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### Water Rate Meeting

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council held a special meeting to discuss water/sewer rate structures last Thursday night. City Administrator Martha Weaver-Britell referred to the “bottom line” and said the City needed a certain amount of money to run the system. Councilor Ralph Donaldson whose main interest on the council has been water and sewer issues said in looking at the Operations and Maintenance budget the City was operating at “bare bones.” He said the City could not cut employees and the State had been critical that there were not enough employees to run the water and sewer systems.

The council was there to hear from the public and Al Affonso spoke first. He recommended the council go to a monthly billing system for the water/sewer bill. He spoke about holding down the O & M budget. He said the City should go to the equipment reserve account rather an O & M for equipment. He said the City could reimburse itself for time employees spent hooking new buildings up into the system.

Martin Myhre looked at the city budget and said charges not related to the water

operation fund should be put elsewhere in the budget. He said the city administrator’s salary should not be in the O & M fund.

Port Orford homeowner Ed McQuade said they use city water at his house to water the garden. He said he doesn’t mind paying for the water but objected to the way it affects the sewer bill. Councilor Donaldson said the city needed to keep water rates artificially high in summer so people wouldn’t overuse the water. He said we don’t have enough water in our Hubbard Creek watershed in summer. Councilor Nathaniel Wander suggested going to an increasing block rate in summer. Port Orford homeowner Jack Pruitt said there was a problem of denial here at the meeting. He said “we are subsidizing commerce in this town with our water/sewer rates.”

Nathaniel Wander spoke about a possible city ballot initiative in November concerning water/sewer rates that Siggi Hoffman was proposing. Gayle Wilcox said Port Orford continues to exist because of tourist trade and said to expect businesses to shoulder increased water rates – “I don’t get it.” She reminded the council that local businesses contribute to many local causes and organizations.

Bob Houck asked how many times the city has gone on water rationing and pub-

lic works director Allan Wagner said twice the city had resorted to voluntary water rationing.

Other ideas were increased infill building within the city limits, reducing the size of the urban growth boundary, getting the new sewer outfall completed thus getting the city off the moratorium on hook-ups and fixing the inflow and infiltration (I & I) problem with the sewer system. The I & I problem is where ground and spring water enters the sewer mains and ends up having to be treated in the sewer plant. Wagner said small measures have been taken to alleviate this problem.

Councilor Jane Cramer said there were people who do complain about inequities in the rates. Councilor Donaldson asked her how homeowners subsidize businesses and Cramer responded that people have told her businesses should pay higher rates.

Councilor Wander said he wanted to see a reasonable discussion of different ways to pay the rates. He suggest two alternatives for paying for fixed costs including equal shares – one hookup, one share of those costs, or proportional shares with each customer paying a percentage of those costs proportional to actual use of service with the bigger users paying the bigger share.

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Date	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Sun		Moon		Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Phase
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Fri Mar 10, 2000	2:16a 7.5	8:46a 0.7	2:56p 6.1	8:37p 1.9	6:35a	6:19p	9:36a	11:26p					
Sat Mar 11, 2000	2:56a 7.5	9:43a 0.6	4:02p 5.6	9:24p 2.6	6:33a	6:21p	10:14a	12:33a					
Sun Mar 12, 2000	3:44a 7.4	10:50a 0.5	5:22p 5.2	10:23p 3.2	6:32a	6:22p	10:58a	1:38a	1Q				
Mon Mar 13, 2000	4:42a 7.2	12:03p 0.3	6:51p 5.2	11:39p 3.6	6:30a	6:23p	11:49a	2:39a					
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Wed Mar 15, 2000	1:04a 3.6	7:07a 7.2	2:22p -0.3	9:10p 5.9	6:26a	6:25p	1:49p	4:24a					
Thu Mar 16, 2000	2:20a 3.2	8:17a 7.4	3:18p -0.6	9:58p 6.4	6:25a	6:26p	2:55p	5:07a					

**Scholten Terminated  
 by Evan Kramer**

The Curry Health Board of Directors met in special session on Wednesday afternoon, March 1 and terminated Randy Scholten as chief executive officer in charge of financial operations. The termination was effective immediately. Scholten will receive three months severance pay, accrued paid time off and wages owed. The special meeting was a public meeting. However, no comment was allowed by the public on advice of the Board's attorney. A seven-minute long executive board meeting preceded the special meeting.

