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Roadwork By Evan Kramer



The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has begun the Crystal Creek Highway 101 realignment.

ODOT Transportation Area Maintenance Manager for Region 3 Jerry Gregory took me on a tour of the project on Thursday afternoon. He explained the purpose of the realignment and said it has to do with the continuous slides and deterioration of Highway 101 south of the Sixes Fire Station in the curve leading down to Sixes. The ODOT crew has had to regularly patch and add more asphalt to the road adding to the weight of the highway thus increasing the problem. The realignment will take out the curve and move the highway east. ODOT worked with the owner of the property adjoining Highway 101 and bought three acres for the new right-of-way in what Gregory described as an amicable agreement.

The project will cost approximately \$500,000 with the money coming from the State via the Federal government to cover flood damage.

Freeman Rock of Coos Bay has been awarded the contract to build the new section of Highway 101. Local contrac-

tors were hired for tree and brush removal, which is almost finished. Freeman Rock is expected to begin work on the highway realignment in early June and finish no later than September 15. The project will necessitate the moving of the Coos-Curry power poles to the east.

The amount of Highway 101 that will be moved east is 1,100 feet. This will require the removal of 58,000 cubic yards from the dirt embankment. This is a lot of dirt considering it would take 5,800 trips with the average 10 cubic yard dump truck. There will be some traffic control on the highway as the trees bordering the road are felled and later when the dirt removal is in full swing. Gregory said he didn't know where the 58,000 cubic yards of material was going and that it was Freeman Rock's responsibility.

The abandoned portion of Highway 101 will have the asphalt removed and a major planting and seeding will then occur using native vegetation.

Gregory told me the next big project on Highway 101 is "Arizona North." This work will take place north of the Arizona slide and consist of among other things placement of six miles of drains in the hills above the highway.

Gregory said the Port Orford weather station on Highway 101 across from Battle

Rock Park isn't in service yet but when it is we'll put in an announcement and how to locate it on the ODOT Internet web site.

Arizona Street Repairs

Another road project in the Port Orford area is on Arizona Street between Geer Circle and Madrona. Right now a part of that section of Arizona is closed as the City of Port Orford Public Works Department deals with a settlement problem in the road. The problem area is 420 feet long and includes the Arizona Street Bridge.

As of Tuesday morning the city has contracted out to have the asphalt removed, most of which has been done. Then public works director Jerry McNurlin had some test holes dug to check if there was any problem with the six inch pressure sewer line that runs under Arizona. They found no problems. McNurlin told me the next step in the plan after the asphalt is removed is to bring in 700 yards of gravel and blade out the road. This temporary fix would allow Arizona Street to be reopened. McNurlin told me at a later date when the city has more time and better weather they will go back in and dig that 420 foot long stretch of Arizona Street up again, bring in more material of

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Thu May 6	3:26a	6.1	10:40a	0.1	5:44p	5.1	10:39p	3.6	6:04a	8:24p	1:34a	11:07a	
Fri May 7	4:16a	5.8	11:34a	0.3	6:43p	5.2	11:50p	3.6	6:03a	8:25p	2:13a	12:03p	
Sat May 8	5:20a	5.5	12:31p	0.4	7:38p	5.4			6:01a	8:26p	2:50a	1:02p	3Q
Sun May 9	1:07a	3.3	6:35a	5.4	1:29p	0.5	8:26p	5.8	6:00a	8:27p	3:24a	2:04p	
Mon May 10	2:17a	2.7	7:53a	5.4	2:25p	0.6	9:08p	6.3	5:59a	8:28p	3:56a	3:08p	
Tue May 11	3:15a	1.8	9:04a	5.6	3:16p	0.6	9:47p	6.8	5:58a	8:29p	4:28a	4:15p	
Wed May 12	4:07a	0.8	10:08a	5.9	4:05p	0.7	10:26p	7.3	5:57a	8:30p	5:00a	5:28p	
Thu May 13	4:56a	-0.2	11:07a	6.2	4:52p	0.9	11:05p	7.8	5:56a	8:31p	5:35a	6:40p	

Taxes 101

By Shirley Nelson

League of Women Voters

"Taxes are what we pay for civilized society." – Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Perhaps no one wants to hear about taxes with the annual reckoning time for both state and federal income tax just past. But taxes are always with us. Government provides things for its citizens which it is difficult or impossible for citizens to provide for themselves: education, roads, police and fire protection, hospitals, libraries, etc. The only source the government has for funds is the citizens. So, we pay to the community (government) and we receive services.

