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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

The Dune Viewing Party was a big hit. Twelve DaVinci crew personnel spent an evening at my house enjoying various snack foods and other goodies while watching the extended version of Dune (177 minutes versus 137 for the theatrical version). Connie went the extra mile and made a tray full of her excellent Hasperat roll ups. Naturally, they did not last very long as the crew quickly devoured the expertly prepared treats. Even though the only thing folks had to bring was their own drinks, some brought chips, dip, and ice cream.



Vanessa, Frazier, and James were just a few of the 12 crew members who enjoyed watching Dune.



Well, not everyone was interested in Dune!



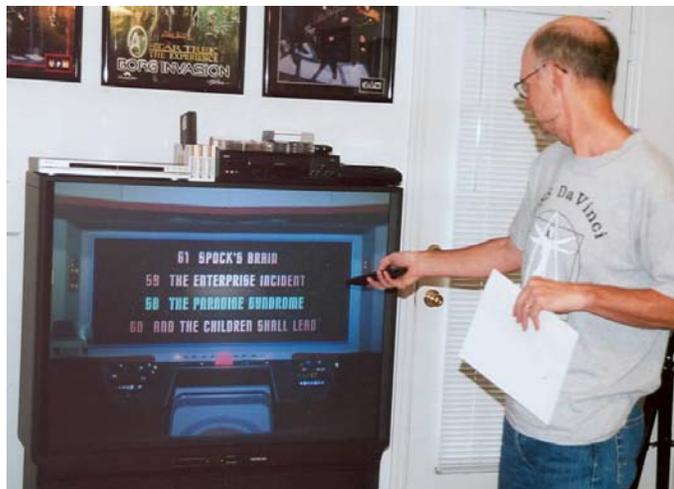
Russell helping himself to the goodies.

Frazier and Vanessa even brought one of their triple chocolate raspberry cakes from the Baker's Hut! It was yummy!! A BIG Bajoran thanks goes out to all who attended this fun-filled event.

It took two scheduling dates but the Original Series mini marathon of your least favorite episodes finally took place. Ten brave DaVinci crew personnel showed up at the mini-marathon to watch the worst of the Original Series episode. All during the evening you could hear the grunts and groans from the ensemble. Every little mistake or something that did not make sense was quickly brought to everyone's attention! Chips, pizza, and pop were plentiful as one stinker after another was shown. Following the final episode, several crewmembers brought forth ideas as to what we could do for future mini-marathons. All were quite interesting and exciting as well. One in particular, suggested by Lisa, got my attention. Stay tuned for more information.

Okay, I suppose you want to know the results of the voting. As you know, the first week was a bust because I received only two inputs from the crew and on each of the two lists every episode was

different! So I rescheduled it for the following week. This time I received a total of eight lists. Not a good number considering the size of the crew (you could have sent in a list even if you were not coming). A total of 35 different episodes were suggested. There were some surprises, such as “The Trouble with Tribbles”, “Requiem for Methuselah”, and “Devil in the Dark” making several lists. Anyway, the top ten vote recipients are as follows (the number in parenthesis following the episode name represents the number of points out of a possible 80). Ties were decided by which came first in alphabetical order. In 10th position we have “The Deadly Years” (13), which is the story of Kirk, Spock, and Scotty getting older by the minute. In 9th position is the story of Kirk and Spock being trapped on an asylum in “Whom Gods Destroy” (14). “Turnabout Intruder” (15), the story of Kirk having his consciousness being switched with one of his ex-lovers came in the 8th position. “Groovy”, “far-out”, and “peace” are words that could have fit quite well in the 7th episode, “The Way to Eden” (16). In the 6th position was the story of Kirk and Spock being captured by the evil Nazis and naturally saving the day in “Patterns of Force” (22). The next five episodes were the ones shown at the mini-marathon. In 5th place was “The Paradise Syndrome” (24), the story of Kirk losing his memory and living with some humanoids resembling Native Americans.



