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FREE!



A stack of computer cases showing the Linux penguin

Monopoly, Las Vegas By Evan and Valerie Kramer



We attended the annual Comdex computer show in Las Vegas a couple of weeks ago and yes, the anti-trust suit against Microsoft was on everyone's mind. We wanted to hear from Chairman and richest man in the world Bill Gates who was the keynote speaker but were directed to the wrong hotel and missed his opening speech. However, we did get to see a four-story wine cellar at the Mandalay Bay Hotel.

Some of the themes of the show this year were the Internet, wireless computing and communication, USB devices, and of course, the Linux operating system. Examples of the influence of Apple Computer's bright color schemes were everywhere and if nothing else they've influenced the computer industry to be more colorful.

There was little if any mention of the Y2K situation. That seemed significant since this gathering in Las Vegas attracted over 200,000 participants and people in the industry from Bill Gates to small computer storeowners. If there is a Y2K problem that will cause any significant problems it wasn't on the minds of those

attending Comdex. In my opinion the Y2K problem is mainly a marketing tool based on fear to sell products. Just prepare for January 1, 2000 as you would for a potential earthquake, fire, flood, or other disaster. Keep a little extra water and food at home, some candles, fresh batteries and your flashlight(s) and battery-powered radio in operating order.

Enthusiasm ran high at Linus Torvold's keynote speech at the Venetian Hotel. Some 6,000 people crowded the ballroom to hear from the originator of the Linux operating system which is distributed free (though most of us buy a commercially packaged version, such as Caldera or Red Hat, for a modest price) and is known as open code software. The Linux operating system was one of the hot topics at the convention in general and Linux vendors had their own (huge) convention room at the Las Vegas Hilton. One of Valerie's favorite finds at the show was a button that said, "The box said 'Requires Windows 95 or better.' so I installed Linux."

Sun Microsystems chairman Scott McNeely gave a keynote speech to another full house in the Venetian ballroom on Wednesday morning. He took the gloves off toward Microsoft and its monopolistic practices including a joke about one of the current popular slot

machine games called "Monopoly." McNeely's company is a big promoter of free software and he distributed free copies of Star Office, a competitor to Microsoft Office, to all 6,000 in attendance. (You can download the 65Mb file free on the Internet at www.sun.com.) Besides Microsoft bashing McNeely took off after desktop computers. His vision, and that of his company, is a world where everything is connected to the Internet from your washing machine to your light bulbs. Software will be free but you won't really deal with it. It will be installed at your Internet Service Provider (ISP)'s site and it will be funded by the charges you pay for access to the services your ISP provides. This will free you from dealing with installation, upgrades, downloads, bug fixes, compatibility problems, backups, and all the other horrors of software ownership.

Las Vegas continues to change at a pace that dazzles the imagination. I read in the local newspaper that Las Vegas is growing by 6,000 new residents a month. Three new major hotels have opened since the 1998 Comdex show including the Venetian (where once sat the playground and showcase of the Rat Pack – the Sands Hotel), the Paris, Las Vegas

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Fri Dec 3	2:07a	2.2	8:36a	7.6	3:20p	1.1	9:29p	5.8	7:29a	4:45p	3:53a	3:05p		
Sat Dec 4	2:54a	2.6	9:12a	7.8	4:03p	0.6	10:22p	6.0	7:30a	4:45p	4:50a	3:32p		
Sun Dec 5	3:37a	2.9	9:46a	7.8	4:40p	0.2	11:08p	6.1	7:31a	4:45p	5:47a	4:02p		
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Tue Dec 7	4:53a	3.4	10:48a	7.8	5:49p	-0.3			7:33a	4:45p	7:36a	5:10p	NM	
Wed Dec 8	12:29a	6.3	5:29a	3.6	11:19a	7.8	6:22p	-0.4	7:34a	4:45p	8:28a	5:51p		
Thu Dec 9	1:07a	6.3	6:05a	3.8	11:52a	7.7	6:57p	-0.3	7:35a	4:45p	9:16a	6:36p		

Brookings Clinic Closure
By Barbara O'Malley Floyd,

Since July of this year, we have had an ongoing crisis in the delivery of health services to many residents of Curry County. Over 700 persons whose medical insurance is the Oregon Health Plan, have been without a stable local health care provider since July 1st. The Curry Health District has made a valiant effort to fill the gap left when Family Care terminated the contract with a Brookings physician. Unfortunately their efforts were undermined by a contractual conflict between two other Brookings physicians, and a related lawsuit against the Curry Health District.

The closure of the Brookings clinic is a setback to the entire county in our efforts to assure the availability of critical health services to all of our residents. It is shameful that we are in the position of having the least amount of services avail-

able in the area with the greatest number of vulnerable people.

