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## Happy New Year!

### That Was the Year That Was By Evan Kramer



Port Orford went through a tumultuous and interesting year in 1998. I attended a lot of city council and other meetings this year and wrote them up as best I could. Here are very briefly some of the highlights.

The Garrison Lake outlet became sanded in and blocked on Saturday, January 17. This was the second time in two months as it had been blocked on November 13, 1997. El Nino's high waves and high tides threatened the dunes at Agate Beach, which protected the city wastewater drain field. Tremendous erosion of the dunes occurred almost daily through January and February. On Monday, February 2, the Port Orford City Council declared an emergency in passing Resolution 98-07 as the dunes protecting the drain field siphon tank had disappeared. On Saturday, February 7, the drain field siphon vault fell into the ocean and the drainfield no longer worked.

A large group of fishermen attended the February 17 Port of Port Orford meeting to express their concerns with the shoaling problem that was keeping them from going out fishing. A groundbreaking

ceremony was held at Battle Rock Park on February 18 for the Wayfinder Site. By the beginning of March erosion at the dunes where the drain field is located ceased.

Voters in the Curry Health District defeated a 1.5 million-dollar bond issue in a special election March 12 by sixty votes.

By the end of March the construction of the Wayfinder Site had become the number one controversy in Port Orford. Acts of vandalism were committed at the construction site in mid April causing the city council to offer a \$1,000 reward for arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

The primary election was held on May 19 with Jerry Floyd being elected county surveyor and Kent Owens winning the county sheriff position. This time the Curry Health District bond issued passed.

The Pacific High School class of 1998 held their graduation ceremony on June 5. Hanneke Cassel and Ryan McKasson put on a well attended and appreciated Celtic fiddle concert on June 14.

100 people showed up at the June 11 Community Resource Team meeting. The attendees first voted that the CRT not support the Federal Empowerment Zone status for Port Orford and then moved on

to a motion to dissolve the organization. Both motions passed by large margins

The Wayfinder Site was completed in June and a ceremony held to dedicate it.

Mayor Gary Doran with the city council's assent named Norm Leeling to fill a vacancy on council created when Ruth Jamieson resigned. The Greenpeace organization came to Port Orford on July 14 and held at meeting at Katz and talked about problems with factory trawlers. At the end of July results of a survey about the North Curry County Federal empowerment zone were released with nearly two thirds of those responding supporting it. Remodeling work continued on the Savoy Theater (formerly the Star) with a new paint job. The city council endorsed participation in the Federal Empowerment Zone at their August 3 meeting. The council named Johnny Alexander as the new city administrator at their August 10 meeting. He replaced Jim Poland. The City and County agreed to an intergovernmental agreement for the Curry County planning department to provide land use planning services for the city. Chuck Nordstrom became planning director for the city.

A great example of the spirit of cooperation was shown during the Port Orford

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Wed Jan 6	3:12a	7.1	8:47a	3.3	2:24p 7.0	9:07p 0.4	7:46a	5:00p	10:15p	11:00a				
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**Computer Crystal Ball**  
 by Valerie Jean Kramer

Last year I made some predictions about computers in 1998. Let's see how I did!

Prediction 1) "56kbps modems should be standardized early in 1998 and you won't see a higher speed without going to something other than a single POTS (Plain 'Ol Telephone Service) connection."

Correct! Almost all modems sold now are 56k V.90. Nothing faster has appeared though multi-modem, DSL, Cable modems, Satellite, and other connection schemes are all trying to break the ice. For 1999 I predict DSL will start to make inroads in the industry. By the end of 2000 I predict it will be "the standard."

Prediction 2) "Today systems are sold with 16, 32, or 64Mb of RAM. By year's end, expect that to be 128, 256, 512Mb instead."

Whoops! While some systems are sold with 128Mb or 32Mb the most common system seems to come with 64Mb of RAM. Maybe we'll see a rise in 1999 to 128Mb but I'm now betting 256Mb won't become common until at least the year 2000.

Prediction 3) "Most people today get a hard disk of about 1.6 to 3.5Gb capacity. By year's end 6-8Gb will be more common. This would be higher but there are barriers at 2.1Gb and again at 8Gb. Solving these will require new BIOS's, new Operating Systems, or other work-arounds."

