

# Federation Merchants'

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John A. Theisen

### UFP/ITA Datanet Update

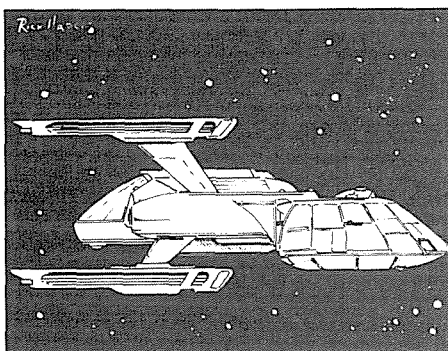
#### Starship Stolen

The freetrader *Soaring Deutchman*, a *Mission*-class MkIV commercial transport (ex-Star Fleet), was recently stolen from Daran Freeport on Daran V, according to its captain, Jacob "Blue Jake" Barrett III.

"I rented a gravcar for my crew to go into Daraniss (the city), and when we got back it was gone. We wasn't gone more than a couple of hours," Barrett stated. Upon further inquiry, he also admitted that he was several payments delinquent on the craft.

Officials responding from First Vulcan Interplanetary Securities and Loans, the human-space operating name for the powerful Kealek House and Cartel of Vulcan, refused to reveal the nature of Captain Barrett's credit rating or account, but did report that First Vulcan does not repossess loan collateral without due process.

Spaceport officials refused to comment on the vessel's disappearance or apparent security breakdown, but they reportedly are investigating.



#### Overdue in Port

The *Thor*, a *Zeus*-class robot freighter en route from Malla to Federation Deep Space Station T-11, is reportedly three weeks overdue.

The starship, operating near the UFP/Tholian border, was carrying agricultural supplies and luxury goods when it failed to arrive on schedule.

Star Fleet Command reports no known Tholian activity along the *Thor*'s flight path, but hostilities have not been ruled out. A search has begun. Anyone with information should contact Star Fleet Command.

### Violations Up Seven Percent

Star Fleet Command recently reported that violations of navigational space near the Talos Star Group have increased by seven percent over the same period during the last reference Stardate.

A Star Fleet spokesperson attributed this rise to overall increases in the area's starship traffic, and noted that at least two more vessels will soon be assigned to patrol the area.

The Talosian Perimeter surrounding the Talos Star Group at a radius of 3.5 parsecs (11.41 light years) is monitored by vessels of the Merchant Marine Command.

The crew of any private or commercial starship entering the posted perimeter for any reason—accidental or intentional—may be subject to fines, suspension of merchants' licenses, imprisonment, and/or vessel confiscation.

In addition, the entire complement of any vessel that proceeds to enter within 3.07 parsecs (10 light years) of Talos is subject to General Order Number Seven, the only civilian death penalty remaining in the Federation.

### Contents

This news has been compiled from three sources:

- The UFP/Independent Traders Association (UFP/ITA) Datanet.

- The United Federation of Planets Stock Exchange.

- Advertisements found in merchants' exchanges. The UFP/ITA has not verified the accuracy or legitimacy of such advertisements and assumes no liability for any errors or misrepresentations.

### Foodstuffs Needed Urgently

A large shipment of imported foodstuffs en route from Meadow to the independent Triangle world of Satterfeld has been spacejacked, presumably by a warship of the Imperial Klingon States.

The shipment, of vital importance to residents of Satterfeld, had no special value, and it is not known why the IKS—or the Romulan Star Empire—might commit such an act.

The loss of this regular shipment has created severe temporary food shortages on Satterfeld, and unofficial reports state that residents will pay double the regular rate for up to 1400 SCUs of foodstuffs.

# UFPSE Corporate Profile

**Name:** Westronix Intercomp Company  
UFPSC

**Symbol:** WXItC

**Home Office Location:** Syrtis Major,  
Sol IV

**President/CEO:** Garmon Iseker

**Chartering Organization:** UFP Securities and Exchange Commission

**Founding Date:** 2/1008.20

**Principal Divisions:**

● Administration and Engineering  
*Development Division Head:* Rusonn Iseker  
*Chief Product:* Picocomputer Computer Research

● Marketing & Technical Support  
*Division Head:* Shandra Looken  
*Chief Product:* Quality control, service, and publicity

● Transportation and Assembly  
*Division Head:* Cy Kapolnik  
*Chief Product:* Product manufacturing and delivery

**Stock Profile:** 3F97

**Price/Date:** Cr4.00 on 2/2404.01

**Dividend:** None

**Balance Sheet, Year Ended:** 2/2401

**Cash/Assets:** MCr3.22/MCr10.01

**Liabilities/Ratio:** MCr83.3/ 0.12

THE FIRM SPECIALIZED in manufacturing picocomputers and network interfacing systems for home and small business users.

