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Happy New Year 1995

By Evan Kramer

Is the world making its yearly sojourn around the sun faster or is it just an illusion that time passes faster every year? It's already time for the ever-youthful Dick Clark and New Year's celebration in Times Square, New York.

On this side of the continent fans of live music and dancing have their choice several musical events right here in Port Orford. The Port and Starboard Restaurant presents their second annual New Year's Eve dinner and dance at the Port Orford Community building from 7:00pm until 1:00am. The popular band Timber Wolf provides the dance music. Tickets which are available at the Port and Starboard include an all you can eat spaghetti dinner. Over at the Truculent Oyster Restaurant the featured musician is Steve Montana. Steve plays among other instruments acoustic guitar and banjo. Steve told me he and his wife used to live in Bisbee, Arizona, which is one of the places I've always wanted to go explore. Bisbee is an old copper mining town and is built around a steep canyon. It also has lots of railroad history. The Port Orford Senior Citizen Center is welcoming everyone to their dance featuring the sounds of Country Travelers from 8:00pm until midnight.

Christmas Tales

Snow didn't fall in Port Orford this Christ-

mas but it went well for many. I got a feeling from talking to people that being with family and friends, many of them from far away, was the main source of joy. Working indoors all week my main goal on Christmas Day was to spend some time outdoors. Nancy and Greg and I got together in the morning with our respective dogs Burford and Myrtle and headed for the beach just south of Rocky Point. We slid down the rope and headed south searching for treasures. Nancy had given Greg a book about Japanese glass fishing floats for Christmas and he was busy scouring the kelp and driftwood beds for one of those rare finds. He didn't find a glass one but did locate a small plastic one. Nancy collects shells and agates and managed to find several worth taking home. After looking for glass floats for 4 1/2 years and not finding one I've set my sights lower and am content to discover some of the more prevalent plastic floats. I found one brightly colored one and part of another. Now they will decorate the front of the woodshed. Meanwhile the dogs barked at the wind, enjoyed all the smells and cavorted in the cold water. I think they have more fun than we do.

Nancy and Greg had never been hiking on the old Highway 101 coast trail so off we headed across the new 101 for the start of the trail. This is one of my favorite hikes and if a person is up to it you can hike all the way to the south end of Humbug Mountain State Park at the

day use area. Or if you're like Chris Miller you can start at the beginning of the coast highway trail and jog to the base of Humbug Mountain, then hike or jog to the top and then go back the way you came, all carrying additional weight.

New Year's Resolutions

President Bill Clinton: In 1995 I will take a position and stand by it for more than 5 minutes, maybe...

Newt Gingrich: I will find something nice to say about the Clintons

Al Gore: I will run for President in 1996

Bob Dole: I will smile

Bill Gates: I will mend fences with IBM

University of Oregon Ducks: We will win the Rose Bowl

The electorate: Our votes will count in 1995

Covey Story Incorrect

The story about local Powerball lottery winner Pam Covey in last week's Curry County Reporter and Port Orford Press was "news" to Ms. Covey. She discovered upon reading the article that she was pregnant which surprised the heck out of her, having had a hysterectomy nine years ago. Quotes attributed to Covey including "planning better for the baby now" were never uttered by her. The story was

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Whale watching has become a popular pastime along the coast from Cape Blanco to Humbug Mountain. During the past several summers, several California Gray Whales have stopped their northerly migration to feed in these waters. They have attracted the attention of the local population, as well as visitors to the area. Gray whales have been known to feed near shore around rocks and kelp beds, and Port Orford has an abundance of both. The best viewing points are Cape Blanco State Park, southern overlook, just past the camp entrance; Port Orford: kiosk (follow Ocean View signs); Battle Rock City Park at the south end of Port Orford and all the major pullouts along 101 as you travel south to Humbug Mountain.

California Gray Whales

Gray whales inhabit the North Pacific Ocean and are probably the best known of all the whales. They belong to the "cetacean" family, which includes all whales, porpoises and dolphins, whales being the largest. A full grown adult gray whale is about 40 years old and has a life span of about 70 years. Sexual maturity arrives around 8 years. Adults weigh about 45 tons (40.5 metric tons) and

reach 45 feet (14m) in length. After a 13 month gestation period, females give birth to calves weighing in at a whopping 1,500 pounds (680kg) and measuring 16 feet (5m). Gray whales are Baleen whales as opposed to toothed whales such as the Orca. Gray's use huge baleen plates, composed of stiff "fringe" like material, to sift their food from large gulps of sand and water. Whale food consists of amphipods (shrimp like animals) and a variety of other bottom dwellers.

