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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

A whole bunch of memberships expire in July! Please look to see if yours is one and renew as soon as possible. Oh, by the way, for those of you in Starfleet. When you renew your membership, please drop me a note so that I can update the records. Thanks.

The DaVinci recently held its first ever Sweet Tooth Party and what a successful event it was. I was a bit concerned when several folks who said they were coming did not attend. But, that just left more for the rest of us! A total of 18 DaVinci personnel and their guests had a great time consuming items such as banana pudding (sugar-free and regular), brownies, cookies (sugar-free and regular), banana cream ice cream pie, fruit and Cool Whip Jell-O mold (sugar-free), pound cake, several varieties of candies, and a few other miscellaneous items. Finally we had a large tub of chocolate swirl ice cream with blueberries, strawberries, sprinkles, chocolate syrup, and Cool Whip for toppings. Whew! The USS Robins sent a couple of representatives (CO Barbara Paul and XO Roger ????) to help consume the goodies. If you did not gain a pound or two at this event something was definitely wrong (unless of course you stuck to the sugar-free goodies)! It was also wonderful to see two "strangers" at the event - Frazier and Gisela! It was twice as surprising because I was not expecting Frazier and he brought his daughter Mandy as well. Gisela brought her sister, Ingrid and her two grandchildren Nicolas and Debra.

After everyone just about had their fill it was time for the door prize drawings. Our usual "puller of the names from the hat", Ariana, had some help this time from Debra. Congratulations to the following personnel: Barbara Paul (Indiana Jones mini

poster); Gisela (Star Trek paperback book); Nicholas (new Star Trek movie mini poster); Shane (Star Trek hardback book); and Diane (Stargate Ark of Truth mini poster).



Some of the DaVinci crew waiting for the door prize drawing. Yes, that really is Frazier in the back and Gisela on the couch! Welcome back!

After the door prizes were handed out, I finally got to do something that I have wanted to do for quite a while. Russell and I stood and in turn praised a certain member of the DaVinci. We could see by her expression that she suspected we were talking about her and when we called Gisela to come forward she appeared to be surprised. Russell read the commendation certificate awarding Gisela the DaVinci's first Lifetime Membership award! You could tell the award emotionally took her by surprise. So too was everyone else present.



A very surprised Gisela after receiving a certificate awarding her lifetime membership in the DaVinci!

Boy, if you were not at the June Night Out at Country's On Broad, you missed one of biggest Night Outs in DaVinci history! Nineteen personnel and their guests crowded the Uptown establishment. Service was a bit slow but that was expected since only one server was assigned to our very long table. Randy won the drawing for the free meal. A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended!

Okay folks, the biggest DaVinci event of the year is just around the corner! Yes our 10th annual Fourth of July cookout is on July 5th beginning at 2:00 PM. A sign-up sheet was passed out at the Night Out and nearly everyone signed up to come! If you wish to come, please email or call me. I will let you know what we still need. Thanks!

VADM Freddy Heller

SCIENCE STATION

The schedules for the July astronomy nights are as follows. All are on Monday evenings.

07 July; 1Q; Callaway Gardens; 9:00 PM

14 July; 1Q Full; Callaway Gardens; 9:00 PM

21 July; 3Q Full; Callaway Gardens; 9:00 PM

28 July; 3Q New; Callaway Gardens; 9:00 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

In the last few months, Star Trek has lost four of its finest!

Robert H. Justman, a producer who was one of the creative forces behind the original "Star Trek" television series of the 1960s as well as the 1980s-era "Star Trek: The Next Generation," has died. He was 81. Justman died at his Los Angeles home of complications from Parkinson's disease.

Justman's death came within days of those of his "Star Trek" friends and colleagues Joseph Pevney, who directed some of the original series' most popular episodes, and Alexander "Sandy" Courage, who composed the series theme.

As associate producer, technical consultant and eventually co-producer, Bob Justman wielded considerable influence on "Star Trek" from its



Robert H. Justman shown in a shuttle craft bearing his name on the set of Star Trek the Next Generation

beginning in 1966 until 1969, when NBC canceled the series. He was involved in all facets of production and had a hand in casting, set design and props, as well as story lines and scripts.

