

# Port Orford Today!

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## Port Orford Scenes By Evan Kramer

Valerie and I took a trip up to the BLM Sixes River mining site panning for gold on Sunday. Valerie was thrilled when she found her first tiny speck in her pan! There is gold in them thar hills and the BLM site, some 13 miles up the Sixes River Road, is a few acres of public land set aside as a place where the public can try their luck. Don't have a pan? Check the new stock at the Sixes Store. You probably won't get rich (or even cover your expenses) but its a fun excuse to get out and get some exercise.

Upon returning to Port Orford we decided to stop in at the Crazy Norwegians. Little did we know what we were in store for as, at the end of the meal, Alan and Hanneke Cassel with help from Hege Bakken decided to play a few tunes. Alan sat down and played the piano while Hanneke and Hege played fiddles. Don't ask me the names of the songs they played. Just say I enjoyed it and regretted missing the Hanneke Cassel fiddle concert at the Star Theater in Port Orford in March.

## Works In Wood Continues

The current Rick Cook Gallery show entitled **With The Grain II, Works In Wood** continues through Memorial Day

and the Port Orford Volkswalk that weekend. Eight artists working in wood have their original works on display including gallery owner Cook.

Port Orford resident Jerry Stoope has four works on display. Stoope's medium is wood carving. Three of his pieces are of an elk, a hawk and a flower with an inlaid mirror in each sculpture. Stoope's piece de resistance is a carved and finely sanded and finished salmon.

Rick Cook's specialty is high quality individually crafted one of a kind wood furniture. For this show he has on display a storage cabinet made from Port Orford Cedar and a chair made from ash.

One of the most impressive examples of wood carving is the sculpture by Donna Goss entitled **Owlseed** which was carved from Port Orford Cedar. Another piece that caught my attention and beckoned to be touched (a no-no) was a turned **Binary Teapot** by Hugh McKay.

Local artist Keith Wenner has contributed a group of turned myrtlewood bowls. Other bowls were contributed by Brandt Weaver working with maple and Alan Hanley working with mahogany. Harvey Shinerock has a distinctive redwood bowl on display.

Gary Miick has two wood sculptures

hanging on the walls including one entitled **Shaman Transformation**. The other sculpture which caught my attention goes by the name of "Elvis on Drugs, or My Helping Spirit". The Cook gallery is open seven days a week and features many other works of art in the main room.

## Red-Necked Phalaropes Found Dead

A phenomenon has been occurring in Port Orford. For some reason, which no one yet knows, large amounts of red-necked phalaropes have been dropping from the sky dead. One resident said he saw 20 drop all at the same time. 30-40 were reportedly picked up at Battle Rock Park.

The red-necked phalarope is a shorebird of smallish size with a long (about 1.5") sharp beak, a white breast, and a reddish brown band around the neck. It's quite a pretty bird and they have been seen flying around Port Orford in large numbers. On Monday morning I saw a group of them feeding in a mud puddle located in the gravel road leading down to Battle Rock Park.

According to the National Geographic Society Field Guide to the Birds of North America the red-necked phalarope breeds on "arctic and subarctic tundra" and

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### Port Orford Tide Report

Courtesy of the Port Of Gold Beach

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu May 2	11:38PM 7.8	5:57am 0.0	12:06pm 6.3	5:49pm 2.0
Fri May 3	NONE —	6:39am -0.5	12:54pm 6.4	6:27pm 2.2
Sat May 4	12:14am 8.1	7:21am -0.9	1:40pm 6.4	7:09pm 2.4
Sun May 5	12:53am 8.2	8:07am -1.0	2:31pm 6.4	7:55pm 2.6
Mon May 6	1:35am 8.1	8:53am -1.1	3:24pm 6.3	8:45pm 2.8
Tue May 7	2:25am 7.9	9:44am -0.9	4:20pm 6.3	9:43pm 3.0
Wed May 8	3:18am 7.5	10:39am -0.6	5:22pm 6.3	10:51pm 3.0
Thu May 9	4:20am 7.0	11:37am -0.2	6:24pm 6.5	NONE —

### Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford  
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Sat Apr. 20	54	48	.35
Sun Apr. 21	55	47	.59
Mon Apr. 22	60	49	.75
Tue Apr. 23	57	49	1.70
Wed Apr. 24	59	45	.01
Thu Apr. 25	58	44	.34
Fri Apr. 26	57	40	—