Gray whales spend their summers in the Bering and Chukchi Seas and winters in the warmer waters of Baja California, where they breed and give birth. The long hours of arctic daylight provide the perfect habitat for plentiful food and the warm waters of Baja provide the perfect environment for birthing, since their offspring have little blubber to keep them warm in the frigid arctic waters.

New Year's Resolution:

HEALTH

If you make a commitment to eat healthfully and add exercise, your emotional well-being will be the natural outcome.

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Teachers' Contract Settled!

The Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School Board voted, in a special meeting Tuesday, Dec. 27, to accept a new contract with POLTA (Port Orford-Langlois Teachers Association.)

The district was still negotiating wages for this year and would have entered negotiations for a new contract with POLTA in January. Thanks to an improved spirit of cooperation between the parties, agreement was reached to resolve problems with the contract's existing complaint procedure and other areas while extending the contract for an additional year. The teachers have already received a cost of living (COL) raise and will receive a 5.5% increase January 1. They will receive a COL+1% raise next year.

Both the board and the union expressed pleasure with the new contract.

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— From "Applied Optics"
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There is one seat up for election on the Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ school board this year. Those interested must file with the county clerk by 5:00pm January 26. You will need to submit either a petition containing the signatures of 25 registered voters or pay a \$10 filing fee.

The election will be held on March 28, 1995.

For more information, you can contact the county clerk's office at 247-7011 or the school district office at 332-5241 or 348-2337.

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A research lab worker tells about a customer support line at his company. The support person became annoyed at a customer and said something on the order of "You're not our only customer, you know," to which the customer, a military agency, replied, "But we're one of the few with tactical nuclear weapons."

"They [La Prensa] accused us of suppressing freedom of expression. This was a lie and we could not let them publish it." - Nelba Blandon, Interior Ministry Director of Censorship, quoted in The New York Times, 1984

Seen on the wall in a New York subway station: "There are no integers $n > 2$ and $x, y, z > 0$, such that $x^n + y^n = z^n$ I have found a truly wonderful proof of this. Unfortunately, my train is coming.

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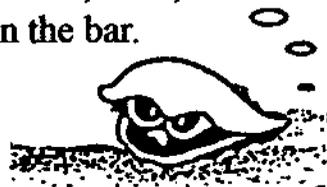


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The Laugh's On Me (But I Ain't Laughing) by Valerie Kramer

I've written quite a bit lately about protecting your expensive electronic equipment - computers, stereo, TV's, satellite systems, copiers, etc. from problems coming down the power lines (or phone lines, cable TV lines, etc.) Prior to our November trip to COMDEX I was pretty complacent about these problems but after learning more, I became quite a convert. Upon return to Port Orford, I put UPS's (Uninterruptable Power Supplies) on our computers and upgraded our surge suppressors. I felt pretty smug.

A couple weeks ago on Saturday morning the power went off and on quite a few times all over town, all morning. Each time I gleefully reported the fact that our computers were still running to all who would listen. Well, the computer kept running but I just found out that I goofed. Our color scanner was NOT plugged into the UPS and I didn't realize it. Sadly, it doesn't seem to have survived the experience and will probably need to be shipped to HP for service.

Although I feel pretty stupid, I hope my sad tale can help you protect yourself before it's too late! Power problems are real and the time to take action is before your equipment is damaged.

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Thu Dec. 29	8:02am 8.4	1:52am 2.7	9:59pm 5.6	3:30pm -1.0
Fri Dec. 30	8:56am 8.7	2:54am 2.8	10:53pm 6.0	4:22pm -1.5
Sat Dec. 31	9:48am 8.8	3:53am 2.8	11:40pm 6.3	5:11pm -1.8
Sun Jan. 1	10:40am 8.8	4:51am 2.6	NONE --	5:58pm -1.8
Mon Jan. 2	12:28am 6.7	5:45am 2.5	11:31AM 8.6	6:41pm -1.6
Tue Jan. 3	1:13am 6.8	6:38am 2.4	12:20pm 8.1	7:24pm -1.2
Wed Jan. 4	1:55am 6.9	7:32am 2.4	1:09pm 7.5	8:06pm -0.7
Thu Jan. 5	2:37am 7.0	8:28am 2.3	1:58pm 6.8	8:48pm 0.0

Whale Watching - Continued

Gray Whales travel near the shore line on their annual migration, traveling over 10,000 miles (16,000km) round trip. Each year thousands of whale watchers flock to the coast to witness the southern migration during December and the northern migration in March. Females are first to leave the arctic, with males and youngsters following. They travel south at about 5 mph (8km/h). Their return migration is much slower and spread out. Some whales don't follow any specific pattern of migration, and are often spotted spending time in places such as Port Orford. Whales stopping here, are believed to be immature males.