The State of Oregon has two main systems of taxation: the income tax and property tax.

Income tax Individuals and corporations pay taxes to the state, based on the amount

of their income. Our state income is patterned after the federal tax. This makes the filing easier, if not more fun.

Income tax goes into the State General Fund. The Legislature and the Governor determine how the money is spent. The usual disposition works out to 57% for education, from kindergarten through college; 14% for public safety (law enforcement, judicial, etc.); 22% for human resources and 7% for all other expenditures.

Income tax accounts for 72% of the State General Fund. Other sources the State has for funds include user fees, federal grants and shared revenues. So the money still comes from people.

The second statewide tax is the tax on real property (land, buildings), which is collected and administered at the county level. These taxes, due in November of each year, go into the County General Fund and for several special districts.

Property tax is determined by the assessed value of a person's land and home or other buildings. Both the income tax and property tax are considered "progressive" taxes because they are related to a person's earnings and ownings. The theory is that if one has a certain level of income and/or owns property of a certain value, then one can afford a proportionate amount of tax.

Oregon's current tax burden (measured by dividing total state and local taxes by the total personal income in the state) is about 10%. This is the lowest in Oregon since the 1950's and one of the lowest in the nation. In 1992-93, only 6 states had a lower tax burden than Oregon.

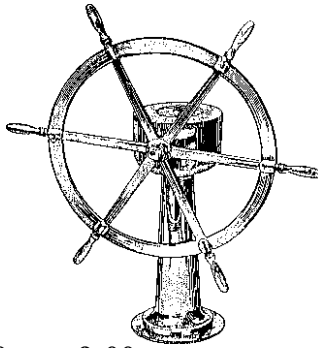
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Reprogramming By Graeme Graydon



I always knew that my mind was an independent part of me that had its own phobias and peculiarities. It was also demanding, at times petulant, of little help in emergencies but it was trainable.

Every High School morning for 5 years, I walked to the top of my street, past the iron gates of the Russian Embassy, up a clay track to a point where I could look down on the glorious panorama of the Port and City of Wellington, its vast Harbour and snow covered ranges beyond. On crisp mornings I could hear the clatter of the wharf cranes, train whistles and busy steam engines. In the next moment the Track dropped abruptly down long and short flights of stairs, wild zig-zags and steep smooth stretches to the tram line 400 feet below. My friends and I charged down this at breakneck speed to catch the Wellington College Special, an ancient tram just for us boys. But coming home in the dark was another matter – it was plain scary. When the tram whined off into the darkness, it left me in the

feeble light of a single street lamp, surrounded by dark hillsides – not a home to be seen and The Track leading off into the darkness. About half way up there was a tiny grotto lit with the soft blue-white lights of glow worms and they would turn off if I made a sound. Otherwise the only other light was right out the top. It was dense bush all the way with trees meeting overhead – even in bright moonlight there were only dark shadows. In this settling my mind went wild. A curious owl, a clumsy opossum or any of the night bush noises would scare the living daylight out of me. Worst of all was The Thing that I knew padded silently behind me. I had to do something.

One night I remembered a guy who had kept his cool when things were scary. He had written a whole slew of poems and songs, one of which I had been taught, simply called the 23rd because it was. So I began to recite out-loud the parts I remembered especially “Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I Will Fear No Evil. The effect amazed me. As soon as I repeated it forcefully and with conviction, my mind shut up and listened. Sure it was pretending at first, but pretending works too. It was a most effective mantra, an affirma-

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tion which my mind accepted blindly – before I knew it, I was safely at the top. Akuna matata. I never had a problem with The Track again. Years later, a friend told me the real story behind the writer of the 23rd, David and his tussle with Goliath. David was a kid who specialized in predator control and was a whiz with a sling-shot. His people got into trouble in a military sense. They needed to be able to plant a rock right between the eyes of their armoured antagonist, Goliath from a safe distance. So they talked David into the job – you can do it until his mind agreed that he could. It took a while but finally David got all steamed up – Yes, of course I can do it. He was led out to the place of combat and took his first look at Goliath – Shee-yit! But it was too late, his mind was convicted, he had no choice but to load up and let fly. I bet he couldn't believe his eyes when Goliath crumpled into a smelly heap of flesh leather and scrap-brass in front of him.

I wonder if David drew on this experience when he wrote the 23rd – it worked for me when I needed it. My mind is like a kid, it needs training all the time, I have to keep it entertained, to make it feel important and never, never give it the space or time to like “The National Enquirer.”

