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Christmas Decorations are
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Notice: The deadline for submissions to next week's edition of "Port Orford Today!" will be 4:00pm Monday, Dec. 11 instead of Tuesday.

City Switches Water Source

By Evan Kramer

The City of Port Orford issued a press release on Friday, December 1, notifying the public that "due to heavy rains over the last few days causing high turbidity the City of Port Orford will be on Garrison Lake water effective 5:00pm, Friday, December 1, 1995." I spoke with city public works engineer Dennis Gehrke and he was not pointing the blame on any one or any property for the increased turbidity other than the heavy rains which have pelted Port Orford the past week.. However, the city public work's employees are investigating the source of the increased turbidity.

Thank You Paul!

Last Wednesday we printed 5,000 sheets of paper which go into producing 1,250 copies of our paper. The printing went well but when we starting folding the paper the folding machine had dental problems — it busted a few teeth in one of the main gears and was out of business. I called Paul Peterson and asked him if he had a folding machine and if I could use it because of ours being broken. He most graciously invited me to come on over to the Port Orford News office and use their folder. Thanks to his generosity of spirit for letting me use

their folder our paper came out in a timely fashion. Take it from me you don't want to fold 5,000 sheets of paper by hand!

Christmas Lights

The Lightin' Bugs hard work and effort paid off last Friday morning when Coos-Curry Electric hoisted the Christmas lights into position along Highway 101. The next day the E.S.A. organization hosted what seemed to me a most successful Christmas Bazaar. It was packed in the Community Building and Legion Hall from the time they opened to nearly the end of the day. It was real easy to walk out of the Bazaar with a bag full of Christmas presents with all the choices available. Thanks to E.S.A. and all the craftspeople who make shopping in Port Orford for the holiday so much fun!

Other signs of Christmas that deserve note are the display of painted ceramic buildings at the Post Office in back of the counter. Postmaster Sonja Mason told me she hand painted each of the many buildings and even made the snow for the winter scene herself. The Wooden Nickel myrtlewood shop has the best outdoor light display in town so far. I find the colorful light bulbs festooning the building a spirit up-lifter. The Circle K store has a continuously growing and changing

Christmas display. Manger Nancy Kountz and assistant manager Roxanne Compton really get into the spirit of all the holidays. This year the Christmas scene in the store features two animated dolls in front of a "crackling" fireplace. One of the characters is Santa Clause and the other is someone's sleeping grandmother snoring out the tune "Jingle Bells". Members of the local garden clubs not only maintain the tree planters along Highway 101 but this year have adorned the trees with Christmas ornaments.

The Friends of Cape Blanco are sponsoring the Hughes House Christmas open house for the next two weekends, on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 9 & 10 and the following weekend on Dec. 16 & 17. A visit to this historic home overlooking the Sixes River is one of the highlights of the Christmas season. The hours are from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. The Friends will be serving hot spiced cider and cookies. Many of the decorations for the Christmas tree in the living room are being made by students at Driftwood Elementary School.

Crab Season Begins

The 1995 crab season got under way on Tuesday afternoon, December 5. Crab

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Recycled Memories by Paula Cracas

During the holidays - Thanksgiving through New Years, it is estimated that Americans dump an extra 1 million tons of garbage a week (20% more than the remaining 46 weeks). As our population increases, it seems as if more and more of our beautiful country will become landfill sites. How, you ask, can we turn the tide on this trend?

With Christmas fast approaching, here are a few of my 3 R's (Refuse, reduce & recycle) traditions for the holidays: I save gift wrap, having trained just about everybody I've come in contact with to carefully remove and fold the paper. I reuse boxes, gift tags, and ribbons. We have one box which has been reused for years with the past recipient's name crossed off and the current one added. "I got the recycled box!" someone will yell. Next year somebody else will get their

present in it. It's a tradition which gives everybody a good laugh.

