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Garrison Lake Opened Article by Evan Kramer



It's old news by now but on Thursday afternoon of last week Garrison Lake was breached at Agate Beach and out poured several feet of water. Earlier in the week on Monday evening the Port Orford City Council at their meeting had voted down a motion to apply for an emergency permit to open the lake. But pressure from citizens and city officials brought Curry County Commissioners Lloyd Olds and Bill Roberts to Port Orford on Wednesday morning for an inspection tour of the lake and several of the affected properties particularly on the north shore of the lake.

The City circulated a map of the lake and adjoining areas drawn by City Planner Chuck Nordstrom showing the Garrison Lake jurisdictional areas. According to the map 75 acres of the lake are under County jurisdiction and 15 acres are under City jurisdiction.

The County Commissioners convened a special emergency meeting on Thursday morning at 11:00am for the purpose of considering a declaration of a local emergency in the Garrison Lake area and requesting the Governor declare a state of

emergency by proclamation under ORS 401.055. They passed the declaration unanimously at that meeting. The necessary Oregon State Park permit was acquired and Charley Valentine was hired to bring his excavator down from Langlois to breach the lake. Permission was received from the City of Port Orford to cross their property at the Agate Beach drainfield as well as permission from Curt Brown and Camille Mouchawar to pass over their properties. The equipment was hauled down Paradise Point Road and over Nadine McWilliam's property on Parkwood where it was then driven down to Agate Beach. At approximately 2:00pm a trench was dug between the lake and ocean at the two shortest points between them and water started draining. By 5:00pm a roiling whitewater river was rushing out of the lake and it had already dropped several feet.

The next morning revealed a dramatic drop in the lake level and the appearance of "mud flats" as well as a distinct odor. There was damage to the Arizona Street bridge and cracking in the roadbed. Arizona Street between Madrona and Geer Circle remained closed through Tuesday afternoon. The City crew and an employee of the County Road Department were repairing the damage to the bridge, which was nearly undermined. The City

had bought a load of large boulders, which they placed under and to the side of the west facing "wings" of the bridge. When the lake was drained on Thursday fast moving waters running under the bridge swept out much of the fill which kept the bridge in place. Public Works Superintendent Alan Wagner said the road would probably be open on Wednesday.

Just how much did the Garrison Lake level drop? I went over to the 12th Street fishing ramp and dock on Monday afternoon with a tape measure. The water as of last Wednesday had risen above the floor level of the fishing dock. From where it was on Wednesday of last week it dropped a minimum of eight feet to the exposed lakebed. On Monday there was no water under the fishing dock. But since it dropped even further it's hard to tell how much over eight feet it went down. On Monday afternoon there were 13 concrete collars or weights showing on the sewer effluent pipe that goes across part of the lake to the defunct Agate Beach drainfield. On Sunday afternoon water was continuing to flow out of the lake. There had only been 9 collars exposed on Sunday, so it dropped more from Sunday to Monday.

The lake is now low enough that Agate
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Tide Predictions For Port Orford - 42° 44 N 124° 30 W

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Date	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Sun		Moon	
						Rise	Set	Rise	Set Phase
Thu Jan 20, 2000	4:23a 3.3	10:24a 9.2	5:30p -1.8			7:41a	5:16p	5:13p	7:46a FM
Fri Jan 21, 2000	12:10a 7.1	5:18a 3.1	11:15a 9.2	6:16p -1.8		7:40a	5:17p	6:21p	8:33a
Sat Jan 22, 2000	12:55a 7.3	6:11a 2.9	12:06p 9.0	7:00p -1.5		7:39a	5:18p	7:30p	9:13a
Sun Jan 23, 2000	1:39a 7.4	7:04a 2.8	12:56p 8.5	7:44p -1.0		7:39a	5:19p	8:38p	9:47a
Mon Jan 24, 2000	2:22a 7.5	7:59a 2.7	1:48p 7.8	8:27p -0.3		7:38a	5:21p	9:43p	10:17a
Tue Jan 25, 2000	3:06a 7.5	8:57a 2.6	2:42p 7.0	9:09p 0.6		7:37a	5:22p	10:45p	10:45a
Wed Jan 26, 2000	3:50a 7.4	9:59a 2.5	3:42p 6.2	9:53p 1.5		7:36a	5:23p	11:46p	11:12a
Thu Jan 27, 2000	4:36a 7.3	11:06a 2.4	4:52p 5.5	10:40p 2.3		7:35a	5:25p	12:44a	11:39a

Crab Landings Up
By Nick Furman

Ore. Dungeness Crab Commission

Landing figures just in from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) show a significant increase in production in the Dungeness crab fishery currently underway along the state's 300 mile-coastline. Commercial crabbers have already caught and delivered more crabs in the first five weeks of the fishery than were harvested over the entire last season. The annual harvest begins on Dec. 1 and continues until Aug.14.