Freddy begins showing “The Paradise Syndrome”

A tattered American flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Declaration of Independence were all party of the 4th episode, “The Omega Glory” (24). In the 3rd spot was “The Apple” (27),

considered by some present as the number one stinker. In this one Kirk, Spock, McCoy, Chekov, Yeoman Landon, and four “red shirts” (who all meet horrible deaths) take on the bad computer Vaal and the innocent and naïve “Feeders of Vaal.”



How did you guess “The Apple” was being shown?

“Hail, hail fire and snow; call the angel we must go; far away, far to see, friendly angel come to me.” Well, you get the idea and have probably guessed that “And the Children Shall Lead” (28) was the 2nd worst episode chosen. In this one it took quite an effort but Kirk and the crew of the Enterprise finally defeated a bunch of kids and the evil “Gorgan” that was influencing them. Well, that leaves only one and to no one’s surprise, with a whopping 48 points was the classic stinker “Spock’s Brain”. Do you not just love the famous line, “Brain and brain? What is brain?” Of course everyone knows the story of how the “givers of pain and delight” steal Spock’s brain to be used as the “Controller” for their living environment and how McCoy uses the “Great Teacher” to have his intelligence raised so that he could replace the missing brain. Whew!

Well folks there you have it! The ten worst Original Series episodes as voted by the crew of the DaVinci. A BIG Bajoran thank-you to everyone who sent me their list and to those who came to the event.

Next on the DaVinci agenda was the Charmed “Mourning Party” which was attended by six crew personnel. Not a large turnout as DaVinci events go, but a nice one nonetheless. The questions on everyone’s mind when the evening began were: “Is Phoebe really dead?”; “Where the heck is Paige?”; and “What about Christy?” Our questions were

answered and everyone present thought the final episode of Charmed was a good one. The only thing some of us disliked was that Shannen Doherty's character Prue was not physically part of the series finale. Not only that but at the end of the show when the camera panned by a series of photographs hanging on the stairwell in the manor, her picture was not even shown! That reminded us of the end of the final episode of Deep Space Nine when a series of flashbacks failed to show Terry Farrell's character Jadzia Dax. Anyway, the folks at Paramount should watch Charmed's final episode to learn how a great television show should end! It did not leave us hanging in the air, nor did make more questions than it answered. Following the end of Charmed everyone stuck around and watched the last hour of "The High and the Mighty" starring John Wayne that I was watching before everyone arrived. Thanks go out to all who attended this fun (and sad) event.

Hey! Do not forget the next iteration of the Columbus Game and Hobby Expo will take place on Friday 26 May (3:00-11:00 PM) and Saturday 27 May (10:00 AM-11:00 PM). The DaVinci will have a membership drive table and volunteers are needed to help man the table and give fellow crewmember Dutch Cummings and his crew a hand at what ever they need. Hope you can make it.

Oh boy was I ever surprised at the May Night Out! Since I do not want to spoil his article, I will let my "Number One" tell you all about it. Read on!

RADM Freddy Heller

EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

It began like any other normal Monday evening. Or did it? Besides, who said Monday night outs with the crew of the DaVinci were normal anyway? Oh, that was me. Or was it? This particular Monday evening started out for one average Starfleet Ship's Captain as any other night. Or did it? The location of this stellar event was Mi Casa Mexican Buffet in Columbus, GA and 7:00 PM marked the beginning of festivities like any other DaVinci gathering. Or so it seemed! The evening marked a notch in photo albums as one of the best with 16 crewmembers in attendance! What our faithful Captain did not know was that this night turned out to be his SURPRISE birthday celebration!



Randy hangs birthday decorations as Russell checks out Randy's legs!

Even though Freddy's birthday wasn't until the 26th of May it was an opportune time to pay tribute to another year since everyone would be together anyway. Randy and Sandy provided decorations; Frazier and Vanessa provided cakes; and the management of Mi Casa graciously gave us a separate room to have the celebration. Many thanks to all who participated and donated to the birthday "roast."



