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Mediation Discontinued

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met Monday and discontinued the mediation process with John Mayea in front of a standing room only crowd.

All members of the council, mayor and city attorney Randall Tosh were present as public works director Jerry McNurlin led the evening off with his report. McNurlin reported a break in the raw water line over the Labor Day Weekend where it crosses Gold Run Creek. The crew fixed that problem. He said the test water well that had been dug at the Rural Fire Department leased property in Cedar Terraces didn't turn up any water. He said at next month's council meeting he was going to present them with a letter from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). That state agency is asking the city consider taking over Coast Guard Hill Road. McNurlin spoke about a potential problem with the Paradise Terrace subdivision. He said the ground has been cleared and there is a lot dust. He said the owners of the subdivision need erosion control put in now, not after the first rains. McNurlin said the first stage of the water improvement project might begin later this week with the water intake

pipe at Garrison Lake. He said the Department of Environmental Quality had inspected the wastewater treatment plant and it had come out okay.

The Port Orford Fire Department responded to two house fires, one vehicle accident involving use of the Jaws of Life and one brush fire. The also have two new fire fighters.

Mayor Gary Doran introduced new city administrator Johnny Alexander who received a round of applause. The next topic on the agenda was public comments. First the mayor read from the Oregon Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual. He quoted section 192.30 of the public meetings law that it is not a public participation law except under a few limited situations. Doran said the council had received a lot comment from the public. He said he was getting tired of negative comments. He then read a brief letter from the North Curry Families' and Children's Center thanking the City for letting them use the Community Building for the Summer Youth Program. Doran then said he preferred there not be citizen comments and he didn't want comments about private citizens.

City Parks Commission chairman Ernie Gordon took the microphone next and

gave a brief overview of the two historical signs for Battle Rock City Park. He emphasized that there were two different signs; one being the historical sign to replace the wooden one and the second being the historical marker sign. Gordon said the four-person sign committee had approved the wording for both signs. The wording for the historical marker sign which will go in the wayfinder site plaza area needs to be forwarded to the state historical commission for approval after the council approves it. Gordon asked for council action. Councilor Robert Warring said the historical beaverboard sign would block the view of three parking positions. He said he found the wording prejudicial and was uncomfortable sending it the historical commission. Councilor Ralph Donaldson jumped in with a motion that the council accept the wording for the **historical marker sign** at the wayfinder and forward it to the historical commission. The vote was 5-1 with Warring voting no. The historical beaverboard sign was part of the mediation agreement and was not voted on during this segment of the meeting or later during the mediation discussion.

Doran noted the search for a city treasurer/recorder would be discussed in an executive session.

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Wed Sep 23	2:01a	6.5	7:56a	1.8	2:03p 7.0	8:27p 1.0	7:05a	7:14p	10:16a	9:04p				
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**Mediation Discontinued
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Mediation Agreement

There was a reason for the SRO crowd Monday night and the council finally came to that point in the agenda when they moved into the mediation agreement with John Mayea. Doran said the council had come to a tentative agreement by consensus of the council at the mediation held on August 21 regarding the wayfinder site at Battle Rock Park. He read a letter from a person who wasn't named saying the wayfinder was a real asset to our community. No other public comment was read or given.

Doran said he needed a motion to accept the mediation agreement. None of the six councilors made a motion to accept the agreement. Then councilor Robert Warring made a motion that the "council recognize the failure of the Port Orford Wayfinder mediation effort and discon-

tinue the mediation process." Councilor Carl Eskelson seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously in favor of Warring's motion. The vote was greeted by prolonged applause from the audience.

Other Business

Council Warring made a motion for the city to waive the rental fees for the League of Women Voters use of the Port Orford Community building for their fall voter forum. The motion also required them to post a refundable \$45 deposit which they will get back if the building meets the public works department standard of cleanliness after the meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Warring made a motion removing Jim Poland from the two bank signature cards and replaced him with Johnny Alexander. The council agreed 6-0.

The council considered the contract for the new police Chief Bill Rush. Councilor Jim Campbell said Rush would be here to start work on October 1.