Despite an industry-initiated delay at the start of the season that saw crabbers in some ports waiting up to two weeks to begin fishing, 9,711,139 pounds of the popular seafood can have crossed the docks at seafood processing plants operating in the major port communities on the coast. Last season's total catch was 9.1 million pounds and just 1.3 million pounds shy of the 10 year average. After

three consecutive sub-average harvests, it appears that the fishery is headed toward an "up" part of the cycle that has seen landings fluctuate from 3.1 million pounds to 18.2 million pounds in recent history.

Dungeness crab is the most valuable single-specie to Oregon's fishing industry, and as a fishery, is second only to groundfish in terms of dollar value and economic contribution. The "ex-vessel" or to-the-boat value of the catch so far this season is in excess of 17 million dollars. Fishermen are enjoying higher than average prices for the crabs this winter due in part, to low inventories of all crab species leading up to the December opener. Harvest quota cut-backs in some Alaskan crab fisheries have only added to the demand for Dungeness in the domestic marketplace.

Unfortunately, the fishery has been marred by tragedy, as three vessels and six fishermen have been lost in the short

time since the season opened. Two accidents in Northern California and one in Newport, Oregon serve as a grim reminder about just how dangerous winter-time crabbing on the Pacific Ocean can be.

Flu Shots

Flu shots are still available at the Health Department! Free shots for kids! Open late for working folks! On Thursdays, January 20 and 27 the clinic will be open from 1-6pm to give flu shots and child immunizations. No appointment is necessary. The cost of the flu shot is \$10. The Health Department will bill insurance for both flu and kids' shots. There will be no additional charge for the kids' shots. If you have no insurance coverage, the shots for children birth to 19 years of age are free of charge.

If you have any questions please contact the Port Orford Health Department at 332-4041.

Wheelhouse Restaurant

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January 20 - 26 • 6:00am - 11:00am

Corn Beef Hash

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Time Warp

By Graeme Graydon



A week has passed. I know for sure because its Sunday night again and here I am looking for a story. It was a week that got lost. I don't know what happened to it. Usually there's a feeling that tells me, "its been a week," but this time there's nothing. Seven days out of my life-span, and they don't seem to have counted for much. Did I waste time? My conditioned mind says that I must have. So I looked at the calendar which holds some record of my days. Turns out that I got quite a lot done. I worked at my job, (which these days means handyman), I repaired some things at home which I have been putting off for I don't know how long. I planted a bunch of trees, fixed my Dremel Tool, sent off E-mails, survived a series of starter problems with my vehicles, cut more firewood and produced 7 pages of notes which could become the layout for the book that I've been thinking about for over 20 years - and there was a whole lot more stuff that got attention. So why do I think that I did nothing.

Maybe it was that time speeded-up on me. Certainly, in my meditations, time does funny things. I can slip into my quiet space, 15 or 20 minutes but afterwards I feel as if I have been away for a day. Another version - I think that I've been out for 10 minutes but the clock says 2 hours. Doing that a couple of times a day could start to bend my normal concept of time. Come to think of it, I have been pretty regular with my meditations lately, sometimes I've had to make quite an effort to integrate back into my Port Orford life. Its a funny thing to contemplate really. The time I spend away in meditation, is time spent in another world - a world that is timeless. My teacher was right, five minutes in meditation, Earth-time, becomes hours spent somewhere else. Another teaching was that although time exists on our dense Third-dimensional planet, the moment you get out of here, time disappears. No wonder I don't know what happened to my week. Here we have a nice, orderly past, present and future, but once out of this realm, they all exist simultaneously. Now there's a thought.

Have you ever had the experience of completely losing time. It can happen to me either walking or more dramatically, while driving. Either at my destination or

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somewhere before it, I suddenly become aware that I'm at point C. I remember starting at A and getting to B but I have no recollection of any of the journey from B to C. It could be a stretch of the Interstate, a mountain road or a mile of plodding along the beach. I don't remember one moment of it. Oops! Where was I and more intriguingly, who did the driving, who did the walking.

For years I have noticed that time is speeding up. Something that happened a month ago feels as if it was at least a year ago. When I think of myself 5 - 10 - 15 years back, I hardly know that person, he seems so distant and colorless. Yet it was from that one that I grew to be who I am now. All the meaningless things I did, all the days that didn't count, all the unawareness and the unimportance, the times I was there and the times I was somewhere else - everything counted, the journey has continued, safely and, like the unremembered B to C, leaves me with the question - who was doing the living, and, who was he living for.

PO Library Foundation

The Port Orford Library Foundation met Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 11, and elected the following Carrie Rogers as Chairman, Bill Shenberg, Vice-Chairman, and Dot Mathews, Secretary-Treasurer. The Foundation Board holds monthly meetings. Active committees are involved in studying how our fine Library might solve the need for adequate space.

