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### Public Fishing Pier

By Evan Kramer



The Port of Port Orford held a town hall meeting on Thursday night, April 2, and heard a variety of questions from members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Port manager Gayle Paige and included comments from David Pearce and Todd Nottingham from the engineering firm of Peratrovich, Nottingham and Drage, Inc. who have designed the new dock structure.

The new "open cell sheet pile dock" will have two boat hoists including one for commercial fishermen and one for sport fishermen. The sheet piles, which make up the walls of the new dock are scalloped shaped. The approximate cost for the new dock will be 4 million dollars for construction and one million dollars for engineering, contingency fees, legal fees, etc. Gayle Paige said a public fishing pier would be located off the end of the new dock and that it would be built with Port labor to keep the costs down. She said the new dock would offer 18,000 additional square feet of space.

Todd Nottingham said a temporary dock would be built for use while the old wooden dock is torn down and rebuilt. He said the new dock would take 3-4 months to build.

In response to a question about a concrete or wood pile dock Paige said it would be more expensive to build than the open cell sheet pile dock. Nottingham said the open pile dock would have an indefinite life if maintained and properly treated. This means placing anodes on the sheet pile walls to prevent rust.

Gayle Paige answered concerns about shoaling at the Port and said wave action would scour at the face of the dock and wash the sand away. She said the dock was in bad shape because the Port cannot get the good, old growth wood that went into the pilings and the planks don't last as long. She said money has been put aside for major repairs.

Malcolm Young spoke to Paige and the engineers and told them how important it was for the people to know the public fishing pier will be built.

David Pearce said the contractor would have to factor in potential cost overruns.

The existing buildings on the wooden part of the dock will either be torn down or removed and rebuilt by the leaseholders not the Port District. Gayle Paige said one of the leaseholders; Cal-Shell will rebuild their buildings.

The Department of Environmental Quality standards for rainwater run-off will

require an oil-water separator for rainwater run-off on the dock.

Paige said anyone could lease part of the 18,000 additional square feet of space on the new dock and put up a structure with a restaurant, dive shop, and gift shop or whatever in it.

Paige said the disposal of the old dock materials including piling and planks would have to be considered hazardous waster and disposed of legally.

The goal is to complete the engineering report this week with grant funding finalized this year and construction beginning in spring, 1999.

### Rebuilding Begins

City public works director Jerry McNurlin was gracious enough on Monday afternoon to fill me on progress towards a new wastewater treatment system outfall. I have had many people ask me what's happening with the outfall and the drain field. The City of Port Orford has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for engineering design services to replace the wastewater system drain field at Agate Beach, which was destroyed this winter by high tides and an intense ocean surge. The City has advertised the RFP in the Oregonian as well as sent copies directly

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Thu Apr 9	5:27a	1.4	11:27a	6.3	5:36p	0.9	11:52p	6.6	6:44a	7:53p	6:09p	6:18a
Fri Apr 10	6:02a	1.0	12:07p	6.3	6:08p	1.1			6:42a	7:55p	7:04p	6:44a
Sat Apr 11	12:19a	6.8	6:36a	0.6	12:46p	6.2	6:38p	1.3	6:40a	7:56p	7:59p	7:12a FM
Sun Apr 12	12:45a	6.8	7:09a	0.3	1:23p	6.2	7:08p	1.6	6:39a	7:57p	8:54p	7:41a
Mon Apr 13	1:12a	6.9	7:43a	0.1	2:02p	6.0	7:39p	1.9	6:37a	7:58p	9:49p	8:12a
Tue Apr 14	1:40a	6.9	8:19a	0.0	2:42p	5.8	8:10p	2.3	6:36a	7:59p	10:44p	8:46a
Wed Apr 15	2:10a	6.8	8:57a	0.0	3:26p	5.5	8:45p	2.7	6:34a	8:00p	11:38p	9:24a
Thu Apr 16	2:43a	6.6	9:39a	0.1	4:16p	5.3	9:25p	3.0	6:32a	8:01p	12:31a	10:07a

## Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford Public Utilities Department

Date	Temperature			Rain	High Wind	Wind Chill	Barometer
	High	Low					
Tue Mar 31	51	43	.14				
Wed Apr 1	53	41	Trace				
Thu Apr 2	51	42	.02				
Fri Apr 3	54	42	.01				