[Editor note: David used a “sling”, not a “slingshot.” A sling is a long leather thong with a pouch at the midpoint to hold a stone. You whirl it around and release one end of the thong to let fly.



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Letter to the Editor,

During the last few years and through the "conflict" with Curry General, Dr. Pitchford has shown a caring and selfless concern for all of his patients, myself included. He took over my care after Dr. Caughran retired. Dr. Pitchford was highly regarded by Dr. Caughran.

When I would go to his cramped office it seemed that on any given day half of the town of Port Orford would be there (babies crawling, old folks with oxygen tanks, families of Hispanics) he would calmly take care and time with each.

When the "hospital" issue came up, he urged all of his patients to support the hospital. When he was returned to the clinic we were all relieved!

I can not believe his contract would not be renewed! I am sure that most of Port Orford agrees with the letter Paula Cracas wrote, and hopefully there will be an outpouring of support for Dr. Pitchford as there has been in the past.

Dr. Pitchford is my primary physician who knows my history. I have a complicated illness which he and Dr. Wasner, in Eugene, a specialist, are working on together to keep under control. It would be very difficult for me to go to someone else.

In closing, I have seen his caring attitude toward all peoples especially the Hispanic families (he does speak some Span-

ish), making house calls when needed, having his home phone number listed and he never minds when you call. He even came out to the car when the daughter of a friend of mine was severely mentally disturbed. And I know he even takes time to deliver medicine to patients. My specialist in Eugene commented, he "didn't know this kind of doctor still existed." He does and we are all grateful for his care, concern and his ability to help all. He personifies what a doctor should be.

Joyce Iida

Letter to the Editor,

This letter is in response to Paula Cracas' letter in the April 15 issue of "Port Orford Today."

Dr. Pitchford has been our doctor since 1994. We are writing in support of Dr. Pitchford. We are impressed with his dedication to his patients and the medical care he has provided us. We are appalled

at the hospital's behavior toward him.

A year or so ago the hospital bond measure failed. The second time around it passed because of Dr. Pitchford's public support of the measure. Where is the hospital board's gratitude?

In the past few years there has been a succession of doctors at the Port Orford Clinic. Where are they now? If history repeats itself, we will be faced with a continued turn over of doctors. We wish that the Curry General Hospital would stick to running the hospital and let Dr. Pitchford run the clinic in Port Orford.

Dr. Pitchford needs our support. You can do this by contacting the Director, Randy Scholten or Chairperson, Barbara Stover, of Curry General Hospital today. Call 1-800-445-8085 or write them at Curry General Hospital, 94220 4th Street, Gold Beach, 97444.

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Letter to the Editor,

It has come to our attention that the Curry Health District Board has no plans to renew Dr. Thomas Pitchford III's contract.

Our only reason for voting for the Health District bond issue was because we fully expected Dr. Pitchford would remain at the Port Orford Family Clinic.

We have asked Director, Randy Scholten, and Chairperson, Barbara Stover to please reconsider and renew Dr. Pitchford's contract. We sincerely hope others will do the same.

It would be a shame to lose this fine caring man over some in-house political issue.

Ralph and Arlene Fitzgerald

Contract Extended? By Evan Kramer

I called Curry Health District Administrator Randy Scholten on Monday afternoon and we spoke briefly on Tuesday morning. I asked when Dr. Tom Pitchford's contract with the Curry Health District expires. He told me May 10. I asked him if Pitchford's contract would

be renewed. Scholten initially told me there would be an announcement within the next several days. He also told me he had received six letters from Port Orford area residents asking that Pitchford's contract be renewed. Scholten questioned whether Port Orford residents were committed to the health clinic. He said in the May 1998 bond issue election, which passed, only 35% of Port Orford voters approved the \$1.5 million five year bond issue.

Scholten told me Dr. Pitchford wants to leave the clinic but also had strong feeling about his patients.

Finally Scholten told me the Health District and Pitchford have "agreed in principle to extend the contract with Pitchford" until the end of this year. Scholten talked about a possible press conference/town hall meeting to get all the facts out to the public.

Scholten told me Curry Health District was "committed" to the Curry Family Medical Center in Port Orford. Including Dr. Pitchford they have three doctors working the equivalent of two full time positions.

Roberts off Critical List

Thursday, April 29: Curry County Commissioner Bill Roberts is in critical condition at Rogue Valley Medical Center.