Every year, till my children were about 16, we would make Christmas ornaments. Our first ones were made in 1962, when my daughter was almost 3. We cut the bumps from egg cartons, covered them with aluminum foil, and made loops from fishing line to hang them on our tree. They look like tiny silver bells. They still grace our tree every year and my daughter never fails to notice. We got more creative as time went on ornaments from flour dough painted with acrylic paints; Styrofoam balls covered with leftover fabric and decorated with beads and buttons; snow folks out of the cotton from vitamin bottles; angels from doilies; etc. We made paper chains one year and strung popcorn another. We string cranberries too but they won't keep from year to year so after Christmas we drape them in an outdoor tree for the birds. Making ornaments became a much looked for-

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ward to tradition and although I set up and decorate the tree every year, I always save a box of homemade ornaments for my children to hang when they arrive. "Remember this one?" is a frequent question which never fails to start a conversation about our shared experiences.

Some years our Christmas tree is recycled into the garden for the beans and peas to climb on in the spring. Other years, branches and trunk have become firewood or chips for the garden walkways.

Christmas cards (or any used greeting cards), tiny boxes, wrapping paper, canceled stamps, or the stamps of animals etc. sent out by charities, can be dropped off at the Community Children's Center at 16th and Hwy. 101. They would love to recycle and reuse them. Or you can send cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's Way, Boulder City, NV 89005. This is home for abused and abandoned children and they use the cards for fund-raising projects.

So remember the 3 R's this holiday season. Reduce your holiday waste. Reuse

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Courtesy of the Port Of Gold Beach

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Dec 7	12:12am 6.0	5:18am 3.1	10:56AM 7.6	6:15pm -0.6
Fri Dec 8	12:51am 6.0	5:54am 3.2	11:31AM 7.5	6:50pm -0.5
Sat Dec 9	1:26am 6.0	6:33am 3.3	12:04pm 7.3	7:24pm -0.3
Sun Dec 10	2:05am 6.0	7:13am 3.3	12:37pm 7.0	8:01pm -0.1
Mon Dec 11	2:40am 6.0	7:59am 3.4	1:17pm 6.7	8:38pm 0.2
Tue Dec 12	3:19am 6.2	8:51am 3.3	2:00pm 6.3	9:16pm 0.5
Wed Dec 13	4:01am 6.2	9:48am 3.2	2:52pm 5.8	9:58pm 0.9
Thu Dec 14	4:43am 6.4	10:55am 2.9	3:59pm 5.4	10:44pm 1.3

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Nov. 25	56	53	.36
Nov. 26	55	42	.48
Nov. 27	53	44	.12
Nov. 28	55	46	.48
Nov. 29	57	55	trace
Nov. 30	56	54	2.11
Dec. 1	56	45	1.07

Recycled Memories - Continued

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Two recipes for baked dough Christmas Ornaments

- 1) 1 cup flour, ½ cup salt and enough water to make a stiff dough. Shape into figures or cut with cookie cutters. Add hook before baking at 250 degrees for ½ hour (or until they are slightly brown).
- 2) 4 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 ½ cups water. Shape in ornaments. Hair can be made by using ricer. Insert hooks before baking 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Annual Christmas Concert

Blanco Middle School and Pacific High School Bands will present their annual Christmas Concert this Saturday, December 9th, at 7:30pm in the Pacific High gym. The public is invited to attend.

Light Up a Life

"Tis the Season to Light Up a Life" is the theme of Curry County Hospice's first annual holiday campaign.

Light Up a Life is a project conducted by hospices throughout Oregon and the nation to celebrate the life of loved ones and to focus on the value of Hospice care.

Donations are made towards the Hospice program, which will be used to meet the needs of Hospice patients and families throughout the year. When a contribution is made, an ornament bearing the name of the loved one is placed on a tree near a symbolic light. Often the light is dedicated in honor of a person greatly admired or a loved one who is especially missed at the holiday time.

Hospice is especially aware that the holiday season can be difficult for those who have lost someone special during the year, or near the holiday season. The

Light Up A Life campaign helps with the grief process by acknowledging the individual and by helping the hospice to provide care for other terminally ill individuals and their families.

Curry County Hospice has holiday trees at four locations: Ray's Food Place in Brookings, Corner Drug in Gold Beach, Port Orford City Hall, and Agness Library.

A request form/donation sheet is available at each of the trees as well as being distributed by each of the local papers. Contributions to Curry County Hospice are tax-deductible and an acknowledgment for the gift will be sent as requested on the application.

For additional fliers or more information, contact Curry County Hospice, PO Box 746, Gold Beach, Or 97444 or call 1-800-535-9472.