## Hubbard Creek

In an effort to improve the quality of Port Orford's two water sources construction activities are planned within local wetlands. Dredging of the Hubbard Creek impoundment has been a normally required maintenance effort every 10 to 15 years. Line pipeline from Hubbard Creek is in the advanced stages of deterioration and needs to be replaced. Replacement along the existing alignment (most cost-effective route) will require construction within wetlands along Gold Run Creek, approximately 40 cubic yards. To construct a new water intake on Garrison

Lake a small amount (8 cubic yards) of lake shore excavation will be required. In all three locations impacts to the wetlands will be temporary and will be minimized during construction. There will be no net loss of wetlands as a result of this project.

Executive order 11986 requires a determination of the practicability of alternatives to having the project in the wetland area.

To make this determination, we will analyze the following factors: 1) natural environment including topography, habitat and hazards; 2) social concerns including aesthetics, historical and cultural values

and land use patterns; 3) economic aspects including costs of using alternative routes than through the wetland, and 4) legal constraints including easements and deeds.

The city of Port Orford will also consider all comments received or postmarked within 15 days of this public notice. For more information HUD official Roy Scholl may be contacted at (503) 326-2701. Please send or deliver all comments to: 555 West Twentieth St., Port Orford by 5pm April 23, 1998.

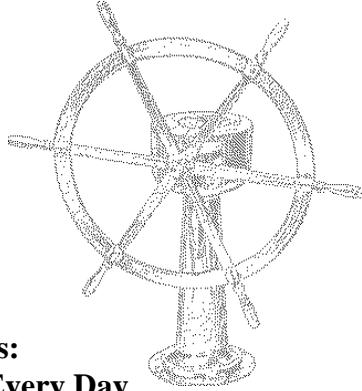
## Easter Sunrise Service

On April 12 at 6:30am, there will be an Easter Sunrise Service at Zion Lutheran Church, 149 20th St. Pastor Tim Carraher of Zion Lutheran Church, Pastor Doug Jamieson of Christian Center and Pastor Mark Newman of First Community Church will together lead the service. All are invited to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with us.

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## **Citizen Review Board** **By Mark Creighton** Sheriff Candidate

After the televised debate of the Sheriff's candidates on Falcon Cable, I have been deluged with calls wanting more information about my plan to establish a Citizen Review Board. I believe the other candidates will agree with me that the Review Board is long over due in our county. If they don't agree, I believe public pressure will change their minds for them. Let me explain the function of the Citizen's Review Board and how it works.

Because of the public's cry for police reform and accountability across our nation, communities have been trying to find a vehicle that will provide a prompt, just, and expeditious handling of complaints regarding conduct of employees. No longer are communities accepting review of citizens' complaints only by the sheriffs or chiefs of police without any safeguards to insure accountability. The fox guarding the hen house theory has not and will not continue to work. Historically complaints such as those in our Sheriff's Office go unanswered, or delayed leaving the citizens feeling deserted,

and alone not supportive of the Sheriff's Office. Some Chief and Sheriffs are opposed to this type of system of checks and balances because they do not have control over the outcome of complaints. They cannot sweep complaints under the rug by using the scapegoat that they cannot reveal departmental actions to the public. We have heard this type of reasoning in our country in the past. When our administrators investigate a citizen's complaint, the investigation is sometimes done by friends, and the results are not divulged to anyone except the administrators. The public never knows the results or what has happened.

A Citizen's Review and Advisory Board is an independent citizen board. It will provide timely, fair, and impartial investigations of complaints brought by individuals against Deputy Sheriffs, or employees of the Sheriff's Office. The Board also provides for citizen participation in reviewing the Sheriff's Office policies, practices, and procedures. It also allows the citizens an avenue for input.

The Board will consist of lay citizens from different geographical areas of the county. No board member will be a law enforcement officer, an employee of the

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County, or have been an employee of the County within three years, nor any family members or a county employee.

The review board's primary function is to hear appeals on complaints filed by citizens through department channels, or to listen to, and cause an investigation into an alleged complaint. The board's responsibility is as an oversight committee. The board has the authority to investigate any complaint. This system not only protects the citizens, but also the deputies who have conducted themselves properly in the discharge of their duties.