The Curry Health District has stepped up to the plate with genuine good will and determination to find solutions to the health care crisis in the south county. To put things in perspective, it should be noted that there has been a shortage for many years of physicians willing to care for low income clients in the southern part of our county. Brookings has a federal designation as being a health care shortage area for low-income people. There is not a shortage in number of doctors, but an unwillingness of most doctors in that area to serve low-income people. Dr. Garcia and Dr. Witt have been the only physicians in the south county with a long-term commitment to care for the individuals and families whose financial circumstances qualify them for publicly funded health care. Dr. Witt continues his commitment to care for economically disadvantaged people, but he can not do it

all. Dr. Reuben made an attempt to fill the need, but was thwarted by a contractual dispute. Undoubtedly the local physicians will provide a variety of reasons for their decisions in this area. Low reimbursement rates are a known concern.

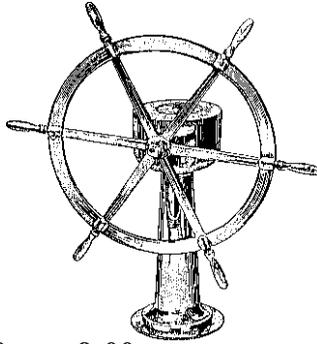
I call the closure of the Brookings clinic a setback, because that is what it is. I am committed to working with the Curry Health District and with the people of Brookings/Harbor to find a long-range solution to the problem. A grass roots effort of the people most affected by this problem has developed and is working to help themselves through this difficult problem. We all know that one measure of a community is how it provides for its most vulnerable people. There must be a community solution to this problem.

Barbara O'Malley Floyd is the Administrator of Curry County Public Health Department.

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The History Lesson Graeme Graydon



New Zealanders like me are relatively new on the planet - we don't really have any traditions, so when my second wife took me to her home town, Salzburg in Austria, I was hit by a world of traditions, a culture of customs, art, music, and elegance that I had never dreamed of. For nine days we hiked the ancient streets and stairways, explored cloisters and cathedrals, wandered through gardens and graveyards, palaces and theaters, always stopping to eat somewhere. I ate and drank my way through a list of local specialties. Such dedication had its reward, I lost 7 lbs. But the best time to be there was Christmas. It is said that there are one hundred churches in and around the city - each with a belfry. One silent - white Christmas morning, I was out early in the city, when all the bells of all the churches let loose in a joyous chaos of cascading changes. In a hundred freezing church porches an army of tollers swung wildly on stiff ropes giving jubilant voice to

their bells. The effect was overwhelming - the explosion of sound scintillated through me like showers of sparks and the great booming bells were like the cannonade in the "1812".

On later visits I dressed in "trachten", the elegant local costume and learned enough German to get me around - to the point that if I didn't say too much, some people would think that I came from Bavaria. On another early morning, I found my way into the crypt beneath an old church. There was no one around but the lights were on and I became absorbed, studying the remains of the walls and floors of earlier sanctuaries over which the present church had been built. Surprisingly, the new structure was 15 degrees out of alignment with the ancient foundations. As I stood there in my beautiful Loden mantel, coachman's boots, Tyrolean hat in hand, twenty young people filed quietly into the vaulted chamber. We exchanged the customary greeting - "Gruss Gott" - and then one anxiously enquired if I spoke English and could I tell them about this place. I don't know what came over me, but I became very centered and powerful. I heard my voice switch to a "correct" English accent

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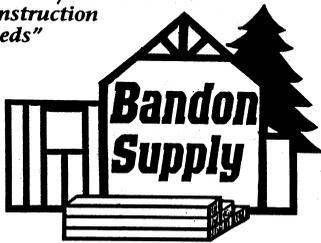
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- not normal for me. "Of course, I would be delighted." They were so happy - an Austrian who would speak English to them. Crowding around, these American University students explained that they had no guide and were being bused from one place to the next without really learning anything. In disbelief, I watched my "Austrian Self", welcome the strangers and then confidently present a detailed history of that place - in a very correct accent. Part of me was saying "Fraud, Imposter! You don't know anything!" but my other, assured self continued explaining how the succession of sanctuaries had been built, starting before Rome was founded, why the walls were out of alignment and who had done what and when, right up till the present church - and then the magic stopped and I was me again. My audience was in awe. I was pretty impressed myself, but all I could think of was to get out of there before a real guide turned up. The visitors thanked me warmly and shook my hand as I headed for the stairs. I never did figure out where the history lesson came from let alone who it was that gave it. Oh, well.

Youth Basketball

Port Orford Langlois Youth Basketball is starting. Sign-up sheets are at your school. This is for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders - both boys and girls. Forms are due in on Dec. 6. If you enjoy basketball or helping kids and would like to volunteer to coach or help contact Pam Manning at 348-2295.