#### Letter To The Editor,

I've known Dave Wilken since 1971, shortly after he first moved to Curry County and began his lifetime of community service. Back then he was working in child protective and foster care. Then, as now, Dave Wilken was a thoughtful, caring person, like his opponent in the county commissioner #3 primary is said to be. Since then, however, it appears that he has become more experienced in certain areas, which makes Dave Wilken the better choice on May 21, in my opinion. We are fortunate to have a person willing to put his substantial, relevant experience and proven leadership to work for us. He has a record to run on and a reputation of telling it as he sees it. His whole working life has been, and still is, devoted to building the community and serving, unpaid, in local government.

Dave Wilken has already served twelve years as an elected policy maker, protecting the powerless and the taxpayer, and

acquiring and honing the skills a local, state, or even national official needs. County commissioner is no place for on-the-job training, and David Wilken won't need it. And he's still a nice guy. He is one candidate honestly and openly addressing the real issues. He also seems to be one who's done his homework. We need to nominate Dave Wilken this May and then elect Dave Wilken this November. Experience counts.

Dave Green

#### Letter To The Editor,

What is faster than a speeding bullet, leaps tall buildings in a single bound, and truly devastating?

What mutates faster than the Ebola virus, and is as proficient at destroying the internal organ, the heart? What can also destroy a spirit quickly and efficiently?

It's a silent but deadly force around small towns like ours. Sure, sounds a little

science-fiction like, doesn't it? Kind of comical, in a way. But it's real.

It's GOSSIP. It does all the above and more. The subject matter doesn't even have to be accurate. All it needs is a little fuel, and it spreads like wildfire.

I would think that we ought to have more to do in our lives than to have to point fingers at others, and come up with entire scenarios to give us meaning, and feeling of importance.

Gossip, even under the guise of "concern" or "care" is, in my opinion, extremely harmful. Not only does it hurt the subject of the gossip, but it ruins the credibility of the gossip-ers.

Please think about just what it is you're doing before you point your next finger, it's a dangerous weapon.

L. Richard

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**Senior News  
By Mary Yoder**

Can you believe today is May 2 -? Here are the birthday people: Don Domes 3, Casey Tooley 10, Lucille Leitch 16, Arthur Shoemaker 17, David Kyle 19, Evelyn Oscarson 21, B.J. Heinauer 29, Audrey Burtnes, Don Young 30. Sunday May 5 is the birthday party at 2pm. You all come and help celebrate their birthdays - ice cream and cake - OK?

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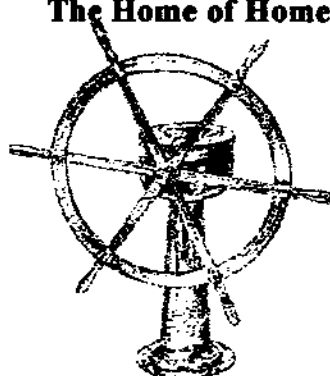
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Did you know the trip to see the whale was postponed on account of bad weather/ It will be May 7. Meet here at the center at 7:30am return about 5:30pm. The weather will be nice - I promise.

The luncheon May 27 was really great - Mexican food. Also the rummage sale did real well. Saturday night the dance. The band is called Memphis - three pieces violin, guitar and drums. One young man

did the singing - really neat. The pieces they played were enjoyed by all. If you couldn't make it Saturday night they will also be playing for the next dance May 25. Even if you don't dance come and listen for your self - bet you'll like it.

May 6 at 7pm is pinochle - at the center. A good time is always had by all.

Wednesday May 8 is board meeting at 1pm. It's time to get your vote in for the new officers.

Nearly forgot - no breakfast May 12 - Mothers Day.

The volunteers who worked April 25 and those who worked May 27 luncheon and the dance volunteers on the same night you all did a wonderful job. What would the center do without you?

**National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 2, is a national day of prayer in America. In honor of this there will be a prayer ceremony at Port Orford City Hall that day at noon. All denominations are welcome.

Always remember to look out for number one. Don't step in number two either.

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### Letter To The Editor,

A while back we required ambulance service and help from the sheriff's department.

The speed with which they reacted was beyond expectations in an area as remote as Sixes. They conducted their work in a very professional manner while still showing consideration, care and understanding for the problem at hand.