I believe Curry County is long over due for such a Board and believe it needs to be put in place as soon as possible.

### **1st Annual Cap Night**

The Coast Baseball League presents their 1st annual cap night spaghetti feed fund raiser on Saturday, April 18, from 3:00-6:00pm at Driftwood Elementary School.

Players will receive their uniforms and caps and you can enjoy an afternoon of fun and food.

Cost for the spaghetti and pizza dinner is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and under four years old are free.

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The dedication of the Kittel/Amanda's segment of the trail just south of Yachats will begin at 10:30am. Shuttle service to the site, which has very limited parking space, will be provided beginning at 10am from Yachats State Recreation Area, one-quarter mile west off U.S. Highway 101 at the mouth of the Yachats River in Yachats.

A two-mile section of the trail on Heceta Head will be dedicated at 12:30pm in a ceremony one-quarter mile west of the Highway 101 trailhead in Carl Washburne State Park, 14 miles north of Florence. Shuttle transportation to the park from Yachats State Recreation will be offered. The trail ascends from the park to the Heceta Head Lighthouse.

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Information on the dedications and the trails is available by calling OPRD Trails Coordinator Pete Bond at (503) 378-6378, Ext. 246.

### Public Meetings

**Port Orford Chamber of Commerce** board meeting on Monday, April 13, noon, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant.

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

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

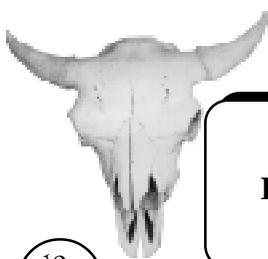
Langlois-Port Orford 2CJ School District board of education meets on Tuesday, April 14, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

**Port Orford Rural Fire District** board meets on Tuesday, April 14, 7:00pm, at the city hall fire station.

**Community Resource Team** meets on Thursday, April 16, 6:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center.

### Easter Egg Hunt

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

A majority of the residents and families in Northern Curry County have been my patients here for more than a decade. We've come through a lot of medical victories together and also some heart-ache. Many of you supported my decision to remain in Port Orford after I left Curry Family Medical clinic. My patients and the friends I've made here mean the world to me. And that's why I feel it's so important to say publicly the following.

Please vote Yes for passage of Curry General Hospital's bond issue. Your well being and the health of my practice is tied to the existence of Curry Family Medical.

The current management of Curry General Hospital is trying to rectify the mistakes of past administrations. If you hold a grudge for past service, please don't let those feelings influence your vote. Believe me, Port Orford needs the hospital

and cannot do without the Curry Family Medical clinic. We now work together to take care of your family and neighbors here. Curry Family Medical takes care of all lab and x-ray work that comes initially to me. They also cover for me when I'm unavailable.

Let's not cut off our nose to spite our face. Let bygones be bygones. The bond is tied to property taxes that will end after five years. If the hospital bond passes, there is no telling what services will be available to Port Orford residents in the future. If it fails, health care will become more expensive and harder to get for all of us.

Vote Yes on the hospital bond issue.

Tom Pitchford, M.D.

### **Wayfinding Points Exhibits**

The Travelers Wayfinding Point provides information gateways<sup>2</sup> along Oregon's scenic highway, US 101. Battle Rock Wayfinding Point will be part of four

other Wayfinders, currently under construction to be completed this year by ODOT (Oregon Department Of Transportation), and will include interpretive information developed in cooperation with other governmental agencies such as: US Forest Service, BLM, State Parks, Oregon Historical Marker Board, US Fish & Wildlife, and local review of drafts. Earlier drafts of the interpretive panels were reviewed and displayed in the hallway at City Hall.

The public is invited to review the final drafts of the Wayfinder Informational signs. These drafts will be displayed in the visitor center at Battle Rock and in the hallway at City Hall. Comments and suggestions can be deposited in the box provided at the site. The review period will continue until April 20, 1998. Please contribute your suggestions by that date.