"It wasn't just a science fiction show; it was a morality play," Justman told the Christian Science Monitor in 2001. "It was, 'Do the right thing and do right by your fellow man, and all will be well, hopefully.' "

Twenty years later, Roddenberry revived the franchise for Paramount and reassembled much of the earlier show's production team for "Star Trek: The Next Generation," a syndicated series that aired from 1987 to 1994.

Justman was a supervising producer on "Star Trek: The Next Generation," along with Rick Berman, who later became executive producer of that program as well as subsequent spinoffs.

Justman designed sets, models and visual effects and oversaw character and script development for the debut of "The Next Generation." But Berman said his biggest contribution was championing the casting of Patrick Stewart, who became one of the most popular characters of the new series. "Roddenberry was very against the idea of a bald British actor playing the next Capt. Kirk," Berman said. "But Bob was very persistent, and Patrick became Capt. Picard."

"I perceived a chance to prove to the world and to myself that we could make a successful 'Star Trek' series from the get-go, that we didn't have to get saved by fans wanting to keep the myth alive," he told The Times in 1996. "Star Trek was an

important part of my life."

In addition to his son, survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jacqueline; a daughter, Jennifer; another son, William; two sisters, Estelle Osborne and Jill Roach; a brother, Anthony; and five grandchildren.

Jerry Goldsmith, one of Hollywood's most prominent composers who left an indelible mark on Star Trek, died after a long battle with cancer. He was 75.

Goldsmith's compositions have virtually defined the musical personality of Star Trek since the debut of "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" in 1979. That score went on to be the theme song for Star Trek: The Next Generation. Goldsmith also wrote the title music for Star Trek: Voyager, along with several other Trek movies including "Star Trek: First Contact," which many fans believe to be one of the most inspired scores ever written for a genre film (or any film for that matter).

He has even left his mark on the Star Trek: The Experience attraction in Las Vegas, with original music for "Borg Invasion 4D." He also scored "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier," "Star Trek: Insurrection," and two years ago, "Star Trek Nemesis."



Jerry Goldsmith doing what he does best – conducting

His soundtrack for "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" earned him one of his 17 Academy Award nominations (his one Oscar win was in 1977 for

"The Omen"), as well as nominations for Golden Globe and Saturn awards. His Voyager theme song earned one of his five Emmy trophies. "First Contact" won him a BMI Film Music Award, and his audio commentary on the "Director's Edition" DVD of "TMP" earned a Video Premiere Award nomination in 2001.

A classically trained composer and conductor who began musical studies at age six, Goldsmith's career spanned nearly half a century, with an astonishing number of TV and movie scores that have become classics in their own right, including "Patton," "Rambo," "L.A. Confidential," "Basic Instinct" and "Chinatown." Science fiction fans also revere his work on the original "Planet of the Apes" as well as "Logan's Run," "Poltergeist," "Alien," "Total Recall" and many, many others.

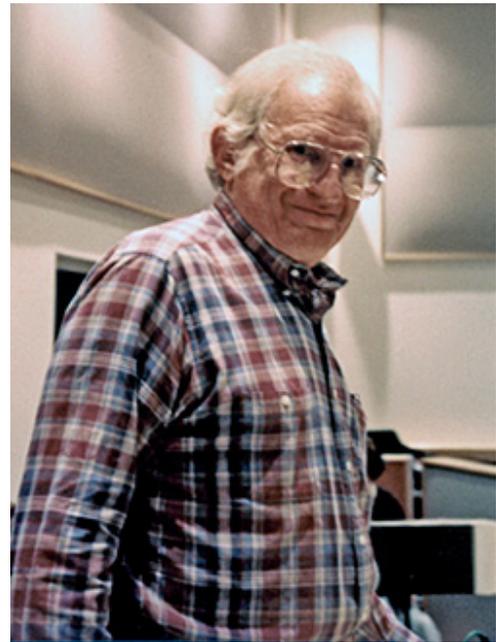
Goldsmith was known for his versatility and his experimentation. He added electronics to the woodwinds and brasses of his scores. For 1968's "Planet of the Apes," he got a blaring effect by having his musicians blow horns without mouthpieces. With a puckish sense of humor, he reportedly wore an ape mask while conducting the score.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; children Aaron, Joel, Carrie, Ellen Edson and Jennifer Grossman, six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Alexander (Sandy) Courage, composer of the original Star Trek theme and an Emmy-winning Oscar-nominated arranger for TV and movies died at the Sunrise assisted-living facility in Pacific Palisades, CA. He was 88 and had been in declining health since 2005.

