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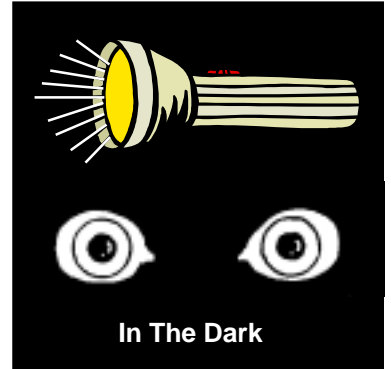
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New Council Members

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council held their first meeting of 1999 on Monday night. Mayor Gary Doran began by acknowledging outgoing council members Carl Eskelson and Tim Sparks and giving them both a plaque of appreciation. Eskelson thanked the people for backing him up. He provided a good laugh when he reminded those at the meeting his name was not only on this new plaque but on the council plaque at the sewer plant. Tim Sparks thanked everyone and said he had lived in Port Orford since 1958 and this is a good town.

City clerk Doreen Rangel administered the oath of office to new council members Jane Cramer and Nathaniel Wander as well as reelected members Norm Leeling and Robert Warring. Welcome aboard.

Public works director Jerry McNurlin added to his written report with remarks saying a new survey map had been done of Tichenor Cemetery Road. He said the road is within the property boundaries. He talked about the vandalism of the men's bathroom at Battle Rock Park where an interior wall was kicked in. Councilor Warring recommended keeping the bath-

rooms open when the visitor center is open and close them when the center closes. No decision was reached but it will be brought up again at the council workshop.

The fire department reported one house fire in December.

Police Chief Bill Rush's report for December indicated 40 calls for service, 14 traffic citations and 12 new cases including 8 misdemeanors and 4 others. He is advertising for the police officer position and says someone should be hired for the position by March 1. Councilor Warring said he had noticed an increase in commercial speeders and that we need a program to slow them down. Chief Rush told the council that when he is at work they (commercial drivers) know he is on duty. He said they contact each other with CB radios.

George Armstrong, who lives on Arizona Street, spoke to the council about a problem with the culvert that drains part of his property and goes under Arizona Street. He says the culvert needs replacement and is causing flooding on his property. Jerry McNurlin said the culvert is located fifteen feet under the street. He said it fills up regularly because of the sag or "belly" in the middle and the only option for the city is dig it up and replace it, which will be expensive. Councilor Wander noted

the wetlands had been wrecked with a bulldozer. Armstrong replied they wouldn't be wetlands if they could be dried up. Councilor Warring asked whose responsibility it was to replace the 140-foot long culvert. He recommended referring the matter to city attorney Randal Tosh to determine responsibility.

Fred Bitgood, representing the Rotary Club, spoke about the propeller at the Wayfinder Site. He said where it is located now doesn't show it off well and the club wants to move it. He said the Rotary Club would supply the labor and a logging company would move it for free other than getting a receipt they can use for tax purposes. The Rotary will pay for the cement slab at the new location near the outdoor shower. Councilor Warring asked for a guarantee that the Rotary Club would be responsible for any damage to the Wayfinder Site during the move. Councilor Cramer asked if the logging company had an insurance policy covering any potential damage. Councilor Jim Campbell made a motion approving the Rotary Club move the propeller as long as the City and or the logging company are insured in case of damage. The motion passed 6-0.

Jack Pruitt spoke about the skateboard park at Buffington Park. He talked about

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Date	Sun						Moon						
	Midnight to Noon			Noon to Midnight			Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Phase		
Thu Jan 14	3:01a	3.9	9:07a	7.7	4:19p	0.2	11:00p	5.9	7:44a	5:09p	5:37a	3:08p	
Fri Jan 15	3:47a	3.9	9:46a	7.9	4:55p	-0.2	11:37p	6.2	7:43a	5:10p	6:28a	3:54p	
Sat Jan 16	4:29a	3.8	10:25a	8.1	5:31p	-0.5			7:43a	5:11p	7:15a	4:50p	
Sun Jan 17	12:12a	6.4	5:11a	3.7	11:03a	8.2	6:06p	-0.7	7:42a	5:12p	7:59a	5:47p	NM
Mon Jan 18	12:47a	6.6	5:52a	3.5	11:42a	8.2	6:41p	-0.7	7:42a	5:13p	8:39a	6:47p	
Tue Jan 19	1:22a	6.8	6:35a	3.4	12:23p	8.1	7:18p	-0.6	7:41a	5:15p	9:16a	7:50p	
Wed Jan 20	1:58a	7.0	7:20a	3.2	1:07p	7.8	7:55p	-0.3	7:41a	5:16p	9:50a	8:54p	
Thu Jan 21	2:36a	7.2	8:11a	3.0	1:55p	7.4	8:35p	0.1	7:40a	5:17p	10:22a	9:59p	