Monday, May 3 update: Curry County Commissioner Bill Roberts was transferred from Rogue Valley Medical Center's Cardiac Care Unit to a regular room on Monday afternoon. He has steadily improved and is in good spirits. In a call to the County Commissioners' Office he expressed his thanks for all the good wishes and prayers he has been receiving. The Commissioners' Office will continue to keep abreast of his progress. For further information contact 247-7011, extension 222.

On Tuesday afternoon County Commissioner Lloyd Olds said Roberts was in good spirits and doing okay. Olds was with Roberts at Rogue Valley Hospital last week on Thursday and Friday during the most critical period. Olds spoke about the power of prayer in Roberts's miraculous recovery.

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

First on the list the Rotary luncheon April 29 – volunteers working were Jane Black, Betty Harper, Greta Carver, Mary Evans – setting up the dining room Mary Evans, Betty Harper – dishes Judy Franklin, Dorby Schirtz at this time James Schirtz was working making signs for the center.

Now you know Tai Chi meets every Friday at 8:30am till 10:00am. I haven't seen what they do but it sounds interesting. Come try it – bet you'll like it.

There will be a bingo Tuesday night, May 14, at 7:30pm. This is the Lion's. It's for glasses for their kids, etc. who can't afford them. Best come and help out.

May 1 was the pie eating contest. Those working were June Dennison, Lee Heyl, Bessie Laurson, Betty Harper. The ones who made the pies were Lorraine Hass, June Dennison, Betty Harper, Norma Ellis – hope I've got them all.

Here are the fellows who were in the contest – okay yes one girl – Everett Cobb, Nick Myhre, Jacob Morrow, Trinity Kennedy, Lee Heyl – Lee came in last though he tried real hard to win. All were



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May 3 pinochle – winners were – high Norma Ellis second Janice Haner – low Dotty Spencer and there was lots of popcorn.

May 8 is birthday party and luncheon at 11:30am – rummage sale 8:00am till 1:30pm.

May 9 – no breakfast or rummage sale – Mother's Day. Be sure and help mother celebrate her day.

May 11 is board meeting all are welcome from 11:00am to noon.

Nearly missed it – May 4 was nutrition meeting – planning all the meals – also who will be doing the work.

That's it for this time.

You cannot discover new oceans
Unless you have the courage to
Lose sight of the shore.

Gun Club News By Bill Oleson

Cape Blanco Gun Club, formerly Battle Rock Gun Club and Port Orford's Rotary Club lost a member last week. Bill Bryant

passed away Tuesday, April 27, 1999. Bill Bryant served both clubs actively from the time he moved to Port Orford in 1988. He was chairperson of the annual Rotary fall picnic for many years. He had a casual way about him it to involve as many people as necessary to get the job done. His favorite place to sit in our Rotary meetings was the front left chair which led him directly to the serving area. It also enabled him to hear better. Bill's hearing like most of us who shoot trap was slightly impaired.

Bill loved to shoot in the Handicap events and on more than one occasion did very well. He always felt that the 16-yard singles event was too technical and too fast. Before the fire took our old building, he and his wife Ruth contributed often to our noon meals. Bill was an expert fly fishermen and a seasoned hunter. He was a long time member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He shared with us his love for the writings of W.E.B. Griffin, author of many World War II books. Bill's stories about his involvement in building the Alcan Highway between the U.S. and Canada are legendary.

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Satellite TV Bill

The House of Representatives last week approved legislation designed to enable direct broadcast satellite (DBS) television providers to compete on an equal footing with cable companies. The bill will allow subscribers to continue receiving network broadcasts, which would otherwise be shut off this month. Representative Peter DeFazio is a cosponsor of the legislation.

"This legislation is a good first step towards ensuring that rural Oregonians have the same access to network programming as urban consumers," DeFazio said. "It will free rural consumers from being forced to subscribe to monopolistic cable companies if they want to receive local network programming."

Current law prohibits a satellite TV service from providing network TV to any subscriber who can receive a good over-the-air signal from a local TV station. In Oregon, many households are located in rural areas or in areas where terrain obstructions make it impossible to receive a decent local over-the-air broadcast. Consequently, these consumers are only able to receive network channeling through satellite TV or cable. With satellite broadcasts of network TV prohibited, rural Oregonians are forced to subscribe to cable if they want to receive network shows. There are nearly 20,000 satellite TV subscribers in southwestern Oregon.