High Temp			Low Temp		Avg	Avg	Inches	# Days	Rainy Period		
Month(s)	Temp		Month(s)	Temp	High	Low	Rain	Rain	Month	Days	Inches
1999	Oct	79	Nov	29	58.8	45.8	76.09	156	Feb	25	16.35
1998	Oct	79	Dec	22	59.0	46.7	97.25	175	Nov / Jan	24 / 29	22.96 / 17.74
1997	Sep	80	Jan	26	61.0	46.9	68.7	156	Jan / Mar	14 / 22	12.11 / 10.49
1996	Sep	83	Feb	29	59.9	45.8	107.55	166	Dec	25	24.67
1995	Aug	77	Dec	32	60.9	47.5	83.31	164	Jan/Dec	27 / 24	19.47 / 16.25
1994	Sep	89	Nov	27	60.0	45.4	66.46	143	Nov / Dec	22 / 20	11.24 / 11.19
1993	Oct	82	Nov	27	61.0	45.7	72.61	165	Apr / Dec	27 / 16	13.04 / 14.78
1992	Aug	86	Dec	30	62.7	47.2	55.56	141	Dec	26	14.54
1991	Oct	88	Jan	27	61.4	45.5	55.53	127	Nov	23	7.61
1990	Sep	84	Dec	13	60.1	45.7	67.36	151	Jan	23	14.65
1989	Sep	86	Feb	19	60.6	45.0	57.46	136	Mar	30	16.03
Temp		Temp	Avg		# Days		Rain for	Most In	Cumulative Rain For Year		1999
High	Low	High	Low	Rain	Month	24hrs	Days	Inches	Days	Inches	
Jan	62	53	52.4	39.9	18	12.76	3.47	18	12.76		
Feb	58	33	51.2	41.0	25	16.35	2.46	43	29.11		
Mar	64	29	51.6	38.4	21	11.19	1.85	64	40.30		
Apr	77	35	55.4	41.6	13	4.18	1.00	77	44.48		
May	69	36	57.0	44.4	15	5.57	1.31	92	50.05		
Jun	69	42	62.3	49.4	7	0.70	0.30	99	50.75		
Jul	69	47	63.0	51.5	2	0.03	0.0	101	50.78		
Aug	76	48	67.7	54.3	3	1.47	0.83	104	52.25		
Sep	77	47	66.3	51.9	1	0.03	0.03	105	52.28		
Oct	79	30	64.4	47.2	11	4.06	1.74	116	56.34		
Nov	77	29	58.9	47.8	24	12.57	2.02	140	68.91		
Dec	69	35	55.1	42.1	16	7.18	1.64	156	76.09		
All Year	79	29	58.8	45.8							

Number of Days in Temperature Range											
(Highs)						(Lows)					
	70	60	50	40	30	60	50	40	30	20	
Jan		4	18	9			1	14	16		
Feb			21	7				17	11		
Mar		2	21	8				15	15	1	
Apr	1	5	21	3				19	11		
May		6	24	1			2	25	4		
Jun		22	8					17	13		
Jul		27	4					24	7		
Aug	6	22			1			23	3		
Sep	9	16	5					25	5		
Oct	5	11	2	2			6	12	2		
Nov	2	8	17					10	16	1	
Dec		4	25	2				4	14	12	
Total	23	127	166	32		1	112	160	71	2	

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Port Orford Weather Statistics

Courtesy of Gene Traglio

Compiled from:

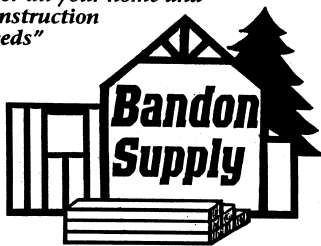
Data furnished by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department,

Climatological Station Location: City
Water Plant, north side Buffington Park

Time of Observation: 8:00am daily

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Light Trespass By Al Geiser

There is a simple new fixture in town, one that has tamed one of those annoying indiscriminate yard lights. Kalmiopsis Audubon Society donated an Improved Hubbell Skycap to a group of citizens who showed interest in solving a light trespass problem that was affecting their quality of life. The homeowners did the foot work, approaching the local utility that owned the offending light, explaining the quality of life issue and asking for their help. GTE is to be praised for taking the issue seriously, understanding the problem and retrofitting the mercury vapor light "bomb" with the Skycap. The fixture is 30 feet up on the utility pole at the front gate to the GTE building on 9th Street, between Jackson and Washington Streets. The height of the fixture diminishes some of the retrofit benefits, but compare it to all other fixtures north on Jackson Street and you will immediately note the stark difference. You can recog-

nize the fixture at night by the lack of glare from a distance that this fixture cuts off and by day it looks like an upside down metal bowl has replaced the lens very neatly. The simple solution solved a very annoying light trespass problem for a small group of citizens by cutting off the stray light.

How have these light bombs slowly crept into many of the previous dark corners of Port Orford? Maybe the answer is simple, assimilation, they are just there, and no one questions their spread. A good many of these yard lights have been installed by people who have long past departed for new neighborhoods. New arrivals to Port Orford find these yard lights installed on utility poles or workshops of their new piece of real estate and may never question the reason for their existence.