Thanks to ambulance crew and the sheriff's department, especially Mark Creighton, Ted Longton and Randy Woodruff for their help.

It is comforting to live in an area where the public servants have this wonderful attitude.

Bob DeWeise

"You can tell alot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."

— Ronald Reagan

### Democratic Women's Lunch

Democratic Women in Curry County are meeting at noon for a no-host luncheon at Best Western Inn located on Highway 101 in North Brookings on Saturday, May 4.

The speakers will be the four Democratic candidates for the state legislature; incumbent Brenda Brecke of Coos Bay and her opponent Doug Inman, and for state representative Steve Beyerlin of Gold Beach and Martha Weaver-Britell of Port Orford.

Democratic women and their guest are invited to attend. For more information phone 469-4215 or 247-0317.

### School Moves

The transition team which is composed of teachers and parents representing the Driftwood and Blanco site councils will host an open meeting on Thursday May 2, at 7pm at Blanco Middle School. The meeting will focus on a proposal to switch the elementary grades to the main (white) building and the Middle School grades to the (red) brick building. Data concerning the move will be available prior to the meeting at both Driftwood and Blanco.

The transition team will consider all input prior to making a recommendation to the Blanco Site Council which in turn will submit their recommendation to the School Board at the May meeting.

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## Bonsai Society To Meet

The May meeting of the Far West Bonsai Society will be held on Monday, May 6, in the recreation room of the Port Orford Trailer Village on Port Orford Loop Road. The meeting will be held from 7:00 - 9:00pm. The topic of demonstration and discussion will be various means of plant propagation during the coming spring and summer months.

A video will be shown on the care and culture of the Japanese 5-Needle White Pine. Some seedlings will be available at the meeting. Members of the local community are invited to attend.

For further information, please call DeBoyd Smith at 332-7633 or Al Affonso at 332-1041.

**Internet Sites  
provided by Wayne Hope**

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## SWOCC CPR Class

A CPR class will be held Saturday, May 4, from 8:00am to 6:00pm, at the Port Orford City Hall. The cost is \$15.00. Instructors Donna Lindberg and Lynda Foster will teach skills and background of application of CPR in cardiac arrests, clearing an airway obstruction of a choking victim and recognizing the aforesaid situation. Receive an American Heart Association certification or renew your current certificate at this all day class. These up-to-date techniques cover babies, children and adults, so you will be able to help when the need arises.

For information and pre-registration call Southwestern Community College at 332-5810 on Fridays, 332-1325 (messages), or 247-2741.

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[www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) - locate any address in the US with a stick pin on a map. Even gave a good Gold Beach map.

Wayne also reports that he likes the new Email program, "BeyondMail."

"If all the rich people in the world divided up their money amongst themselves there wouldn't be enough to go around."

- Christina Stead

"A myth is a religion in which no one any longer believes."

- James Feibleman

"The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it."

- Dudley Moore

"Things are only impossible until they're not."

-- Jean-Luc Picard

"An effective way to deal with predators is to taste terrible."

"Any sufficiently advanced bureaucracy is indistinguishable from molasses."

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Curry County Public Health gave 91 children 180 immunizations during the Immunize '96 campaign week which ran from April 21-27. Winners of the Elliot the Elephant coloring contest were: MacKenna Marstall, Matthew Anderson, and Ashley Duey from Gold Beach; Kalyn Crowe, Krista Watterson, and Owen Fairchild from Brookings; and Jesse Davon, Chris Bowman and Jeffrey Greene from Port Orford. All our participants were winners! Winners of the tike-bikes for 2 years and under were: Ashley Randall from Gold Beach; Karlie Gonzalez and Jacob Russell from Brookings; and Kristen Myhre from Port Orford. Curry County Public Health would like to thank the Rotarians for all their hard work. Organizers were Don Brent representing Brookings; and Norma Anderson representing Port Orford. Rotary was responsible for organizing vol-

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unteers to participate in clinics; responsible for poster/flier distribution; prize donations and more! We would like to thank the Curry County Reporter, Curry Coastal Pilot, Port Orford Press, and Port Orford Today, KGBR Radio, and Kury Radio for all their publicity. We would like to thank McDonalds for their donations and publicity. Handmade baby/child quilts were donated by Quilts for Comfort by Ellie Vaughn. We wish to thank the entire community - parents and children of all ages for helping to make this campaign a success and keeping our children healthy.