Correct. Sort of. The 6.4Gb hard drive has become very common but lots of systems are still sold with 3-4Gb drives and few are sold with larger than 6.4Gb. The barriers mentioned have not been as much of a problem as I expected. The largest drive presently made is a 25Gb unit. In 1999 I expect 8Gb to 16Gb to be the most popular sizes.

Prediction 4) "Almost everyone with a computer will be on the Internet and a lot of people will get computers or WebTV's so that they can get on also. The Internet will transfer more email messages than the post office does letters. In later years the Internet will replace today's phone service."

Correct. The Internet is not a fad. Most people with a 486DX66 or faster computer are on the net and many have bought computers this year primarily to get on the net. I was unable to find statistics on email vs snailmail but if email isn't in the lead, I'm sure it will be shortly. I do far more email myself than I do snailmail already. Web Phones are still in their infancy but are evolving fast and I stand by my former prediction. There are still a lot of families without a computer and I predict the "netification" of the world will continue full steam in 1999. Today there are some 62,000,000 web users. By

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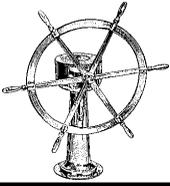
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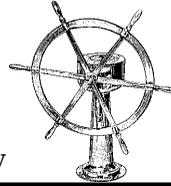
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the end of 1999 I predict at least 80,000,000. (about 30% growth)

Prediction 5) "Today's 166-300Mhz CPU chips will be up to 450Mhz".

Correct. By the end of 1999 it should be above 600Mhz though I expect the 400-500Mhz models will be the most popular..

Prediction 6) "Windows '97 will finally be released as Windows '98. Win 3.x will finally die."

Correct. There are still some Win31 and even DOS holdouts largely due to the fact that old computers keep finding new homes instead of going to the dump. The mainstream, however, is clearly on the Windows 95/98 bandwagon. Windows 2000 should be out in 1999 but I don't think it will be as quickly adopted as Windows 95/98. I expect many DOS and Windows 3.1 programs will not run under Windows 2000.

Prediction 7) "It will still cost about \$1500 for a good, complete computer system."

Correct. Our most popular system currently is a Pentium II 350Mhz with 64Mb RAM, 6.4Gb hard disk a 17" monitor, and all the "trimmin's" including sound, CD, modem, etc. It sells for \$1,449. I don't think this will change much in 1999. Possibly a slight drop to \$1300 but the system will probably be better.

In general, I don't expect the basic system specifications of a typical system won't change a lot. A typical December 1999 system probably won't be more than a 500Mhz CPU with 128Mb RAM and a 16Gb hard drive. The rest of the computer, however, will change a lot. DVD's will replace CD-ROM drives. CD-ROM writers will become a popular option. USB devices will become very common and we will start to see disk drives connected to IEEE-1394 ports. (In future years, the computer will have only three ports - USB, 1394, and Ethernet - no more printer, serial, floppy, IDE, SCSI, PS/2 mouse, keyboard, etc. ports. This will simplify both hardware and software and help reduce the cost while improving system reliability. HDTV sets and flat screen monitors will both begin to sell though not yet in large numbers. Motherboards will drop the ISA slots and

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many will incorporate sound and video on the motherboard.

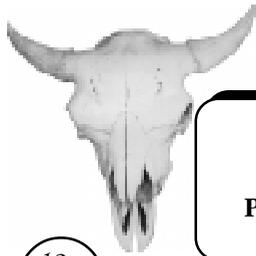
You will hear a lot more about Internet Phone and various ways to capture and send pictures via the Internet.

Finally, I predict that the big Year 2000 computer explosion will be a fizzle. I'm sure there will be a few problems but I expect they will be modest in nature, and handled fairly gracefully and quickly. I expect considerably more trouble caused by misguided fear-crazed individuals trying to protect themselves from the bogeyman. There are a lot of people getting rich selling fear about the year 2000 and they'll be in high gear while the getting is good. Don't be a sucker for their sales pitch.

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Please take time to enjoy all the beautiful lights and decorations our community has provided. Thank you to each and every one of you.

We at the Chamber of Commerce would like to wish each and every one a Safe,

Prosperous, and Happy New Year! Happy New Year Gold Beach!

The Chamber Banquet is coming up January 16th, so be sure and get your tickets soon. It will be a fun and enjoyable night, so plan to come. We will be awarding the Trip to Hawaii in the Hospitality Chip Contest, Drawing for a Week-End-Get-Away. Presenting awards to the new Citizen and Business of the Year winners, and installing new Chamber Board Officers and members. Plus, the food and dancing will be awesome, so plan to come! For more information call 247-7525 and ask for Scott.