The crew enjoying the Mexican buffet at Mi Casa!

After everyone was through with their meal I proceeded to present Freddy with my usual "tokens" of birthday appreciation (various goodies that show how old Freddy really is). All of course were gag gifts. What DaVinci special event would be without

them! Then, to my own SUPRISE, both Freddy and I got “roasted” and given gag gifts by Randy, as my birthday is the 25th of May. Make sure you ask Freddy about one of Randy’s gifts, the unusual muscle-toning machine! Little known to everyone was the fact that Gisela and Lisa also had birthdays in May and to our surprise we all received our meals for free compliments of the DaVinci. The evening ended with the singing of "Happy Birthday", although I think someone was singing in Klingon! Or were they? Boldly going where no one has gone before. Or have they?

See ya'll next month.

CPT Russell Ruhland

SCIENCE STATION

The Star Trek series inclusive of the original series up to the Enterprise series and perhaps beyond, suggests that a warp drive is a prerequisite for interstellar galactic travel. This assumes that massive warp engines are utilized in order to propel the spacecraft at unbelievable speeds far beyond the speed of light. Anti matter is the ultimate source of energy that initiates warp speed. All spaceships are equipped with what are called inertial dampeners, which function to negate the crushing inertia that is created when a space ship is propelled beyond light speed. Without the inertial dampeners, the occupants of the spaceship would presumably be crushed by the inertia of the immense forward acceleration of the ship. All of the above presumes that speed or velocity is the ingredient that permits warp drive travel. There are some problems with this reasoning as will be discussed in the following.

In an attempt to reduce Einstein’s theory of relativity to its simplest level, relativity suggest that space and time are a continuum. In other words the spatial concepts of height, width, depth and time function as one unit known as the space-time continuum. This is often referred to as the fabric of space-time as if the nature of space-time was like a substance. According to Einstein, space is curved much like one would imagine that surface of a balloon would be. Since space is curved, theoretically one could travel for an unimaginable eternity and finally end up in the same place one started from. This is similar to the concept of some one embarking on a walking journey of 25,000

miles around the earth in the same direction and ending up in the same place again with withered bones and tendons. As evidence suggests, the universe began as a giant bubble of gaseous plasma matter that suddenly exploded or expanded outward creating all that is present in an ever-expanding bubble. It’s the classic Big Bang Theory. Recent studies suggest that the universe is expanding at an ever-faster rate due perhaps to the forces of dark energy and dark matter.

One way to imagine the fabric of the space-time continuum is to view space as if it was a gigantic rubber blanket. If you were to place a heavy gravitational object such as a bowling ball, or a planet or a star on this infinite rubber blanket, these objects would make an indentation on the surface of the rubber blanket. His indentation or warp is the simplest way to imagine the effects of massive gravitational objects on the fabric of space-time. As an analogy, warp space travel is the equivalent of some one holding a large balloon in one’s hand and then using one’s finger pressure to push the rubber fabric of the balloon towards its center or any other direction one chooses. Basically the rubber space moves with you to another area of rubber space. This is where the misconception is regarding the Enterprise’s boldly going where no one has gone before. The Enterprise would in effect not be moving at all, but rather would be encapsulated in a kind of energy bubble. Space would be moving with the enterprise being motionless in the bubble. There would be no need for inertial dampeners since the Enterprise is basically motionless and temporarily trapped in this negative space. Presumably this is the only known means to achieve faster than light travel, which according to Einstein is impossible under the conventional laws of physics.