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Senior News
by Mary Yoder

Let's see - Nov. 29th - SCALO had a dinner at the center. Those who worked were: Norma Ellis, Kay Neal, Beth Newkirk, Leo Welch, Mildred Welch. Then on Dec. 30th - Rotary - Bessie Laursen, Greta Carver, Sally Gordon, RH, and Ernie Gordon, and here is a new volunteer Lorraine Hass.

Monday night Dec. 4th pinochle - nice turnout. All were asked to bring a gift for a child. Each one to put an age and girl or boy present on it. These are for the Good House.

Yes, cards were played. High for ladies Betty Keeler, low Judy Peacock. Men high E. David Klein and low Henry Kron. Also election of officers for the pinochle club: President E. David Klein, Vice President Katrina Montgomery, Treasurer/Secretary Betty Keeler.

As I said before, only one luncheon in Dec. on Sat. Dec. 16. It's a Christmas luncheon. Also the Rummage Sale from 8 till 2. On Dec. 13 is the board meeting at 1pm. Almost forgot Dec. 10th is breakfast and rummage sale. You know the birthday party Dec. 3rd sure turned out nice all had a good time.

One more item - there will be a Christmas pot luck on Christmas Day at noon on Dec. 25th. Turkey will be furnished. Don't be home alone - come and enjoy.

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We are knee deep in holiday festivities. The kids, from toddler to teen, are decorating the Library and Fire Hall, making ornaments for the tree and practicing stories, songs and poems. We're all get-

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As part of our Recreation Program, funded by Curry County Commission on Children and Families, we offer activities for the entire family, and what better way to celebrate the holidays than gathering together to enjoy good company, good food and jolly good entertainment.

Of course there is no admission but we ask that each child bring a wrapped "treasure" (used but still usable book or toy) to exchange. And if you're a last minute shopper, we will have books to purchase.

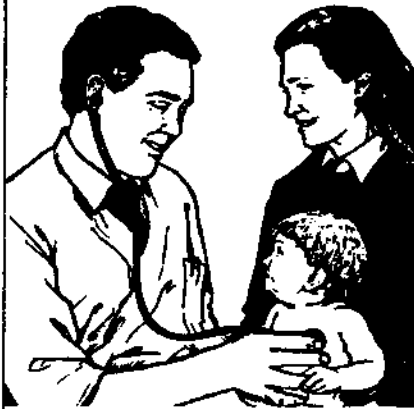
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Letter to the Editor,

After attending the first meeting of the Community Response Team on November 28th, I came away with a feeling of hope and respect. Hope for a bright future for the Port Orford area and respect for Treva Hunter and Mary Bosch of Rural Development Initiatives.

A large and diverse group of residents attended the meeting. One of the things

most apparent to me is that everyone wants the best for Port Orford and although we have some differing ideas about just what is the best, we aren't as far apart as we sometimes appear to be.

Treva and Mary are very skilled in their field. They know how to keep meetings running smoothly, how to elicit opinions from everyone, even those who are not normally eager to speak in public, and how to keep anyone from monopolizing a

meeting. The method they used on Tuesday evening to generate ideas proved to be very effective and they promise that they have many other tools for us to use in our process. They were able to keep us to the subject of discussion and pretty much on schedule. I thought the meeting was three hours well spent.

Mainly I was struck by the fact that such a large group can, with sensitive and skilled leadership, reach consensus without bickering and contentiousness. We can work together peacefully and accomplish a lot for this town! Hooray for Mary and Treva!

Jane Cramer

A group of patients were waiting for medical test results. One was told he was not ill and rejoiced. The other was told he had AIDS and collapsed. Yet all that had happened was that there had been a few vibrations in the air.

- Paraphrased from a speech
by Deepak Chopra

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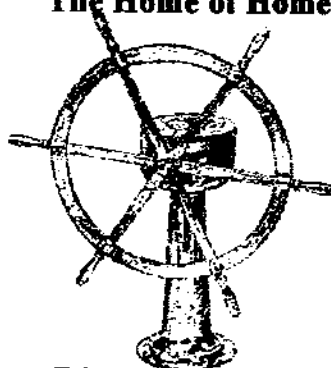
According to "Robert's Rules of Order", in all formal meetings the chairperson has the responsibility of controlling the meeting, that's why they have the gavel (right?)

