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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Wow! The New Year started out with a bang. First, eight DaVinci personnel gathered at my house for the Stargate Atlantis Mourning Party. Connie made some Stargate cookies that were quickly consumed by the hungry attendees. Also on hand were pizza rolls, spinach rolls, buffalo rolls, and chips and dip. The final episode was only an hour long so the night ended early. The final episode of Atlantis did the show justice. There is no need to mourn because Stargate Universe is coming!



Connie's Chaapa'ai (Stargate) cookies!



The crew attending the Stargate Atlantis Mourning Party.

The next day was our annual turn in of the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and the Pie Party! This was the smallest attended Pie Party but probably the most fun! The day started with six personnel enjoying a hot breakfast at Ryan's.



Connie and Ariana enjoying breakfast at Ryan's

Following breakfast the group traveled to the Ronald McDonald House for the official turn-in of the 100,000 tabs. Susan Yaksh, the Ronald McDonald House house manager was there to meet us. Joe also met us at the RMH (got up too late to join us for breakfast).



Ariana, Connie, Lech, Joe, Shane, Freddy, and the 100,000 tabs at the Ronald McDonald House



Lech, Joe, and Susan Yaksh, the Ronald McDonald House house manager, looking over the DaVinci's 100,000 tabs

After the tab turn-in the crew adjourned to their homes to prepare for the Pie Party that was to take place later in the afternoon. The morning went by much too quickly as far as I was concerned (soon to be the recipient of three pies) and before I knew it, 2:00 PM had arrived, the time for the third annual Pie Party!

Ten DaVinci personnel attended the Pie Party and enjoyed a variety of chips and dip, three different kinds of Little Caesar's pizza, and Connie's famous Hasparat, which did not last very long!



Russell, Margaret, Shane, Lech, Joe, and Frazier enjoying chips and Hasparat while waiting for the pizza to arrive

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Vanessa helping herself to the pizza

I tried to stretch the time out as long as possible but the crowd was getting anxious and so I auctioned off 2 pies. Connie donated one of her pies and since Jeff could not make it to the festivities (he had to work) his pie was also auctioned off. Shane bought both pies and gave one to Joe. So Connie, Shane, and Joe were the pieing masters and I the unlucky recipient. Following the auction we moved to the patio.



Connie smacks Freddy with her usual delivery perfection

After the laughing had subsided Shane brought his pie to the arena. You would think that being inexperienced at delivering a pie to its intended target that his delivery would not be up to par of those more experienced, such as Connie (way too experienced if you ask me). However, I was much mistaken, as his delivery was flawless for once the pie hit the face he slowly moved it northward covering much of the top portion of my head! The crowd's laughter intensified and I realized that I had at least one more humiliating delivery to suffer through. Oh joy!



Yeah, you are all smiles now dummy

Connie was up first. Naturally she gave her usual thank-you speech to the students and staff at Central High School and then with little sympathy to her pitiful husband's expression laid the pie smack in the center of my face. She then proceeded to move the pie tin back and forth in a twisting movement, making sure she got everything she could out of the experience.



Shane having way too much fun



The result of Shane's pieing. Still smiling Captain?

Joe was next having received a free shot at the Captain from Shane. He was way too anxious. I sort of felt like the Captain of a Klingon vessel who gets very suspicious looks from his First Officer. Anyway, he approached me with the stealth of that Klingon XO, weapon (a pie in this case) in hand. "Die petaQ!" he was probably thinking as the pie hit its intended target with deadly accuracy! More hysterical laughter came from the audience. Seeing that I already had suffered through three pies and my



Look at the smile on Joe's face! Vulcan indeed!

wicked little daughter was drooling at the mouth to lay one on her -by now- pitiful father, I called her over to "do her thing." I should have realized that she was quite the expert, having pied me the last couple of years. Just like her mother before her, Ariana circled my face several times to make sure

every inch was covered in whipped cream. She enjoyed her minute in glory quite immensely by laughing with the rest of the crew but, she forgot entirely the old Klingon saying, "That revenge is a dish best served cold!"



Ariana enjoying her moment in the spotlight

After wiping away most of the whipped cream residue from my face, I announced to the crowd that it was my turn to pie someone! Anyone at the Pie Party was a potential target, but who would it be? Who would face my frustration of being pied nearly 10 times over the last 3 years? I knew whom I wanted to pie but thought I would have a little fun first. So, I looked directly at Vanessa and announced that she was my intended victim! The look on her face was worth a million dollars but soon she breathed a sigh of relief when I said, "just kidding" and turned to Ariana. "You", was all I said and I lead her to the arena. She was fussing the whole time and kept repeating "no, no, no" over and over even as I place the sheet over her head.