Child Care Needs

The Port Orford Community Children's Center and North Curry Families' and Children's Center (NCFCC) and partners will meet on Tuesday, January 19 from 10:00am to noon to discuss childcare needs, and concerns for North Curry. The meeting will be held at the Port Orford Senior Center. Representatives from Adult and Family Services, Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos/Curry Resource and Referral, South Coast Business Employment Corp., 2CJ School, The Commission on Children and Families, and local citizens and folks from the Oregon Development Department including State Director Verlina Crossley will come together to discuss the issues of child care for our area. Of particular urgency is working to stabilize funding for the Port Orford Community Children's Center and to help build the board that governs the organization.

"Safe, nurturing child care is critical for our families. POCCC is the only registered childcare center operating in North Curry. It is essential that the community come together to allow for the continued success for the center and to insure that it will be able to serve our families and children," states NCFCC Director Tere Tronson.

NCFCC Board Chair Larry Blount will be chairing the meeting to explore ways to retain these essential services. All interested community members are encouraged to attend. Our children are our future and affordable, safe and nurturing childcare benefits the entire community. Call NCFCC for more information at 332-9191.

First Aid and CPR Class

Southwestern Oregon Community College will offer a Medic Standard First Aid and CPR Class on Saturday, January 23.

The class is from 9:00am-5:00pm at the Port Orford City Hall.

Students will learn first aid and the skill necessary for the immediate and temporary care of the sick and/or injured until qualified medical help arrives. Adult CPR is included. Fishermen, guides, first responders and others may find that this one-day course meets their First Aid/CPR requirements. The course is Coast Guard approved.

The fee is \$20.00 and pre-registration is required. The class has been filled the several terms, so sign up soon. The next class will be in Gold Beach on Saturday, February 20.

There may be additional classes scheduled if there is sufficient interest-such as Pediatric CPR, evening class. Call and let us know.

Call Southwestern for more information or to register in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or Port Orford (Fridays) 332-3023.

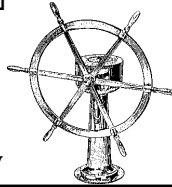
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The assets are grouped into eight categories: support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and positive identity. Research shows that the 40 developmental assets help young people make wise decisions, choose positive paths, and grow up competent, caring and responsible.

Southwestern Oregon Community College is offering a free workshop on the 40 Developmental Assets. This timely, informative session will be presented by Marv Hinz. Mr. Hinz has a Masters Degree in social anthropology and an extensive background in working with social service providers.

This workshop is presented in each of the three communities in Curry County. The Port Orford class is on Wednesday, January 20, from 6:30-9:30pm at Port Orford City Hall. The Gold Beach date is Monday, January 25, from 1:00-4:00pm at the Southwestern campus in Gold Beach. The Brookings class will meet on Thursday, January 28 from 2:00-5:00pm at the

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The workshop is presented in co-operation with Curry Commission on Children and Families Education Committee, NCFCC, Central Curry Together and Healthy Options for Positive Environments (HOPE).

Pre-registration is appreciated. Call Southwestern for more information or to register in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or Port Orford on Fridays at 332-3023.

English as a Second Language

SWOCC is offering English as a Second Language class in Port Orford. The class is held Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm at the Port Orford Catholic Church, starting January 13. The class is open to anyone wanting to improve their English. There is no cost for this class. To register or for more information call Southwestern at 247-2741 or 332-3023 (Fridays).