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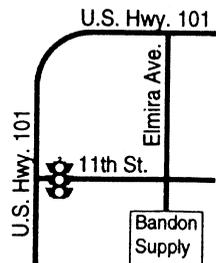
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A While Ago By Jane Cramer

A while ago Diane Cassel mentioned that her family found boxes and boxes of roller skates in the basement when they moved into their house. Diane explained that Aggie Leutwyler, long time Port Orford resident and businesswoman, had previously owned the house. One of Aggie's business ventures was a roller rink and that was why she had so many skates.

I was surprised to learn that Port Orford had once been home to a roller rink and I decided to try to find out more about it. I learned that the rink was originally located across from the old jail on 7h and Jefferson in a building that started out as a meeting hall for Woodmen of the World. The meeting hall was later purchased by Magnolia White and became a popular place for dances. It was often called Magnolia's Gardens. Sometimes Mr. Baker showed movies there before he

built the theater.

Aggie bought the building in the 40's and operated it as a roller rink. She decided to build the Rainbow Restaurant on the property in the 50's so she moved the building to its present location on 13th and Oregon Streets. I had heard a lot of stories about how the highway department wouldn't grant her permission to move the building, so she moved it in the middle of the night. Actually, although she had a difficult time obtaining permission for the move, it was finally granted and the move happened in broad daylight. Lucile Douglas has a picture of the move in progress. The picture shows a man on the roof of the building with a pronged stick so he could raise the phone wires as the house passed under them. A company from Roseburg handled the moving and Lucile remembers being surprised at how quietly the building moved down the street. This was because it was mounted on large, soft rubber tires instead of being dragged on skids the way

most buildings were moved in those days.

After the roller rink closed, the building housed Pacific Super Market and other businesses until it became home to Ali's Auto. The cement ramps and iron railings that made it easier for skaters to enter and leave the building are still in place. Next time you pass the building take a closer look and try to imagine the youngsters of Port Orford skating up the cement ramps to enter the building for a favorite activity of a while ago.

McNurlin Leaving

Port Orford Public Works Director Jerry McNurlin is resigning from his position with the city effective the middle of December. He and his wife Audrey are moving to the eastern Oregon city of La Grande where they have bought a business. The city council will now be looking for a new public works director as well as continuing their search for a new city administrator.

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Many adult readers of science fiction began early with juvenile books by some quite famous authors such as Andre

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Norton, Lester Del Rey, Arthur C. Clarke, Robert Heinlein and Isaac Asimov – some of the very same writers who form the core of classic sci-fi, writing for adults. (They in turn give credit to their forerunners such as Jules Verne and H.G. Wells.)

In addition to the Grand Old Men of SF listed above, here are some other start; Philip K. Dick (of “Bladerunner” fame); Frank Herbert (the “Dune” series); Poul Anderson (prolific and always good); Jerry Pournelle & Larry Niven (a fine writing team); Terry Pratchett (whimsically wonderful language); William Gibson (one of the “cyberpunks”, fun and readable, another player-with-words); Vernor Vinge (especially his Deepness in the sky); Bruce Sterling; Rudy Rucker; Clifford Simak and Samuel Delany (two under-rated long-time practitioners); and the “Killer B’s” David Brin, Gregory Benford, and Greg Bear (get his new one, Darwin’s Radio – but not for the first-time SF reader, since he takes his science very seriously).

Check ‘em out! And let us know which others should be on our shelves.

Point Orford Heritage Society

The Point Orford Heritage Society will have a bake sale and quilt raffle, along with some new items at the Community Christmas Bazaar on December 4th. The beautiful quilt was made and donated by Dottie Barnes from the Quilter’s Corner. Some lucky name will be drawn near the

end of the bazaar day. In the mean time the quilt is on display at Klamath Bank. Collected funds will help open the museum/interpretive center at the historic Coast Guard Station located in Port Orford Heads State Park. Work is progressing on the displays.

The fund raising committee would like your help with home-baked goodies to fill our table. If you are able to bake something, please contact Anita at 332-0865 or Barbara at 332-2309.

Please stop by our table on December 4th. Try your luck on the quilt raffle, buy some baked goods, see our new items, and show your support for the Point Orford Heritage Society. Thank you.

Mellissa Arehart is looking for her brother, Joseph Alton Foss, Jr. age 60. If you can help, contact her at 324 Colorado Ave, Findlay, OH (419) 427-1411 or via email at farehart@bright.net.

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Geology Seminar A Success By DeBoyd Smith

"Harvesting Your Family Tree" was the title of a recent Seminar held at the Coos Bay Family History Center. A dozen local community members from Port Orford & Sixes attended. Six classes were held during each of the four periods with a smorgasbord lunch provided at noontime.

This was the 20th annual Seminar held on the first Saturday of November each year. Classes included: Beginning Genealogy A & B, Using the Internet as a Tool in Genealogy, So There's a Death in the Family, Scandinavian Methodology, and Finding Your Indian Nation.