Board member Roger Davis made the motion to terminate Randy Scholten and board member Brian McNulty seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Davis, McNulty, Barbara Stover and Doug Jamieson. Board member John Stockman was not present.

Board Chairperson Barbara Stover made the following statement before the vote was taken. "I'm calling this special meeting of the Curry Health District board of directors in session March 1, 2000, at 4:30pm for the purpose of acting on a disciplinary action resolution. This is probably one of the most difficult meetings in which any of us have been involved, but our main responsibility as Curry Health District board members is to assure the stability of Curry General Hospital. Threatening this stability is the lack of trust and leadership ability that the board, management council and department managers feel towards Randy Scholten."

Randy Scholten told me on Friday that he had no warning about the termination. He said he was concerned about the effect this will have on the Port Orford clinic. He said the board had tried to force him to resign but he refused. Scholten added that he had been treated poorly the board.

Scholten explained the chain of events leading up to his termination. Before going on a recent vacation he had submitted a 17-page report to the Board of Directors expressing his serious concerns about problems within the District. He asked the board that when he got back from vacation he meet with them in executive session and discuss his report. The board held the executive session as Scholten requested but with no warning or counseling offered they terminated him. His report is not available to the press.

Scholten said he had just signed a new doctor for the Curry Family Medical Clinic in Port Orford. His name is Dr. Ken Manuele and he start working at the clinic on May 8.

Frann Grossmann who works in public relations for the District supplied information about the March 1 Curry Health District board meeting special session.

# Wheelhouse Restaurant

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## Denver Omelet

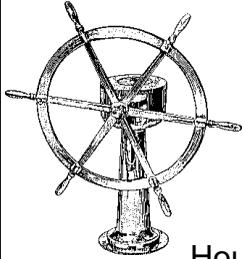
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### Always be a Student by Graeme Graydon



Nearly 30 years ago, I was one of the parents who accompanied a group of 10-year olds and their teachers to a West Coast beach on the North Island of New Zealand. The class split up into small groups and I became the “facilitator” for eight bright kids. I led them below the high tide mark to a spot where there were two small stones lying half buried in the black sand of an otherwise featureless stretch of beach. We stood in a circle around the stones and then I asked, “What do you see?” “Two stones Sir.” “What else do you see?” For 20 minutes there was a non-stop commentary on what they could see. There were jet black grains of sand and grayish grains, there were patterns and ripples, the black came from titanium, which came from a volcano, the stones had different origins, they had things growing on them, they could see the effect of the tide, the waves, the weather, the currents, they saw that the black sand was heavier than the gray, and that it was almost too hot to walk on because black absorbs heat. Those kids

noticed dozens of tiny clues which led us into discussions of many sciences - biology, physics, volcanology, geology, oceanography and the climate. If I had taken a group of grown-ups to the same place, they would have been finished in 10 seconds flat and would be wondering about lunch or a bathroom. The incredible ability of healthy children to get excited over what they don’t know, to explore with their minds, to reveal the unknown and to look for more, is an awesome and precious thing.

The greatest humans I know have all retained this wonderful child-like view of their world. They are always learning, they don’t have, like so many of us, the need to be right, they just have a passion to know more. The very last lesson at the end of my university days was about this. On our final evening together, my class, 26 boys and 4 girls, chose to have a formal dinner at a hotel with the agreement that no one would get sloshed. When the splendid meal was done, someone discovered, in an adjoining lounge, the Director of Animal Research for New Zealand, Doctor Macmeekan. It was clear that he had been experimenting with more than a little Scotch whiskey, but he agreed

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to receive us. We trooped in and literally sat at the feet of one of the world’s greatest agricultural scientists. Armed with a fresh Scotch, he wisely remained in his chair and very quickly got our attention.

“Just because you’ve got your little degree, don’t think that you know anything. You don’t know any-bloody-thing.” Not exactly what we expected after all the hard work. “Now go back to your farms and learn how to be farmers - the real way. You have to be a student always. I’ve been a student all my life and I will be till the day I die. Always be a student,” and his presentation was over.

“Doc” was right on two counts - I didn’t know anything, and it is always best to be a student, or as another great One said - except ye become as little children....