Courage's fanfare for the Starship Enterprise, written in 1965 for the first of two Star Trek pilots, was heard throughout the three original seasons of the show and has been reprised in all of the Trek feature films and several of the TV series, especially Star Trek: The Next Generation in the 1980s and '90s.

Courage's eight-note brass signature for the Enterprise may be the single best-known fanfare in the world. When told that more people know it than know Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, Courage – in his typically self-deprecating fashion – said that must surely be an exaggeration.



Alexander Courage in his studio

Star Trek, which went on the air in 1966, became his most famous work. In addition to the fanfare, series theme and scores for two pilot episodes, Courage composed the music for just four other hours of the sci-fi classic (two in the first season, two more in the third). He did far more work on The Waltons, scoring over 100 episodes in the 1970s and early 1980s, plus four Waltons TV-movies in the '80s and '90s

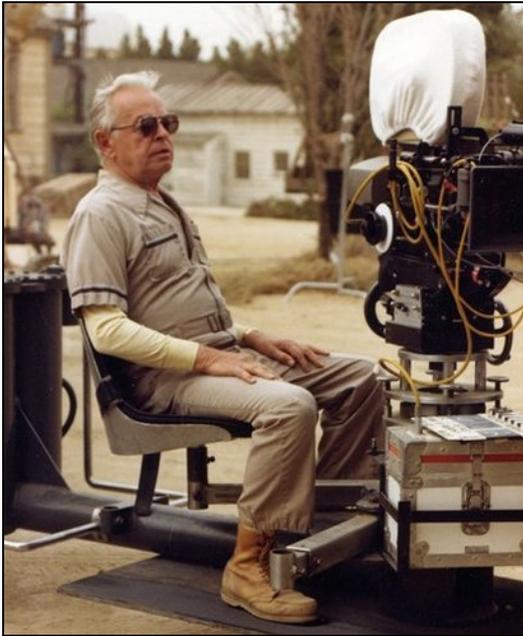
His third wife, the former Shirley Pumpelly, died in 2005. Survivors include four stepchildren and six grandchildren. Plans for a memorial service will be announced shortly.

Joseph Pevney, who directed some of the best-loved episodes of the original Star Trek television series, has died. He was 96.

Pevney directed 14 episodes of the 1960s series, including The City on the Edge of Forever, in which Capt. Kirk and Spock travel back in time to the Depression, and The Trouble with Tribbles.

Pevney loved the series, said his son, Jay. "He was surprised at the longevity of it because it was not a popular series at the time; it hit its real popularity after it was over," he said.

Pevney directed with precision and was highly organized "but he was very relaxed, in fact, jovial, in the way he directed," said George Takei, who played Sulu. "I enjoyed working with him."



In this 1979 family photo, Joseph Pevney is working on an unnamed set.

Born Sept. 15, 1911, in New York, Pevney was a youngster when he began his entertainment career as a soprano in vaudeville. For about a decade in the 1930s and '40s, he acted in or directed Broadway productions. Pevney went on to direct more than 35 films and in the 1960s turned to television, directing dozens of episodes of series such as Wagon Train, Fantasy Island, The Incredible Hulk and Trapper John, M.D. He retired in 1985.

In addition to his wife and son Jay, Pevney is survived by a daughter, Jan Pevney Holt, son Joel, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

The Vulkan convention at the Altamonte Springs Hilton scheduled for 18-20 July is fast approaching! Guest include Jonathan Frakes (Riker from Next Generation); Nana Visitor (Kira from Deep Space3 Nine); the Klingon Duras sisters from Next Generation Gwynyth Walsh (B'Etor) and Barbara March (Lursa); John Schuck (Klingon Ambassador from Star Trek IV and VI); Kavan Smith (Major Lorne on Stargate SG-1 and Agent Garrity on 4400); Erick Avari (Chandra Suresh on Heroes and roles on Stargate, Deep Space Nine, and Enterprise); and David Reddick (Cartoonist of "Trek Life"). You can still get reserved seating for as little as \$50 for the weekend! Go to vulkon.com for more information.