Contact Joan Geiser 332-6720 for information

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### Senior News

By Mary Yoder

April 2nd was rotary – these are the volunteers who worked: Kay Neal, Norma Ellis, Greta Carver, Dee Hanshon setting up the dining room – Glorine Godfry. Doing dishes etc. Bill Butt and Owen Miller. Every week volunteers work. You know why. This is one of the things that help pay the centers bill. April 5th was the birthday party. Not many birthdays in April, but good cake and some chocolate ice cream – my favorite. A nice time was had by all. Those making it so nice: Thelma Lagace, Loraine Hass, Bessie Laurson, Bill Butt dishes. April 6th –

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AAA luncheon – working were Norma Ellis and Kay Neal, Pattie and Roald Young. April 6th was also pinochle – ladies high was Judy Peacock Klein, and low Betty Keeler. Men's high was Henry Kron and the low E. David Klein.

There will not be any bingo on April 10th.

April 11th – luncheon – I understand the sing a longs will be singing – I'll not miss that. They always sing the nicest songs.

Now there will not be a breakfast or rummage sale on April 12th – that's Easter.

On April 14th is the board meeting at 11am – see you there. April 15th starts the

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She has lived on her own for decades, earning her living by moving into fixers-uppers and transforming them into tidy properties to resell.

She has been known as "The Cook" for most of her life, culminating that career during the current decade, after years in the kitchen at the Gold Beach Senior Center.

Ruby has lived most of her hundred years in Curry County, settling at first, with her parents and family at the edge of the ocean, in the community of Pistol River, on the bluff overlooking one of Oregon's most famous landmarks and logo for Curry County, the sea stack known by natives simply as Arch Rock, because of the opening through the large "M" shaped rock just offshore which is dubbed by the Highway Department as Mack Arch.

Someone once inquired about Ruby's secret to longevity, asking, "What keeps you so young?" and then speculated, "It must be something in your genes." Ruby



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blushed nearly as bright as her red hair and admitted, "Yes, it must be something in my jeans!"

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Donna L. Hoffmann

We've been planting the seeds, plants and herbs I'd ordered from the "wish-book" catalogs I'd been perusing during January and February. Can't wait for them to start growing. I'm planting lettuces, what with all the rain California's been receiving. I'm sure prices will be going up and I'm planting veggies I can't find here radicchio, frisee, celeric and bulb fennel. I'm also starting yellow-pear tomatoes. They remind me of when I was a child, my sisters and I would raid our neighbors garden (my parents didn't plant such "exotics" as yellow tomatoes.) Bare-footed, we searched the tomato patch, looking for the ripe, golden little gems. Biting into the sun-ripened little tomato all warm and juicy with a sweet-tart flavor, was sheer joy, to be experienced again and again. (We had a very kind neighbor.) So I shall see if they taste the same as I remember them, planting for homegrown taste and partly for nostalgia. I'll let you know. We've also put in an asparagus bed, a beautiful Port Orford cedar enclosed raised

bed. It was a lot of work, for Sigg, not me. I just planted the crowns, but it will be harvestable for many years. And we're still planting flowers and shrubs, testing which ones the deer seem to relish and which they turn their noses up, and avoiding. There are some that they do avoid, sometimes for years, then deciding to eat the whole plant one night. Did I mention our vegetables are being planted on the inside of fences? The one tried and true method.

You can still reach the Master Gardener office on Wednesdays, 9-12:00 at 1-800-356-3986, with your gardening problems. Hope all your gardening is going well and your plants are growing good.

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## Women Voters

Oregon State Parks will be the topic of discussion at Port Orford unit, Curry County League of Women Voters this month. Any citizen of voting age is invited to the meeting, to be held at 585 Tichenor Street at 10am Friday, April 10.

League of Women Voters of Oregon is engaged in a two-year study of our parks system, looking at funding and management questions. For further information, call 332-9002.

## Letter to the Editor,

When the Wayfinder was proposed I had mixed feelings about it. I feared my favorite beach would become too crowded for my daily walk but I decided this was a selfish attitude in light of the benefits to local businesses.

I chose to support the Wayfinder after attending ALL the public meetings and hearing favorable comments. Some people spoke against it and an effort was made to address their concerns. Those in favor greatly outnumbered those against. The rest of the people now demanding removal of the wall didn't attend to support those who did speak.