When there is a question of authority that a governing body possesses, it's the duty of the chairperson, in this case you Madam Mayor, to table the question until such time as legal council can be contacted for advice as to what is a proper determination in regard to any question.

On Oct. 9, 1995 at the City Council meeting when the motion was made to halt the Bed Tax Committee meetings,

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We invite you to join us in the festivities which include holiday songs and traditional Christmas carols from around the world accompanied by Orff instruments, a student guitar ensemble, and an adult band. Refreshments will be served and there will be a visit from Santa. We hope to see you at the Pacific High gym on Dec. 13 at 7pm.

why if at that time you Madam Mayor, or the City Attorney had any reservations regarding the appropriateness of the motion, did neither one of you bring that to the floor, prior to the vote by the Council?

Perhaps our elected officials should be concerned when our citizens feel the need to write letters to the Editor, to express their opinions. Which, are then taken as personal affronts by those same officials, when in actuality these citizens are saying, Hey you guys we all elected you!

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A Very Belated Thank You!

The Pig Bowl and Powder Puff football games on Saturday the 18th of November at Pacific High School were a great success. The Junior-Sophomore Powder Puff team won with great coaching by Perry Pendergrass. Their rivals played a good game coached by Wayne Chandler. The Pigs won the Pig Bowl against the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Pirates of Pacific. Although the guys lost, the game was played really well and the crowd was pleased with the entertainment provided.

The Junior Class would like to thank Coos Curry Electric Co-op for installing the lights at the football/soccer field at the high school. We thank the Save Our School Sports (SOSS) Committee for helping make the evening possible. The announcer of the night was Pat McDonald. He did an excellent job and we hope to have him back next year. We would like to thank the players of the Pig Bowl and Powder Puff for helping make that night possible. Also, we thank the Curry County Police department and others who played a very impressive game against the Pirates of Pacific. Thank you, Janet Dougherty and David Pritchard for refereeing the Powder Puff game. We were

glad to have you there for us. Thank you David Pritchard, Wayne Chandler and Chet Dacayana, Ventura County Sportsmen's Hall of Fame Official, for refereeing the Pig Bowl game; you did a great job. The Junior class also thanks the Coaches of both the games, Wayne Chandler who coached the Senior-Freshman Powder Puff Team, Perry Pendergrass who coached the Junior-Sophomore Powder Puff team, Steve Martin Sr. who coached the Pacific Pirate Pig Bowl team and Justin Potter who coached the Police and others of the Pig Bowl team. Thank you, Walt Kaplin for the posters that gave the High School spirit. The Juniors thank Steve Fox of Bandon for the gear that helped make the game possible. Sharon Isaacs of Blanco Jr. High provided the flag belts for the teams and we thank her for the support. A big thank you goes to Debbi Anderson who sang the National Anthem at the start of the Pig Bowl.

The Juniors are very thankful to the organizations, businesses, radio stations, TV channels, and newspapers who helped us to publicize our event. Without everyone's help the Pig Bowl would not have gone so well. Thank you to all that cared enough to help.

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The Sunset Garden Club held their Christmas Party at the Senior Center on Friday December 1st at 1pm. Hostesses were Jean Panozza and Louise Langenback.

After a delicious luncheon gifts were exchanged and several games were played. Members brought canned goods for the good house.

President Ruth Bryant opened the meeting with a warm welcome. A trip to Shore Acres to see the gardens lights was planned along with a trip to Hughes House to make Christmas wreaths. Care of the flower boxes was discussed.



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Letter to the Editor,

You're darn right I'm angry and upset as many of the citizens of this community are. After the last October 13th fiasco that has been referred to as a Council meeting, we have a right to be angry.

First a comment about annexation: Any annexation will effect the City's tax base but it will also yield many benefits such as sewer hook-up fees, sharing the sewer bond, increased revenue from water consumption that would help pay for the annual operation and maintenance bill of \$130,000, and the list goes on. It would also mean expanding the City within the Urban Growth Boundaries and this is the real crux of the issue.

Whenever expansion or growth of any kind is mentioned, Robert Waring and Martha Weaver-Britell shudder with disbelief. Whether it is an annexation, extension of the sewer and water lines or bed tax money being used to promote tourism, they do everything they can to encumber, stall or block the process.