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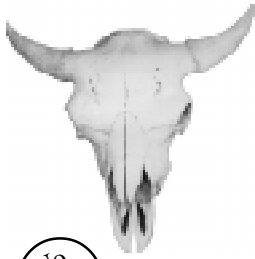
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Letter to the Editor,

The decision by Aeronautics Section of O.D.O.T. to stop the races at the Cape Blanco State Airport was based on the facts that there is damage evident from the air and reported by pilots, photographs taken on the ground, and the fact the permission to race was to be renewed each year. The races were cancelled two years ago because of deterioration evident then, but Aeronautics relented after pressure from non-aviation people.

Please be advised that there are seventeen acres of blacktop on the 5,100 x 150 foot runway. To the causal observer making a hasty pass down the runway the damage may not be evident. Come walking with us and we will show you. One chuck hole that would blow a tire or flip a plane is unacceptable for aviation operations. We have been seriously monitoring the accelerated deterioration since the 1995 sports car rally. Each year there has been a significant increase in damage to the surface. Now there are measurable ruts down to the aggregate base material since the last race.

The Cape Blanco State Airport Association, of which we are members, was formed with the goal of preserving the 55 year old runway as an airport and to support meaningful development that will bring year round economic benefit to the area.

In fact, this airport has the only runway between Coos Bay and Crescent City that could qualify for an instrument approach system.

There are two or three different parties preparing to build on the only suitable building area where the tires are currently stored. The stored tires, which have been ordered to be removed from the airfield, and damage to the runway and taxiways are detrimental to private or business development and aviation in general.

H. Clayton Lyons, U.S.A.F. Ret'd.
Priscilla F. Harris

Port Orford Police Log

December 4, 1:15pm: persons running stop sign at Wyoming and Hamlet. Situation is being monitored.

December 4, 3:22pm: complaint of loud music and drums coming from Madrona. Handled by contact.

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December 7, 10:00am: report of unauthorized use of vehicle and non-return of monies loaned. Under investigation.

December 7, 10:30am: ambulance obtained for evaluation of injured person in at City Hall. Evaluated and released upon persons refusal of assistance.

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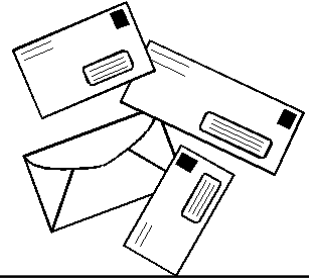
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VISTA Health Links
By Evan Kramer

Curry County has a VISTA Volunteer and I got a chance to meet him last week. Treb Becher is a VISTA volunteer who is spending a year in Curry County working with the County Health Department. VISTA stands for volunteers in service to America. The program was begun in 1965 during the presidency of Lyndon Johnson.

Treb is working in the VISTA Health Links Project. This is a national program started to create solutions to problems of people in poverty areas. The main goal is to improve the health of mothers and children throughout the county through preventative health programs. Another goal is to make low income people more aware of health care issues. Some of the other VISTA programs include literacy projects and the well-known Habitat for Humanity.

The countywide project Becher is involved in will promote the use of preventative health services. Some of the health problems that have been identified in Oregon include this state ranks 48th of 50 states in their immunization up to date rate for children aged 19 to 35 months, 26% of Curry County pregnant mothers did not receive first trimester care, and one out of four new mothers in Curry

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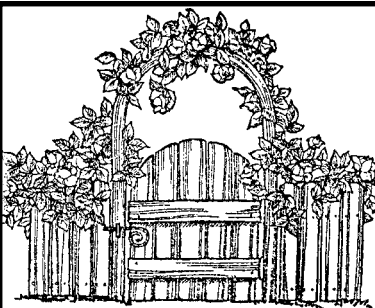
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Vista Health Links Continued from prior page

County used tobacco during pregnancy in 1996. He also spoke about the problems that occur because of poor dietary practices.

Treb's VISTA tenure in Curry County is one year and he will work here until August 1999. He plans on returning to medical school after he leaves the VISTA program. His goal while in Curry County is to get things started that will continue after he leaves. He wants to head back east leaving the area with some ongoing solutions to health problems.



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Gun Club News By Bill Oleson

Last Sunday's shoot was held in bright sunshine with no wind. The scores reflected the day's climate.