Demanding removal of the wall at this stage is unrealistic and unreasonable. Last year was the time for opposition which might have been successful. Will you pay the cost of restoring the parking lot to its previous state? Will you reimburse ODOT for expenses incurred and the contractor they have to pay whether the Wayfinder is built or not? The City of Port Orford can't afford to pay. It has the sewer drain field to worry about. Do you think it will be easy for the city to get grants and low interest loans for the sewer problems if this project is aborted?

Let's be reasonable. The wall is looking nicer every day. It makes a nice frame for pictures of our beautiful bay and I can see over most sections from the back seat of a little Honda.

Jane Cramer  
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**City of Port Orford**

The Port Orford Planning Commission at their meeting of March 3, 1998 voted to approve an application to develop a Planned Unit Development in a Residential One, 1-R zone, Conditional Use POC 98-01. The application was for property located easterly of Arizona Street and southerly of Paradise Point Road, assessor map 32-15-32DB Tax Lot 100, 109, 110, 111, ptn 104.

The Kalmiopsis Audubon Society has filed an appeal of the planning commission's action to the Port Orford City Council. The appeal was filed on March 18, 1998 which was within the



fifteen day appeal period. The appeal is based on criteria set forth in section 17.28010 of the Port Orford Municipal Code specifically subsection C, #1

1. Special physical conditions or objectives of development exist to warrant a departure from standard regulation requirements

A public hearing On Record has been scheduled before the Port Orford City Council on Wednesday, April 22, 1998 at 7pm. The meeting will be at city hall in the Gable Chambers, 555 W 20th St., Port Orford. The hearing will address only the issue raised in the appeal.

Any correspondence can be addressed to the City Mayor, P.O. Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465.

**Letter to the Editor,**

As President of the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce, my theme for my term in office, has been to get the members of the Chamber more involved in what is going on in our area. The need for this has really been shown in the last few weeks with the controversy over the Wayfinding Point at Battle Rock Park. When the idea was broached that maybe we could get the Wayfinder located here instead of Pistol River, I thought that sounded like a good idea to me. So I went to a couple of meetings of the CRT to see what they were talking about. I also took a drive up the coast to see the wayfinder that is at Winchester Bay. I tried to become informed about what is going on.

There is a group of people here in Port Orford that don't seem to like the idea of the Wayfinder and what it is doing to their concept of what should be going on at Battle Rock Park. Where were these people when all of the planning for this was going on? I'm sorry but you have to pay attention to what is going on in your community or changes will be made that you may not like. As far as I am concerned the Wayfinder is going to turn one ugly parking lot into one of the most attractive stopping places on all of Highway 101.

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### Langlois Library News By Tobe Porter

The Library received a \$95,500 grant from the Ford Family Foundation in Roseburg. This "capstone grant" will allow the library and foundation boards to take major steps toward the goal of building a new library. We can now make a decision on property and finally start building. I say "finally" but in reality, the library and foundation boards have raised over \$171,000 in just over a year-good teamwork I'd say.

My heartfelt thanks go to the members of these two boards for their dedication to the project, their clear mindedness of purpose, and their own personal contributions. I especially thank the other members of the Fund Raising Team: Joe McDermott, Jon Porter and former Assistant Director, Sheryl Alexander. As we move forward on the project we will hold community meetings so folks will have a

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### Letter to the Editor,

We all have to agree that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", but I believe the work being done at Battle Rock "will stand the test of time" and few will admit to the belligerent stance against the efforts of those who were willing to donate time and energy to the small coastal city they love.

Chris Hawthorne

### Democratic Annual Dinner

The dinner, to be held this year on April 25 at Honey Bear Campground, will feature Russell Sadler as the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$15 a person and may be obtained by calling Dorthea Petersen at 247-7944 or Martha Weaver-Britell at 332-9775.

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### Letter to the Editor,

What a wonderful asset Port Orford will have when the Wayfinder Sign is completed. Tourists approaching from both the South and North have a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean. Our inviting and newly designed Battle Rock Park will give them the incentive to stop for a closer look, and once stopped they will also see our shops and restaurants.

The rock work on the wall is magnificent. Our beautiful view of the ocean is like a fine painting which only needed the perfect frame. Another analogy might be a pretty bouquet of flowers which with the hands of a talented arranger and the right vase, can become a work of art.