Warp travel and perhaps even time travel are theoretical possibilities. However there are some problems with those concepts. First of all a massive amount of energy possibly the sum total of the energy from millions of suns would be required to warp space. This created energy would be utilized to create negative energy, which would defy the effects of gravity and propel space forward. The problem with this concept is that it’s only a concept and no one has discovered negative energy yet. Secondly, a means would have to be devised to encapsulate an object such as a star ship in this bubble of negative energy. Thirdly, dark energy

forces would have to be utilized to propel the negative energy bubble forward and some form of energy would be needed to contain that bubble. It is not known if scientists are capable of creating or utilizing dark energy, which is still very much a mysterious force. Fourthly, some complex sort of guidance system would have to be created. Finally a kind of bubble breaking system would have to be created which would also utilize a seemingly infinite amount of energy. Otherwise a space traveler could continue for eternity perhaps traveling through parallel universes and blindly going where no one has gone before.

My father was in medical school in the late 1940's. I asked him once if he thought heart transplants would have been a possibility during his tenure in medical school in the 40's. He said it was considered an absolute impossibility back then as perhaps we think of warp travel now. Perhaps the Tesla's and Einstein's of the future will render the impossible obsolete.

ENS Lech Mazur

MEMORY ALPHA

I will be creating this past year's DaVinci slideshow during the month of June. It will be burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price will be \$5.00 apiece. Please email me if you want one so I can have an idea how many to prepare.

If anyone does not have a DVD player and needs one to play on computer in Windows Media Player format, let me know NOW.

At the July party there will also be historical discs (old leftovers) available at rock-bottom prices.

FCPT Connie Heller (Ferengi-In-Training)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Well another scheduled clean up was a bust. It did not have to be. Both Lech and Freddy were there at 8:00 AM. When no one else showed up by 8:10 they decided to call it quits and left. Later, Freddy received a call at 9:15 from Todd who along with Randy and Park were at the McDonald's wondering if the clean up had been cancelled. I really appreciate they fact that they showed up but everyone has to start trying to be on time for events

or at the least let someone know that you are on your way.

This is especially true at the cookouts! The cookouts have always started at 2:00 PM. We usually wait until about 2:15 to begin eating but quite often it is even later than that. When most of the folks are there and it is past 2:30 and the food is getting cold and the crew is beginning to grumble because we are still waiting for folks to arrive with their contribution of food, it can get very frustrating.

Please folks! Try to make it to events on time or at the most no more than 10 minutes late.

HOLODECK FANATICS

The artist known only as Alizara is a 31-year-old Paleontology student who is best known for her drawings of dragons, dinosaurs, and various other extinct reptilian life forms. She has been a fan of Star Trek since she was a mere ten years old, and time has certainly not dulled her interest in the series. Though Alizara knows of Starfleet she has not as yet become a member. She is a rabid fan of The Original Series, though she does "...admit Captain Picard is yummy." She also thinks the same of Spock, which has heavily influenced her Star Trek-themed art. Alizara adores tribbles. Questioning on that topic resulted in an enthusiastic cry of "SQUEE! Must cuddle the CUTE!" Those fluffy creatures seem to be a source of great joy to this fanartist. Alizara's favorite Star Trek quote is "He's dead, Jim."



Alizara has only been creating Star Trek fan art for just over a year. Her original fan character, Mr. Spork, is based upon Spock from The Original Series. Alizara's comics portray Mr. Spork's misadventures in a semi-parody of events from the real Star Trek series. This artist has created a comic series using utensils as her characters. Mr. Spork is, as his name would imply, a spork. Only Mr. Spork seems to have an official name, though the captain of the ship, a spoon with hair, is obviously a portrayal of Captain Kirk.



Mr. Spork



Security personnel are depicted as knives, and even in the comics it is unlucky to be a 'red shirt'.

When asked about her fan art, Alizara stated, "It's just something I do for fun. Because I find that if you can't laugh at something, you're not truly a fan." Certainly, this artist is a fan. Her Mr. Spork comics bring a smile to nearly every Trekkie's face. Alizara's artwork can be viewed online at alizara.sheezyart.com.