There are many simple solutions to this problem; first examine your yard, did you inherit one of these light "bombs" when

you purchased your home, do you need it? Could a light in your yard be throwing unwanted light into a neighbor's bedroom windows, or causing unsafe glare on your street for drivers. As a good neighbor you could install a Skycap or simply unscrew the bulb and save \$66 per year and improve the quality of life in your neighborhood at the same time. Maybe your neighbor has one of these lights in their yard that has been a long time annoyance, how do you talk to them about a bad light?

Bradbury Honored

The Coos County Democrats will honor Bill Bradbury, Oregon's recently appointed Secretary of State at a prime rib, salmon or pasta primavera dinner on Saturday evening, January 29, at Gregson's Fine Dining in North Bend.

Limited seating is still available. For reservations or more information call Linda Doman at 888-3434 or e-mail to doman@harborside.com.



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Green Mile

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Sat., Jan. 22 4 & 8 pm

Sun., Jan. 23 4 & 8 pm

Mon. - Thurs., Jan. 24-27 7 pm

Project Graduation

It's that time again! Time to plan our auction and fund raisers to support our graduating seniors. The proceeds of our fund raisers go for the all night alcohol and drug free graduation party chaperoned by parents and staff members. This is a very memorable occasion for everyone. Without the communities help each year we could not put this on. Parents and committee members will be starting their donation collection efforts this week for our biggest fund-raiser, the Project Graduation Auction, to be held Saturday, March 11, 2000, at 7pm in the Pacific High School gym. So please mark for your calendars now for this event.

We will also be selling tickets for a drawing of a beautiful bench donated by Lewis Lee from The House of Hearts. Your purchases will help support this community effort.

The Project Graduation Committee will have their next meeting Monday, January 24, at 7pm at Pacific High School. We would appreciate it if all senior parents could make this meeting, we need the help of everyone to make this year's graduation a success for our seniors.

If anyone has any donations they would like to make or a cash donation to the graduation fund please call Mary Hathorn our secretary and she will make arrangements to have it picked up, 332-1301.

DUII Victims Impact Panel

A DUII Victims Impact Panel will be held in Curry County on Wednesday, January 26th at 7pm in the Gold Beach City Council Chambers.

The Panel is designed to show DUII offenders the tragic consequences of driving under the influence of intoxicants. Victims who have suffered because of an intoxicated driver tell their stories to an audience of DUII offenders. By hearing a personal story, the offender can begin to understand the pain and suffering that often results from a DUII.

The Panel is based on similar VIP models held in other counties. However, it was developed specifically for Curry County under the direction of a community Task Force, sponsored by the Curry County Council on Alcoholism through a grant

from Oregon Department of Transportation. Local victims speak and the Oregon State Police present a brief but graphic slide presentation.

This is an ongoing DUII prevention program with Panels scheduled periodically throughout the year. The next scheduled Panel is Wednesday, March 29th at 7pm in the Brookings City Council Chambers. Members of the community over the age of twelve are invited to attend.

Transportation Needs

The Curry County Transit Advisory Committee will be holding open forums to determine the need for Transportation in Curry County. The State Legislature is sending grant dollars down to our county to be spent on transportation programs providing services to senior and disabled citizens of Curry County. These funds are called Special Transportation Funds (STF).

The forums will be providing an opportunity to Curry County residents to voice their opinions on what transportation services are not being provided in Curry County and how this money should be spent in efforts to provide those services.

The Port Orford forum will be held on Monday, January 31, 1:30pm, at the Senior Center.

With these funds the Curry Public Transit is currently providing services that cover the entire county. These services are open to the general public at a small fee. With the extra STF funding, they can increase their services.

Whatever your situation, if your transportation needs are not being met, come to the forum and tell us what your needs are. Due to the criteria of the grant, extra attention will be given to the needs of senior and disabled citizens of Curry County.

CNA Class Rescheduled

Persons interested in applying to Certified Nursing Assistant class still have time to register. The class, originally scheduled to start January 18th, has been rescheduled to begin February 8th. The course has limited enrollment and acceptance is based on the completion date of the application. The course requires applicants to take a placement test and provide verification of health screening in addition to filling out other application papers. You must make an appointment to take a placement test by calling 541-469-5017 or 541-247-2741

The course consists of classroom lectures, practice labs and clinical experience through the Good Samaritan Center in Brookings the clinical experience will provide students with the much needed on the job training most employers require. The CNA certificate prepares students for other health care fields. It is a stepping stone for the Certified Medication Aid Program.

For more information, call Southwestern Oregon Community College, Curry Program at 247-2741 in Gold Beach or 332-3023 on Fridays in Port Orford.

Police Log

January 10, 9:00am: Criminal Mischief at the Gazebo in Buffington Park – under investigation.