The sixteen-yard event was won and tied by Corky Breuer, Brookings, and Scott Wurster, Port Orford with scores of 50/50. After two consecutive twenty five-target shoot offs, they remained tied and split the purse. Left out of the above, but with runner up scores of 45/50 were Bill Kemper, Coos Bay, and Bill Oleson, Port Orford. Also shooting very well was Jim Bussman with a 45/50 score. Greatest of all in the handicap event was Rudi Breuer (Breuer Construction), Port Orford with a 45/50. Tied for runner up were Bill Kemper, Coos Bay, Herb Hooker, Gold Beach, John Krueger, Myrtle Point and Bill Oleson. George Miller won the Custer.

All of us belong to at least five gun clubs ranging from Del Norte County in California to Coos County. It is a matter of pride to all of the clubs when our members score well in Pacific International Trap Club Meets. Port Orford residents were represented in the recent PITA meet in Medford. Robert McKenzie was high over all in the B category as well as winning trophies in two handicap events. Scott MacDonald won a 16-yard event with a 98/100 and Jim Bussman also won a 16-yard event. Bussman was also first runner up in the major doubles with a



score of 94/100. Others attending were Jim Harrison and Ron Puhl. Puhl, Bussman, McKenzie and Harrison have only been shooting over one year. They provide incentive for all of us.

SWOCC

SWOCC Winter Term started Jan. 4th. All Port Orford classes are still accepting enrolments. A variety of classes are offered from Woodworking to Painting, Physical activity offerings include Tai Chi, Yoga and Aerobics. An Intermediate Sign Language is offered for those with previous signing experience or class work. The first of a two term EMT class. Pre-registration is encouraged for all classes and required on the EMT Class. Call Southwestern Oregon Community College at 247-2741, or 332-3023 (Fridays only) for information. Half price tuition for students 62 and older.

Watershed Council Meeting

The Port Orford Watershed Council will meet Wednesday, January 20, 1999. Due to a scheduling conflict, the council will meet at 663 14th Street, Port Orford, for the month of January only. The public is invited to attend.

Letter to the Editor,

Cape Blanco Airport Association, registered with the State of Oregon as a non-profit organization, is devoted to the preservation and viable development of Cape Blanco State Airport as an aviation facility. I am concerned for the continuing viability of this facility. Built to exacting specification and pride of workmanship during World War II, the airport runway and taxiway surfaces have withstood the ravages of time with little or no maintenance. The touch down zones were built to withstand the weight of landing aircraft, the roll out areas of the center third of the runway do not have as great a depth of asphalt or underlying base layers. This area, used for auto racing, shows the greatest deterioration, even to the casual observer.

Since 1995, aviation enthusiasts have monitored the runway surface. The pavement is brittle and has lost the volatile components that give asphalt some flexibility and cohesion. An engineering report in October 1997 from a licensed Oregon Civil Engineer documented the condition of the runway and warned of the accelerating deterioration. An inspection made in September 1998, for the first time, indicated total loss of asphalt and exposed base layer on the main runway. This is serious, which if left unattended will continue to enlarge and become distinct potholes. These areas of base layer exposure are located within the auto-racing course. Even the untrained eye can see the distinct difference between the areas of the runway used for auto racing and those used by landing aircraft.

Beverly J. Walters

Letter to the Editor,

For the past two years, the Chamber and Team Continental have paid \$1000/year for use of the Cape Blanco State Airport for six days, closing the airport to aviation. This fee does little more than pay for administrative costs; there is no reserve

for maintenance and repair. Pilots and aircraft owners pay annual registration for aircraft and pilot privileges, as well as fuel taxes on all aviation fuel purchased. In addition, leaseholders at Cape Blanco State Airport pay lease fees to State Aeronautics and county property taxes on the assessed value of the leased ground and improvements.