Ens Leiko Koone

PASSAGES

Joseph Bernard, who played the Argelian musician Tark in the Original Series episode "Wolf in the Fold" died at the age of 82 on April 3 in New York City. Born in Brooklyn, Bernard began studying with legendary acting coach Stella Adler at the age of 17. One of his classmates was Marlon Brando. World War II interrupted Bernard's training when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. During his stint he participated in a follow-up mission at Normandy eight days after D-Day. After the war, he returned to New York and began his career on Broadway, where he would appear in an estimated 25 productions throughout his life. His first job as a theatrical director was "Command Decision" starring Henry Fonda, in 1949.



Joseph Bernard as Tark in "Wolf in the Fold"

By 1960 he was in Los Angeles acting in movies. One of his earliest roles was in "Judgment at Nuremberg," which also featured William Shatner. He also appeared in "Ice Station Zebra" and a number of other features. Besides Star Trek, Bernard was also in episodes of The Twilight Zone, The Untouchables, I Spy, Get Smart, Mission: Impossible, The Rockford Files and numerous other TV shows.

From 1968 to 1979 Bernard was the executive director and teacher at the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute in Hollywood,. He then took up residence in Las Vegas, where he opened the Joseph Bernard Acting Studio. In 1983, he wrote and directed "Take Off Your Clothes, I'll Make You a Star," in Vegas.

Bernard is survived by his two children and a grandchild. Bina, his wife of 49 years, passed away in 2001.

Thanks to StarTrek.com for the information.

NEWS FROM FLEET

The Starfleet International Conference (IC) is just 3 short months away! This year the IC will take place from 04-06 August in historic Philadelphia, PA. Right now, Joe, Russell, and I are the only ones definitely attending. I would love to see more folks from the DaVinci go. I realize that it is a long way to travel and you may be short on funds but Joe and Russell are driving up and all three of us are staying in the same room. So if you wish to go you might be able to catch a ride with them and you are sure welcomed to stay with us at the hotel. Just bring a sleeping bag, blanket, or other item to keep you comfortable. Check out sfi.org for all the latest information on the IC and be sure to let us know if you can make it.

TREK AND SCI FI BUZZ

I am sure you have heard the news by now but if you have not then sit down because in 2008 there will be another Star Trek movie coming out! The best news is that Rick Berman will not be involved in the production of the film. Paramount has hired J.J. Abrams to write and produce the film.



J.J. Abrams

Just who is J.J. Abrams you ask? Well not only is he the creator and producer of hit television shows such as *Lost* and *Alias*, he is also the writer and director of the smash hit *Mission Impossible III*! He may even direct the 11th *Star Trek* film but this has not yet been determined.

According to earlier stories, the film will focus on Starfleet Academy during the days when Kirk first met Spock and their subsequent first mission in space. However, later stories have Abrams indicating that this may not be the case. But, he is a big fan of the Original Series; so do not be too surprised if the film does take place around that time frame. We will just have to wait and see.

TV SHOWS ON DVD NEWS

The next few months will bring about the release of some of your favorite science fiction and fantasy television programs. By the time you read this, *The 4400*, Season 2 will be released (23 May). June releases include *Charmed*, Season 5 (06 June); *The Time Tunnel*, Season 1, Vol. 2 (06 June); *The Dead Zone*, Season 4 (13 June); *Medium*, Season 1 (13 June), and the recent show *Night Stalker* (30 June). July releases include *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*, Vol. 2 (11 July); *Adventures of Brisco County Jr.*, The Complete Series (18 July); and *Jack-of-All-Trades*, The Complete Series (18 July). Several current shows will be available in the coming months: *Surface*, Season 1 (15 August), *Threshold*, The Complete Series (22 August), *Invasion*, Season 1 (22 August) and *Supernatural*, Season 1 (05 September). Two more September releases include *Medium*, Season 2 and *Ghost Whisperer*, Season 1 (no firm date announced). You have a long wait, but *Lost*, Season 2 will be available on 03 October and *Alias*, Season 5 sometime in November. Speaking of *Charmed*, from what I have heard all 8 seasons should be out this year! There is still no news on whether *Star Trek: The Animated Series* is coming to DVD this year. The last thing I had heard was that it is. Only the folks at Paramount know for sure. What shows do you want to see on DVD? Personally, I would like to see the 1967-68 thriller *Invaders*, starring Roy Thinnes, the more recent *Witchblade* starring Yancy Butler, and most of all the two seasons of *Star Trek: The Animated Series* (gotta love M'Ress!) on my DVD shelf! What about the 1968-1970 *Land of the Giants* or the 1970's

