



# National Radio Astronomy Observatory Charlottesville Computing

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**From:** Patrick P. Murphy, Division Head *PM*

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**To:** All Charlottesville Computer Users

**Subject:** Last Minute Y2K reminders

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Greetings. The good news is that in less than 2 days, we will no longer have to worry about what might happen when the digits in the year roll over :-)

This is just a brief reminder to:

- Shut down and power off (in that order!) your Windows 95/98/NT systems before leaving for the holiday weekend. If you're not sure how to shut down cleanly, ask Warren, Carolyn, or Gene.
- Log out completely from your Solaris or Linux system. We will power it off on Friday afternoon (let Dave, Tracy or Pat know if you need to keep yours on, and why) and back up on Monday.
- Make a backup of your important files!! Whenever we power down hard disks for an extended period, there's a tiny but non-zero risk of failure.

The table on the right shows the designated Y2K computer "crisis handler" for each day of the coming weekend. If you encounter what you think is a serious Y2K-related problem, contact the indicated person. If they cannot be reached, use the backup contact.

If there is a serious problem with the building or its systems (heating, etc.) please notify Bill Porter.

Date	Person
December 31	Gene Runion
January 1	Dave Brown
January 2	Pat Murphy
Backup Contact	Tracy Effland

Important phone numbers:

**Emergency/Weather Notification:** 296-0200

Gene Runion: 296-0327 (H 589-3679)

Dave Brown: 296-0263 (H 977-5226)

Pat Murphy: 296-0372 (H 823-1692)

Tracy Effland: 296-0219 (H 823-1800)

Bill Porter (building): 296-0313 (H 974-6840)

Thanks, and have a happy new year!