The chamber indicates they have performed substantial maintenance work at the airport. These improvements, only benefits the use of the facility for auto racing. An access road to the southeast end with accompanying brush removal does little for aviation, it is access for the motor homes camping on the runway during the races. The road partially blocked the remainder of the year allows entrance to the most frequently used approach end of the runway. Brush removal for storage of about 3,000 tires does little to improve the airport for aviation. Brush removal is most needed along the clogged peripheral canals in to which subsurface drains discharge water. The tires, with their habitat for mosquitoes, rats and mice are a distinct fire hazard, which once burning are nearly impossible to extinguish

Robert E. Walters

Special District Election

The following candidates filed for the March 9, 1999 vote by mail special district election.

2CJ School District

Position #2 – 4 year
Perry E. Pendergrass
Merri Lang
Mike Knapp
Position #3 – 4 year term
John C. Jensen
Position #6
Shirley Van Loo
David Kight

Port Orford Port District

Position #1 – 2 year balance
Chris Hawthorne
Position #3 – 2-year balance
David Darnell

Position #4 – 4-year term
David L. Knapp
Eric Oberbeck
Position #5 – 4-year term
Leesa Cobb

Langlois RFPD

Position #1 – 4 year term
Paul E. Young
Position #2 – 4 year term
Arthur Sypher
Position #3 – 4 year term
Eileen M. Mulligan
Position #5 – 2-year balance
Carrie J. Eggett

Port Orford Library District

Position #3 – 4 year term
Dorothy J. Mathews
Position #4 – 4-year term
Carrie Rogers
Position #5 – 4-year term
Sonya A. Mowatt

Port Orford RFPD

Position #1 – 4 year term
Richard Mijs
Position #5 – 4-year term
Brice Wagner

Sixes Rural Fire Protection District

Position #3 – 4 year term
Niels L. (Roy) Martin
Position #5 – 4-year term
Maxine Rowling

Langlois Water District

Positions # 1 and # 2
No one filed

Langlois Cemetery Maint. District

Position #1 4-year term
Sandra Sabin

Port Orford Cemetery Maint. Dist.

Position #1 – 4 year term
Deborah Miles

Langlois Library District

Position #3 – 4 year term
Sabrina Wahl
Position #4 – 4-year term
Loretta Hillman
Position #5 – 4-year term
Christopher Schwartz

Curry Health District

Position #1 – 4 year term
John Stockman
Position #5 – 4-year term
Barbara Stover

In The Dark

by Valerie Jean Kramer

Wednesday morning's power problems were a reminder to all of us just how dependent we've become on the smooth, continuous flow of services. In this case, power company workers near Bandon were attempting to perform maintenance on a switch. The switch malfunctioned taking additional equipment down with it. The problem was resolved within a couple of hours.

It is this dependency on complex infrastructures that worries some as the millennium approaches. They fear that the "Y2K" problem will cause massive problems with many such systems. I'd like to add my two cents worth to this discussion which so far has generated more heat than light.

First, what is the Y2K problem? It is cheaper to program a computer to store only the last two digits of the year, "98" or "99" than to store the entire four digits, "1998" or "1999" and most mainframe computer systems, and some microcomputer programs, used this abbreviated form of date in their programs to save cost and storage space. Simply printing a wrong date won't cause too much heartburn but date arithmetic can cause problems. $2000 - 1999 = 1$ but $00 - 99 = -99$.

This problem isn't something that computer people just became aware of. I had to fix a number of programs in 1969-70 when we had only a single digit date and we hit a "Year 70" problem. We could see the problem was going to hit again in the year 2000 but economics and the existing hardware dictated that we postpone worrying about it.

Efforts to address the issue have been underway in most places for several years. In some cases companies have purchased new versions of software. In other cases, old mainframe systems have been replaced by newer microcomputer based systems. In many cases, however, the old

programs have had to be modified to work properly as the year flips it's digits.

There are several ways to approach such a fix. The best way is to change all programs and files to include a full 4-digit year. That would solve the problem until about the year 9999 when none of us will probably have to worry about it! It also slows down data entry and raises the cost because dates will take twice as long to key (4 digits instead of 2) and to store.

Another way to solve the problem is not to store the actual date at all but merely a number that represents the number of days since January 1, 1900 or some other key date that precedes any dates of real interest. This makes date arithmetic much easier and a common library routine can be used to convert dates between internal representation and human readable form. There are about 36500 days in a century. If two bytes are used to store the number, it will work up until June 5, 2079.