Martha was correct about my statement as to what the city's attorney said about the City Council directing the bed tax committee not to meet. The City's attorney

did not say it was unethical but rather that it was inappropriate for the common Council to direct the bed tax committee not to meet, especially since the public had been notified and there was not adequate time to advise the public of the cancellation.

Finally, the matter of an ordinance review committee meeting to clarify the ordinance: Any amendments to the ordinance governs matters from it's effective date, not retroactively and therefore, could not alter the outcome of the bed tax committee meeting.

Again I reiterate, the bed tax committee only makes recommendations as to the disposition and use of transient room tax funds. The common Council can approve, amend or disapprove the committee's recommendations with a majority vote.

If you are interested in seeing how the common Council handles the bed tax committee's recommendations and other significant issues before them, I urge you to attend the next Council meeting on December 11th at 7pm at City Hall.

Al Affonso

Curry General Hospital

Just in time for the holidays, the Curry County Council on Alcoholism and Curry General Hospital invite the public to step right up to a no-booze bar where bloody Mary's are out. But a drink made with tomato juice, Worcestershire sauce and lime juice - called a "bloody shame" will be all the rage.

The special bar will be part of a public party co-sponsored by the alcoholism council and the hospital, from 1 to 3pm, Sat. Dec. 9th in the Curry General Hospital dining room, announced Joan Snyder, director of the alcoholism council. Free samples and recipes will be provided, along with coffee, tea and munchies.

The purpose of the party is to "help us celebrate the holidays in a safe and sober manner," Snyder says. It's also to make people aware of the problems of drunk driving, commemorate the victims of alcohol-related accidents, and to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the council on alcoholism, she adds.

The party is open to people of all ages.

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Sponsored by the Curry Breast Health Network in partnership with Curry General Hospital Gold Beach, Oregon.

Public Meetings

Bereavement Support Group meets on Friday, December 8, at noon, in the Zion Lutheran Church, Library Room, 149 20th St., Port Orford. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse, child, relative, partner, or friend is invited. For more information, please call Donna Smith at 332-1300 or Luana Berens, LCSW, at Curry County Home Health/Hospice at 247-7084, 469-0405, or 1-800-535-9472.

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce holds a board of directors meeting on Monday, December 11, noon, at the Paradise Café. This is the last meeting of the year for the Chamber. Ballots for the Board of Directors election are due in to the Chamber by Dec. 11, at noon.

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, December 11, at 7:00pm. One item on the agenda will be the guest speaker from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Gary Schultz. He is the forest

practices officer with O.D.F. and will speak on forestry issues concerning the city's watershed on the North Fork of Hubbard Creek. Also on the agenda this evening is the recommendations of the bed tax committee to the city council concerning disposition of those funds.

Port Orford Rural Fire Board meets on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00pm, at the city fire station.

Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ school district board of directors meets on Tuesday, December 12, at 8:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

Cougar Notification

There has been several recent sightings of cougars within the city, and Cemetery Loop/Cedar Terrace area.

I have been in contact with the Fish and Game Dept. (Charleston) who deal with "cat" activity. They are interested in documenting any sightings. They have stressed our need to be educated in living

with wild animals, and yet it is imperative that they be advised of any "cat" activity in order to determine when they become a threat to human life, domestic animals, and agriculture. The wildlife biologist has asked that anyone sighting a cat please call them as soon as possible at (541) 888-5515. If the sighting occurs outside of regular office hours you may feel free to contact me at 332-6802 and I will contact them at home. If you or anyone you know has seen a cougar within the past few months, it would be helpful if you would give them a call so they can document the activity. The wildlife biologist stressed they do not consider your phone call trivial and would appreciate our help in tracking cougars in this area. Your help is critical to pinpoint any potential problems that may be occurring for the residents of Port Orford. It is not advisable to take personal action upon sighting a cougar.

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It really doesn't matter who is President. They all end up sitting in the Oval Office, sticking pins in a Dan Rather doll.

I'd like to share some secrets here about something that touches us all. Unfortunately I don't know much about toilet paper.

Death and taxes may be inevitable but there is one good thing you can say about death - It doesn't get worse every time our legislators get together.

You've read about the school kids who can't even find the United States on a world map. A recent poll shows that the parents who raised those children have a related geographic disability - they can't find their children on an average evening.