favorites The Six Million Dollar Man and The Bionic Woman? When will these classic shows be released?

To find out the status of your favorite show check out tvshowsondvd.com, a very good site for all the DVD news.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Star Trek III Premiers (1984)	1 st
Rene Auberjonois (Odo on DS9)	1 st
Anthony Montgomery (ENS Travis Mayweather on ENT)	2 nd
Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner on TOS)	2 nd
Surveyor I Lands on the Moon (1966)	2 nd
Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr on TNG)	3 rd
First American to Walk in Space (Ed White 1965)	3 rd
Star Trek II Premiers (1982)	4 th
Deep Space Nine Ends (1999)	6 th
James Darren (Vic Fontaine on DS9)	8 th
Star Trek V Premiers (1989)	9 th
CADET Ivy Walker	10 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr McCoy) Dies (1999)	11 th
Malcolm McDowell (Dr. Soran from Generations)	13 th
Probe Pioneer 10 Leaves the Solar System (1983)	13 th
Robin Curtis (Savik from Search for Spock)	15 th
First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1963)	16 th
First US Woman in Space (Sally Ride 1983)	18 th
First Woman to Fly the Atlantic (Amelia Erhart 1928)	18 th
Mariette Hartley (Zarabeth from TOS)	21 st
First Privately Funded Space Flight (SpaceShipOne 2004)	21 st
Tim Russ (LT Tuvok from VOY)	22 nd
CRMN Dutch Cummings	23 rd
ENS Margaret McGillicuddy	24 th
Alice Krige (Borg Queen from First Contact)	28 th
Jeri Taylor (Executive Producer)	30 th
Three Soyuz 11 Cosmonauts Die Upon Reentry (1971)	30 th

TABULATIONS

We had so much fun at the January pie party that we are going to do it again! So if you missed out getting to pie Russell or me here is your chance to win that honor this year. But wait! Not only will you be able to pie one of the two of us, you might even get to pie one of the Senior Staff! If we can collect 100,000 by 31 December of this year, the entire Senior Staff (consisting of the Captain, First Officer, Operations Officer, Science Officer, and

Engineering Officer) will be pied. The finer points of the contest like who gets to pie whom or what if a position is vacant has not yet been decided. This will not be an easy task because it took us nearly 2 years to reach 100,000 tabs. Then again, once the contest was announced last year, over 30,500 tabs were collected in only 3 months! So start saving those tabs and you too may get to "SPLAT" your favorite officer. Here are the numbers as of press time:

Starting Balance	11463
Roger Wright	2200
Connie Heller	1988
Tony Fleming	1585
Russell Ruhland	1500
Rebecca Dunn	700
Benlee Huguley	321
Total	19757*

*Hey, the Senior Staff might start breathing a heavy sigh of relief because the year is nearly half gone and a little less than 20% of the total tabs needed have been collected! Hurray!!

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go out to:

Lisa for her birthday gag gift, a bag full of cancelled stamps!

Roger for his donation of coupons and stamps.

Lauren Gray, a friend from the Grand Slam for her large donation of coupons!