January 10, 5:00pm: Motor vehicle crash into Port and Starboard Restaurant – driver transported to Southern Coos Hospital in Bandon.

January 11, 2:20pm: Suspicious vehicle at 9th and Arizona Streets – owner notified.

January 11, 6:15pm: Altercation at Port and Starboard Restaurant – handled by contact.

January 12, 4:45pm: Illegal cutting of trees on Jackson Street – unfounded.

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January 13, 9:05am: Report of reckless driver in Driftwood Elementary parking lot – report taken.

January 14, 4:00pm: Report of NSF check at Sentry Market – report taken.

January 14, 11:15pm: Complaints of vandalism throughout Port Orford – under investigation.

Health Care Opportunities

“Opportunities for improved health care have arrived in North Curry County, and now is your chance to become involved,” explained Cathy Boden, the Project Coordinator for a new grant awarded to Curry General Hospital. She is asking local agencies and groups interested in shaping the efforts of this grant to attend an organizational meeting. The Federal grant totaling \$400,000 is to be spent over the next three years. The grant is designed to help improve quality primary health care and prevention education to the citizens of Port Orford and the surrounding area.

“The program will focus on four major health risks: cancer, heart disease, diabetes and chronic lung diseases,” Cathy in-

forms. Health providers will reach out to potential patients, provide free screenings and education programs, establish outreach programs, increase primary care and follow-up care, as well as reduce expensive misuse of ambulance and emergency room services. The four partners heading up this program are Curry General Hospital which is responsible for managing the project and will provide specialists for various services; Curry Family Medical Clinic which will be the focal point for care with day to day services and primary care; The Curry County Public Health Department will be responsible for community networking and education efforts; and the Port Orford Ambulance will focus on outreach efforts and coordination of local program evaluation. Curry General Hospital is especially thankful to Senator Gordon Smith and his staff, for their help in tracking the grant, and the support they provided.

Those interested are encouraged to participate in our first meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25 from 3:00 to 4:30pm at the Adventure Center in Buffington Park (14th and Arizona). If you are unable to make the meeting, but have ideas please contact Cathy Boden at North Curry Families and Children’s Center at 332-1042.

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a relationship that went wrong with his beautiful longtime girlfriend, Sylvia (Lena Headey). During the course of his enchanted emotional journey, he meets the sexy, beguiling Louise (Penelope Cruz) and discovers that wishes can come true... for better or for worse!

“Goosed” [R] Charlene (Jennifer Tilly) has grown up a sheltered rich girl, struggling to please her over-protective parents. Her neurotic Mom (Joan Rivers) won't be happy until her precious daughter marries a rich doctor. Charlene's psychic advisor predicts that only a husband named “Steven” will do. So, romantically-challenged Charlene heads for L.A. to star in her own real-life love story about the search for the right “Dr. Steven”. But finding a Steven with a caring bedside manner proves far more unpredictable and hilarious than anyone could imagine. After all, anyone can be a doctor of love. Especially when doctors like Antonio Sabato, Jr., Damon Wayans and Gilbert Gottfried make housecalls!

“Lansky” [R] From acclaimed screenwriter Daved Mamet and director John McNaughton comes a brutal, true-life tale of the great American dream. One man's rise from immigrant poverty to a world of power and wealth. Richard Dreyfuss stars as Lansky. The mob has many faces, but only one man is behind them all. Emigrating to America as a child, the young Meyer Lansky learns to fight with his wits and always come out on top – and at a profit. Starting with a small gang, Lansky soon becomes a big-time gangster when, at the height of prohibition, he joins Bugsy Siegel and Lucky Luciano in creating a crime “syndicate”, organizing and structuring crime to make it as efficient as any other business in America. But this is a business more openly crooked than most – and more violent.

“The Devil's Arithmetic” [PG] Sixteen year old Hanna Stern was a typical American teenager who ignored her
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New Videos Now Available at The Downtown Fun Zone

“Floating Away” [NR] Rosanna Arquette (Pulp Fiction), Judge Reinhold (Beverly Hills Cop) and Paul Hogan (Crocodile Dundee) team up in this touching journey of three new friends struggling to repair the damaged lives they've created. With loads of heart and little cash they make an outlandish cross-country road trip. Lloyd is looking for love, Maurey wants to be reunited with her child, and Shane is searching for a way to get back home. While encountering troubled strangers, and escaping several close calls, they might change their destination... forever.

“Central Station” [R] Golden Globe winner! Best Foreign Language Film, 2 Academy Award Nominations. Inside Rio de Janeiro's bustling Central Station, two very unlikely souls are about to become inextricably linked. When a young boy (Vinicius de Oliveira) witnesses his mother's accidental death, a lonely retired schoolteacher reluctantly takes the child under her wing. Although initially distrustful of each other, the two form an uncommon bond as they venture from the bustling city to Brazil's barren and re-

mote northeast region in search of the boy's father. Together, the two embark on a journey of the heart that restores the woman's spirit and teaches the child precious life lessons. A powerful tear-jerker of uncommon grace and heart, Central Station is destined to become a classic. In Portuguese with Yellow English subtitles.