The "cheap and dirty" way is to modify the existing programs by including instructions to look at each 2-digit date and say something like, "if it is 50-99, consider it 1950-1999, otherwise consider it to be 2000-2049" The exact year at which the decision made may vary from one programmer to another. this doesn't solve anything but it does postpone the problem for another 30 or 40 or 50 or ?? years. Unfortunately it also means systems will go haywire at unpredictable times for the next century or so.

Well, all of that makes is sound pretty scary and there are lots of people out there making some big bucks by selling fear to you. You will hear a lot of people offering to sell you products or services to help you survive Y2K. The truth is that nobody knows for sure what will happen. I personally don't believe there will be any major catastrophes although I'm sure there will be some localized, short-term glitches and I expect that fear will lead some people to take actions that, in itself, will cause trouble. For example, if enough

people pull their money out of banks or the stock market, their actions (and not any computer problems) will cause the very disaster they feared. As one customer put the problem in perspective, "Hey, computers are always crashing anyway. What's the difference?"

I think that leads to a very viable strategy for self protection which I would recommend to anyone. There will always be disasters - floods, fires, snow, power outages such as the one this morning, etc. You should always be prepared to cope with such emergencies. Have some food and water on hand, a flashlight, candles, blankets, etc. If you are prepared for those emergencies, the year 2000 shouldn't cause you any problems you can't handle. Besides, after all the wild New Year's Eve parties, who's going to wake up on January 1 to see any problems anyway?

To put in my own plug, let me say that my wholesaler assures me that all of the Acer A-Open computers we are selling (and have been for some time) are year 2000 compliant.

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Oops!

The Police Log in this issue listed all of the events as "December." They should have said "January". Sorry 'bout that. We didn't catch it till that page was fully printed. - Editor

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Rumors

By: Paula Cracas

This month's RUMOR has to do with rip-rap on Agate Beach. According to my dictionary: rip-rap or riprap is: "loose broken stones, used to form a foundation on soft ground or under water, or in the construction of revetments and embankments, a foundation formed of these."

To determine if there are plans to rip-rap any beaches in this area, I talked to Jerry McNurlin, Public Works Director and Johnny Alexander, City Administrator.

Q: Is the City or some other group planning to rip-rap Agate Beach? McNurlin: When the ocean began threatening our city drain field, which was between Garrison Lake and the ocean, we contacted DEQ to see if we could rip-rap to save it. They emphatically said "NO." Q: But rip-rap would have saved it? McNurlin: Probably not. And the rip-rap could have caused problems to the beach and dwellings to the North and South of it, so we could have done more harm than good in the long run. Q: Any plans now to rip-rap? McNurlin: Absolutely not! If the drain field had been installed prior to 1977, we could have applied for a conditional use permit to forestall complete failure of the

disposal system and the possible contamination of the ocean and lake with sewage. But it wasn't installed prior to 1977. We've been told repeatedly we can't rip-rap the beach. Note: According to the Wall Street Journal, only 25 locations along the coast have won permission and all were built before 1977 when Oregon's Beach Laws to protect natural resources and limit urban sprawl were enacted. Oregon's strict beach laws went into effect in 1967. Q: There has been talk and suggestions that we could replace the drain field to its original location, but wouldn't that be impossible with Oregon's strict beach laws? McNurlin: Yes, unless the Beach Laws were changed.

With a little bit more "investigation", I learned about an article written in the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) on October 28, 1998. Port Orford and the loss of our 1.2 million sewer system is mentioned more than once. Q: Have you seen the article written in the Wall Street Journal which mentions Port Orford? Alexander: This one? (Handed me a copy) Q: It appears there's a move afoot to modify the beach laws to help Port Orford. Then we could install our drain field back on the dunes. Alexander: It would be too late for our sewer system. We have to install an out-

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fall into the ocean.

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In my opinion, once our beach laws are modified, even in the smallest way, it will open the door for more modifications and the dunes won't be the only thing eroded. Senators George and Tarno need to be notified in the strongest language you can muster up, that they can't use Port Orford as an example of why the beach laws must be changed. Any change won't help our sewer system. For a copy of the WSJ article, one has been left at the Fun Zone. This is an issue worth your time. Summary: **Rumor not true.** But Beach Law is in danger. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead.