Finally a BIG Bajoran "What-the-heck-do-you-think-you-are-doing?" goes out to Patsy Carey from Central High School who keeps giving Connie hundreds and hundreds of tabs and who is the primary reason I got pied by Connie the last time!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	243.23
Deposit	84.50
Postage	5.15
Nights Out	46.84
Closing Balance	263.45

FCPT Connie Heller

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

At the December Christmas party, the 2006 Night Out locations were selected. We had some familiar locations and some new spots as well. So without further ado, here are the remaining 2006 locations. Bon appetite!

July	Chili's
August	Panera Bread Company
September	Jumbo China
October	New China Buffet
November	Moe's
December	Zaxby's

Congratulations to James, the winner of the free dinner at Mi Casa Mexican Buffet during the May Night Out!

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Bill Paul (S)
 Barbara Paul (S)
 Karen Pynenburg (S)
 Park Scully (D)
 Randy Dunn (S)
 Mathew Dunn (S)
 Rebecca Dun (S)
 Christopher Dunn (S)
 Sandy Holt (S)

DaVINCI T-SHIRTS & POLOS

We are swiftly running out of shirts! If you want one you better act quickly before your size is gone. We have no extra large or XX left, only small, medium, and large. Several of you have approached me about obtaining a DaVinci polo shirt. I will be happy to place another order but again I need more than just one or two. So, if you want a new DaVinci polo shirt, let me know the size you want and whether you want a red (operations), blue (science), or yellow (engineering) trim on the DaVinci logo. Remember, they do run slightly large. The cost should be around \$22-\$27 depending on the size (XX and up are slightly higher). If you want extra printing on the shirt, such as your name or position, that will run you a few extra strips of latinum.

MEMBERSHIPS

Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your expiration dates. Pay special attention to those marked in **red** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your membership. Please renew as soon as you can.

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Skye Cameron	Jul 06	
James Carey	Oct 06	
Robert Crosby	Jan 07	
Dutch Cummings	Apr 06	
Randy Dunn	Jan 07	May 07
Karen Ferris	Sep 06	
Tony Fleming	Jul 06	Jun 06
Diane Franklin	Dec 06	
Eldred Hightower	Dec 06	
Benlee Huguley	Dec 06	
Todd Kes	Oct 06	
Leiko Koone	Oct 06	Oct 06
Lech Mazur	Jul 06	May 06
Margaret McGillicuddy	Mar 07	Sep 06
Lisa Neal	Jul 06	
Barbara Paul	Jan 07	Aug 07
Joe Perry	Jul 06	Nov 06
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 06	May 07
Russell Ruhland	Aug 06	Aug 06
Park Scully	Jul 07	
Dennis Shaw	Jun 06	
Frazier Smith	Jun 06	Jun 06
Gisela Stephens	Jan 07	Sep 06
Michael Walker	Mar 06	Mar 07
Vanessa Winfield	Jun 06	Jun 06
Susan Wood	Apr 06	
Roger Wright	Jul 06	Sep 06

**THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT
 WILL BE AT EL ZAPATA
 ON VETERAN'S PARKWAY
 ON MONDAY 19 JUNE AT 7:00 PM
 COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!**

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL
 BE ON 01 JUNE AT 7:00 PM
 AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
 PLEASE JOIN IN ON THE FUN!**

RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are listed below. Pick something from the list and bring it with you to each meeting. This is strictly voluntary. Thanks!

Most Needed Items

Grocery Gift Certificates	Solid Queen Sheets
Styrofoam Cups (20oz)	Sugar
Spray Air Freshener	Trash Bags (35 gal)
Twin/Queen Mattress Pads	Heavy Paper Plates
Storage/Freezer Bags	Interior Flood Lights
Swiffer Wet Sheets	Gladware Containers

Household Items

Laundry Detergent	Ready to Make Desserts
Fabric Softener	Bags of Hard Candy
Bathroom Cleaner	Vegetable/Olive Oil
Pine Scented Cleaner	Cake Icing
O'Cedar Mops	Cake/Brownie Mixes
Dryer Sheets	Lemonade
Sting Mops	Salad Dressing
Carpet Cleaner	Soups
Bathroom Cups	Box Dinners
Spray Starch	Brooms
Windex	409 Cleaner