“Mr. Music” [NR] 70's rockstar Simon Eckstall's record career is so... twenty years ago. He needs a hook. A gimmick. So he hires a teenager as a recording executive. Meet Rob Tennant. The hippest, slickest high school student since Ferris Bueller took a day off. Rob loves playing the role of Mr. Music, but soon discovers that Simon only wants him to look young and keep out of his way. Now Rob's going to teach Simon a thing or two about today's music biz. Even if he puts him out of business in the process. A rockin' soundtrack and breakout performances from newcomer Jonathan Tucker and legendary rocker Mick Fleetwood make this a movie the whole family will enjoy.

“Twice Upon A Yesterday” [R] Fate steps in with unexpected consequences when forlorn lover Victor (Douglas Henshall) magically gets the chance of a lifetime: to turn back the clock and relive

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family's heritage until a mystical Pass-over seder takes her back in time to German-occupied Poland on an emotional journey of life, death and survival. Transported to a dank, cold, concentration camp, she experiences the horrors of the holocaust and for the first time understands the grim reality of her people's fate. Fighting for survival, she keeps everyone's spirits up by entertaining them with stories of the future, but she soon must face a terrible sacrifice. Starring Kirsten Dunst (Interview With the Vampire), with a powerful introduction by Academy Award Winner Dustin Hoffman, this emotional journey based on the popular book is a compelling way to show young and old alike why we must "never forget."

"Locked in Silence" [NR] Stephen Cline was a quiet child. In fact, from age 5 to 13 he didn't speak at all. Locked in Silence is based on a true story of this self-imposed silence, it's effects, and of psychologist Dr. Harvey Rosenstock's struggle to get Stephen to speak again. The film features outstanding performances by Gonnie Bedelia (Die Hard), Bruce Davison (Longtime Companion) and Dan Hedaya (The First Wives Club).

"Last Rites" [R] On the night of his execution, a lightning bolt shatters Jeremy Dillon's (Randy Quaid) electric chair and enters his brain. When he awakes from a deep coma, he can't remember the past, his horrible crimes or the rage that fueled his deeds. His homicidal demons have been replaced by new psychic powers that foretell the future to save lives. Convinced her patient has been transformed, Dillon's prison psychiatrist fights for his freedom. But is Dr. Lauren Riggs (Embeth Davidtz) making a fatal error in judgement? Can she trust her own instincts to survive or will she become the next victim of a dangerously persuasive madman?

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"Fakin' da Funk" [R] Finding your roots in the hood ain't easy. An accidental switch at an adoption agency sends a Chinese baby to an African-American family. Julian is accepted into the family and his tight-knit Atlanta neighborhood, but the search for a better life takes the family to South Central L.A., where his new neighbors think Julian is pretending to be black. For the first time in his life, Julian faces an identity crisis. *Fakin' da Funk* pokes fun at stereotypes and proves that what's in your heart is what's important.

"Curtain Call" [NR] Stevenson Lowe's girlfriend, Julia, wants to get married. But all thoughts of proposing are quickly scared out of him by a couple of grouchy ghosts who have the marriage from hell. They are Max and Lily Gale, theatrical legends, and the original residents of his newly purchased brownstone. They have no intention of leaving to make room for this new couple. When Julia decides she's waited long enough for a proposal, she leaves Stevenson and his crazy ghost stories behind. Will his afterlife housguests be able to reunite our young lovers? True love gets a spirited test in this charming, offbeat, romantic comedy starring James Spader (Stargate) and Academy Award Winners Michael Caine (Hannah and Her Sisters) and Maggie Smith (First Wives Club).

"The Passion of Ayn Rand" [NR] A celebrity, a novelist, a philosopher, an inspiration. In 1949, everyone's eyes

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"Tango" [PG-13] Flamboyant, Colorful, Sensual. The seductive world of the tango is stunningly brought to life by director Carlos Saura, Grammy-winning composer Lalo Schiffrin and Oscar-winning cinematographer Vittorio Storaro. Set against the backdrop of a director's passionate love affair with his art and the beautiful young woman who captures his heart, Tango is "A mesmerizing experience, a smoky, lush blend of muted light and color, of intoxicating dance and the richest tango music you could ever imagine." (Kevin Thomas, LA Times.)

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Votes are tallied and the results forwarded to local representatives, news media and other interested parties. Results are an unscientific sampling, and will be presented as such. Polling is anonymous and a confirmation is sent to the voters e-mail address. The voter then inputs a confirmation number to add their vote to the tally. There are no restrictions (regional, age, etc.) of who can vote. Results of votes will be archived on the website.

Nuss felt there was a need for this type of website in Curry County. "In a small community, so many, so many people refrain from expressing an opinion for fear of reprisal, ridicule of offending others". "My hope is that it will promote free discussion and input about current local issues". Issues can be submitted with or without an e-mail address for future polling.

