Stranger than (science) fiction

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When I was only six years old, I was fortunate enough to see the very first episode of the English Science Fiction TV program called Dr. Who. First aired in 1963, this program was not for the faint of heart. It came on early Saturday evenings (after the wrestling and the cartoons), and for many years I watched if from behind the safety of the sofa, with only my eyes and nose showing to the rest of the family.

One of the scariest alien monster races were the Darleks. I knew all about them because one Christmas I received the Darlek annual (did you know that measles was a disease the Darleks brought to earth? I was a bit disgruntled to learn that, because I'd had the measles earlier that year.)

As I got older (by the time I was 30) I came to realize that the Darleks were fictional creatures ... or were they? Our old chum Jay Dowling just emailed me with a story from the UK Telegraph newspaper about the recent discovery of a Darlek found in a pond. Be afraid... be very afraid...

I mean it, be very afraid to discover that a company called Genki Wear is poised to launch a collection of Star Trek Colognes and Perfumes based on the original 1960s television show. These little rascals have names like Tiberius ("Difficult to Define and Impossible to Refuse"), Red Shirt ("Because Tomorrow May Never Come"), and Ponn Farr (named for the Vulcan mating ritual first introduced in the episode "Amok Time").

I tell you, I couldn't make this stuff up!

2009 New Year Resolution (Goal: Walk 1000 miles at ~3 miles a day)
[A=Actual, C=Current, P=Plan-to-Date, R=Remaining, T=Total]

| Days:  | T=365, C=64, R=301 |
| Miles: | T=1000, P=192.00, A=228.99, Δ=+36.99, R=771.01 |
| Note:  | Yes! I'm a tad over 9/40ths of the way there... |

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