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12-22-98, 8:30am: Investigation of theft from Dr. Hardesty's office. Investigation continuing.

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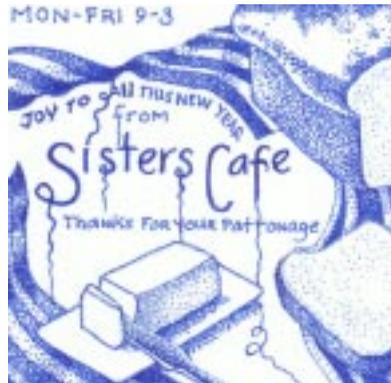
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### **Gold Beach 2010**

In keeping with the Strategic Planning Committee Vision, the members of Gold Beach 2010 would like for you to know that we recognize the importance of the Curry County Sustainable Nature-Based Tourism Development and its proposed Coastal Rainforest Canopy Walkway, and that we voice our support of the project.

It is evident that many of the outcomes of this project will serve to enhance and help us to further the goals that our committee has been working toward this past five years. The creation of new jobs; a beginning for a number of new private tourism businesses and a substantial boost for existing businesses will all come directly from the Canopy Project.

This project is important to Gold Beach 2010 and to Curry County's economic, social and natural resource health and we as a committee would be a part of making this project a reality in whatever way we can be involved.

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### Crook Point

Representative Peter DeFazio today announced that Congress has approved funding to add Crook Point to the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. DeFazio requested the funding to protect the site from development earlier this year.

"The addition of Crook Point will add another jewel to Oregon's spectacular coastal refuge system," DeFazio said. "This purchase is a wonderful holiday gift for future generations to enjoy."

Crook Point, a 134-acre headland located in Curry County on the Southern Oregon coast, consists of more than one mile of undeveloped shoreline. The property is home to some of the 1.2 million breeding and nesting seabirds inhabiting the Oregon coast and hosts rare native plants. The Crook Point addition will significantly enhance the more than 1,400 coastal

islands, reefs, and headlands already included in the refuge.

Earlier this year, The Nature Conservancy purchased Crook Point, the last privately owned coastal headlands in Oregon, at the request of the regional office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Nature Conservancy agreed to intervene because the property was on the open market, and was imminently threatened by development. The US Fish and Wildlife Service will reimburse the Nature Conservancy with \$2.3 million allocated this week by congressional leaders.

This acquisition enjoys broad support in Oregon, including local elected officials.

"This magnificent site has Curry County's signature, Mack Arch rock, a landmark which many local residents have not been able to view," said TV Skinner, Curry County Commissioner. "I am excited that with managed access the public will be able to experience this special place. I am also pleased because the purchase is consistent with the sustainable nature based tourism strategy which the county has implemented.

The funding for Crook Point comes from funds set aside last year by Congress in the fiscal year 1998 Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Under the legislation, \$699 million was reserved for projects to be designated by the House and Senate Appropriations Committee leadership. Crook

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The Appropriations Committee today also released \$1.25 million to continue land acquisitions for Eugene's wetlands protection program. This is in addition to funds received for the wetlands program earlier this year.

### Computer Workshops

Still trying to figure out what to do with that computer you got for Christmas? Popular computer instructor Joe Burke will start off winter term with two January workshops *Introduction to Windows* on the 9th and *Intermediate Windows* on the 23rd. On January 30th Dennis Kalista will feature the highly interactive workshop on upgrading and maintaining your computer.

There are just a few spots left for the two Internet workshops in February, so call now to sign up. If the February classes are full register for the March 13th Internet workshop. Joe Burke will also conduct a two-session workshop on Developing Your Family's website on Feb. 27th and March 6th.

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## Senior News By Mary Yoder

The first thing I want to tell you about was the Christmas potluck on December 25th. Was it ever special – a good many people and what a meal somebody brought deviled eggs – a great big platter – but you know they didn't last long. I sure got my share. I hope who ever made them comes to our next potluck. Now the whole luncheon was special food that these volun-

teers made couldn't of been better. These are the ones who made it that way; Glorine Godfry, Bobbeta Kron. Dottie Clothier, Jane Black and Thelma Lagace – she was the instigator of the potluck. Couldn't of done it any better. Everyone had a good time. It was so nice. Some of us would have had a lonely day without this nice get together. Oh, yes doing clean up and dishes were Bill Butt and Dick Clothier – Thanks fellows. Thelma please plan another for Christmas 1999.