### Letter to the Editor,

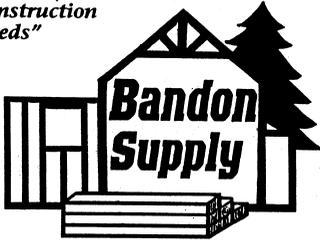
This letter was sent to Port Orford Mayor Gary Doran.

This letter is to inform you that I must resign my position as parks commissioner. I regret having to do this, however my business and other obligations need my undivided attention. It is unfair to the community and myself should I stay on and not attempt to do my best.

It has been a privilege to serve my community and I want to thank you for the opportunity. I can stay on the board till the end of March.

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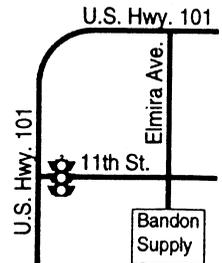
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### Sky Glow Reduction By Al Geiser

Kalmiopsis Audubon has embarked on an exciting new project which has the potential to reduce "sky glow" in a very dramatic way for our community. The project goal is to retrofit 100 security lights in Port Orford with Sky Caps. Sky Caps replace the standard lens on 175 watt mercury vapor lights with a modern shade that directs all of the light to the ground. There are three Sky Caps installed on security lights in Port Orford now; one on 9<sup>th</sup> Street at the GTE building, one at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Coast Guard Hill Rd, and at the corner of King Street and Coast Guard Hill Rd. Take a short field trip and take a good look, they have a very simple design (like a bowl) that greatly adds to safety by eliminating glare.

KAS has launched a fund raising drive beginning with our membership to begin this project. The response has been good,

including several donations from out of the county. But we need the community's help to reach our goal of \$2200. Please sit down and write a generous (small is good too) tax deductible check to Kalmiopsis Audubon "Dark Sky Fund" and send it to KAS, PO Box 1265, Port Orford, OR 97465. All funds received will be used exclusively for the purchase of materials for this joint Dark Sky project.

Kalmiopsis Audubon has agreed to raise the funds to purchase and Coos Curry Electric has agreed to donate all the labor to install (when time is available) the Sky Caps on Coos Curry Electric Cooperative's maintained security lights at the request of individual members who pay for that light. We will be able to purchase the sky caps at a bulk rate and with Coos Curry's donated labor, the cost to modify 100 mercury vapor lights (remember the goal is 100 street or yard lights) can be held to a cash outlay of only \$2200. Lights that are privately owned can be modified by their owners, the old

lens is held in place by two simple clips and the Sky Cap clips into place in the same easy way.

Thanks so much for your support. We will keep the community posted on the progress of the fund raising and the start date for the project.

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### Coast Baseball League

It's that time of year again. Baseball will be starting up very soon and we need to begin preparation and planning right away. An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12, at 7pm at 42711 Myrtle Lane, Port Orford. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in the planning of this year's baseball season, please attend this meeting. We will also be electing new officers and deciding on events and projects for this year. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Martin at 332-7003.

**Blanco School News**  
**By Carol Smith**

March calendars and menus are available in the school office.

Mr. Lemerande has been busy planning the end of the year 8th grade trip. He has a Rogue River Jet Boat Trip scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th. Of course, good behavior will be a required ticket to get to participate.

The report from Oregon Department of Education is delaying their report on our schools from the original date of March 31 to May 30, 2000.

Ticket drawing winners this week are Amy Peabody and Tyler Rodgers!

The Curry County Health Fair was last Saturday at the fairgrounds in Gold Beach. This was a fun day designed to inform children the importance of taking care of their health through good nutrition, immunizations, etc. and is organized and sponsored by the Curry County Health Dept.

Mrs. Brown's second/third grade class put on a play Tuesday entitled "The Bremmen Town Musicians". It received a resounding applause from parents and

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Mon. .. Closed at 3pm  
Tues. .. Calzone  
Wed. .. Fried Chicken  
Thu. ... Razor Clams

students. The Tony Awards are a possibility...thanks to Mrs. Weinblatt for all of her help in this Blanco production.

8th Grade Basketball uniforms need to be turned in at the office clean, bagged and labeled.

Track practice will begin March 13th after school for 6-7-8 grade students interested. Jerry Alexander is the coach and practice will be held at the high school

track with an activity bus leaving PHS at 5:30 each day. Students must have proof of insurance, a current sports physical, parent permission and pay the \$10 pay to play fee.