The website will pay for itself by displaying banner ads linking to sponsors' websites. The website also contains links

to local, regional and national representatives and news media.

Vikki Nuss owns and administers the website. RE-Data, a Brookings website development firm is the designer of the website. For more information log on to www.CurryVoter.com or e-mail manager @CurryVoter.com

Chambers Awards Luncheon

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce will hold the 1999 Awards Luncheon on Monday January 24, noon, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant at Battle Rock Park.

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SWOCC will offer this important and practical class on Saturday, January 22. The class is from 9am to 5pm at the Southwestern center in Gold Beach at the fairgrounds. The fee is \$26; pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

Participants will learn first aid, and the skill necessary for the immediate and temporary care of the sick or injured. In Curry County, many homes are quite a distance from medical help, learn what to do until qualified medical help arrives. Pediatric CPR is included. Teachers, parents and grandparents will all benefit from this class. This class also satisfies the state requirement for the registration of childcare providers.

For those who would like standard First Aid/CPR, there is a class in Gold Beach, Saturday, January 29th at the Southwestern office. Again, cost is \$26 and pre-registration and prepayment are required.

Call SWOCC for more information or to register: Gold Beach 247-2741, or Port Orford (Fridays only) 332-3023.

Papermaking with Fibers

SWOCC is presenting a weekend art workshop – Papermaking with Fibers. Port Orford artist, Karen Butts, will instruct students on making beautiful papers using fibers and petals from local plants. A multitude of handmade papers will be made utilizing techniques similar to primitive methods.

The workshop is Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and 23, from 11am to 4pm and is held at the Port Orford Adventure Center. The cost is \$39 and includes all materials. Pre-registration and prepayment are required. So come out and learn a new craft and have fun.

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**Port Orford Internet
By Valerie Jean Kramer**

You may have had some trouble connecting to Harborside Internet recently but I'm happy to report that by the time you read this, the problems should be resolved. Two things have happened that you should be aware of.

First, the old phone number that used to be used for the 33.6kbps modems, 332-7043, has been disconnected and can no longer be used. ONLY the 332-1309 number should be used in Port Orford.

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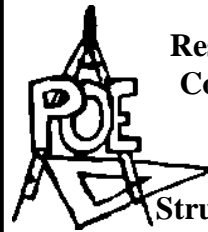
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vice with the result that the 56kbps modems became over-crowded and many people were getting busy signals. As I'm writing this on Tuesday, one of Harborside's engineers is installing new equipment that will provide 72 56kbps modem connections with the option of expanding to 96 modems in the future. He says the equipment may also be a bit faster than the devices it replaces.

If you are still having trouble, you may want to check with us to see whether something new has gone awry or whether the problem is more likely in your phone line or modem. Harborside has also instituted a new status screen off their home page where you can find current info.

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RCAC Meeting

RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation) will hold a public meeting in Port Orford on Thursday, January 20, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Chris Marko of RCAC will be in Port Orford to make a presentation on water and sewer rates. Chris will explain how water and sewer costs are figured. He will also explain the various ways that these costs can be paid for, including how user fees are computed. Citizens are encouraged to attend and discuss these important issues.

Who is RCAC? They are part of a national network of nonprofit organizations working to ensure that rural and small communities throughout the United States have access to safe drinking water.

RCAC works to improve drinking water, wastewater and solid waste management; increase the availability of community facilities and develops the knowledge base of the rural public through education, publications and training. In addition RCAC helps rural communities understand and comply with the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Acts and assists with rate setting and budgeting, engineering reviews, financing and operation and management of small utility systems.

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Storm Damage at Port

Sunday morning's violent winter storm caused a setback to Laskey-Clifton's attempt to build a new dock in the middle of winter. The storm bearing high winds came in on the back of an 8' high tide at 7:00am on Sunday morning. Waves breaking over the jetty undermined the fill under a portion of the concrete seawall Laskey-Clifton has been erecting. Approximately 130 feet of seawall was upended and destroyed. Of that total 80' contained a footing and wall and 50' was footing only. A brace was broken in the newest of the sheet pile cells and crews were busy welding it on Monday afternoon. The dredge pipe which is used to

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shoot sand over the jetty in an attempt to dredge the Port was also broken by the storm. Laskey-Clifton project manager Tom Wright threw out a ballpark figure of \$20,000 damage from Sunday's storm. He had a quote for the newspaper but it was not printable.

Electrical power was out in the City of Port Orford north of 11th Street and in the area north of Port Orford up to Silver Butte Street for two hours on Sunday morning.

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state. Is our record better now? This subject will be addressed at a public meeting Tuesday, February 1st in Gold Beach.

Expected to participate are Barbara Eels, Children's Services, Deborah Wilson, Mental Health; Gearl Seal, Addictions program; Stacy Randolph, Victims' Assistance; the director of Oasis House shelter; Gold Beach police chief Rector and Sheriff Kent Owens.