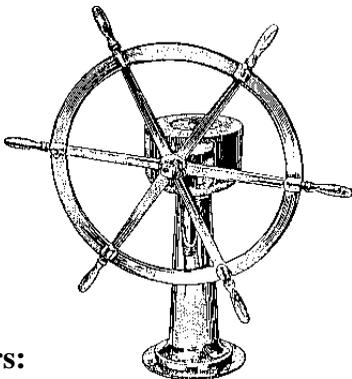
Councilor Warring gave a liaison report regarding ODOT activities. He had attended the ODOT commission meeting in Brookings and accompanied them on their bus tour south from Port Orford to Brookings. Warring spoke about mobility and accessibility regarding Highway 101. He said Highway 101 below Florence is considered a direct transportation route. He said ODOT doesn't want to slow freight traffic. He said they will pay cities to conduct studies that want to develop core business centers and they will pay for aesthetic enhancements like the new Brush Creek Bridge. He said at the ODOT dinner the mayor of Brookings had thanked ODOT officials for respecting the requests of Brookings people to

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with Johnny Alexander, he said he was authorized by the Council to pay me \$600.74 instead of the \$779.67 I had actually paid. When I pointed out to Johnny that I had paid almost \$179 more than the Council was attempting to reimburse me he said it was the best he could do. The Council was following the recommendation of their attorney. He expected me to accept \$178.92 less than I had paid. I refused. I am deeply disappointed that the Council chooses to continue to avoid their responsibility in returning the money I paid. Thanks guys. I thought I would finally be able to put this problem behind me. Further, the Council has not made any attempt to reimburse the previous owner of my Washington Street cottage even though sewer fees were paid on that property from 1980 to the date I purchased it in 1989. What a way to run a city.

Paula Cracas

Mediation Discontinued

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take the Humbug Mountain Highway 101 curves out, mentioning the lilly bulb growers and crab processors needed a faster road. (Editor's note: Warring deserves credit for giving this fine report)

Ralph Donaldson said Senator Gordon Smith would visit Curry County in October.

The council will consider the contract for police chief at their September 16 meeting at 6:45pm.

Letter to the Editor,

At last night's City Council meeting, Mayor Gary Doran assured me, in front of the many folks attending the meeting, that the Council intended to reimburse me for the sewer charges I had paid from 1989 until 1997 when I wasn't connected to the city sewer. Many of you know what an ordeal this has been. Not only did I pay sewer charges for 8 years, but I was forced to hook-up to the city sewer when I am more than 50 feet from the sewer line. I was told if I didn't hook up my house would be condemned. At the urging of our Mayor, I met with our new city administrator on Tuesday. When I met



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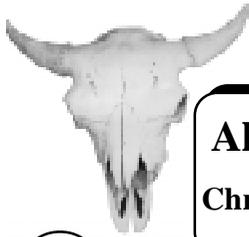
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Is Silence Golden?

By Nancy Broadhead

The Translator building which is located atop Coast Guard Hill in Port Orford brings to you *KSOR-FM, OPB Broadcasting, KOB-TV, KVAL-TV and KDRA..* A group known as North Curry County Translators, Inc. of Port Orford has been responsible for both the payment of the monthly utility bills and site landscape or structural maintenance of this facility which OPB is the owner.

North Curry Translators, Inc. is in the process of dissolution and has sent a request to OPB asking them to assume all subsequent electricity costs. If this issue is not resolved by the September 29, 1998 services will be interrupted and these channels will go off the air in Port Orford. As of Tuesday September 15, OPB had not contacted Coos Curry Electric regarding this issue.

This comes as somewhat of a surprise to me. So I decided to do a little research. What I found was surprising. The tower is located on the private property where the Tichenor Pioneer Cemetery is located. The Carriage Road that leads to the cemetery is on private property and there has been no legal permission to be on this property from the family. The North Curry Translators, Inc. has been funding the operation for the past twenty-five years and now feels that the operational costs should be paid for by those who reap the benefits of the broadcasting. In order for this to happen a piece of property needs to be purchased and a proper tower put in place to service this area. The tower will

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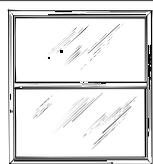
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probably be removed if no action is taken on this matter before the end of this year.

Anybody interested in undertaking the acquisition of this corporation and setting up a new Board of Directors is invited to call Howard Lichtig for more information.

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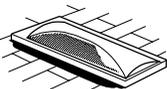
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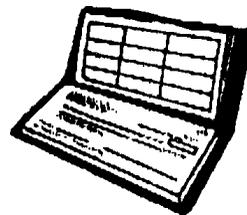
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What Price, Victory? By Valerie Jean Kramer

We've seen an unprecedented amount of turmoil in the last six months or so with controversies over the Wayfinder, the survey, the Empowerment Zone, etc. Regardless which side of any of these questions you may take, I ask you to consider that winning isn't everything and that the ends do not justify the means.

Many of us have strong feelings on these matters, yet ask yourself how your normal daily life would differ if these decisions were to go the other way? For most of us, there would be very little real difference. On the other hand, the bitter-

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ness and alienation that has come between us affects us all every day. Is it worth it?