Now there will be a potluck on Saturday, January 2nd at noon. All are welcome – it's in memory of Mickey Harper. Bring your favorite food and come honor Mickey. See you there.

December 29th was membership meeting will tell about it next week. As I said last week - the birthday party is January 9th, at 11:30 and rummage sale will be from 8am till 1pm. This is our regular luncheon. The Sing Alongs are still practicing Thursday's at 2pm. Could use your help – how about it?

January 4th at 7pm is pinochle – that's Monday night – all are welcome.

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**Children's Health Carnival**

Health and human resource service providers, children's advocates teachers and others are invited to attend a meeting Wednesday, January 6th, to organize the first countywide children's health carnival.

The meeting is set for 1pm, in Curry General Hospital's Curry Café, No-host luncheon meals will be available from 11:30am.

The health carnival will be the main event of a concentrated flurry of health education and awareness activities aimed at

grade-school children during early March, according to Ginny Hochberg, education coordinator at Curry General Hospital. The idea is the brainchild of the newly formed Coos-Curry Community Education Coalition, and will include similar events in Coos County during the same period.

The children's carnival has been planned from 10am to 2pm, March 6th, in the Showcase building on the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. Week-long talks, projects, contests and demonstrations, however, will be encouraged in all areas of the county.

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The conference will also include a panel of local industry experts who will discuss what the new year holds in store for timber, fishing, tourism, retail, real estate, economic development as well as what can be expected locally regarding Y2K computer issues. Twenty-one businesses will be exhibiting their products and services throughout the day in an adjacent Exhibition Hall where program breaks will be held.

Advance registration, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, is \$20 pre person. Admission at the door will be \$25. The conference will begin with registration of participants at 8am, and is scheduled to adjourn at 4pm.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**BED TAX GRANT APPLICATION** forms are available at city hall. Funds are to be allocated as matching money directed toward city area beautification or city tourism development. Completed applications are due no later than Friday, January 22, 1999 at close of business, 5:00pm.

**THE CITY OF PORT ORFORD** Planning Commission has a vacancy. Any individual interested in filling this volunteer position is asked to submit a letter of interest to: The City of Port Orford Planning Commission, C/O Mayor Gary Doran, P.O. Box 310, Port Orford, Oregon 97465. We are an equal opportunity employer.

**THE CITY OF PORT ORFORD** is seeking to fill a position now vacant on the Port Orford Parks Commission. Any persons interested in filling this vacancy please send a letter of interest to: The City of Port Orford Parks Commission C/O Mayor Gary Doran, P.O. Box 310, Port Orford, Oregon 97465. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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### Compartments By Graeme Graydon



Milking the cows was just a routine chore, there was always a lot of farm work to fill the 14 hour day – and there was no let-up from the constant need to plan

and organize just to keep up with the farming calendar – except for one event. Come midday on an Autumn Sunday, if all was well at home, I could walk 10 minutes to a lake, help rig a sailboat and race for a few hours. I marveled at how, even though I could see my farm from the water, the world beyond the shores of the lake did not exist for me. I escaped from that demanding farming world to one of great simplicity – of water, wind and the other boats. There was a purity to it that left me powerfully refreshed and renewed. For the rest of the week, I jammed as many complications as I could muster into as short a time as possible – and something always got left behind, usually involving a relationship. Later on, I saw that close ones had been taken for granted and something important had been missed. I tried to set priorities but that didn't work either so I bumbled on for years doing my

best but not feeling very effective. There were no answers until an old friend who has “been there, seen it all.” gave me the benefit of his experience.

His advice was simple – “Draw up a list of all the roles you play.” I started with husband, father, grandfather, son, friend and neighbor – the list grew longer. “Now see each role as a compartment and live in one compartment at a time – fully.” When it's time to be with your wife – be with her completely, give her all of your attention. He noted that she would be suspicious at first, but women are amazing creatures and she would soon forget all about the times that you had forgotten her. When you're with your children – be there for them – undivided. You don't have to be everything for everybody every day but keep checking your list and don't drop anyone out. When you're eating – eat. Don't conduct business, don't eat at your desk and not in front of TV. If its time to be alone don't try to share your aloneness with another. He said – If your life is not focussed in compartments, it becomes blurred and nothing is done clearly or powerfully. “Your colorful life begins to look beige.” I remember how those hours of escape onto the lake had made me become so alive and caused the rest of the world to disappear.