The second session added: Using the Census, Getting it Right Not Wrong (Sources), PAF 4 & the Internet, Scandinavian Research and Writing Your Family History. Following lunch, the third session offered: Using the Family History Center, Timelines in Genealogical Research, Family Tree Maker, German Research, Land Records, and Canadian Research and the last session offered Methods for Keeping Your Research Focused, PAF 3 (Personal Ancestral File). Scanning, Things You Should Know, Researching Southern Families, Irish Research and finally Military Records.

A printed and bound syllabus was also provided for all registrants that included outlines and notes of each of the above

classes. For your interest a copy of the current and former volumes are available for use in the Port Orford Family History Library.

Make a note to attend the Seminar next November. Registration, attendance and the noon-time lunch are provided at no cost. In the meantime come visit our local Family History Library. Our Librarians can assist in your research and planning.

Hours Wed. 9am-5pm, Fri. 9am-1pm at the LDS Church, 20th & Jackson. For further information please call 332-5501 during Library hours or DeBoyd Smith at 332-7633.

Abused Children

We all talk about the lack of resources in Curry County and the need of assistance for abused and neglected children. There is a resource in Curry County and you can be part of it! It's time for Curry County residence to quit talking about it and start helping, here is what you can do.

The DHS Community Partnership Team has a countywide program called Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). This consists of volunteers, people like you, who want to help their community's children. They work for the judge, alongside attorneys and social workers, as appointed officers of the court.

A CASA volunteer is appointed to a child's case and is responsible for taking

the time to find out as much as possible about that child. CASA volunteers search for neighbors, and – most important - the child. These volunteers then appear in court to recommend to the judge what's best for a child's future.

This may sound like a lot of time and you may be wondering how you could possibly fit it into your busy schedule, but you can. The CASA duties are, at most part, on the volunteers own schedule. You do not work alone, the CPT Manager as well as the other CASA volunteers are available for assistance and guidance with a 30 hour pre-service training requirement. Curry County's abused and neglected children are forced to work on the system's schedule, you can help them through this process, Volunteer as a CASA!

Our next training starts the first part of December and the 30 hours of training is spread out into January – so your immediate response is needed!

Curry County is currently in need of volunteers in all areas of the county with special emphasis on Brookings and Port Orford.

For more information on how you can help Curry County's children, call the DHS Community Partnership team at 247-0247 or 1-800-755-6275 and ask for Renee' Brooks.

Crab Season Delayed

The 1999-2000 Dungeness crab season has been delayed. The season officially opens on December 1 but crab fishermen can begin setting their pots in the ocean 72 hours prior to opening day. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has not caused the delay in the crab season. As of Monday, November 29 the delay is a volunteer one agreed to by crab fishermen and buyers. Two reasons are the conditions of the crabs, which include soft shells and not enough meat in them or “recovery” as they put in the business. On Tuesday afternoon a crab boat was planning to go out and set pots to land some “test” crabs.

Had the crab season began on November 28 Port Orford area crab fishermen would have been using the yellow permanent hoist on the wooden dock. The hoist area of the new dock has not been completed and the temporary crane has not arrived from Reedsport. Laskey-Clifton can only transport the crane on a non-holiday weekend Sunday so the earliest we’ll see it in Port Orford will be Sunday, December 5. Four Port of Port Orford employees including Larry Dell, Ken Stark, Richard Mijs and David Barnes recently attended a training seminar on how to operate the temporary crane put on by Ken Overton. Port employees will operate the temporary hoist.

Free Tax Assistance

Free Tax preparation assistance will be available again this year at the Port Orford Senior Center on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 12 noon starting Wed. February 2, 2000 and every Wednesdays through April 12. The Tax Aide program is sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons and the IRS.

We need your help! There will be training sessions for this held in January in Coos Bay, mileage and lunches paid for. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile program, please contact Alan Stewart at 332-5702.

Port Orford Police Log

1/22, 12:06am: Alarm at Sentry Market, unfounded-janitor error.

1/22, 11:30am: Wallet found near Port Orford Loop and Hensley Hill Rd. Owner notified by mail.

11/22, 2:45pm: Report of checkbook left behind at Sixes Store after breakfast.

11/23, 7:50am: 0-1-1 hang-up call from 157 – 19th Street. Residence checked out okay.

11/23, 3:55pm: Dog problem at 157 – 19th St. – unfounded.

11/23, 4:05pm: Request for loop-pole from residence on 19th St. equipment not available.

11/24, 2:30pm: Report of theft of stereo from vehicle. Under investigation.

11/24, 3:10pm: Report of unwanted person in Sentry Market – handled by contact.

11/25, 6:10am: Alarm at CFCU – checked out okay, malfunction.

11/26, 10:45am: Motor vehicle crash at 19th and Oregon, non-injury vehicle vs. building.

11/26, 12:10pm: Report of suspicious person in vehicle on Oregon St., near Port and Starboard. Checked out okay – vehicle broke down.

11/27, 3:20am: Alarm at Sentry-checked out okay, possible malfunction.