Brothers Garmon and Rusonn Iseker founded the company with the financial backing of their father, Faron Iseker. With Faron's death in 2/18, Garmon took charge of the company, and it has been on the decline ever since. Westronix Intercomp, to be blunt, is in severe trouble.

THE UFPSEC IS PLANNING an audit, and Westronix may be placed in financial receivership within the next six standard months.

The corporation, while possessing a mediocre engineering and development staff, has been horribly managed by the Iseker brothers—with disastrous financial results.

For example, extensive promotional campaigns were launched during Reference Stardate 2/21 for a line of picocomputers which wasn't yet designed.

When the picocomputer design

prototype failed late in 2/22, closely followed by a component shortage caused by improper purchasing procedures, the company lost several tens of millions of credits.

During the same period, corporate salaries and expense allowances were tripled for senior executives, and two luxury starships were purchased for the private use of the CEO and his staff.

DESPERATELY AWARE of the problem but not knowing what to do, the Isekers continued to rule the company with an iron fist.

Though both executives have been relatively honest in their transactions to date, worsening conditions are pushing them near the edge. The prospect of an audit has made them doubly paranoid.

Industrial espionage, embezzlement, fraud, and murder are no longer impossible for either of them, if taking such actions might help save their company.

## FML Classified Ads

### Positions Available

**INTERPLANETARY Rating:** Pilots needed for weekly ice-shuttle run between New Siberia and New Sahara (Oeth system). Minimum Grade 4 with commensurate pay. Some overtime may be available. Merchant's Ticket a must. UFP/ITA or AOFW/ITA members in good standing preferred. Bring resume to Grand Senator Thallus, Chambers of Government, New Sahara.

**CRUISE DIRECTOR:** Vacancy for experienced cruise director or senior steward aboard *Sunshine-class* passenger liner SS *Bailey's Beads*. Min. eight years experience in related field or ex-SFC yeomanry duty. Other vacancies available. Competitive salaries, excellent benefits. Director of Shipping Personnel, Noble Liners Limited, Star Harbor, Wall.

### Cargoes Wanted/Available

**WANTED—AG GOODS:** The Tasser family, agricultural broker on Satterfeld, is currently soliciting interstellar merchants for immediate delivery of foodstuffs and related agricultural products. This invitation is good for a limited time only. Bring samples of your wares—we offer fine prices for fine merchandise. Contact I. L. Tasser, Box TS, Satterfeld.

**NEUTRONIC FUEL** for Immediate Transport: 12,000 SCUs of neutronic fuel are available for immediate delivery from Egross (Alpha Vega 272—1.37N 3.22E) to Star Base 3 (0.51N 3.50E). Broken lots accepted. Minimum quantity of 100 SCUs. Will pay 30-percent premium. For more information contact Shipping Officer, Starminers Licensed Producers, 137B Waldstrasse, Grossburg, Egross.

### Space Vessels/Weapons Wanted

**STARSHIP WEAPONS** Needed for Refit: Any parties possessing major shipboard weapon systems are invited to bid on supply and installation of weapons aboard two *Lotus Flower-class* and two *Baka Ré-class* freighters. Weapon models desired include the following: any Federation laser; Klingon KD-1, KD-2, or KD-10 disrupters; Romulan RB-1, RB-2, or RB-3 beamers; or any Orion disrupter. Modifications to be made in Triangle (so no UFP permits are required). We are offering 50/50 payment in your choice of currency, upon award and completion of the weapons modifications. Bids will be opened in nine standard weeks. Submit sealed bids, along with references, to Merchant Captain Solomon Urango of the Olive Trade Fleet, Starport General Delivery Locker N, Remfry.

### Personals/Miscellaneous

**REWARD:** Author compiling text on famous contemporary Orion starship commanders needs research assistance. Anyone with info regarding whereabouts of Orion merchant captains Alemir Akalzed of Roulashakballih or A. K. Hygroziar of Tantrak Nightwalker, please contact me. Finder's fee offered. Drewlishk, c/o University of Deneb.

**TO "GENTLEMAN Jeff" MacLeod:** We know you're out there somewhere, and we hope you'll come back someday. We are only a stone's throw from Deneb, after all! But if you don't—well, we'll understand. Sometimes life is like that. No matter what happens, you'll be missed. Live long and prosper! Best wishes, from the entire gang at Jade Orion Spaceport, Denro IV. Ω