The Pacific High School Music Department will be presenting "Disney Dazzle" on Wednesday, March 8th, at 7pm in the high school balcony. Donations are appreciated/

Spring Vacation is March 20-24th! Also no school on Friday March 31st. The morning will be time for the teachers to work on third quarter grades and the afternoon will be teacher inservice.

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### Wooden Dock Gone

The old wooden dock at the Port of Port Orford is gone. Hope everybody got all the photos they wanted to get of the structure.

Laskey-Clifton finished removing the structure on Monday. The only remnants of it left are some cut off pilings barely visible above the water and a couple of concrete foundation structures. The majority of the sheet piles cells are in place and it finally looks like a new dock at the Port.

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### **Project Graduation Auction**

Once again, "The Auction" is coming to Pacific High via many hours of hard work from Senior families, and much generosity from our local communities. This year's auction will be Saturday, March 11th at 7pm in the PHS gym. Admission for the event is \$3 per person or \$2 for students and senior citizens or a family admission fee of \$10. All proceeds benefit Project Graduation, which yearly sponsors an alcohol free graduation celebration for the graduating class.

There are many delightful one of a kind items such as hand blown glass art, paintings, and pottery, plus locally grown produce, and many, many more items....basically something for everyone. (Cash, local checks, Visa & MasterCard's are accepted.) If you would like a sneak preview, drop by our local Chetco Credit Union, where some of the items are on display. Other events to look forward to are a 50/50 drawing and tickets for the beautiful redwood and cedar bench donated by Lewis Lee. In addition, you'll be able to see some of our seniors in action, helping with the auction.

This night isn't only just about the auction, this is the Saturday night to forget about that diet, because some of the most wonderful (all you can eat) desserts will be served. Dessert donations are still being accepted. So if you have that special delight that you would like to share, please contact Kristy Sandez our dessert

coordinator, at 332-7920. We are also accepting donated auction items as well as cash. If you wish to donate or would like a donated item to be picked up, please call Mary Hathorn this year's committee secretary at 332-1301.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday night the 11th of March and join in the fun making this 13 year old tradition come true.

### **Letter to the Editor,**

Business people beware! I had a call last night to be sure and attend the special City Council meeting because it would affect the water rates for business owners. Since I have been neglectful in attending the meetings regularly I thought it best I just sit and listen. I definitely didn't like the way the train of thought was going by some of the council members. There were only two members who seem to realize

what an impact an increase in water rates would do to some of the business owners. For some of the business owners this raise could possible run them out of the area. How would it be to live in a town that had no food market (we had 3 at one time), no drugstore, no medical clinic, no gas stations, no Laundromat, no motels, no RV Parks, no motels, and no restaurants??? I think the term used in the "Old West" was "Ghost Town". Al Affonso had some very good ideas last night and I hope the council listens to some of them. Drop a note, make a phone call, help the two council members that can see the problem the business owners have. Thought for the day: When a business's costs go up, it has to be passed on to the consumer, and if that doesn't work you close the doors. Remember residents inside and outside the city limits this can affect all of you.

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**There is Hope**  
By Evan Kramer

The band **Spring Head** provided quite a show at the Spaghetti West last Saturday night. The band members include Hope Grundy – singer and keyboard, Mike Grundy – guitar, Bill Grundy – bass and Sue Medranao on drums. The band covered several songs from well-known bands like the Cranberries, Nirvana, No Doubt and Sheryl Crow. The played their original song **Rain** twice during the evening.

For singer and keyboardist Hope Grundy this was her first time out in public performing with the band. If you had seen her perform you wouldn't have believed it was her first time out. She did a fantastic job kept lots of people dancing and enjoying the music. Hope has a powerful singing voice and hypnotic stage presence. She reminded me of Exene Cervenka, singer for the seminal Los Angeles punk rock band X.

Spring Head will be back at Spaghetti West on Saturday, March 25. Take my advice and don't miss them.

**League of Women Voters**

Port Orford unit, League of Women Voters of Curry County, will meet Friday, March 10 at 10am at the home of Dot Mathews, Doug Johnson Lane at the end of Deady Street. Agriculture and agricultural workers in Curry County and elsewhere in Oregon will be the topic of discussion. This is part of a two year study by the League of Women Voters of Oregon.

The League welcomes citizens of voting age, men or women. A non-partisan political organization, the League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. For more information, call 332-2160 or 332-9002 or check our website at [222.lwvcurry.org](http://222.lwvcurry.org).

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**Letter to the Editor,**

Thank you Lynda Foster, Kim Stang, Randy Foster and Tom Smith, Monday night crew of the Port Orford Community Ambulance Service. I greatly appreciate their capable and understanding assistance. Port Orford is very lucky to have such dedicated, caring neighbors – what an asset to the community!

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**Letter to the Editor,**

What do you think of having your tax money go to an organization which basically then excludes both you and the press from their meetings? Un-American you say?

Take a look at the newly created undemocratic South Coast Development Council, the SCDC. Their purpose is to bribe companies to locate here and then to bribe them to stay! (Bribery is good ethics? Good economics?) They want their members to contribute a total of at least ¼ of a million dollars each year. Apparently anyone can join for a price: \$10,000 a year to be a voting member, or \$500 yearly just to be able to attend the meetings. Businesses can write off this "cost" on their taxes, but can we the little people?

Apparently a lot of our cities and Coos County have already paid to join, using our hard-earned tax money. But it seems that we, and the press, are excluded from even attending the meetings unless we cough up at least another \$500 a year!

Look what our local government is doing! Bribery and exclusion! Who should we vote out of office before we lose all of our voting power?

This is America, year 2000?

Pat Simpson  
Bandon

## Police Log

February 28, 10:00am: Report of injured seal on beach – referred to Oregon State Police.

February 28, 2:40pm: Report of black and white puppy found – wandered home.

February 28, 3:10pm: Complaint of barking dog Idaho Street – owner contacted and advised.

February 29, 10:00am: Verbal altercation at 19<sup>th</sup> and Idaho Street – owner contacted and advised.

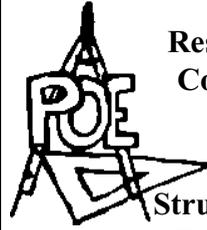
March 2, 1:50am: Report of transient at Wheelhouse – handled by contact.

March 3, 11:10am: Theft of services and unwanted at Battle Rock – report taken.

March 3, 12:00pm: Unwanted at Shell Shack – gone on arrival.

March 3, 1:25pm: Report of near dog attack at 9<sup>th</sup> and Agate Beach Road – owner to be contacted.

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March 3, 1:55pm: Report of purse found in Sentry parking lot – owner notified.

March 3, 3:30pm: Assist with other agencies in search for torpedo.

March 3, 4:20pm: Out of control dog at 9<sup>th</sup> and Agate Beach Road – owner to be contacted, under investigation.

March 4, 1:20am: Responded to motor vehicle accident at MP 299 – report taken.

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March 5, 7:00pm: False alarm at Driftwood Elementary – error.

## Turkey Vultures Back

Brice Wagner reported that on Thursday March 2 he spotted two turkey vultures circling above his ranch on Elk River, back from their winter home. Does anyone know where that is?



## Pacific High School Project Graduation Auction

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## Acting Workshop

The Port Orford Community Theater will present an acting workshop. The study of acting techniques is not just for those who wish to make acting a career, but has also been shown for many years to be a process for growth and expansion of the individual.

Nella Abbot, who will be leading the series of workshops states that “through working on technique and playing with improvisation and theater games this workshop should be a fun and growing experience for all participants.”

Nella has been an actress as well as teacher-director of the actors craft in San Francisco. She has studied with a number of gifted teachers and worked with many talented colleagues.

It is her desire that the concept of collaborative creativity can be explored to the fullest and that all participants, including herself, move forward in their acting or life skills regardless of their individual starting point. It is her hope that enough participants will be inspired to develop a repertory group of well-trained actors to perform a play once a year. For those not interested in acting she hopes the work-

shops will help develop or expand their creative abilities to be used in their individual art or in the art of living.

Please call Nella at 541-332-9110 if you have any questions (or if you have answers.) Look for future announcements in these pages.

## Public Meetings

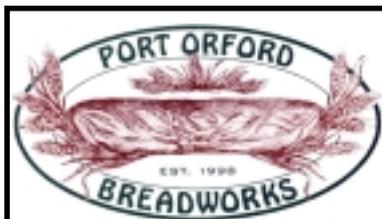
**Port Orford Chamber of Commerce** board meeting on Monday, March 13, noon, at the Paradise Café.

**Port Orford City Council** meets on Monday, March 13, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

**Port Orford Rural Fire District** Board of Directors meets on Tuesday, March 14, 5:00pm, at the city hall fire station.

**Port Orford Planning Commission** meets on Tuesday, March 14, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

**Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District** board of education meets on Tuesday, March 14, 6:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School. The meeting begins with an orientation for the superintendent screening committee by Jim Carnes, OSBA executive search.



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## Letter to the Editor,

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The drawing will take place March 31st. Tickets are available at your local friendly library in Port Orford. Thank you for your support!!

For more information about the Outdoor Club contact Cathy Boden at North Curry Families and Children's Center 332-1042.

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### Windows 2000 Revisited by Valerie Jean Kramer

When I wrote about Windows 2000 last week I was about ready to throw it through a window. My Genealogy program didn't work and my CD-ROM writing software caused a hard crash. Well, I stuck with it and this week I'm feeling a good bit more enthusiastic.

I fiddled with the genealogy program and I still don't know what I did but somehow I got it working again as long as I don't try to customize the toolbar buttons. I can live with that. Even better - A new version of it (Family Tree Maker ver 7.5) has been announced and is expected to ship Friday. If you already have version 7.0, you can order an update for \$19.95 OR you can go to <http://globalgenealogy.com/ftupgrd.htm> and pay \$29.95 which may not sound like a bargain until you learn that that is \$29.95 Canadian or about \$23-24 American

AND you get a copy of "[Evidence, Citation and Analysis For The Family Historian](#)" by Elizabeth Shown Mills a \$23.95 value with your upgrade if you order early. The new version 7.5 is a strictly 32 bit program so it won't run on Windows 3.1 but it should run better and faster under Windows 95/98/NT/2000.

I solved my CD ReWriter problem by re-installing Adaptec's Easy CD Creator 4 program and downloading an upgrade for it from their web site. I like this program better than the NTI software that crashes Windows so I was pretty satisfied when it worked just fine. In fact, it seems to work more reliably than the NTI software.

I've continued to re-install my software and have been pleased that I haven't found any further problems.

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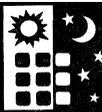
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**Windows 2000 Revisited**  
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I have discovered a couple of differences. Windows 2000 has full support for "Unicode" thus uses 16 bits for each character instead of 8. This allows up to 65,536 possible characters instead of 256. There is a new Character Map applet to display these and it finally displays the samples big enough to see! A nice improvement. On the other hand I'm used to inserting a cent sign by holding down the "Alt" key and typing "0162" on the numeric key pad. This no longer works. I have to use the Character Map to locate the character I want, copy it to the clipboard, then paste it into

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my document. Beginners may find this easier to remember but I have a number of codes for various characters memorized and the Alt-key was was quick and efficient. I'll miss that.

I love the new task manager. It not only shows the currently running tasks but can show all the nitty gritty system processes showing how much CPU time is used by each, how much RAM they use, etc. There's a long list of information you can choose to display. Finally, you can get a graphical view of RAM and CPU usage. This tool helped me find a CPU hog and root it out. Family Tree Maker had installed some kind of program that apparently facilitated access to

the Broderbund Store. That program was taking 100% of my CPU power for about one second out of ten. This was a drain I definitely didn't need! Without the new display, I'd probably never have known what was happening and been left to wonder forever why my system was slow.

I've been doing things I never dared to try in Win98 and Win2000 has handled them all with grace. The only crashes to date have been the NTI program and once this morning while answering an email the screen went solid white. I don't understand that last one yet. I guess Windows 2000 is a keeper after all.

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### Senior News

By Mary Yoder

March 2 was Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Betty Harper, Lorraine Hass, Betty Berger, Harold Pace and yes here are some new volunteer names – John Heida, Connie Heida and Savannah Tremmel. So nice to see some new volunteers.

Have you noticed the nice decorations for St. Patrick's Day? Karen Pace is the one who made it that way.

March 6 was pinochle – high scorer Mary Yoder – 2<sup>nd</sup> Norma Ellis – low Brenda Mitchell. Sad but true no popcorn.