11/27, 7:30pm: Complaint of barking dog on 18th St. – Citation issued.

11/28, 2:28am: Report of altercation in room at Castaway – involved parties gone on arrival.

11/28, 8:30am: Alarm at Coast Guard barracks – malfunction, caretaker took care of it.

Free Lecture

“Plowman Poet: The Life and Songs of Robert Burns,” a program by Jeni Foster, will be presented Saturday, December 4 at 7:30pm at Port Orford Council Chambers. The public is invited and admission is free.

The program is sponsored by The Port Orford Arts Council and The Port Orford Public Library and is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. OCH is dedicated to providing opportunities for life long learning in communities around the state.

Scottish poet Robert Burns embodied a talent and personality that has intrigued people throughout the world for over 200 years. Although Burns is generally recognized as a poet, many of his poems were originally set to music. His repertoire is diverse, ranging from long songs to witty satire to political commentary. In addition, Burns was one of the first collectors of folk songs, giving a gift to his country along with the gift of his own lyrical, earthy poems that he gave to the world. In her program, which encourages audience participation, Jeni Foster examines this fascinating personality through an exploration of his music and its place in the context of his life.

Jeni Foster is a music teacher at Black Butte School in Camp Sherman. Among the many music credits she has earned, she has recently presented programs at the Sisters Library, the Paulina Springs Book Company in Sisters, and has been a soloist with the Sisters Community Choir.

For further information about the program please contact Rick Cook at 332-0045.

Garrison Lake Level

The City of Port Orford has, at the present time, no permission or permits to open and drain Garrison Lake. The lake is not the property of the City. In the event that the Public Works Director determines that the lake level presents a public health or safety threat to the City's infrastructure, which includes the water and sewer delivery systems, the City may proceed with obtaining an emergency permit to open the lake. The City would still need to obtain permission to access the lake across private property. Questions may be directed to Interim City Administrator Martha Weaver-Britell.

Breast-feeding is Best

One of the best things a new mother can do for both herself and her newborn baby is breast-feed. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) enthusiastically supports breast-feeding because of the many benefits it provides to infants, mothers, and families. According to AAP, research shows that human milk and breast-feeding of infants provide advantages to the general health, growth and development of infants provide advantages to the general health, growth and development of infants. It decreases the infant's risk of many severe and life-long diseases. Breast-feeding also decreases the chances of diarrhea, infection, respiratory infection, blood infections, and urinary tract infections. Breast-feeding has also been found to protect against sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

The benefits of breast-feeding are not just for the baby. The AAP reports that women who breast-feed have an earlier return to pre-pregnancy weight and reduced risk of ovarian cancer and premenopausal breast cancer. Breast-feeding also provides significant financial savings compared to feeding a baby with formula. The AAP projects that a family may save over \$400 per child simply by breast-feeding.

Breast-feeding is not always easy to start and new mothers often need support. If you have any questions regarding breast-feeding please contact your health care provider or the Curry Public Health Department at 332-4041. Health care providers and the Health Department are committed to helping new mothers recognize the benefits of breast-feeding; nutritional, economical, and especially for the bonding it provides between a new mother and her baby.

Sunset Garden Club

The Sunset Garden Club will meet this Friday, December 3rd at 1:00 at the Senior Center for its annual Christmas Party. Refreshments will be served and there will be a "gift exchange". Anyone wishing to participate in the exchange should bring a gift. A special treat will be provided by one of the members. The By Laws will be voted upon, and due to the celebration there will not be a guest speaker at this meeting. Remember to bring canned goods and saver shields for the Common Good Christmas baskets. Take a look around and notice how festive our planter boxes look all decked out in their holiday red bows! Many thanks to our members Mary Forsythe and Della Cunningham who braved the wind and rain to make our community a little more cheerful for the holiday season.

League of Women Voters

The Port Orford Chapter of League of Women Voters of Curry County will not meet in December. Suggestions are welcomed for a satisfactory meeting day and hour. When can we get together? Please e-mail: dot@harborside.com or call 332-2160.

There are interesting and important issues to discuss. The year 2000 is an election year. Happy Holidays from the League.

Pacific High

The Pacific High School Cheerleaders would like to thank all of the following businesses for their donations to the rally to help buy uniforms; Port & Starboard, N.C. Electronics, Port Orford Trailer Park, Viola Cuatt, Joes Auto Care, Mae Ellis, The Shell Shack, Battle Rock Motel, Campbell Real Estate, Downtown Fun Zone, McNair True Value, Kar Kare Auto Parts, Paradise Café, Sentry Market, Mike Welch, Wooden Nickel, Coos Curry Supply, Bartletts Café, Savoy Theater, Sea Breeze Florist, Spaghetti West, Madrona RV Park, Garden Café, Chevron. Your help was really appreciated

Christmas Trees

Boy Scout Troop 101 is selling Christmas trees. We have Pine, Grand, Douglas and Noble. They are \$2.50 per foot. We will cut and deliver your tree to your home or business. If you would like to pick out your tree, call and make an appointment. Call Dan Ells 332-0327 or Jerry White 332-2103.

