

## Re: Discussion: rmgrou comp.software.year-2000

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<EskWIRED@spamblock.panix.com> wrote in message  
news:c1m53d\$kd3@reader2.panix.com...

> *In comp.software.year-2000 Jamie Andrews; real address @ bottom of message*  
<me@privacy.net> wrote:

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> > *Please post your thoughts on this matter.*

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> *MYOB, you officious bitch.*

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> *...I'm an air-conditioned gypsy...*

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> - *The Who*

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Succinct, yet to the point.

It is 'discussion' you be wantin' Jamie Andrews? Fine.

c.s.y-2k was an experiment, a valid running snapshot of matters IT (or in this instance, RTC) related but also a social/societal matter. True, cans of beans did not explode upon roll-over but the fact remains that sufficient concern was generated by the potential of the event that an outlet was needed and this .comp newsgroup did provide an outlet in an admirable manner.

As events did not unfold, the true worth of this newsgroup remained, to this very day. An unlikely mix of personalities from different locations and socio-economic backgrounds felt 'comfortable' here, to flame, to point out issues or simply to put snarky one-liners that often are of exceptional quality, into cyberspace.

My own viewpoints relative to roll-over are moot as they always were. I did

play a minor role by flogging, without resorting to fear mongering, RTC intercept hardware and numerous 486's with poorly written BIOS chips did indeed continue to function after roll-over. It has taken me a while to recover from the financial beating that roll-over represented, yet in retrospect is was well worth it. Equally, the 'social' aspect of activities within this newsgroup was well worth it. Here one would be able to enjoy the rants of the ever-time retentive Doctor John. Here one would chuckle when reading one of Mr. Bernier's many priceless posts. As I stated, it all represents a unique 'snapshot' of where things stood in confusing times.

If participation in this newsgroup enabled some to take a look at issues from a different perspective, it has been well worth it.

If some wish to feed their misplaced sense of righteousness by causing the removal of this newsgroup, well, perhaps that too is typical of what c.s.y2k represents.

It still serves a purpose, albeit far removed from the original purpose.

Then again, so does the UN.

Leave well enough alone.

Or cause it to be delisted and be damned with you.

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