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The Kalmiopsis Elementary third graders will visit and learn about the spawning of fall Chinook. If you have a group that would like to visit please call 332-7025. We will continue to spawn fish on Tuesdays. With each spawning there will be less big fish so if you would like to see them come up to the Hatchery this month.

Adult salmon move up our fish ladder just before and during storms. To date we have collected 56 males, 27 females and 171 jacks. The fish trap is run every morning at 8am, so come out to watch!

Many people are fishing from the bank and from boats in Elk River. Please remember to park your vehicles at the gravel parking lot so that other fishermen can enjoy the river too.

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"Star of Wonder"

The dynamic duo of Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel will travel from their home base in Seattle to help Coquille celebrate the holiday season. These musicians are on tour to promote their newest CD entitled "Star of Wonder." They will perform at the First Christian Church in Coquille on Saturday, December 9, at 7:30pm.

Tingstad's specialty is the guitar, while Rumbel switches with ease from oboe to English horn to ocarina. They will be accompanied by Ben Smith who plays pop-rock percussion, making for a delightful range of exotic sounds.

Their performance is sponsored by the Coquille Performing Arts Council, with support from the Oregon Arts Commission and local businesses. Tickets are \$7.50 and may be purchased at Off The Record in Coos Bay, The Country Merchant in Bandon, Bonney Drug in Coquille, and at the door. For more information, call 396-5131.



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Letter to the Editor,

I do not appreciate the "editor note" following my letter to the editor, published on Nov. 22nd, especially when the comments are factually incorrect! Let's try again, to get the "facts" straight.

You said, "At the last board meeting, it was explained that most other school districts have only their best, college bound, students take the SAT exams, while our district encourages a broader base of students to try the exam. This results in lower averages for our school."

In 1995, 53% of all graduating seniors in the State of Oregon took the SATs. About 45% of 2CJ seniors took the SATs. In every school district in every state, most students are encouraged to take the SATs whether or not they go on to college. In my last school district in California, 93 to 95% of the graduating seniors took the SATs. There were 18,000 students in that district.

Try to report the facts, not hearsay!!! Especially be careful quoting information that you are given by the 2CJ administration, which has routinely lied and distorted "facts."

Joyce King

Response by Valerie

Ms. King is correct in that my comments were based on information given by Mr. Wold. I have attempted to contact the Oregon Dept. of Education (503) 378-

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3569 to verify whether her figures are more accurate than Mr. Wold's. At press time I have been unable to obtain any information from them.

I did look on the Internet to see if I could find anything. While this isn't an exhaustive research and doesn't address Ms. King's specific concerns, I found the following information:

Is the SAT a fair test? One site claims it is not. That it has a gender gap with 1994 average scores for women=881 and men=926. That it has an ethnic gap with 1994 average scores for Asian American=951, Caucasian=938, Mexican American=799, Black=740, and all races=902. That it has an income gap with 1994 average scores for families earning under \$10,000/yr=766, \$10-20,000=812, \$20-30,000=856, \$30-60,000=929, \$60-70,000=948 and over \$70,000/yr=1000.

More facts. Although a perfect score is 1600, there aren't 1600 questions. There are 138 scored questions. The raw score is plugged into a formula to compute the final score. Starting with the April 1995 SAT, The College Board introduced a new scoring scale which should shift the average from the prior 902 to 1000. The last time the test had been "recentered" was in the 40's. Thus 1995 scores can't be directly compared with scores from prior years. The new test allows calculators and relies more on critical reading and thinking skills. Approximately 1.8

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million students take the test each year and many take it more than once. Another site reported that "SAT takers with coursework/experience in music performance scored 51 points higher on the verbal... and 39 points higher on the math". Music appreciation seems to add 61/46 points and 4 or more years of arts study gained 59/44 points.

U.P.S. Shipping Tips

In order to make sure your packages arrive by Christmas, you should be Now. With Christmas falling on Monday, you must ship early.

Make sure your package is completely, properly and legibly addressed. Cover address with tape so it won't smear in the rain. Pack your boxes with plenty of padding (newspaper, peanuts, etc.) so that nothing can break.

American Legion

There will be a pot luck dinner on Tuesday, December 19, 1995 at the American Legion Hall, 421 11th Street in Port Orford. The event begins at 6pm. All veterans and their families are invited to attend.