There is also a fall show at the same location from 31 October – 02 November. The guest list is pretty impressive and covers many shows from the sci-fi genre. Guests include: from "Battlestar Galactica" Nicki Clyne (Cally Tyrol), Tricia Helfer (Six), and Bodie Olmos (Brenan Constanza); from "Deep Space Nine" Michael Dorn (Worf) and Terry Farrell (Jadiza Dax); and from "Babylon 5" Peter Jurasik (Londo Mollari), Stephen Furst (Vir Cotto), Billy Mummy (Lennier), and Julie Caitlin Brown (Na'Toth). Billy Mummy also played Will Robinson of Lost in Space. Cartoonist David Reddick ("Trek Life") is also appearing. Tickets range in price from \$429 for a VIP pass to \$30 for a 1-day general admission pass.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Dominic Keating (LT Malcolm Reed)	1 st
Alan Ruck (CPT Harriman)	1 st
Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko on DS9)	2 nd
First Solo Around the World Balloon Flight (2002)	2 nd
First Balloon to Cross the Atlantic (1987)	3 rd
Pathfinder Spacecraft Lands on Mars (1997)	4 th
Rick Sternbach (Senior Illustrator)	6 th
William Schallert (Nilz Baris on TOS)	6 th
Kim Darby (Miri on TOS)	7 th
CADET Gracie Walker	9 th
Linda Park (ENS Hoshi Sato on ENT)	9 th
Telstar Communications Satellite Launched (1962)	10 th
Skylab Burns Up on Return to Earth (1977)	11 th
Patrick Stewart (CPT Jean Luc Picard on TNG)	13 th
Robert Justman (Producer)	13 th
First Atomic Bomb Explosion (1945)	16 th
ENS Jim Adams	17 th
First Link-Up of Apollo-Soyuz (1975)	17 th
ENS Martha Kirkland	18 th
First Man on the Moon (Neil Armstrong 1969)	20 th
Second American in Space (Gus Grissom 1961)	21 st
Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn on DS9)	22 nd
First Solo Flight Around Word (Wiley Post 1933)	22 nd
Ronnie Cox (CPT Jellico on TNG)	23 rd
First Woman to Walk in Space (Svetlana Savitskaya 1984)	25 th
FCPT Joe Perry	25 th
Nana Visitor (COL Kira Nerys on DS9)	26 th
NASA Created (1958)	29 th
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher on TNG)	29 th

David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon from Undiscovered Country) 29th
 Carel Struycken (Mr. Homm on TNG) 30th

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

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

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

Dennis Shaw for taking first place in the shot put and 200-meter walk at the Special Olympics in Fayette and for taking first in the shot put and third place in the 100-meter walk at the Special Olympics in Newnan! Congratulation Dennis!

TABULATIONS

Well, a new year brings forth the third tab challenge! We failed to meet our minimum goal of 80,000 tabs last year and I really hope we can do better than that this year. To make it more appealing to those who save and hunt down those little hunks of aluminum, I will make you an offer that you cannot refuse. If and only if we reach 100,000 tabs, all those crew personnel who donated at least 9,000 tabs will get to pie the Captain! Hallelujah! Can it get any better than that? Now, of course, I think it only fair that if the 100,000 total is reached and if I also donate 9,000 tabs, then I get to pie the person of my choice! So, if you wish to be one of the lucky ones who get to smack me with a pie, start saving those tabs today! Here are the current totals:

Starting Balance	21
Freddy Heller	7992
Russell Ruhland	3680
Connie Heller	3234
Randy Dunn	534
Todd	63
Shane	61
Joe	32
Total	15617

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NEW CHINA

**ON MONDAY 21 JULY AT 7:00 PM
 COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!**

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

The restaurants for the 2008 Night Outs were selected at the Christmas party. The list is below. I hope your favorite restaurant made the list! Check out the four new locations!

Congratulations to Randy, the winner of the free dinner at Country's On Broad during the June Night Out.