I love it, give it a chance and I am sure you will too!

Ruth Bryant

### Genealogy Meeting

About sixteen people showed up Tuesday night for the monthly genealogy meeting at the LDS church on Jackson street in Port Orford. Rhetta Lance described the Soundex coding system and went over examples and explained how and why it is used to access census records on microfilm. We learned that it was developed originally about 1935 by the Rand Corporation to assist people in qualifying for Social Security benefits.

Deboyd Smith then spoke about three key reference works available at the Port Orford Family History Center. They are the Red Book, the Source, and the Library. Each of these books provides helpful information on locating sources of genealogical information and understanding what you've found.

Deboyd also shared some interesting vignettes about the history of the census including some notes written by past census takers about the difficulties they had encountered and the fact that the legendary Wyatt Earp was responsible for the 1870 Kansas City Census.

The meetings are open to all and are held at 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 21st & Jackson in Port Orford. The Family History Research room is open to the public certain hours Monday through Friday. For more information, you can call them at 332-5501. If you would like email notification of meetings, contact [rvcurrit@harborside.com](mailto:rvcurrit@harborside.com)

The May 5 meeting will feature Valerie Kramer speaking on computer programs for genealogy, especially her newest acquisition, "The Master Genealogist."

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## Some Reflections By Graeme Graydon



Someone pointed out to me that there seems to be a lot of conflict in our little town. People are defending their rights, challenging authority,

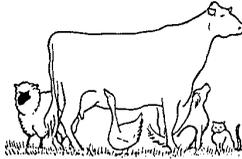
blame is being thrown around like a beach ball – if only God could be sued. The funny thing is that everyone has probably done the best they could in their own way.

The human condition is quite impossible. We all dream of what we don't have, we're not likely to get it here and if we did we couldn't handle it anyway. Being a human just doesn't make sense, nor is life fair. Whether it's the new beach under the dock, the new wall at you-know-where, the jostling for favors and power in political hierarchy or just proximity to tax time, it's not fair and it doesn't make sense.

It's not meant to be fair and it's not meant to make sense. Do you ever have the feeling that there is a Port Orford Branch of an Angel Agency whose job it is to see that everyone of us continues to learn and grow as long as we're here. Their curriculum is different for every person in the town, no one knows which "grade" anyone is in. There is a Big Picture but we can't see it.

The angels work it so that the right number of idiots elbow their way into our

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lives to upset us in just the right way at the right moment. We are forced to choose between being miserable or happy. Then it's our turn to be an idiot for someone else so they have a chance to choose.

Our job is not to take it so seriously. It's a set-up, just to make us feel. One of the hardest things angels have to deal with is our reluctance to feel emotion. We drive them nuts. Life is like taking a walk on the beach. No matter what my mood or what the day is like, there are always treasures to bring home. A pebble, a feather, a piece of bone, a curious twist of wood, all precious enough to clutter my windowsills.

I think that the treasures that we will take home when we leave this planet, will be feelings, pure emotion. I will take feelings of wonder, nameless feelings from moments of love or beauty. I don't want to take the angers and the fears. Compassion is a good feeling. To have understanding when I don't understand, but it's-all-right-anyhow, is a good feeling.

It takes work to keep the feelings I want and to let go of the ones I don't. It takes more than reaching for an anti-depressant, I have to let some of my old stuff go. The whole set-up is really a joke. Who is going to remember the silly little occurrences by the time you go through your de-briefing after you leave.

What they might ask you however is how often you laughed at yourself.

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## Letter to the Editor,

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### Letter to the Editor,

We wish to reply to the Curry General Hospital administrator's letter to the editor, recently published in our local newspapers, regarding the defeated bond measure.

We believe all Curry County citizens agree that your plans to improve Curry General Hospital are very desirable and meritorious. However, your solution for raising the necessary financing is the real problem.

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property taxes) would be a significant problem for them.

- (2) Many owners of property in Curry County don't live here. Thus, they may feel they'll be paying for the medical needs of others, not theirs.
- (3) A property tax that is not an equal amount per property is not a fair burden. To illustrate, one who owns property valued at \$75,000 (not unusual in this area) would pay about \$60 per year, while the owners of property valued at \$300,000 would pay over \$200 per year. One cannot justify this cost difference in terms of the services that might be provided. There is just no correlation! Likewise you cannot justify the difference on the assumption that owners of higher valued property "can afford it." What if a property's value has gone up substantially, but its owners' personal assets and income have remained flat, or even declined?

