148.09

CMDR Connie Heller

FINALLY

Please look at the Staff Roster which follows. Notice anything strange? Yes, there are way too many VACANT postings. The only requirements for taking over a position are being in Starfleet and having the willingness to make the position something you can be proud of. If you are interested in any of the positions, please see or call either my self or Joe Perry.

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	VACANT

Engineering Officer	VACANT	
Communications	Gisela Stephens	689-4266
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Roger Wright	687-8052

Cadet Corps Commander **VACANT**

Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**