In 1998, a federal court ruled that the satellite company PrimeTime 24 was illegally providing distant CBS and Fox network signals to approximately 2.2 million households that could otherwise receive signals from local CBS and Fox affiliates. The court ordered PrimeTime to stop providing distant CBS and Fox network signals between February 28 and April 30, 1999. On February 28, distant CBS and Fox network signals were shut off for about 700,000 satellite subscribers nationally, prompting an outcry from consumers.

The legislation approved this week on the House floor allows DBS companies to carry local television programming to consumers in the same local market. It also allows satellite companies to carry programming from other markets to customers who cannot receive local programming using a regular rooftop antenna.

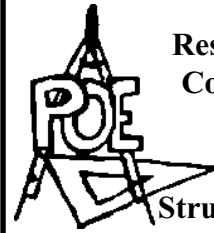
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The Senate must now take up the legislation before it is enacted into law.

Wetland Interpretive Center

There will be a public meeting on May 7, at 7:00pm in the city council chamber room located at 555 W. 20th Street, Port Orford, to discuss the Port Orford Wetlands Interpretive Center to be located between 16th and 17th Streets adjacent to Highway 101.

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Wetland Walk Discussion

The Port Orford City Council held a public meeting to discuss the Wetland Interpretive Center Trail on Wednesday night. The wooden walkway as originally planned was to have gone between 16th and 17th Streets in the wetland on the west side of Highway 101. However, city administrator Johnny Alexander presented the council with a design concept

for a shortened walkway. He said the original concept would have cost \$500,000 and the City only has \$103,000 to work with. He noted the City has acquired the wetland property from the Jensen family and that one of the requirements was putting up a plaque acknowledging the Jensens. The land was purchased for \$7,000 with money from Regional Strategies.

The plans shows a two way handicap accessible ramp on 17th street built at an 8% decline, which will bring a person to the level of the walkway once it, takes off into the wetland. Then the wetland trail will extend about 155 feet before stopping and include an interpretive and viewing platform.

Some of the questions raised about the wetland walkway are what the height of it would be above the water, what kind of pilings will be used, will local jobs be provided during construction and the expiration dates of the grants.

Johnny Alexander made it clear about the wetland trail when he said, "ODOT is directing what we are going to do." Alexander said if the construction money for the trail was not allocated by September 30, 1999, the city would lose it. The City will get a maximum of \$83,000 in Federal Highway money for the project.

The council will hear more specifics about the project and take public comment at their next meeting devoted to the Wetland Interpretive Center on Friday night, May 7, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

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Port Orford Arts Council will meet on Friday, May 7, at 6:30pm in the back of North Curry Service Center, 1403 N. Highway 101. All are welcome.

Port Orford City Council holds a public meeting on Friday, May 7, 7:00pm, to discuss the Port Orford Wetland Interpretive Center to be located between 16th and 17th Streets adjacent to Highway 101.

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, May 10, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Rural Fire District board meets on Tuesday, May 11, 5:00pm, in the city hall fire station.

Port Orford Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, May 11, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting on Wednesday, May 12, noon, at Spaghetti West.

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The workshops are presented by the South Coast/Lower Rogue Watershed Councils in cooperation with Curry Soil and Water District, OSU Extension and Southwestern Oregon Community College. To register, call OSU Extension office at 247-6672 or 1-800-356-3986.

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Excited yet? North Curry Summer Arts and Recreation will be held in from August 2nd to the 13th, 9:00am to 3:00pm daily and it is open to students in first through eighth grade (ages 6-14). There may be some preschool sessions available as well. The first week, August 2-6, will be held at the Port Orford American Legion Hall/Community Building, and the second week, August 9-13, will be

held at the Langlois Fire Hall/Blanco Gym.

Interested? Packets and registration forms are being distributed at Driftwood and Blanco right now. Extra forms will be available in the office of each building, the libraries, and the North Curry Service Center (blue building). Due to overwhelming enthusiasm and participation last year, pre-registration is required. Walk-in Registration will be held on Saturday, May 15, 10:00am to 2:00pm, at Driftwood Elementary School during their annual Book Fair. Registration is \$15 per child, paid in advance, with reduced rates available to families with three or more children. Scholarships are also available.

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THE PORT ORFORD Watershed Council has three openings. Anyone with an interest in water quality is invited to serve on this council. Please submit a letter of interest to: Mayor Doran, Watershed Council, City of Port Orford, PO Box 310, Port Orford, Oregon 97465. Letters will be accepted until the positions are filled. The City of Port Orford is an equal opportunity employer.