I began explaining to the crew the finer art of pie tossing. Right in the middle of saying how important it is to pie the person when they least expect it I laid the pie right on target! Oh joy!

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Smack! Revenge is sweet!



Let us not forget the top!

She swore revenge on me when it was all over and if you know my daughter she means it! I probably should be worried.

A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended one of the most fun-filled DaVinci parties we have had in quite a while!

VADM Freddy Heller

SCIENCE STATION

The schedules for the February astronomy night are as follows.

21 February, FDR State Park, 7:00 PM

28 February, Space Science Center, 7:00 PM

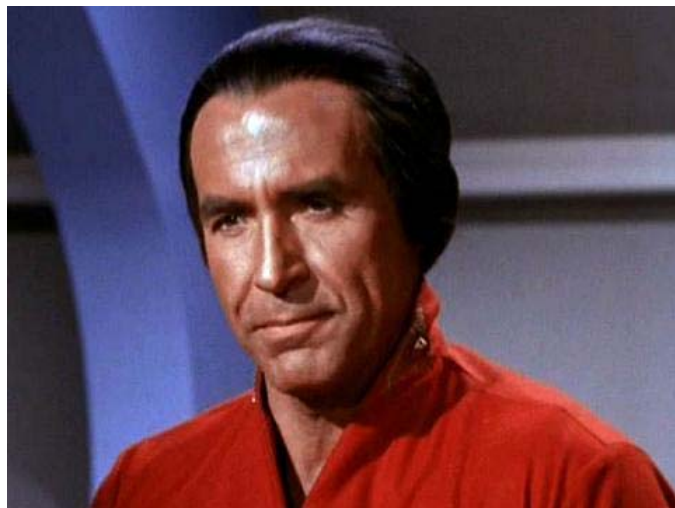
If you are interested in attending any of these nights, please give me a call and perhaps we can schedule an away mission.

ENS Lech Mazur

PASSAGES

Ricardo Montalban, the Mexican-born actor who became a star in splashy MGM musicals and later as the wish-fulfilling Mr. Roarke in TV's "Fantasy Island," died Wednesday morning at his home, a city councilman said. He was 88.

Star Trek fans will remember him as Khan Noonien Singh from the Original Series episode, "Space Seed" and later he reprised his role in the movie, Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan."



Ricardo Montalban as Khan in the TOS episode "Space Seed"



And as Khan in Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn

What you saw on the screen and on television and on talk shows, this very courtly, modest, dignified individual, that's exactly who he was," said Montalban's longtime friend and publicist David Brokaw.

Montalban had been a star in Mexican movies when MGM brought him to Hollywood in 1946. He was cast in the leading role opposite Esther Williams in "Fiesta," and starred again with the swimming beauty in "On an Island with You" and "Neptune's Daughter."

But Montalban was best known as the faintly mysterious, white-suited Mr. Roarke, who presided over a tropical island resort where visitors were able to fulfill their lifelong dreams — usually at the unexpected expense of a difficult life lesson. Following a floatplane landing and lei ceremony, he greeted each guest with the line: "I am Mr. Roarke, your host. Welcome to Fantasy Island." The show ran from 1978 to 1984.

More recently, he appeared as villains in two hits of the 1980s: "Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan" and the farcical "The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad."

Between movie and TV roles, Montalban was active in the theater. He starred on Broadway in the 1957 musical "Jamaica" opposite Lena Horne, picking up a Tony nomination for best actor in a musical.

He toured in Shaw's "Don Juan in Hell," playing Don Juan, a performance critic John Simon later recalled as "irresistible." In 1965 he appeared on tour in the Yul Brynner role in "The King and I."

In 1970, Montalban organized fellow Latino actors into an organization called Nosotros ("We"), and he became the first president. Their aim: to improve the image of Spanish-speaking Americans on the screen; to assure that Latin-American actors were not discriminated against; to stimulate Latino actors to study their profession.

Rather than seek a career in Hollywood, Montalban played summer stock in New York. He returned to Mexico City and played leading roles in movies from 1941 to 1945. That led to an MGM contract.

In 1944, Montalban married Georgiana Young, actress and model and younger sister of actress Loretta Young. Both Roman Catholics, they remained one of Hollywood's most devoted couples. She died in 2007. They had four children: Laura, Mark, Anita and Victor.