I thought of the many times that I have walked my body in beautiful places, but I never saw the beauty because my attention was in another compartment. The precious moments of human interaction were lost because I couldn't or wouldn't shift out of a compartment quickly enough to see what was under my nose.

Today's list has 17 compartments, some are easy to live, some are not and a few need lots of work but it keeps me more on

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track and I've almost stopped dividing myself by trying to be two people in two places at the same time.

### Cape Blanco Gun Club By Bill Oleson

Last Sunday was one of the nastiest days to shoot trap that any of us have experienced. Sunday also was one of the most challenging. Sheets of rain whipped across the range pushed by forty to fifty knot winds created some interesting targets. A clay target is cup shaped, four inches in diameter and is thrown from a mounted trap. Any wind will make the target react in an unpredictable manner.

Port Orford's Jim Harrison solved almost all of this by winning the 16 yard event with a 49/50. Scott MacDonald, Port Orford was runner up. The Handicap event was won by Coos Bay resident George Millen. Jim Harrison was runner up. The scores were so low that we all agreed not to share with anyone outside of the club. Trap shooting is a great sport that teaches coordination of body, sight and brain. A lot simpler than chasing a little white ball across a soggy pasture.

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## **That Was the Year That Was** *continued from front cover*

Arts and Seafood Festival on August 22 and 23. The Port Orford Arts Council, Port Orford Women's Fishery Network, Port Orford Chamber of Commerce, the Fishermen's Association and the North Curry Families' and Children's Center were all partners in putting on the Festival.

The Curry County Commissioners voted 2-1 not to write a letter of support for North Curry County's bid for Federal Empowerment Zone status at their August 12 meeting.

A mediation concerning the Port Orford Wayfinder Site was held on August 21.

The city council named Bill Rush as the new police chief at their August 27 meeting. He replaced Russ Hunt who resigned to become police chief of Philomath.

Congressman Peter DeFazio visited the Port of Port Orford at the end of August and was thanked for helping attain 1.5 million dollars in Federal money for the dock replacement project.

Oregon Department of Transportation officials held a meeting in Port Orford to

discuss Highway 101 alignment changes in Humbug Canyon.

The city council met before a standing room only crowd at their September 14 meeting and voted to discontinue the mediation process with John Mayea and the wayfinder site.

The end of September saw the fall election get started with ten candidates running for four positions on the city council. The first part of the water system improvement plan began at the end of September with the extension of the Garrison Lake water intake line.

The League of Women Voters held a candidate forum in Port Orford in October and thirteen candidates attended and answered questions from the public.

U.S. Senator Gordon Smith held a public meeting in Port Orford on October 13. He heard from several local fishermen and promised making a community quota for our Port and priority in the next Congress.

The City of Port Orford switched from using Garrison Lake water back to Hubbard Creek water in mid-October because of increased salinity levels in the lake.

Property tax bills came out right before the November election. Jane Cramer, Norm Leeling, Nathaniel and Robert Warring were elected to the city council in November. Cheryl Thorp was elected County Commissioner. Port Orford voters said no to a police levy and a Highway 101 master plan.

Garrison Lake outlet was blocked in November and the lake starting rising dramatically. Ocean water poured into the lake through the outlet and rainwater poured in from all over. On Wednesday, December 2, a Curry County road crew opened up the lake outlet and rampaging waters widened and deepened the outlet channel and took out part of the Agate Beach bluff.

Councilors Carl Eskelson and Tim Sparks finished their lengthy tenures on the council at the December meeting.

Temperatures dipped below freezing and snow fell along the southern Oregon coast. Numerous water pipes froze. The lake outlet was blocked with sand and this Tuesday the city hired a private contractor to dig an opening. The lake level dropped six feet.

Happy New Year to everyone. Now we begin the countdown to the year 2000 and all that that entails.

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Community Partners volunteers will meet at 9:00am, January 12, in the Curry County Extension office, to review the survey results and choose health priorities for the county. For more information, phone Hoffmann at 247-7011, extension 283.