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## Happy Birthday Gary Ann!!

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AN EVENING WIT PORTLAND'S BEST PORTLAND PALENT **PORT TOW** SATURDAY, JULY 31st · 7:00 PM THE ALADDIN THEATRE DRAMA . RAP . MUSIC . DANCE FROM PORTLAND'S BEST AMATEUR TALENT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS: THE JAMMIN' 95.5 DANCERS SEATTLE JAZZ ARTIST AZANI GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AT **ALL TICKETMASTER LOCATIONS &** THE ALADDIN THEATRE BOX OFFICE. \$8.50 IN ADVANCE, \$10.50 DAY OF SHOW SPONSORED BY: JAMMIN' 95.5, L'OREAL, THE PORTLAND OBSERVER, 24 HOUR FITNESS

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n less than a year we will be privileged to be part of humanity that will witness the dawn of the third millennium.

Not many people are lucky enough to transcend the change of centuries, but as humanity prepares to celebrate the end of the  $20^{th}$  century, an era of unparalleled scientific achievements, we must ensure, as a country, that we are ready to contain what threatens to become the scourge of our achievements – the "Millennium Bug".

The rise of the global information economy has transformed human life, nationally, regionally, locally, and within the family.

The emergence of computer technology and the Internet has changed the nature of work, relations between people, media, messages and the patterns of political life.

Unless we mobilize our collective effort to deal with this scourge our achievements over the last century will suffer irreparable damage.

I appeal to everyone, especially business people, small, medium and microenterprises, big business, public servants responsible for information technology at national, provincial and local government level to ensure Y2K compliance in time for the new millennium. Take preventative action and spread the word to family, friends and business colleagues.

Nelson Mandela Past President of the Republic of South Africa