I had the joy to see Ricardo Montalban at two conventions and he was the most fan-friendly actor and nicest gentleman you would ever wish to meet.

Goodbye Ricardo, you shall be missed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Shuttle Columbia is Lost (2003)	1 st
Brent Spiner (Data on TNG)	2 nd
CRMN Joshua Nazario	3 rd
First Female Pilot of Shuttle (LTC Eileen Collins 1995)	3 rd
First Russian On US Spacecraft (Sergei Krikalev 1994)	3 rd
First Untethered Space Walk (McCandless & Stewart 1986)	7 th
Ethan Phillips (Neelix on VOY)	8 th
CADET Alexander Wright	9 th
Jerry Goldsmith (Composer)	10 th
Philip Anglim (Vedek Beareil)	11 th
Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (Test Pilot)	13 th
COMM Connie Heller	14 th
Andrew Robinson (Elim Garak on DS9)	14 th
ENS Roger Wright	15 th
LeVar Burton (LTCMDR Geordi LaForge on TNG)	16 th
Maiden Flight of the Shuttle "Enterprise" (1977)	18 th
Pluto is Discovered (1930)	18 th
First American to Orbit the Earth (John Glenn 1962)	20 th
Ranger 8 Crashes on Moon (1965)	20 th
Shuttle Columbia Test Fires Its 3 Main Engines (1981)	20 th
Gary Lockwood (LT Gary Mitchell on TOS)	21 st
Martha Hackett (Seska on VOY)	21 st
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine on VOY)	22 nd
Majel Barrett Roddenberry (Lwaxana Troi on TNG)	23 rd
Chase Masterson (Leeta the Dabo Girl on DS9)	27 th
Barbara Babcock (Voice of Loskene, Trelane's Mother, Isis the Cat, and others on TOS)	27 th

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Dr. Stewart, our chiropractor, for his weekly donation of cans.

John and Jacque, our neighbors, for their donation of cans.

Karen Pynenburg for her donation of cans.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Joshua Nazario (D)

Steve Brown (D)

TABULATIONS

Well, another year brings another tab challenge. Our goal for 2009 is to reach 110,000 tabs! If this amount is reached, the top "tabber" gets to pie both the Captain and First Officer! Yes, you get to pie both of us! Anyone else who reaches 10,000 tab donations gets his or her choice as to which one of us gets pied. What could be better than that? So start saving those tabs today. Here are the tab counts as of press time. Note that there is no starting balance as in previous years. Jeff was the last person to donate before the 31 December deadline. His amount put us over the 100,000 goal and so what ever was left over was credited to his 2009 amount.

Starting Balance	Zero
Connie Heller	5096
Russell Ruhland	2061
Jeff Kirkland	1689
Tony Fleming	1054
Freddy Heller	642
Joe Perry	30
Total	10572

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	74.42
Adjustment (error)	1.94
Night Out	16.00
Pie party	38.42
Membership renewals	22.00
Pie auction	20.00
Donation to offset pizza cost	12.00
Cans	6.00
Closing Balance	78.06

COMM Connie Heller

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

Attention! The Night Out locations for 2009 were selected at the Christmas party. The list is below. There are some new places this year. I hope your favorite restaurant made the list!

February	Stevie B's
March	El Vaquero (Phenix City)
April	CiCi Pizza (Bradley Park)
May	Olive Garden
June	New China

July	Buffalo Wild Wings
August	Chili's
September	Ruby Tuesday (Veteran's)
October	Ryan's
November	Texas Roadhouse
December	Hong Kong Buffet

Congratulations to Connie the winner of the free dinner at Golden Corral during the January Night Out. Blame Ariana, she picked out the name!

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for February:

- "Tales from the Dark Side, Season One" (10th)
- "Friday the 13th: The Series, Season Two" (10th)
- "Dead Like Me: Life After Death" (17th)
- "Dead Like Me, Complete Collection" (17th)

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 (or your family's) membership.