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Curry County, the meeting will begin at 7pm in the Blue Room of the Courthouse Annex. After a short presentation by each of the professional people, a question and answer period will be held.

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Curry General Hospital

Del Barber, P.A.C., certified physician assistant, has joined the medical staff of Curry Family Medical clinic in Port Orford, effective this month.

He has a diverse background in education and medical science. Port Orford patients already speak very highly of him.

Barber comes to the health district after serving three years as physician assistant for the Brookings-Harbor Medical Center in Brookings. Graduating from his P.A. program at the University of Southern California, he completed his residency at the USC- Los Angeles County Women's and Children's Hospital, specializing in pediatrics in the early 1990's.

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Previously, Barber worked in the field of education for 33 years. He taught everything from basic chemistry to physiology and emergency medical technician training. He worked at the high school level, as well as for university undergraduate and graduate level programs.

The Barbers moved to Curry County in 1996 attracted by the rural environment. "I was raised on ranches and farms in Wyoming and South Dakota. I enjoy the people," he says. "And there's a chance to provide real quality care here.

With his background in education and love for children, Barber says he is eager to help promote health care to young people in Port Orford.

Aware of the turnover in medical staff at the Curry Family Medical clinic in the past decade, he says he wants to assure his patients that he "will not be moving."

The Barbers plan to begin construction on a home in Nesika Beach this summer. Tom Pitchford, M.D. and Reg Williams, M.D., Curry General Hospital chief of staff, will be his supervising physicians.

"Hopefully, between Dr. Pitchford and me, we can demonstrate a new stability at the clinic," he adds.

There will be a spectacular total lunar eclipse on Thursday, Jan. 20 starting at 6:03pm with totality reached at 8:05pm. At 8:44pm it will be darkest with totality ending at 9:22pm. By 10:25, it's over.

Garrison Lake Opened Continued from Front Cover

Beach is now accessible from the 12th Street boat ramp and can be gotten to by walking along the exposed sections of the lakebed.

County Commissioner Bill Robert said it was the telephone calls from concerned City and County residents after the council meeting that provided the impetus for opening the lake. Roberts said he believed the City should be responsible for half the bill of opening the lake. He spoke about organizing a meeting with the City, County and state agencies to work on a long-term solution to this problem.

Senior News By Mary Yoder

January 11 was board meeting—one thing that came up was the announcement of the person who was chosen as the volunteer for January – yes 2000. It is Owen Miller. Now he will be the one to choose the volunteer for February. Anyway I'm sure everyone will say good choice.

No Rotary luncheon January 13 so no volunteers.

Oh yes from now on at our board meetings also our membership meeting the blood pressure and hearing aid people will be available from 9:30am till noon. It's the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

January 17 pinochle – it's at 7:00pm. This too is first and third Mondays of each month. Winners were high Betty Keeler, second Donna Olsen, low Betty Harper. Did I tell you it's the president of the pinochle who brings the popcorn?

January 22 luncheon at 11:30am also rummage sale from 8:00am till 1:00pm. All are welcome seniors or not. Come enjoy a nice luncheon and visit with your friends. Would you believe I went to the Center the other day and in the kitchen – yes making home made rolls were Pattie Young and Roald Young. Isn't that something? They worked that day because they said they would be gone for three whole weeks.

As of January 11 Harold Pace is the new office manager of the Center. There will be meetings for all personnel working in the office to upgrade all providers. It seems the Center could use more volunteers. Just come in or phone if you'd like

to help. It's morning 9:30am to 12:30pm and afternoons from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. I'd like to welcome two new members Kate Wise and David Kight.

Just a word here January has five Saturdays so January 29 is potluck day. Cook up something special. I think you all know what I like. See you there.

Said the robin to the sparrow
I would really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so

Said the sparrow to the robin
Friend I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly father
Such as cares for you and me.

Tires Slashed

Vandals cut a narrow swath of destruction through Port Orford last Friday night. Numerous people's cars had their tires slashed including several at the Savoy Theater. Tires were also slashed at other businesses along Highway 101. The First Community Church van tires at 20th and Jackson Street were slashed. One resident on Port Orford Loop Road had two tires slashed. There were other acts of vandalism at Sentry Market where shipping pallets were tossed around in back of the market. The phone at the card lock gas station at 14th and Idaho was pulled off the wall, flowers were uprooted at the Wooden Nickel and at a home on Madrona Street lights were broken out. Port Orford Police Chief Bill Rush estimated a total of 15-20 vehicles had their tires slashed but he said that not everyone reported their damage.

No arrests have been made as of Tuesday. The Curry County Sheriff's Department contacted and spoke with nine-year-old and fourteen year old juveniles in connection with the vandalism. This information has been referred to the Juvenile Department.

There are no estimates for the amount of damage from Friday night's activities.

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