Council Special Session

The Port Orford City Council holds a special session on Thursday, December 2, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

The one agenda item is consideration of combining City Administrator and Public Works Director position.

Quickbooks II

Are you familiar with QuickBooks, but know there is more that you can do with it? Take a one-day workshop for QuickBooks II. Southwestern Oregon Community College in Brookings is offering a one-day workshop on Sat., Dec.11, from 9 am. to 4 pm. The cost is \$39.00: pre-registration and prepayment are required. Call 247-2741 or (Fridays only) 332-3023.



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Tom P. Bolling

Tom P. Bolling, 51, of Port Orford died on Friday, November 19, 1999 from cancer at his home in Port Orford. A memorial service is set for Saturday, December 4, at 1:00pm at the Old Port Authority Lodge on 5th Street past the Castaway Motel.

He was born February 28, 1948 in Oklahoma City, OK. Tom was raised in Hawaii and attended Kamehameha School and Kailua High School. He was married in Kainaliu, HI and lived in Haiku, Maui and Lanikai, Oahu.

He has lived in Port Orford for eight years. He and his wife ran an antique store in Langlois. Tom was an alcohol, drug and gambling counselor and performed 20 years of service work for Bill W.

He was a loving son, brother, husband and father and will be missed by the many people his life touched.

Survivors include his wife, Jane M. Bolling, Port Orford; son, Jesse K. Bolling, Bend; step-daughter, Andrea Z. Lawson, Portland; mother, Thelma Bolling, Portland; sister, Sue Diers, Portland; niece, Sarah Tal, Palo Alto, CA and nephew Eric Diers, Portland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Curry County Hospice, PO Box 746, Gold Beach, OR 97444. Arrangements are under the direction of Port Orford Funeral Service.

Letter to the Editor,

How many of you Oregon drivers signal upon entering merging lanes with a posted merging lanes sign as the two-lane road gradually narrows to become one and vice-versa?

Signaling in these instances is not clearly specified in the Oregon Driver's Manual. I have never witnessed a driver signaling upon entering or exiting a merging area, yet Carlene Armi was fined \$130 after officer Longton followed her over 3 miles (from Sixes to Exotic Woods) pulled her over, and issued her a ticket for such an offense.

If that traffic "violation" commands a \$130 fine (without warning) why isn't it clarified in the Oregon Driver's Manual?

Judge Mickelson states if an officer were following him he would always signal in these places, as he had occasion to re-

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search this area of ambiguity, and the Supreme Court ruled it illegal not to signal. So, are all drivers expected to study law beyond the driver's manual in order to avoid being cited? He also added that the main purpose of the ruling concerning this matter is so that officers may stop suspicious drivers for more significant offenses.

Ms. Armi was not approached for suspicious conduct. She was followed for over 3 miles and pulled over to be issued a citation – not a warning – for this ambiguous "offense"! What is happening in this relatively friendly, crime-free community? My main concern is with a larger picture – a polarization of police officers and the citizens of Port Orford.