Choose Your Weapon By Graeme Graydon



I can still see Dr. Staub, the family M.D., standing in our farm kitchen resting his black bag on the table saying that it was his personal ob-


serva-tion that people who medicated themselves for coughs, colds, and flu on average spent 3 extra days off work compared with those who didn't. He was comparing the common practice of fighting an infection with that of riding through the crisis by working with the body using rest, the right foods and fluids and common sense.

The idea of fighting a cold came from Louis Pasteur – he found bacteria in diseased tissue and assumed that the bacteria was the cause of the disease. His Germ Theory was readily accepted by modern medicine and the pharmaceuticals. Later on Louis admitted his mistake – it was not the germ, but the condition of the field where the germs took hold that was the cause, bacteria always invited to have a picnic wherever there is damaged or toxic tissue. The great naturopaths from around the beginning of the century never fought or confronted disease without first cleaning up the patient – that's what the sanatoriums were all about. These old doctors saw bacteria not as invaders but as invited scavengers ready to do the same job in our bodies as the raccoons and sand fleas do on the lifeless body of a sea-bird on the beach reducing the once life-filled tissues into usable elements in the Great Life Cycle Process.

They also understood that colds, flus and diarrhea were natural mechanism to throw unwanted debris out of the system, and that the elevated temperature of a fever was an attempt by the body to sterilize rampant bacteria.

I was 14 when I met an old soldier who had survived the terrible flu epidemic of 1919. He had been in camp at Trentham

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in the Hutt Valley watching his mates die like flies around him. He woke one morning and knew it was his turn. Intuitively, he hid himself away where no one could find him, drank half a bottle of brandy and wrapped himself in blankets reckoning that he would either live or die, but he wouldn't die like his friends. When he "came to" 24 hours later, he had no symptoms of the flu. What he had unknowingly done was to promote his fever not fight it, and probably other effects which I can't even guess at. It was definitely kill or cure, but he must also have had the physical integrity to withstand such an ordeal, an integrity which I suspect hardly exists today.

I was 15 when I first tested his method. I was living in a remote cabin during a school holiday when I went into a fever. I found some Scotch Whiskey. With some trepidation I put a few spoonful into a pint of very hot water along with lemons and honey, piled up in my bed with blankets, climbed in and downed the toddy and I think passed out. Four undisturbed hours later I woke with a clear head and my body deliciously cold. My pajamas were soaked with sweat, the fever had broken. As the years went by I dropped the liquor and used apple cider vinegar instead along with some Vitamin C, and it has always worked.

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Letter to the Editor,

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Paula Cracas

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to all of our friends and family who extended so much help and love to Hoyt and me during his illness and his passing. Your kind expressions of sympathy to our family at this time means so very much. A heartfelt thanks to all of you.

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Senior News

By Mary Yoder

Well let's see - January 7 was Rotary luncheon - volunteers working were Kay Neal, Mary Evans - setting up the dining room June Dennison. Dishes and clean up Bill Butt and Owen Miller.

January 9 - Saturday luncheon and birthday party. These are the volunteers who made it so special - Lorraine Hass, Kay Neal, Bessie Laursen, June Dennison setting up tables and we had some newcomers helping with clean up. Who? Pete and Shirley Becker - nice going - dishes, etc. Bill Butt. The cake and ice cream for the birthday was real nice. Then they sang happy birthday to us birthday people. I like that. Then the volunteer of the month of January was introduced - who? Bill Butt - now he gets to pick the volunteer for February. Nice pick for January I'd say. Kay Neal introduced him.

Rummage sale people - Bobbetta Kron and what's his name - lots of time and work - thanks may you never leave Port Orford.

January 10 breakfast from 8:00am-1:00pm. Volunteers working were Bessie Laursen, Greta Carver, Lucille Tubbs, June Dennison, Lee Hyle, Kay Neal - dishes and clean up - Bill Butt and Pete Becker. That's not all Bill did the scrambling and frying the eggs. Pauline Lenox was at the money table. Remember these people made pancakes, waffles, ham and sausages, eggs, juice, coffee, tea - everything. They spend their Sunday working - real nice I'd say. Working the rummage sale - what's his name and Bobbetta Kron - takes lots of time to sort all those items.