Gray whales are easy to spot once you identify a "blow" and continue watching the same spot. Whales are mammals and cannot breath under water, they must come to the surface to gather oxygen through a series of blows before diving.

Rule of thumb: A traveling gray whale will blow three to five times before taking a deep tail-showing dive.

Whale Watching volunteers will be at the following sites during Whale Watch Week December 26, 1994 through January 2, 1995 between the hours of 10 am and 1 pm:

Shore Acres State Park, Charleston

Face Rock Wayside, Bandon

Cape Blanco Lighthouse & Battle Rock City Park, Port Orford

Cape Sebastian, Cape Ferrello & Harris Beach State Park, between Brookings & Gold Beach

Disabled accessible, and free story telling for children from 1 to 1:30 and talk and film on gray whales daily at 2 pm, at the Hatfield Marine Science Center auditorium, Newport, Oregon during Winter 94/95 Whale Watch Week.

Dear Family and Friends:

There is nothing that could have prepared us for the loss of Andy. There is also nothing that could have prepared us for the outpouring of love we have received from all of you. This has been one of the most difficult times we have gone through and would not have been bearable without your support.

Our heartfelt thanks go to you for all the cards, phone calls, food, donations, hugs, prayers and friendship. The generosity of this community will be long remembered and reminds us of why we are proud to live in and to have been from this area.

Our special thanks go to the Fisherman's Wives Association in Newport for all their help.

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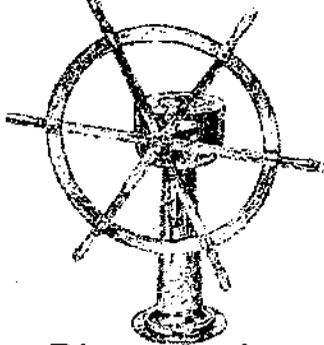
And especially all the nephews and nieces who loved their Uncle Andy, a big kid at heart.

Meeting Canceled

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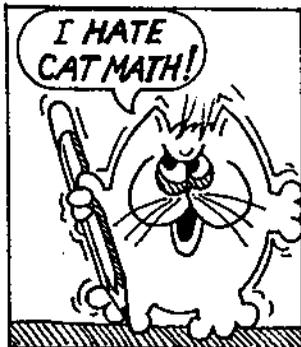
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The theme of January's meeting is "Buyer's Market". The special feature is entitled "Knock, Knock! Who's There?" and is a talk by Janelle Haller from Century 21 on buying and selling your home. The musical program "Closing Notes" will be performed by Ruth and Leroy Hawkins from North Bend. The main speaker is Maggie Williamson from Ukiah, California talking on the "Final Transaction".

Reservations are essential and cancellations are necessary. They can be made at 332-0825 or 348-2379. Preschool childcare is provided.

The Christian Women's Club holds their next Prayer Coffee on January 11 at the home of Genny Haner.

Christmas Bird Count

Kalmiopsis Audubon Society is having their annual Christmas bird count Saturday, December 31. We encourage experienced birders and non-experienced. Everyone is welcome to join!

Please meet at the Driftwood School in Port Orford at 7:15am. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather, binoculars and your own lunch.

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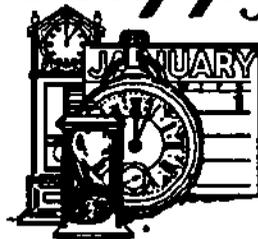
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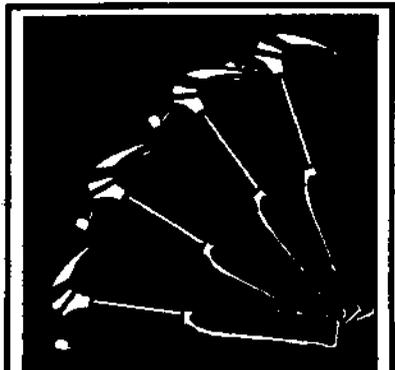
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