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### Letter to the Editor,

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### Letter to the Editor,

I personally want to thank all the members of the CRT and the community who so generously donate their time and money to the community. Since becoming President of the CRT I have been in awe at the amount of dedication and effort members give, not because they have anything to gain, but because they want to contribute to the community.

CRT members have paid for their own travel to go to meetings in search of grant money for the city. They have paid for phone calls, postage and office supplies out of their own pockets. And, they have given of their time and hearts working on projects like the Wayfinder at Battle Rock Park.

The vision is that visitors will stop at the Wayfinder; read the signs while they enjoy an ice cream cone; discover some interesting things to do around here and stay a little while to visit; long enough perhaps to have a meal or two in one of our local restaurants; and then maybe stay the night. They will probably also get out of their cars long enough to visit some of the local shops and purchase some local products. And a few may even someday

choose to purchase property and become members of our community.

Several of us involved in the CRT like having Battle Rock Park and beach all to ourselves, but we are willing to give a little knowing that helping local families and businesses prosper is so very important for our community.

Martha Weaver

### Enjoy Donkey Basketball

Tickets are on sale now for an evening of Donkey Basketball at Pacific High School on April 24 at 6:30pm.

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to some engineering firms. The City must receive the engineering bids no later than April 17. They will then be evaluated and the city council will choose an engineering firm no later than May 17, 1998. The engineering firm then must have its predesign report completed before July 15, 1998. This report has to be submitted by that date to the Oregon Community Development Department and the Department of Environmental Quality for approval. According to the RFP the engineering firm's report will be based on the "Wastewater Master Plan completed in 1992 which explores all effluent disposal options including: ocean outfalls, irrigation systems, water re-use, and other innovative solutions that may apply to Port Orford's situation." One question McNurlin would like answered concerning any new system is the life expectancy of the system and the maintenance costs over 20 years.

The good news is the rebuilding process has begun and we'll do our best to keep everyone current on the progress.

Jerry spoke to me about the test water well that had been dug at Buffington Park. He said it didn't produce enough gallons per minute to make it worthwhile and the well had been closed off and the casing pulled out. He said the city would explore more sites to drill test wells. The city spent \$2,900 on the Buffington Park test site. I asked him if the city had switched over to Hubbard Creek water and he said not yet but we could expect that to happen soon once the heavy rains eased off.

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### Cycling the World

My name is Denis Cayouette. I am a French Canadian from Quebec, Canada. I am presently touring the United States, by bicycle, to promote an international project involving a worldwide bicycle tour to raise funds for AIDS research. The name of the project is called, Cycling the World for AIDS.

I left Quebec city on the 29th of September and I am planning to travel along the east, south and west coast of the United States. Because of the weather it is important that I follow a specific itinerary.

My main objectives are to promote the

project, create awareness for the need of such a project and raise funds throughout sponsorships for the financial aspect of the project.

Cycling the World for AIDS is a 2.5 million-dollar project. The total amount of money expected to be raised from the project is estimated at over 5 million-dollar project. The total amount of money expected to be raised from the project is estimated at over 5 million dollars. Every country that is on the project's itinerary will benefit from this worldwide tour.

Cycling the World for AIDS consists of a bicycle ride across Canada, Europe, Africa, the United States, Australia and Japan, where cyclists will travel through approximately 200 cities, accompanied by their support teams. Parallel fundraising events will be organized in the cities covered by the tour in collaboration with local cycling associations and AIDS groups. The general population will be invited to join the worldwide tour's team of cyclists for a bicycle ride of a few kilometers as they approach the town areas, giving activities a family perspective.

The money raised will be managed by the Cycling the World for AIDS Foundation (CWA Foundation), a non-profit organization founded by the promoters of the project.

Donations may be sent to CWA Foundation, 200 du Buisson, Loretteville, Quebec, Canada, G2A 1N1, c/o Deborah Champagne, Promoter and Project Coordinator. Tel: 1-418-847-1590. E-mail: dchampagne@acantage.com

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