**"SACKS" 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

You are invited to the next Langlois-Port Orford Christian Women's Club Ladies Night Out on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:30pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center. The theme this month is "SACKS" 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The special feature is "Uptown Fashions" and is a presentation of original fashions by local ladies. The music is entitled "Uptown Music" and will be performed by Tekla Wilson of Myrtle Point.

The speaker this month is Lois Brown from Woodburn. Her talk is entitled "Lifestyle Reflections". She is having the "time" of her life as a worldwide traveler.

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**THE NORTH CURRY FAMILIES' AND CHILDREN'S CENTER**



**MAY 1996**



**NORTH CURRY**  
**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**The North Curry Families' and Children's Center**

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**North Annex located at 1403 Oregon, Port Orford  
call 332-9191**

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### **May Highlights**

**May 3 - No school at Driftwood and Blanco**

**May 9 - RDI Meeting - Senior Center at 6:30pm**

**May 22 - Spring Sing - Elementary, Middle School Student Concert at Pacific High, 7pm**

**May 23 - NCFCC public board meeting - 6pm at the Port Orford Council Chambers**

**May 24 & 25 - Get ready, Get reading for Summer - Driftwood Elementary School**

**Friday 2-7pm & Saturday 10-1pm**

**May 25 - VolksWalk 1996 - Walk or swim for fitness. Call the Arts or Chamber Council.**

**May 31 - High School Graduation - Pacific High School- 8pm**

**New! Every 1st Wednesday - Diabetic Support Group - 7-9pm at the North Annex**

# North Curry Activities

- a service of North Curry Family

Sun. May 1, 1996	Mon. May 2, 1996	Tue. May 3, 1996	Wed. May 4, 1996
			9:00a North Annex 10:00a COMMON G 1:00p Langlois 4:00p Story Hr 7:00p Diabetic Group @ N Annex 7:00p Langlois Church Club ea 7:30p Langlois
6:30p Royal Rangers Every Sunday at Christian Center, Info: Gary Doran 332-6161	9:30a TOPSEN Annex 7:00p PO Fire @ Fire Hall 7:30p Langlois Water Board	9:00a Annex Health/Vets 10:30a Friends of PO Lib 12:00p AA @ North Annex 6:30p Lion's Club @ Truculent Oyster 7:00p Lang Fire Drill 7:00p PO Planning Comm 7:15p Langlois Lib Bd	9:00a N Annex- 9:30a Mammogr call for appt. 10:00a Annex-Me 10:00a COMMON G 1:00p Senior C 4:00p Story Hr 7:00p PO Libra
Sun. May 13, 1996	Mon. May 14, 1996	Tue. May 15, 1996	Wed. May 16, 1996
MOTHER'S DAY	9:30a TOPSEN Annex 12:00p Chamber Board Meeting @ Paradise Cafe 7:00p Lang Fire Bd 7:00p PO Comm Children's Ctr Public Meet 7:00p PO Fire @ Fire Hall 7:00p PO City Council Meeting	9:00a Annex Health/Vets 12:00p AA @ North Annex 7:00p Lang Fire Drill 8:00p 2CJ School Board	10:00a Annex-Me 10:00a COMMON G 1:00p Langlois @ Comm. Church 4:00p Story Hr 6:00p 4th of J Jubilee meetin 7:00p PO Water 7:30p Langlois
Sun. May 19, 1996	Mon. May 20, 1996	Tue. May 21, 1996	Wed. May 22, 1996
	9:30a Food Stamps @ Annex 9:30a TOPSEN Annex 7:00p PO Fire @ Fire Hall	9:00a Annex Health/Vets 9:00a Annex-Employ Dept 12:00p AA @ North Annex 6:30p Lion's Club @ Truculent Oyster 7:00p American Legion 7:00p Audubon Board Meet 7:00p Lang Fire Drill	9:00a Annex-C 10:00a Annex-Me 10:00a COMMON G 11:00a Senior C 4:00p Story Hr 7:00p Port Orf Ambulance @ Mo 7:00p SPRING S 1st - 8th @ PH
Sun. May 26, 1996	Mon. May 27, 1996	Tue. May 28, 1996	Wed. May 29, 1996
9:00a VOLKSWALK 2:00p Roaring Sea Arts Studio-Gallery Open House	MEMORIAL DAY 9:00a VOLKSWALK	9:00a Annex Health/Vets 12:00p AA @ North Annex 7:00p Lang Fire Drill 7:00p PO Parks @ City Hall	10:00a Annex-Me 10:00a COMMON G 4:00p Story Hr