Marjorie Hempt

Annual Open House

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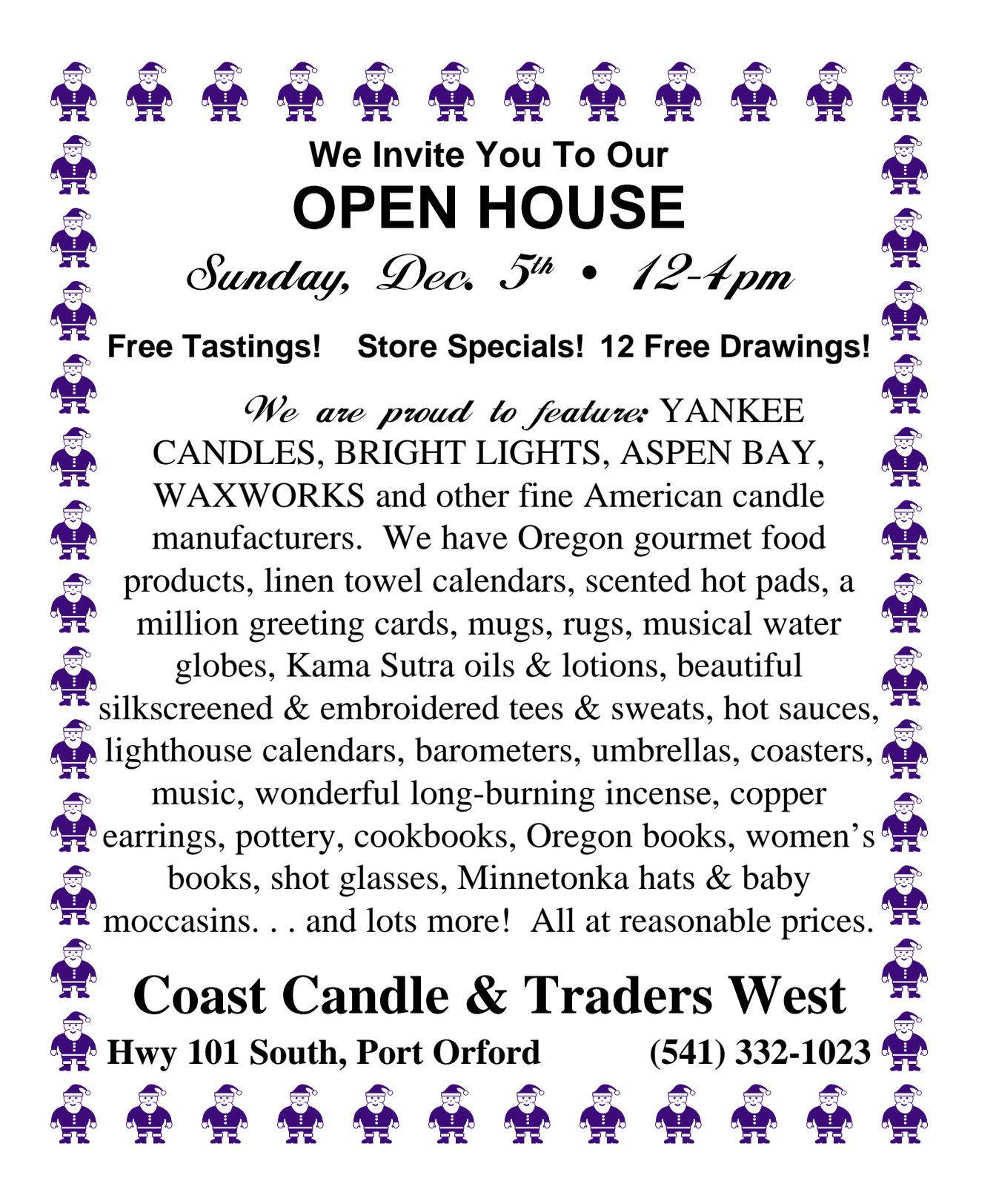
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Gun Club News By Bill Oleson

Several things happened Sunday to make a very enjoyable day to shoot trap: first, the day was without rain, second, new updated parts were installed in the automatic trap by Scott Macdonald to eliminate the throwing of broken targets and third, we had the chance to try out a new Voice Actuated Target Release set of micro-phones. This equipment consists of five mounted microphones, one each for five trap shooters. The equipment is connected directly to our new auto-trap and eliminates the need for someone to punch a button every time a target is called.

The sixteen yard Singles match was completed before the wind came up. Doug Laird, North Bend and Rudi Breuer, Port Orford, tied for top score with 47/50's. They agreed to split rather than shoot off. Just behind with 46/50 scores were Scott Wurster, Ron Puhl and Bill Oleson, Port Orford and Don Brewer, Gold Beach.

The afternoon Handicap program was handicapped by wind. Don Brewer and Ron Puhl tied for top score with Ron Puhl winning the shoot off. George Millen,

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Coos Bay and Robert McKenzie III were one target behind.

The club has voted to start Wednesday practices at 5:00pm to take advantage of darkness and to better utilize our new lights. Our next daily trap meet will be held Sunday, December 12, 1999.

Letter to the Editor,

Vice President Al Gore, campaigning for President of the United States has advocated spending large sums of taxpayer's money to improve the performance of the public schools. He was pleased to announce the endorsement of his candidacy by the teacher' union.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton who is campaigning (in a sort of way) for the Senate of New York State, also advocates spending large sums of money to improve public education.

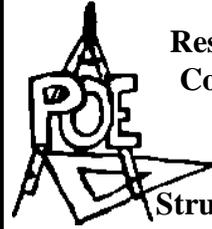
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No academic training is now required. But what is required is that anyone who wishes to teach in the public schools must join the labor ranks of the teacher's union.

There are good teachers and bad teachers, that is no longer the criterion. Do you have a union card? That is necessary. Teaching in the public schools is no longer a proud profession. It is a job.

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Letter to the Editor,

It is that time of year when all of us start thinking about holiday shopping and gift giving.

I will assume we have all recovered from paying our property taxes that were due on November 15th.

I would like to appeal to our community how small businesses help share the burden of services provided by the local taxing districts. Small business owners are our neighbors and friends that pay local taxes, not only on their homes but also on their business property.

These days our local small business competition is not only from communities such as Medford, but the World Wide Web.

While considering your holiday shopping list, please also consider the impact of spending dollars outside of our community. Do businesses with a website or out of town businesses contribute to our local tax base, to your local place of worship, to our local police enforcement, to our favorite local charities, or help provide local jobs to your neighbors?