August	Chef Lee's
September	Red Lobster
October	Panera Bread Company
November	Hooter's
December	Carrabba 's Italian Grill

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	216.44
Deposit	35.50
Night Out	9.00
Pie Party Pizza	37.45
Closing Balance	205.49

COMM Connie Heller

MEMORY ALPHA

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

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for July:
 "Stargate Atlantis, Season 4" (8th)
 "X-Files Revelations" (8th)
 "Birds of Prey, Complete Series" (15th)
 "Eureka, Season 2" (15th)
 "Swamp Thing, The Series, Volume 2" (15th)
 "Stargate SG-1: Continuum" (29th)
 "Witchblade, Complete Series" (29th)

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 08	
James Carey	Nov 08	Jan 09
Adam Chryst	Jul 09	May 09
Dutch Cummings	Oct 08	
Randy Dunn	Feb 09	Jun 09
Bubba Dutton	Sep 08	Sep 07
Tony Fleming	Jul 08	Jun 09
Freddy Heller	Jul 09	Sep 08
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 08
Benlee Huguley	Feb 09	
Todd Kes	Oct 08	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 08	Jul 09
Leiko Koone	Nov 08	Oct 08
Lech Mazur	Jul 09	Jan 09
Margaret McGillicuddy	Mar 08	Oct 08
Joshua Nazario	Jan 09	
Lisa Neal	Jul 08	
Joe Perry	Jul 08	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 08	May 09
Russell Ruhland	Aug 08	Aug 08
Park Scully	Jul 08	Jul 08
Dennis Shaw	Jul 08	Aug 08
Frazier Smith	Jan 09	Oct 07
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 08
Michael Walker	Jul 08	Mar 08
Patty Williams	Apr 09	
Vanessa Winfield	Jan 08	Jan 09
Roger Wright	Jul 08	Jan 09

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Adam Chryst (D)* (S)
 Randy Dunn (S)
 Mathew Dunn (S)
 Rebecca Dunn (S)
 Christopher Dunn (S)
 Freddy Heller (D)
 Connie Heller (D)
 Travis Heller (D)
 Ariana Heller (D)
 Tony Fleming (S)
 Sandy Holt (S)
 Lech Mazur (D)
 Karen Pynenburg (S)

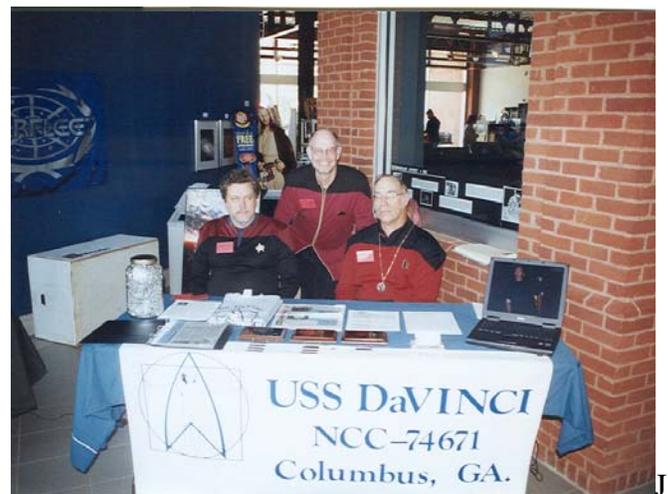
RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

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 us 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!

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.



oe, Freddy, and Russell manning the DaVinci table at the First Annual Columbus Game and Hobby Expo (03-04 April 2004)

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Joe and Russell checking out the other tables.



Zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz!



Two of the loveliest ticket takers at the Expo – Ariana and Connie.



Frazier looks sharp in his Starfleet Marine uniform.



Ariana stamps the hand of an attendee while Connie prepares to hand over the door prize ticket.



Frazier checks out one of the many gaming tables.



“Nobody is going to get passed me!” Frazier guards the back door.



It is not all work! Russell buys some Trek items for his collection!



Joe discusses gaming techniques with an Expo attendee.

Look for Part II of the First Annual Columbus Game and Hobby Expo next month.

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.

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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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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!

Also, you will note that I added the Staff Roster to the beginning of the newsletter. There you will find the telephone numbers of all the Senior Staff and department heads. It will also show you which departments are vacant and need volunteers to take over.

One final item to note. My editor and Finance Offer, Connie, is out of town. So if you find any glaring errors in the Pilot, please be kind.

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