# Calendar - May 1996

Families' and Children's Center-

1, 1996	Thu. May 2, 1996	Fri. May 3, 1996	Sat. May 4, 1996
Annex / WIC GOOD Food Bank Hr-Lang Lib ic Support Annex is Comm. each Wed. is Lions	9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo	8:00a NO SCHOOL Driftwood and Blanco 6:00p Langlois Sr. Potluck @ Firehall call 348-2227 7:00p PO Arts Council Meeting @ Sr Ctr	3:00p Lang Lib Rec Prog (Preschool-8)
8, 1996	Thu. May 9, 1996	Fri. May 10, 1996	Sat. May 11, 1996
ex-probation ogram @ CFMC st. Mental Hlth GOOD Ctr Board Hr-Lang Lib rary Board	9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 3:00p Lang Lib Teen Gp. 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo 6:30p RDI @ Senior Ctr 7:00p Blanco Boosters	12:00p Bereavement Gp @ Zion Luth Ch	11:30a PO Sr Ctr Luncheon 3:00p Lang Lib Rec Prog (Preschool-8)
15, 1996	Thu. May 16, 1996	Fri. May 17, 1996	Sat. May 18, 1996
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22, 1996	Thu. May 23, 1996	Fri. May 24, 1996	Sat. May 25, 1996
-Corrections Mental Hlth GOOD Ctr Members Hr-Lang Lib rford Mortuary SING Grades PHS	9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 3:00p Lang Lib Teen Gp. 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo 6:00p NCFCC Public Meet 7:30p Sixes Grange Meet	12:00p Bereavement Gp. @ Zion Luth Ch. 2:00p Get Ready Get Reading for Summer BOOFAIR TILL 7PM @ Driftwood Elem. 7:00p 4th FRIDAYS will be on 4th SATURDAYS	9:00a VOLKSWALK 10:00a BOOKFAIR TILL 1PM @ Driftwood Elem. 11:30a PO Senior Ctr Luncheon 3:00p Lang Lib Rec Prog 7:30p 4th SATURDAY @ PO Community BLDG. Storyteller Will Hornyak
29, 1996	Thu. May 30, 1996	Fri. May 31, 1996	
Mental Hlth GOOD Hr-Lang Lib	9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo	8:00p PHS GRADUATION	

# NORTH CURRY FAMILIES' AND CHILDREN'S CENTER



**YOUTH CENTER** The new Youth center for North Curry will be happening in the A-Frame in Buffington Park. A Youth Center Facilitator will be hired in May to run the center and plan activities. YOU can impact the lives of the area's youth by being involved with the youth center committee. Call Maureen Wayne or Tere Tronson at 332-1042 for more information.

**Get Ready, get reading for summer!** Don't miss the buy one get one free Scholastic Book Fair at Driftwood School on May 24 & 25. On Friday the festivities start off at 2pm with the story teller from the Langlois Library. The Book Fair will run from about 3pm until 7pm. Also on Saturday the Fair will be held from 10-1pm. There will be fun activities for children and information on summer programs for area youth in the cafeteria.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

The state of Oregon DHR Volunteer program is looking for individuals who could volunteer for a wide variety of community projects. **The life you enrich may be your own.** For more information call Aldene McCaw at -1 (800)755-6275.

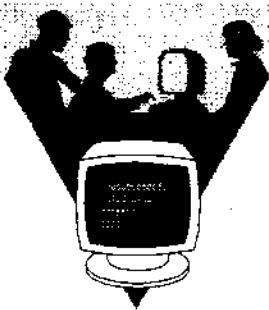
**CHILD CARE LINK:** Have you ever considered being a child care provider? Call Brenda Sims 332-8044 at the North Annex for information on training, resources and more! Parents can also call for child care referrals. We can provide you with information on workshops and scholarships and much more!

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## **A N N E X                      N E W S**



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**County and State services available locally** - The North Annex houses a variety of services including: The Health Department-Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30-4:30, Senior & Disabled Services- second Tuesday of the month, Veteran's Representative here every Tuesday, Mental Health - Wednesday, Thursday, A.A. meets every Tuesday from 12-1pm, AFS for Food Stamps on May 20, Employment on the third Tuesday of the month.