Curry County may not have everything one needs, but at least give the existing businesses a shot when shopping for the holidays.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season and try to shop locally!

Vikki Nuss
Brookings

Christmas Tree Lighting

Come join in the fun for the second annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Driftwood Elementary School on Sunday, December 5, from 5:00-6:30pm. Enjoy carol singing, refreshments, presents, Smokie the Bear and of course Santa Claus with friends and family. Sponsored by the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce, other community service groups, and the community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice is given that on December 9, 1999, at 7pm, in the Gable Council Chambers, 555 West 20th Street, Port Orford, OR, the Supplemental Bed Tax Review Committee will conduct a Public Hearing for the request of additional funds by the Chamber of Commerce for operations of the Visitor Center.

GARAGE SALES

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WHILE THE STORMS HOWL, you can hunker down and enjoy these new videos. "Operation Delta Force", "Wild Wild West", "I'll Be Home For Christmas", "Black Mask", "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "That Championship Season", and "The Iron Giant". Also new since our last report, "Entrapment", "The Haunting", "Tea With Mussolini", "South Park - Full Length Picture", "The Love Letter", "Limbo", "The Haunting", "Besieged", "Phantom of the Opera", "Austin Powers - The Spy Who Shagged Me", "Bartok the Magnificent", "Inherit the Wind", "Mystery Kids - Diggin' Up Clues!", and "Instinct." We also rent Sega, Sony, and Nintendo video games, DVD's and frequently acquire new material. The Downtown Fun Zone is open 9:30am till 6pm Monday thru Thursday and from 9:30am till 7pm Friday and Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

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Arts Council Officers

At the November meeting, three people were elected to serve on the board. Jane Odson agreed to fill the position of president, Tobe Porter vice-president, and John Stockman member-at-large. There will be no meeting in December, but they will resume in January.

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Council Continues Search Continued from Front Cover

Hotel and the Mandalay Bay which has replaced the Hacienda Hotel at the "end" of the Las Vegas Strip.

We were most impressed by the Venetian Hotel for sheer exuberance and audacity. It has more than 3,000 hotel rooms that average 700 square feet each though we got nowhere near seeing one of the rooms. The hotel boasts its own one-quarter mile long Venice canal with gondolas and singing gondoliers. For a mere \$10 per person you can take this water born ride and be serenaded. For another \$10 they'll take your picture and frame it for you. The water looked a little too clean for the Venice canals, appearing more like your average swimming pool water.

Over at the new Paris, Las Vegas Hotel they have recreated the two most famous Paris, France landmarks, namely the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triumphe. Valerie and I splurged and took the "Eiffel Tower Experience" as it is called and paid \$8.00 each to ride an elevator to a viewing platform near the top of the one half scale Las Vegas version of the Eiffel Tower. The 360 degree view was

spectacular from an-all-too-flimsy-seeming observation platform at about 450 feet above the Las Vegas Strip. They even had little openings in the screen to take photos. The elevator attendant told us the Las Vegas Eiffel tower was built using the plans for the original one but the copy is welded instead of riveted although fake rivet heads are present for "authenticity."

Las Vegas is really pushing its version of the Millenium celebration and entertainers like Barbara Streisand, Bette Midler, Carlos Santana, Elton John and Tina Turner will be playing at various hotels on New Year's eve for truly impressive amounts of money. Las Vegas police are expecting over one half million people on the Strip on New Year's eve but that won't include people under 18. Just for New Year's they've come up with a curfew keeping them off the Strip after 6:00pm. Personally, I'd rather spend New Year's eve in Port Orford.

Since I don't gamble much other than feed the slot machines I have to look for other ways to amuse myself in Las Vegas. One of them was a much anticipated trip to the Krispy Kreme doughnut shop in the

Excalibur Hotel. I had read a glowing article about Krispy Kreme in Newsweek and then read more about the company on their web site. Their new 24 hours a day store in Van Nuys, California has 120 employees. Krispy Kreme is the doughnut of the moment and I was eager to see why people from President Clinton to office workers were so enamored with them. I tried one and found it to be too sweet and almost all sugar. Once again my bubble was burst but you'll be seeing lots more of them as they spread across the county. Later in our trip, we went to Bob's Doughnuts at Farmer's Market in Los Angeles and my faith in doughnuts was restored. Evan has been going to Bob's since he was a teenager. There is only one location but they are worth the trip. Valerie particularly liked the doughnuts in the shape of cat faces, They had chocolate icing then white icing was used to draw on fine details like whiskers. Evan preferred their cinnamon doughnuts. Meanwhile we in Port Orford do just fine with Bartlett's doughnuts!

Much of Farmer's Market, except for the original section, which dates from about 1934, is about to be torn down and replaced with "The Grove At Farmer's Market" - a modern shopping experience. This area of LA (3rd & Fairfax) is the victim of its own success.

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Emily Francona, Port Orford CASA volunteer 332-2082