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Jim Adams	Mar 09	Mar 09
Steve Brown	Dec 09	
Hollie Bundy	Sep 09	
James Carey	Nov 09	Jan 09
Adam Chryst	Jul 09	May 09
Dutch Cummings	Oct 08	
Randy Dunn	Feb 09	Jun 09
Tony Fleming	Jul 09	Jun 09
Freddy Heller	Jul 09	Sep 09
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 09
Benlee Huguley	Feb 09	
Todd Kes	Oct 09	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 10	Jul 09
Leiko Koone	Nov 09	Nov 09
Lech Mazur	Jul 09	Jan 09
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 09	Oct 09
Joshua Nazario	Jan 10	
Lisa Neal	Jul 09	
Joe Perry	Jul 09	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 09	May 09
Russell Ruhland	Aug 09	Aug 09
Shane Russell	Mar 09	

Park Scully	Jul 09	Sep 09
Frazier Smith	Jan 09	Oct 07
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 08
Michael Walker	Jul 08	Mar 08
Patty Williams	Apr 09	
Vanessa Winfield	Jan 09	Jan 09
Roger Wright	Jul 09	Jan 09

MEMORY ALPHA

The 2007-2008 version of the DaVinci slideshow is now available! The cost is \$5.00 and is available on DVD. Please contact Connie to place your order.

RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Even though we will no longer be meeting at the Ronald McDonald house they still are in need for a variety of items. If you wish to donate an item, bring it by my house and I will make sure it gets there. It is a good way to say "thank-you" for letting The DaVinci use their meeting room free of charge these past few years.

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are trash bags (35 gal), laundry detergent, dryer sheets, air freshener spray, AA batteries, copier paper, labels, Styrofoam cups, and food items such as hard candy, cake icing, lemonade, salad dressing, soup, box dinners, vegetable oil, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods. Thanks!

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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.

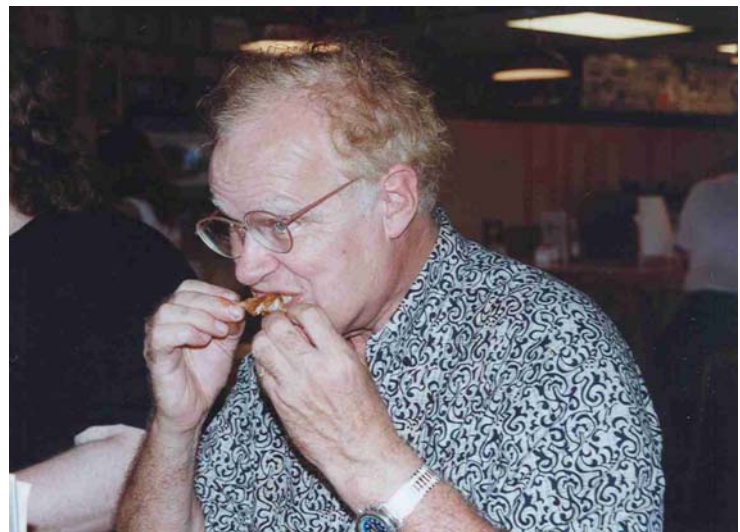
If you have any photographs that you would like to see published in the Pilot, feel free to send them to me with a brief explanations as to who is in the photo and when and where it was taken.



The DaVinci crew at Roger's Security Meeting at Hooters (10 July 2004)



Skye, Randy, and Lech checking out Todd's pictures from DragonCon



Lech digging into some Hooter's wings



Frazier and his towel enjoying the view



“Whew! These Three Mile Island wings are hot!”



Rusty and his favorite Hooter's girl



“Is there any food on my teeth?”

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Security Chief Roger and Charlotte



Ah, rank doth have its privileges! Yum yum.

CARGO BAY

For Sale: Hundreds of Star Trek, Star Wars, and other miscellaneous female action figures. Low prices! The more you buy the more you save. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: Miscellaneous Star Trek items. Comics, magazines, commercial items, toys, you name it I probably have it! Low prices. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: If you have been to Freddy and Connie's house you probably noticed the large collection of Liberty Falls houses. Well, they are for sale! Check with Connie for your needs.

Autographs: Looking for that certain autographed photograph of your favorite Star Trek or other sci-fi personality? Check with Freddy. He just may have what you need.

Plates: I have several Hamilton Collector Plates for sale: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country, Yesterday's Enterprise, Worf, and Captain's Tribute. Call Tony at (706) 568-6529 and leave a message.

DaVinci Slideshow: The new DaVinci slideshow is now available. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece, in varying formats. See or call Connie for more info!

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Want to put an ad in the Pilot? Just send it to me and it will go in. Does not matter what it says – wanted, for sale, or something more personal! Deadline is the 20th of each month.

FINALLY!

Go back and check when your membership on the DaVinci and or Starfleet expires. **Several memberships have expired!!!** Please renew as soon as possible or you might not get a newsletter. Thanks!

If you won a Star Wars poster at the Christmas part and cannot for the life of you remember what you did with it, it is probably the one that is sitting on my desk!

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