Miscellaneous Items

Mailing/Scotch Tape	Sewing Kit/Scissors
Copy Paper	Clasp Envelopes (9x12)
Disposable Cameras	Phone Cards (15 min)
White Out Pens	Sam's Gift Certificates
Card Stock Paper	Clear Storage Containers
Avery 5160 Labels	AA, C, D, and 9-Volt Batteries

NOTE: They currently have a need for canned soups, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods.

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THE USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

I thought everyone would enjoy a look down memory lane. Each month I will show a series of photographs from our very beginning, as the Shuttle DaVinci, up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! Reminisce.



The DaVinci crew at our fifth Help-the-Hooch River cleanup (13 October 2001)



"Look what I found!" Nicholas Hutson shows off his prized leaf. If you are wondering, that is indeed Rose Hutson in the background.



Captain Freddy shows his battle scars with a horde of wasps. He lost!



“No, look what I found!” Connie shows off a new “something or other” addition to her garden.



Karen and Rose (carrying Debra) pause for a rest on the banks of the Chattahoochee.



The elusive and mysterious creature, “The River Walk Terror” is finally captured on film! No wait! That is just Karen picking up trash in the woods.



Ahhhh, how cute. Freddy, Ariana, and Nicholas on the River Walk.



Roger, Travis, Twanna Carter, and Christopher Dixon nearing the end of a hard morning work, still smile for the camera. Well, Travis is anyway.



Some of the hard working crew relaxing at the volunteer picnic area at Columbus State.



Roger seems to be having a good time.



"Mmm, Twinkies are still so yummy", says Ariana.



"So are hot dogs!" cries Rose!



Travis shows off some of the goodies given away at the volunteer picnic.

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Interested in a position within the ship? See Joe or Freddy at any of the DaVinci events or give them a call. All numbers are in the 706 area code unless otherwise noted.

FINALLY...

I have given this some thought and decided to ask Tony to call the State and cancel our participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program. The main reason is the lack of participation from the crew in this worthwhile program. Of the last dozen or so scheduled clean ups, the actual number of successes was three and of those three we really did not have enough folks show up to do a good job. The intersection is a big one and if two people handle the entrance and exit ramps on each side of the bypass, we would need a minimum of 8 volunteers. We rarely if ever have had that many. In fact, over the 10 years we have participated in the Adopt-a-Highway program, we have had to cancel a scheduled clean up more times than we have actually succeeded in picking up trash; three times as much in fact. I have lost count on the number of letters we have received from the State threatening to take our site away from us because of non-participation. It is embarrassing.

There might be a possible alternative. We may be able to exchange the site we have for another. Most sites are 2 mile stretches of highway (versus interchanges), which are easier to clean up with fewer individuals since you only have two sides of the road versus eight sides in an interchange. I am not sure if this is possible because the Adopt-A-Highway program is very popular and all the sites may already be taken. I will have Tony make an inquiry. I remember that when the DaVinci signed

up we had to wait nearly 6 months before a site became available. We shall see.

Exciting news! Frazier and Vanessa will be opening their new “Baker’s Hut” bakery and coffee house. The date has not yet been firmed but hopefully it will be soon. Their new location will be at 1010 33rd Street adjacent to the River Market Antique Mall. The River Market antique Mall is the building with the controversial dinosaur on the roof. Just go down Hamilton Road until you see the dinosaur and turn in at the gated area. The Baker’s Hut is located in the rear. They will be open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for a “Grand Opening” celebration. There will be free drinks and samples of the delicious bakery items Vanessa and Frazier have created! Hopefully, this will include your Captain’s favorite (and soon to be famous) Triple Chocolate Cheese Cake! Make sure you participate in the grand opening.

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