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Port Orford Police Log

April 27, 4:20pm: Assault between two citizens over leather jacket. Report taken.

April 27, 5:30pm: Elaine Renee Jamieson was arrested on a warrant from Coos County.

April 28, 2:30pm: Dispute at 1540 Arizona Street. Handled by contact.

April 28, 4:25pm: Report of 3-wheeler being towed by pick-up down Jackson Street. Gone on arrival.

April 28, 5:15pm: Report of 3 and 4-wheelers racing up and down beach and up sand dune. Contacted and advised of laws for beach.

April 30, 9:00am: Report of theft from residence on Geer Circle. Under investigation.

April 30, 10:00am: Report of criminal mischief at Lakeside Garden Apts. Report taken.

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April 30, 1:30pm: Barking dog complaint on 18th Street. Contacted owner and advised.

April 30, 7:30pm: Responded to 9-1-1 hang-up call on 9th Street. Unable to locate/gone on arrival.

April 30, 11:10pm: Prowler reported at residence on 9th Street. Unable to locate/gone on arrival.

May 1, 3:46pm: Report of hit and run at Liquor Store. Report taken.

May 1, 8:00pm: James E. Perdue cited for failure to perform duties of driver for hit and run at Liquor Store.

May 1, 10:15pm: Barking dog complaint on 12th Street. Ongoing problem-monitored.

May 2, 9:30pm: Report of harassing phone calls to citizen. Report taken.

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the right kind and recompact the fill. Then a new layer of asphalt will be laid on top of the fill and the street will be back to normal. He told me it would be a 20-year road (lifespan) when completed. McNurlin said within a week traffic will be allowed back on Arizona Street.

Not related to roadwork but in the destruction category, McNurlin said the previous evening (Monday night) the sink had been broken off the wall in the bathroom stall at Buffington Park.

Buffington Park **By Nathaniel Wander** Council Parks Liaison

An unfortunate rumor is circulating around town that I personally, or the "city" want to "take away" the baseball field in Buffington Park. This is simply not true. I have praised the baseball association at two public meetings, and I gladly repeat it here. The baseball association provides a tremendous service to the children of our area. They organize and manage the most intense and consistent use of the park, and they are good stewards and good neighbors. They de-

serve all the support and assistance we can muster as a community.

The park, however, belongs to all the citizens of Port Orford, and the responsibility and liability for its maintenance and management falls on the city government for which we all pay with our taxes. Provision of utilities and management falls on the Public Works Department. Both operate under the oversight of the City Administrator and under the authority of the City Council.

This spring a lot of development is taking place in the northeast corner of the park. The baseball association replaced deteriorated fencing and completed the dug outs. A group of youth and their families have almost completely fund-raising and are about to begin the construction of a skate board park authorized by the Parks Master Plan. Another group of volunteers has begun work on a hummingbird and butterfly garden in the ravine behind the horse arena. Work on expansion of the city's water treatment plant is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

Someone has to be "in charge" of all this intersecting development, or we will soon have chaos, not a park. Already we have had problems of conflicting use, of

projects located not quite where they were proposed and approved, of actions taken without any consultation with the city at all. The baseball association would like to build a permanent restroom in the area, and to plant some kind of windbreak to shield the playing field. The gardeners propose to lay an underground water line. The skateboard park may need to be re-oriented to accommodate public maintenance vehicles. The Public Works Director advises that everyone needs to keep out of the way of the water treatment plant upgraders; interference with their schedules could increase the city's costs.

The Parks Commission has been dedicating its hearing for the past few sessions to undertaking this coordination. We are requesting that groups using park facilities inform the city of their plans through the commission, and communicate developments in an orderly manner. Speaking for myself, I believe that all citizen groups using and/or improving park facilities should have an explicit contract with the city just as the North Curry Families and Children's Center has a contract for the use of the A-frame. Without gouging open old wounds, I hope I can draw the lesson from the example of the Wayfinder Project that unspecified or unclear management arrangements between the city and its volunteer agents are just asking for trouble.

Friends of Cape Blanco

You are invited to attend The Friends of Cape Blanco meeting at the Hughes House at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 12. Special guest will be Tom Sill from the Bureau of Land Management. There will be a discussion of the draft copy of the BLM Interpretive Plan for Cape Blanco Light-house as well as the draft copy of State Park's Master Plan for Curry County Parks.

The Friends of Cape Blanco will be forming a committee to develop an Interpretive Plan for the Hughes House. All are invited to participate on the committee.

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