Tuesday January 12 was the board meeting - more about it next week.

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That should do it for now.

Public Meetings

The Lightin' Bugs will meet at 6:00pm on Thursday, January 14 at the Port and Starboard Restaurant in Port Orford.

The Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Tuesday, January 19, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ Board of Education meets on Tuesday, January 19, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

The Disability Services Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, January 20, from 1:30-3:30pm at the North Curry Service Center in Port Orford. This group has responsibility for reviewing policy and procedures as well as addressing any problems related to persons with disabilities. For more information call Marilyn Green at voice/TTY 247-4515 or voice/TTY 1-800-257-1385.

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possibly changing the proposed location to the western parking lot near Lakeshore Drive. He spoke about getting a professional evaluation of the use of the parking area as a site and a cost estimate. The council decided the city parks commission should handle the situation.

Mayor Doran noted that there would be a public meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 8:00pm, in the council chambers regarding the KCM Effluent Pre-Design study final report.

The following appointments were made by Mayor Doran to various city committees and concurred on unanimously by the council. Public works-Ralph Donaldson, public safety-Jim Campbell, parks-Nathaniel Wander, personnel-Jane Cramer, Norm Leeling, Robert Warring, finance-Jim Campbell, Jane Cramer, Robert Warring, watershed-Norm Leeling, streets-Nathaniel Wander, solid waste-Norm Leeling, OCZMA-Robert Warring, port-Jane Cramer, bed tax-vacant, liaison to planning director-held off for now.

The council split on their vote for council president between Jane Cramer and Ralph

Donaldson. Cramer graciously bowed out and Donaldson got the position.

Mayor Doran reappointed Ron Culbertson, Bonnie Allen and appointed Paula Cracas to the bed tax committee. He appointed Linda Gunn to the watershed council. The council unanimously approved his appointments.

City administrator Johnny Alexander told the council they needed to replace Carl Eskelson on the bank signature cards. The council passed a motion adding Jane Cramer to the list of people able to sign city checks along with Gary Doran, Johnny Alexander and Robert Warring.

The Rotary Club presented a letter asking the city waive rental fees on the community building and American Legion Hall for their scholarship fund dinner and dance on February 13. Councilor Warring made a motion waiving all fees for the event but requiring a cleaning deposit. The vote was 4-0 with Norm Leeling and Jim Campbell abstaining because they are Rotary Club members.

Councilor Ralph Donaldson gave a public works liaison report. He again stated it is important for the city to get a second source of water. Councilor Warring said

he wanted a \$300 advance to attend the OCZMA legislative meeting in Salem on January 20-21.

The council will hold a workshop meeting on Monday, January 25, 7:00pm, to discuss goals and priorities.

The council adjourned to executive session. They returned to regular session after discussion. They referred to a letter from attorney Tosh regarding Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) case number 98-079, Mayea versus the City of Port Orford. With no public discussion Jim Campbell made a motion directing city attorney Tosh stipulate to dismiss LUBA case number 98-079. The council voted 5-1 for the motion with Robert Warring dissenting. The effect is the case will not be going to LUBA.

The council decided to hold a special meeting prior to their workshop meeting on January 25. It will be held at 6:30pm and concern the re-bids for schedule A & D of the water system improvement project. Schedule A is the water plant improvements and Schedule D is the reservoir improvements.

Health District Meets

The Curry Health District board of directors meets in regular session at 2:30pm, Wed., Jan. 20, in the Port Orford City Council chambers. The new training manikin purchased in bond funds for the Port Orford Community Ambulance will be unveiled for the public.

Following the meeting, the Curry Family Medical clinic, at 525 Madrona in Port Orford, will host an open house with refreshments. Doors will open from 4:00-6:00pm when the public can meet two recently hired doctors, Don Venes, M.D., internist; and Victoria Webb, M.D., family practice physician. They will share the clinic medical staffing with the clinic's family practice doctor, Tom Pitchford, M.D.

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