The latest fiasco has to do with the UPS shipping service that has been provided at Sea Breeze Florist owned by Gayle Wilcox. UPS service in town has suffered this year. Gayle has always been closed on Mondays, which was unfortunate, since that is a popular day for shipping. (Anything that you discover a need to ship from Friday afternoon through Monday afternoon, or about 3/7 of the week, is likely to be shipped on Monday!) Most recently she was completely closed for three weeks. The UPS strike further hurt UPS business. Finally, a number of

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I've long wanted to offer UPS shipping services from The Downtown Fun Zone but Evan has vetoed because he didn't want to compete with Gayle. Recently our UPS driver, John, expressed his concern for the future of UPS in this area as a result of the decreased number of packages and strongly urged Evan to sign up as a shipper. With more than a little concern, Evan relented and we should soon be able to offer the service.

Unfortunately, Gayle has now decided to terminate her status as a shipper. We regret any part we may have had in causing her to come to this decision. Our decision to become a shipper was not made to harm Gayle or her business, but at the urging of our UPS representative, to improve the availability of service and to give local residents a choice. At this time we understand Ali's Auto is gearing up to be a second shipper in Port Orford.

Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. It is my opinion that businesses such as Gayle's shouldn't be avoided because of the owner's opinions. Let me just remind you of the immortal words of Alexander Pope, "To err is human, to forgive divine" and ask that you consider what is really important. Hopefully we can have a happy, united community and still disagree on the esthetic nature of different piles of rocks.

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School District 2CJ has three of them: one at Driftwood, one at Blanco and one at Pacific. These are composed of: parents, teachers, classified and businesspersons in the community. They all work together to set up programs and drive curriculum changes.

Right now there's a perfect opportunity to serve your community by volunteering to be on the Pacific Site Council. Our Council needs two parent volunteers to serve two-year terms. Your only qualification is to have a child enrolled at PHS and to be interested. The council meets only once a month and for special occasions when there is a need.

This year, you can submit yourself for this position by letting the high school know you are interested—they have forms. On September 17th, the night of Open House at PHS, parents can vote for council members. In fact, right up until 7:30, you can submit your name.

Feel free to contact Site Council members if you are interested in just what the council does. Past council members have been Linda Smith, Sue House and Sue Rundberg.

If you feel there need to be changes, or have an idea or two, now is the time to get involved and make your voice heard. House begins after the volleyball game at 7:30pm September 21 when all the 2CJ Site Councils meet with special guest Patty Andreason of the Curry ESD, to discuss the Art Curriculum components for our schools. That meeting is scheduled for 3:30 at the PHS library.

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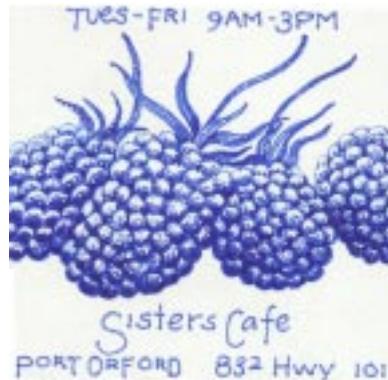
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Letter to the Editor,

I find it completely amazing and totally inspiring that so many people can exude so much energy in this small town when it comes to issues such as "the Wall." The beauty and appeal of the Battle Rock area continue to be an impressive and inviting place for people to commune with nature, which doesn't necessarily mean from the convenience of their car. I think it would

be wonderful if our community could exert this much energy to supporting our youth and, instead of putting more monies towards the destruction of the Wayfinder, put that money into building a recreation center or sporting/skating complex for our youth and community to enjoy. Perhaps assist with the purchase of new equipment for our current youth soccer, basketball, and baseball programs, or

initiate new programs. How about starting a fund for the building, or at least, refurbishing of our dilapidated schools? How about donating funds for the continuation of our only licensed day care facility in Port Orford that provides wholesome, safe care for our children? Or, how about taking some of that energy and volunteering at our schools, senior center, churches, scouting, 4-H, or the Common Good where a difference can really be made?

All our valiant efforts do not go unnoticed. However, I feel it is time for all of us to pull together and channel our energy in another direction that would benefit the good of the entire community and provide positive role models for our children to emulate.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Martin
Port Orford

[Editors note: Well said, Lani! Just think what could have been accomplished with all the time, money, and energy wasted so far this year. Clearly you have your eye on what's really important. - Valerie Kramer]

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"No one wakes up thinking how much they want to live in an apartment!" points out Betty Tam; "we all want our own space and ideally our own home." "Our design is to provide in rentals, the closest thing to living in your own home, nestled in a wooded site, in a nice neighborhood." There will be eight 3-bedroom cottages, and two 2-bedroom units available when completed next April. