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Council Hires Two People By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford city council held a short meeting last Wednesday night and flexed their newly acquired muscles in the employee hiring department. The meeting began at 6:30pm with the council discussing hiring a violations clerk for the municipal court. They chose Daniel Georgson and agreed to sign a six month contract with him. Georgson is being hired and salary paid for through South Coast Business Employment Opportunities.

The council then moved on to hiring a clerk for the police department. The acting police clerk, Maggie Cotherman was chosen. Her job description will come from the Port Orford Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual. The contract with Ms. Cotherman is through May 30, 1997. She is also being hired and paid for through South Coast Business Employment Opportunities in Brookings.

The council dealt with the supervisor of the police clerk. Police Lieutenant Lew Ball spoke to the council and told them Maggie has been doing an excellent job. He said the police clerk job should be kept under the police department supervision,

whether it be the police chief or acting police chief. Ball said he wanted to qualify Cotherman on the L.E.D.S. program (Law Enforcement Data System). City Manager Dotti Myers told the council that she has never interfered with Lew Ball. A motion was made for the police chief or de facto police chief to act as direct supervisor of the police clerk. It passed unanimously.

The last piece of business dealt with the background check on officer Ball. This is part of the minimum requirements for becoming a certified police officer in Oregon. The council unanimously agreed to hire the Coastwatch Legal Services and pay them not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 to conduct the background check.

Race Meeting Cancelled

The Port Orford Grand Prix auto race meeting scheduled for Friday, April 18, was cancelled that morning. A notice was posted on the door of the council chambers announcing that the meeting had been cancelled due to the weather which that day was cloudy. Betsy Johnson and Lindy Zimmerman from the State Division of Aeronautics had planned to fly to Cape Blanco Airport and attend the meeting and talk about the airport and the auto races. Members of Team Continental

from Portland arrived at Port Orford City Hall Friday morning to find out their six hour drive was not going to be a fruitful one. Many members of the public drifted in and out of the city hall lobby disappointed there would be no resolution of the race situation.

I spoke with Port of Port Orford manager Gayle Paige about when the meeting would be rescheduled.. She said no firm date has been set but we'll be notified when it is and make sure to publicize the meeting for the Port, the Chamber of Commerce and the public.

Storyteller Returning to Port Orford

The Port Orford Arts Council is sponsoring the return of Storyteller Will Hornyak to the Port Orford Community Building on Saturday, May 3, at 7:30pm. Hornyak last appeared in Port Orford during the Volkswalk weekend last year. Admission is \$5.00 and tickets are available at the door. The Langlois Library, Friends of the Port Orford Library and the North Curry Families' & Children's Center are co-sponsoring this event. Hornyak last appeared in Port Orford at the Community Building in May of 1996 and was well received by those people in the mood for a bit of old fashioned in person storytelling.

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	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set			
Thu Apr 24	1:05a	7.2	7:47a	-0.6	2:14p	6.0	7:39p	2.2	6:19a	8:11p	10:14p	8:10a	
Fri Apr 25	1:38a	7.2	8:27a	-0.7	2:59p	5.8	8:17p	2.5	6:18a	8:12p	11:12p	8:54a	
Sat Apr 26	2:15a	7.1	9:11a	-0.7	3:49p	5.7	9:01p	2.8	6:17a	8:13p	12:06a	9:44a	
Sun Apr 27	2:57a	6.9	9:59a	-0.6	4:45p	5.6	9:54p	3.0	6:15a	8:14p	12:58a	10:39a	
Mon Apr 28	3:47a	6.7	10:54a	-0.4	5:47p	5.5	11:00p	3.1	6:14a	8:15p	1:45a	11:38a	
Tue Apr 29	4:48a	6.3	11:54a	-0.2	6:51p	5.7			6:12a	8:16p	2:27a	12:41p	3Q
Wed Apr 30	12:18a	3.0	6:01a	6.1	12:58p	0.0	7:51p	6.0	6:11a	8:18p	3:06a	1:46p	
Thu May 1	1:37a	2.5	7:22a	5.9	2:00p	0.2	8:44p	6.4	6:10a	8:19p	3:43a	2:53p	

Senior News By Mary Yoder

April 17 was the Rotary Luncheon. Volunteers were Loraine Hass, Thelma Lagace, Judy Klein, Bessie Laurson, Jan Dacayana doing dishes, Bill Butt, E. David Klein, & June Dennison setting up the dining room.

Next - April 18 was the fashion show and was it ever stylish. Bobbetta Kron set it up and did the announcements. A really good job. The models were Kay Neal, Dottie Clothier, Patty Young, Jan Dacayana, Betty Harper, Loraine Hass, Thelma Lagace, Mildred Welch, and Beth Newkirk. Glorene Godfry did all the part of putting each model in place. All of the clothes the models wore were from the downstairs rummage. These ladies did a marvelous job. Oh, yes the 'bag lady' came. I think she gets her clothes from the city dump. She sang a song to pay for her lunch. If you missed the luncheon and fashion show you missed a very good

production One more thing - a very nice gentleman by the name of Dan Tarbell was in the kitchen doing dishes. Hope he comes again. Loraine Hass, Bobbetta Kron, Thelma Lagace, and Betty Harper did the luncheon.

Next on the agenda April 26 is the luncheon at 11:30am. Free rummage sale from 8am till 1:30pm. There will be bags available. Then the same night the dance. The Champaynes will be playing from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Come join the fun.

Skipped something - April 21 was pinochle. They had a real nice turn out. High for ladies Venita Marstahal, and low Mary Yoder. High for men Wayne Geotter and low E.J. Drew. Want to tell you the club has elected officers. President Henry Kron, Vice President Katrina Montgomery, Secretary /Treasurer Betty Keeler. As I said before come join the card players - fun.

April 30 is the Membership Meeting at 11am. Then luncheon at Port and Star-

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Fri Apr 11	56	46	.07
Sat Apr 12	52	47	.08
Sun Apr 13	51	46	.08
Mon Apr 14	57	43	.01
Tue Apr 15	60	43	.20
Wed Apr 16	66	41	.01
Thu Apr 17	62	48	.08

board.

I'll close with this:

When things go wrong as the some times will,
When the road you're trudging seem all uphill,
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Performing Arts Council

McManus is back in town. Bring your Kleenex to wipe away the tears of laughter as actor Tim Behrens returns to Coquille with the latest play from humorist and outdoor author Patrick McManus entitled "McManus in Love." Curtain time is 8pm on Friday, April 25 at the Coquille Community Building.

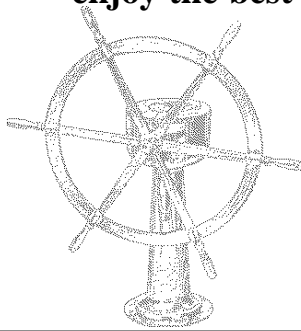
Coos County residents will remember Behrens from the first McManus show entitled "A Fine and Pleasant Misery" which came to the area in April of 1995. The newest show is written as a play rather than a collection of stories and tells about the author as a little boy. He hasn't heard about sex before and keeps confusing it with the word "sax." Eventually he goes out on his first date with the most beautiful girl in school - and it goes downhill from there.

There are 15 characters in the play and Behrens plays them all. One minute he's

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a little old lady; the next he's a 12 year old. Other characters include a bat, a bear, and even a bicycle. Rancid Crabtree, an old woodsman who takes a bath once a leap year, puts in an appearance to give our hero personal grooming tips.

McManus says the play is written so kids "as young as 6" can enjoy it" - and indeed, they will.

Tickets for the performance are available at Bonney Drug in Coquille, The Box Office in Coos Bay, or by calling 269-2720. Seating is limited, so advance purchase is recommended. Prices are \$7 for adults NS \$5 for under 18. The performance is sponsored by the Coquille Performing Arts Council.

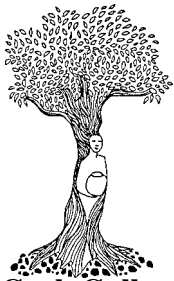
Letter to the Editor,

The Pacific High School "Pirate Alumni" has challenged the Gold Beach High School "Panther Alumni" to a basketball game. The event is sponsored by the Pacific High Booster Club, and is scheduled for Friday night April 25, 1997 at the Pacific High School Basketball Court.

There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, candy, and other concessions available. Half time Bingo and three point competition. All proceeds of this event will go toward a special fund dedicated to the repair of the Pacific High School Track, which is in desperate need of repair.

The Gate is \$2 per person, and advance tickets are available at local merchants, and at the gate. Come and support your local Alumni, and our fund raising efforts. If you are unable to attend this event, and would like to donate to our track fund, please send your donation to Chetco Federal Credit Union, care of the Pacific High Boosters Club "Track and Field Account". Any other questions or concerns contact either Janet Dougherty 332-8395, or Mark Creighton at 332-0149.

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Curry Democratic Dinner

Friend and members of the Democrat Party of Curry County will gather in Gold Beach April 26 for the Party's annual Jefferson Jackson Dinner. This year's dinner will be held in Docia Sweet Hall at the County Fairgrounds.

The social hour starting at 6:00pm will be a time for dinner goers to meet and mingle with the many local and state Democratic dignitaries who are expected to attend. Dinner will begin at 7:00pm and will feature a selection of irresistible homemade desserts.

A silent auction will be held during the dinner. This is always a popular part of the event, featuring many items donated by local artists and merchants. Money from the auction and dinner supports local Democratic Party efforts. In 1996 the Curry County Democratic Party contributed \$3,300 to the campaigns of local Democratic candidates.

Cliff Trow, State Democratic leader will be the featured speaker at the dinner. Senator Trow has made education the chief focus of his twenty-two year service in the Oregon State Senate.

Tickets for the dinner are \$15 a person and may be obtained by contacting: in Brookings, Betty Crooks at 469-4215; in Gold Beach, Dorothea Petersen at 247-7944; and in Port Orford, Martha Weaver-Britell at 332-9775. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Essay Contest

This upcoming July 4, 1997 we will be reinstating the Miss Jubilee Junior Queen Ceremony. Where a local 5th grade girl from either Port Orford or Langlois will be crowned Queen of our annual July 4th Jubilee. The last Jr. Court was held in 1989. Along with the Queen we will also crown princesses for the court. So, we are looking for 5th grade girls who would be interested in participating in the court and possibly being crowned queen for the July 4th festivities. The successful participants will also be awarded U.S. Savings Bonds.

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There are activities associated with being involved in the Jr. Court such as riding in the parade on July 4th, the crowning ceremony, and fundraising.

For more information about the Jubilee Junior Court contact Roxanne Compton at 332-9250 or Patricia Waller at 348-9914.

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Illinois Trail Flower Hike

The annual Gladys Mann Memorial Illinois trail walk will feature wild flowers, shrubs, trees, and history of the area on Saturday, April 26. The group will gather at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach at 9:00am to pool transportation to the trail head at Oak Flat near Agness. Folks can also meet us at the trail head about 10:00am.

The early part of the day will be spent looking at wild flowers in the flat near the trail head. Then those who wish will amble up the trail to Buzzard's Roost and a short distance beyond to see plants at the different elevations and soil conditions.

The hike is sponsored by the Curry County Historical Society and Southwestern Oregon Community College in memory of long time Society member Gladys Mann who started these hikes several years ago. The second hike will be on June 7 into the Kalmiopsis Wilderness area to observe

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the rare Kalmiopsis plant in bloom. Guides for both hikes will be Fred Bowen, retired biology teacher, and Walt Schroeder, amateur historian.

Bring a sack lunch and adequate footwear. Sign up at SWOCC office in Gold Beach or Brookings or just show up on Saturday, April 26 at 9:00am.

There are never enough hours in a day, but always too many days before Saturday.

Tales From the Kitchen Table

"Tales From the Kitchen Table", a collage of women, a one act play written and performed by Corrie Gant. Sunday, May 4, at Katz Juice and Java, 1634 Oregon St. (Hwy. 101), in Port Orford. Also appearing: Steve Montana, acoustic guitarist. Music starts at 6pm, show starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$3, for reservations call 332-1039. Munchies, juice and java will be available.

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Langlois Public Library News by Tobe Porter, Library Director

Come join the celebration at our April program, "Family Jam and Scones," a sing-a-long for the entire family. What are we celebrating? The completion of our two year recreation program generously funded by the Curry County Commission on Children and Families; the last one of our Fourth Friday Programs until Fall; the coming of Master Storyteller

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Will Hornyak in May; and, of course, Spring. Bring a musical instrument and a dessert to share so we can jam the night away-- 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25th.

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Music Festival

The Oregon Coast Music Festival is having a Poster Preview Party on Friday, April 25th at 5pm at Garlands, Old City Hall, in Coos Bay.

If you are a fan of the Oregon Coast Music Festival or a fan of marine artist Don McMichael's work, you won't want to miss this event. It's the annual unveiling of the original oil painting that will be the Oregon Coast Music Festival poster image. Be among the first to see the 1997 image and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase a limited edition poster and have it autographed by the artist.

There is a big surprise in store at this year's poster opening! This will be the last in the series - No. 13!

There will be hors d'ouvres, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as musical entertainment. For further information call the Oregon Coast Music Association at 267-0938.

Postal Cancellation Design

Attention, philatelists! Port Orford will have its own postal cancellation for one day only: Tuesday, May 6, 1997. The design emphasizes Drinking Water Week, an international event to help make people aware of the need to preserve and maintain our supplies of clean drinking water.

Letters and postcards will be hand-canceled with the special design between the hours of 10am and 3pm May 6 in the front hall of Driftwood Elementary School. You can purchase envelopes already stamped and canceled for the usual price, or you can bring your own envelopes, addressed and ready to mail. Stamps will be available.

Curry County League of Women Voters is sponsoring the event, in cooperation with the US Postal Service. Port Orford was chosen as the location because of the work being done here with water monitoring/testing and public education.

Roaring Sea Open House

Everyone is invited to enjoy the featured artists and musicians at the Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Open House at Roaring Sea Arts, 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford, from 2:00-5:00pm, April 27.

Featured this month will be tapestries by Langlois artist Dursilla Dunshee, wild-life wood sculptures by Larry Roberts of Myrtle Creek, and jewelry and paintings by Port Orford artist Arlene Weir.

Informal music performances will be presented as usual by the Kammeroque Ensemble, and including some special music for spring. Performances are loosely scheduled for 2:15, 3:15 and 4:15.

Come share the entertainment, refreshments, and snacks - which are as usual, pot-luck. It's always fun, and always more fun with more people. If you have questions, call Donna at 332-4444.

Residents of Port Orford and Langlois

In the April tenth edition of the Port Orford Today, a paid advertisement written and published as a news article containing several false statements made by Joanne Ruoff, should have been labeled fiction.

Joanne Ruoff made the following false statements:

1. "Port Orford and Langlois get short end of the stick."
2. "There is another choice. The A.S.A. Committee decision is only a recommendation, it is not written in stone and the County Commissioners don't have to follow it!"
3. "The A.S.A. Committee rejected their bid along with Port Orford Ambulance and Central Curry Ambulances bids. Instead of bidding each town separately, as the committee wanted, Bay Cities bid the entire county as a Paramedic level of care, this would include Port Orford and Langlois."
4. "Bay Cities Ambulance is the only bidder willing to provide us this service."
5. "Bay cities Ambulance has the staff and equipment to do the job, including a medical transport airplane."
6. "Why should we, the residents of North Curry County, be the only people living along the 350 miles of Oregon Coast without a Paramedic level of care?"

These statements are not only false, but were made by Joanne Ruoff, an employee of Bay Cities Ambulance. Tim Novotny, another employee of Bay Cities Ambulance has made false statements regarding intermediate EMT'S.

He tried to insinuate that Oregon EMT intermediates were not recognized by the National Registry, when in fact, the requirements of an Oregon EMT intermediate are more stringent and the scope of practice is much broader than that of the National Registry. This is because of the rural make up of our state.

If anyone questions this, they can call the Oregon State Health Division or Pat Schreiber the South Western Oregon Community College instructor that teaches the course and also works for Southern Curry Ambulance.

In regards to Ruoff's six false statements, I'll save number one for last.

FALSE STATEMENT # 2

The A.S.A. Committee is made up of professionals in the emergency medical field, representatives from hospitals, fire departments, doctors, ambulance services, physician advisors, members of 911 committees, local government and the public. Their recommendations should not be taken lightly, especially when the vote for A.S.A. # 3 was unanimous, and A.S.A. # 2 was twelve to one in favor of Southern Curry Ambulance. A.S.A. #1 had only one approved bid.

The A.S.A. plan was written by Commissioner Skinner and was approved by the state, which established rules of procedure and what was acceptable to our community. These rules must be followed, or why have them?

I can honestly say the A.S.A. committee members cast there motions and voted with two considerations in mind:

1. Will my vote (their choice after completely reviewing the bid) save more lives?

2. The economic staying power of the bidder. In other words, if there's no profit, will they stay, and if there is profit, will it go in someone's pocket or will it provide better equipment, training, and supplies?

This decision should not be a political one. It should not be made as a result of pressure because a person may have a financial gain through the sale of his property, (near Circle K) to Bay Cities Ambulance if awarded the bid. Nor should scare tactics or false rumors be used to mislead the public.

FALSE STATEMENT # 3

The A.S.A. committee rejected Bay Cities for the following reasons:

1. Application was incomplete.
2. Section A Subcontract for providing services, was Blank.
3. They didn't bid any of their ambulances and no commitment on how many in each area.
4. No copies of training records or certification.
5. Financial records were from 1994 and 1995, almost two years old, but nothing current. They included assets that have nothing to do with the Ambulance Service.
6. Incomplete statement of experience, with statement of annual sales greater than their financial statement, and which included businesses other than the Ambulance Service.
7. Section G. The Capability to Perform, was left blank, once again no commitment.

is, you are being lied to and conned!

8. Their ambulance membership does not cover stretcher car or air services.
9. Section I: Run Logs, were incomplete, having only one days worth of runs and blank forms.
10. No policies or procedures manual.
11. No protocols.
12. No commitment of equipment.
13. No established locations in the county, as required .
14. No inventory lists or commitment .

If this effort, or lack there of, in bidding the A.S.A. is similar to what could be expected in their medical care, would you want them taking care of your family?

FALSE STATEMENT # 4

Southern Curry Ambulance's bid provided for utilization of Port Orford Ambulance Service by subcontract, if they chose to do so. Provide no-cost advanced training to the volunteers and provides advanced life support when ever necessary. It's a significant benefit the people (Paramedics) who live and work in Port Orford caring for their friends and neighbors.

Southern Curry Ambulance was the only sensible bid, in that it would provide full 24 hour, seven days a week, paramedic service when the number of runs reach forty or more per month. Until that time we will give back up Advanced Life Support service and training to a group of medics who have demonstrated their dedication and caring service to their community, Port Orford Ambulance Service.

FALSE STATEMENT # 5

Bay Cities Ambulance Service did not have the equipment or personnel to handle the three A.S.A.'s in their bid.

FALSE STATEMENT # 6

North Curry County is not the only area along the 350 miles of Oregon Coast without a paramedic level of care.

BACK TO FALSE STATEMENT # 1

Are you getting the short end of the stick when you have a professional, nonprofit ambulance service that reinvests any gains into equipment and training for the areas it serves, versus a for-profit company that still uses mostly old, inexpensive, van-type ambulances and employ's people who make false statements. We are all entitled to our opinion. It's my hope that we render that opinion on sound information and aggressive research.

I have had a few phone calls lately from people that have concerns after talking with one county official or after reading one of the ads as mentioned here. I have found it interesting that a person being concerned about Southern Curry Ambulance's ability to financially provide advanced life support service in Gold Beach with 40 runs a month, would also ask in the same conversation, why we won't put a full time advanced life support crew in Port Orford with only 10 to 15 runs per month.

Statements have been made that volunteers will no longer be used in Curry County. **This is not true!** Not only will they be utilized in conjunction with full time, but we will assist them in their training, uniforms, and equipment.

It is my hope that the people of Curry County will support the A.S.A. Committee's recommendation that any residue of the old "North against the South" will be replaced with unity and caring. We all travel within this county, lets help and take care of each other. Southern Curry ambulance has taken the first steps. We are changing the name of the association to South Coast E.M. S. (Emergency Medical Services).

Second we have bid the A.S.A.'s for the purpose of saving more lives, certainly not for financial enrichment, which should be obvious.

Third, we have and intend to continue utilizing volunteers. In fact, most of our medics started out as volunteers.

Another rumor in the air is that Southern Curry will take patients to only one hospital. We will take patients to the closest hospital of their choice. This is a requirement of Oregon Law.

We were asked to bid the A.S.A.'s by residents in each area. We have done so in a professional, complete, well thought out manner. We have not, at anytime, used false information, scare tactics, or politics in any news articles, ads, or public meetings. We felt compelled to address these false statements so the good people of this county will not be misled by a noisy, and possibly, unethical one percent.

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David B. Cartwright
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Someone will soon be watching over every foot of Oregon's coastline, if the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition (OSCC) achieves its goal.

Coast Watch - Mile by Mile, an OSCC project, enlists volunteers to take responsibility for a mile of beach or headland. Mile adopters keep track of both natural changes and human impacts on their stretch of shore, while helping to educate others about coastal conservation.

"We're making our final push to get the entire coastline adopted," said Phillip Johnson, an OSCC board member who serves as Coast Watch coordinator. "We're hoping to get the final mile adopted by the end of the year, or soon after that."

Currently, 285 miles have adopters, Johnson explained. (Coast Watch "miles" actually average a bit more than that. The program has divided the coast into 311 segments, although there are officially 362 miles of the Oregon coastline.) "We have adopters for about five-sixths of the coast, so our goal is in reach."

Noting that next year will be the 30th anniversary of Oregon's Beach Bill, which

protects public access to the entire shoreline, Johnson said "Think what a powerful symbol that will be of the love Oregonians have for their coast - to be able to say that our people have taken personal responsibility for stewardship over our entire coastline!"

Johnson also emphasized that the program won't be closed once all the miles have adopters. "Any number of people can co-adopt a mile," he said. "We already have co-adopters for 107 of the miles. Some day we'd love to have a team of people watching out for every stretch of coast." Given that many adopters are couples or small groups, there are already well over 495 individuals participating in Coast Watch.

The areas where adopters are most needed in Curry County are, North of Nellies Cove, The Cape surrounding the headlands at Cape Blanco, South of the New River, and the mile adjacent to Arizona Beach private campground. However, there are places where volunteers can help in every county.

Coast Watch volunteers are asked to commit themselves to visiting their mile four times a year at a minimum. Periodically,

volunteers are asked to fill out data-gathering forms provided by the program. An instruction manual is being developed, giving tips on things to observe. At least two sets of training sessions are also offered each year, emphasizing different aspects of coastal stewardship.

Volunteers are not required to be OSCC members, although the information they gather is useful to OSCC in its advocacy work in defense of Oregon's coastal resources.

"Coast Watch makes us more effective in several ways," said OSCC President Fran Recht. "It gives us an early warning system if problems arise. It also means that there are people who feel a personal connection to the place they've come to know so well, and who may be ready to speak up in defense of that part of the coast. And in the long run, it means that there will be a large number of knowledgeable people who can pass on information about the coastal environment to friends and neighbors, and to the next generation."

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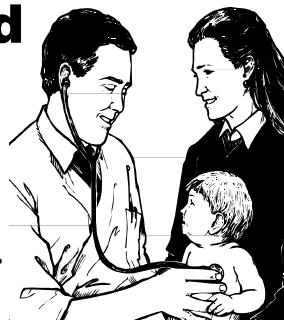
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Letter to the Editor,

The last time a Judge was appointed to the court, the position was advertised in the press, the Mayor made an appointment and that appointment was approved by the City Council in an open meeting, in accordance with the city charter.

The Judge now sitting, was appointed by the City Manager, who did not comply with the aforementioned procedure, therefore, the Judge now sitting cannot legally adjudicate anything brought before him.

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Walter Kaplan

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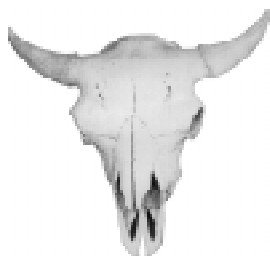
11:30am at the American Legion Hall, on 11th Street next to the Community Building. A snack will be served during the closing quarter hour. Anyone wishing transportation for a child may call the library at 332-5622 or stop by during open hours.

Democratic Central Committee

The Curry County Democratic Central Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd, starting at 7pm. The meeting, to be held in the lower-level meeting room of the Courthouse Annex in Gold Beach, will be preceded by a coffee social, set to begin at 6:30. Final discussions of the Jefferson Jackson Dinner (April 26th at the Fairgrounds) will be a main item. All precinct persons are urged to attend, and all Democrats are welcome. For further information, call 332-9702.

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Letter to the Editor,

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Vocal and published references to "scraps of rubber", created by four days of racing activity are in reality primarily asphalt from the airport surfaces according to laboratory analysis and enlightened observation. The abrasion of the high speed racing rapidly accelerates the rate of decomposition of this fragile surface which has never been sealed since initial construction. By comparison consider setting up an equivalent race course and sports car rally on the streets of Any Town, USA. Old streets, 250 hi-powered sports cars, no speed limit, running in heats of 20-30 cars, 6 hours a day for 4 days; and ask the city if they would tolerate the wear and tear on their streets.

The racing area at the airport is clearly defined by the evidence of accelerated damage to the asphalt. Ballpark estimate by a qualified contractor to resurface the entire area is \$320,000. Do the people of Curry County and the State of Oregon want to contribute to the destruction of this \$10,000,000 asset by continuing the auto racing on this airport? It would be difficult to find any airport where auto racing contributed significantly to the success of the airport.

Clayton Lyons

Letter To The Editor,

Bravo Daniel Billings for your courage to write your letter to the editor. You are very special.

Pat Chambers

Wayfinding Point Plans

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) ideas for the Wayfinding Point at Battle Rock Park, which will be constructed this summer, were revealed and discussed at the last Community Resource Team (CRT) meeting on Thursday, April 10. Joe Paiva, who is leading the Wayfinding Point projects for ODOT, presented an overall design for the Battle Rock Wayfinding Point layout. A sketch showing the general appearance is shown in the accompanying figure.

Paiva also presented several alternatives for the details of the layout. After discussing the alternatives, the CRT voted to proceed with a layout that designates some recreational vehicle (RV) spaces and facilitates more orderly parking and traffic flow for users of the park. Exiting from the park will be safer because vehicles will approach the turn onto the highway from a normal street intersection angle. The sharp angle many drivers now use puts vehicles at a blind angle for merging northbound or too sharp a turn for continuing south.

With regard to RV's, it was noted that in addition to the designated spaces, the area

on the highway side of the parking lot could still accommodate them. In general, travelers with long vehicles hesitate to pull into Battle Rock Park because they see that it will be difficult to turn around, and it was recommended that city planning include adding more easily accessible parking for RV's near but outside of Battle Rock Park.

The design includes garbage containers secured against the wind in the rock wall. The dumpster would be moved out of the scenic view area to the highway side of the Visitors' Center. The ship's propeller will be retained in a grassy area near the Visitors' Center. Pedestrian areas will be paved with interlocking brick with some planters, possibly a compass rose, and possibly a sculpture in the center of the main viewing plaza. Paiva said ODOT is thinking of a sculpture that reflects designs in the famous McCullough Bridges along 101 and could also function as a sundial. The viewing plaza will include most of the interpretive signs.

Now that the design stage is well underway, we are moving on to development of the information for the interpretive signs. These signs should guide visitors to the best and most interesting things our area

has to offer, and community input is needed. You are invited to participate in development of the interpretive material by coming to the Thursday, May 8, meeting of the CRT at 7pm at the Senior Center. Historical, recreational, cultural, and scenic information and travel routes will be included. The number of signs will be limited, so the community needs to work on selecting the most important features and rely on the Visitors' Center to provide the rest. A professional firm is under contract with ODOT to work with the community on this part of the project, and will lead the effort at the May 8 meeting.

Letter to the Editor,

Curry County Democrats will be hosting the annual Jefferson/Jackson Dinner in Docia Sweet Hall at the Curry County Fairgrounds, Saturday, April 26. There will be an auction featuring goods and services donated by local businesses, artists and generous citizens. Among the items to be auctioned are a number of paperweights created by local glass artist, Matt Wallace. The proceeds from this auction and ticket sales are used to support only local candidates in future elections.

The local Democratic candidates do not receive funding from the Democratic Party of Oregon or Democratic National Committee. Coos and Curry Democratic Candidates are funded entirely by small donations from individuals limited by law to a maximum of \$100 donation per election. Fund raisers such as the Jefferson/Jackson dinner allow the Curry Democratic Central Committee to help support our local candidates. Your presence at this dinner will help local Democrats finance the increasing cost of elections in the future. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door.

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