**IF YOU HAVE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE LISTED IN THIS CALENDAR, PLEASE CALL MAUREEN AT 332-1042. THE JUNE CALENDAR DEADLINE IS MAY 24.**



# Re-Elect Terry Hanscam

Democratic Candidate

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### Computer Tidbits by Valerie Jean Kramer

If you've been waiting for "Windows '96" you're out of luck. The April 22 issue of *Inforworld* reported Chairman and CEO of Microsoft, Bill Gates, as saying that the next major versions of Windows 95 and NT will be released together about the end of 1997 or early in 1998. Given the usual delays, it looks like there could be a couple of years before there will be any major changes to Windows 95.

I've been using Windows 95 on all our machines since it was released last August and I like it a lot! The first time installation usually is easy. Special actions may be necessary if your system already has problems such as incorrect configuration files, interrupt conflicts, or unsupported hardware devices. Once past these hurdles, however, Windows 95 is much more stable and powerful than Windows 3.1. Recommended!

Also receiving rave reviews is the new game, "Zork Nemesis." The CD-ROM contains one version that requires Windows 95 and a second (inferior) version which just runs under DOS. The graphics are reported to be stunning and the game is highly addictive.

@Harborside has been working hard this week. On Monday they moved into their new digs closer to the center of Brookings. Being closer to the phone company's switch should make for better signals. On Tuesday, they began the Port Orford upgrade. At press time the project isn't complete. All twenty modems are sitting on their shelves but only the first 10 can connect to @Harborside. The high-speed line is also still waiting on the phone company. Hopefully all will be operational before you read this. @Harborside customers will soon receive a mailing from them with lots of important news.

I just put a new Omega ZIP drive in my computer. It's like a big floppy disk that

holds 100Mb per diskette. Portable versions are available that plug into a parallel port. I like it a lot. I'm planning to do a massive house-cleaning and sell off lots of used floppy disks. Any takers? Just got the following system prices at press time:

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**It's A Scorcher!**  
 By Valerie Kramer

I used to do volunteer work with the Los Angeles Animal Control unit. The department was often called when someone discovered a pet that had been left in a hot car. It only takes minutes to kill a dog or cat that way so time is very much of the essence. Our instructor told us of one such call he went on. . .

Upon arriving at a fancy Cadillac, he discovered that it contained a pet which was panting and very clearly in immediate need of help. He broke in through the front windshield at the same time his partner broke in through the rear one. You'll be happy to hear that they saved the animal. He said the owner would have been a lot less angry if the car had actually been locked. We were cautioned to always check the doors and to try to minimize the damage to the vehicle. Nonetheless, we all felt the care-

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less pet owner got just what he deserved!

This past Monday, I measured the temperature in my own car with a Radio Shack indoor/outdoor electronic thermometer. With its "outdoor" probe on my car's dash it registered a whopping 120 degrees before informing me that the temperature was off the scale! It wasn't even particularly warm outdoors.

In addition to being kind to your pets (and children!) I'd like to remind you to be kind to tapes that you rent from The Downtown Fun Zone (or anywhere else, for that matter.) Please do not leave them on your dashboard, or anywhere else where they may warp. Thank you.

**Letter to the Editor:**

Although I am not your usual "Letter to the Editor" type, I feel somewhat compelled to express my concern about the proposed increase to the Curry County tax base. This issue, as with any other money related matter (local, state or federal), has produced in essence the Great Divide with much rhetoric flowing in between.

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It appears to be the situation of the cart before the horse in that the voting constituency has not been informed on justification for the increase with all its nuances before being asked to vote. Investments are not made on blind faith and taxes in a sense are investments in one's government. For instance. What are the absolute necessities? Have expenditures been reviewed with any eye toward the lean? Is it possible that a lesser levy might be adequate?

As we all know, once voted in, a tax is seldom if ever revoked. The trend becomes one of onward and upward. The voters want accountability for their tax dollars. Meeting that challenge is the responsibility of those we elect to public office. Until one knows the facts and feels comfortable with the answers, albeit perhaps not liking them, my suggestion is a no vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Carole A. Lustig

If things get any worse, I'll have to ask you to stop helping me.

*(The above was given to me as humor but it sounds like a message to incumbents!)*

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