Here is a reminder to get your paper with your volunteer hours in at the Center office. It's time now.

March 14 is blood pressure and hearing aid from 9:30am to noon. Still have tax help every Wednesday from 9:30am noon. Also walking groups Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30am to noon. Every Wednesday quilting group from 1:00 to 3:00pm.

March 10 is Lion's Bingo at Langlois at 6:30pm. All are welcome and you know it's for a good cause.

Remember March 11 is the corned beef and cabbage dinner at 4:00pm. I was told that it is a fund raiser. Like I said be nice to wear something green. Let's make it a fun time.

March 12 is the breakfast from 8:00am till 1:00pm. Rummage sale 8:30am till 1:00pm.

March 14 is the board meeting come bring any ideas you have to better our Senior Center.

Oh yes, was told to put this in, March 31 at 11:00am a sheriff's officer will be at the Center to talk about phone scams. Was told there will be finger foods so come. It will be informing.

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## Water Rate Meeting Continued from Front Cover

City Administrator Weaver-Britell said there are grant monies available for the I & I problem. She said DEQ wants something done about it.

Al Affonso told the council his efforts on behalf of the rate structures were not just for business people. Jack Pruitt told the council for the second time they could pay for capital improvements to the system with general obligation bonds.

Councilor Wander said it was unfortunate this meeting turned into a pro business/anti-business meeting. He said an open discussion had been precluded by the tenor of the meeting, which included name-calling, laughing and cheering.

Councilor Cramer proposed the city administrator develop a list of suggestions that were made at this meeting tonight. Councilor Robert Warring spoke in favor of the increasing block rate method of paying for water. With this method water rates would increase the more you use.

Councilor Cramer made a motion that the council direct the city administrator to contact the Oregon Association of Water

Utilities on a rate schedule and find out what's involved with employee's time and get back to the council. The motion passed 4-1 with Jim Campbell voting no.

## The Silly Season by Valerie Jean Kramer

The full moon isn't until the 20th this month but you would have thought it was out last Friday. On Friday afternoon, March 3, an unidentified citizen reported to Sheriff's Deputy Mark Creighton that a torpedo (like in WWII submarines) was on the beach at Battle Rock.

Despite the potential danger of explosion, a number of people proceeded to tromp around the beach looking for it. As one wag put it, "they'd probably bang on it with a hammer to see if it would explode!"

Despite a search by Port Orford Police Chief Bill Rush, Oregon State Police, Curry County Sheriff's Department, and the Coast Guard, no evidence of a torpedo was found. Was it a hoax? Did it wash back out to sea? Or, is it buried under the sand waiting to pop up in the future? We don't know but we suggest that if you see a hunk of metal sticking out of the sand,

don't kick it!

Meanwhile, the Friday festivities didn't end here. Word filtered in to the office that a flasher was making appearances about town. People must have enjoyed the variety, Port Orford Police Chief Bill Rush said there were no calls to the police department on Friday afternoon about a flasher.

I can't wait to see what happens on the 20th!

## Port Orford Library News By Paula Cracas

Our little library recently received some special gifts from the Southwestern Oregon Public Safety Association (SWOPSA). They donated a fire truck. Well not a real fire truck, but a wooden one painted to look like a fire truck, with seats, and shelves along one side to hold books. It is, in a word, adorable. What child doesn't respond to a fire truck with all of its bells and whistles and sirens? In addition to the fire truck, SWOPSA donated thirty-one books about fire trucks, emergency vehicles and everything else that has to do with the wonderful people who protect us when danger strikes.

Here are a few of the new fire-related books to check out next time you bring the little ones to the library: **I Am Fire** by Jean Marzolla, **Jonathan Goes to the Fire Station** by Susan K. Baggette, **Busiest Fire-Fighter Ever!** By Richard Scarry, and **I'm Going to be a Fire Fighter** by Edith Kunhardt are easy reader books.

All of us at the Port Orford Library extend our thanks for the generous donation from SWOPSA. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Port Orford's Fire Chief George Gehrke and our wonderful volunteer firewomen and men for the terrific job they do. Your dedication helps us sleep soundly every night. For a good read during your waking hours, check out the new books at the Port Orford Library. We're right next to the fire station!

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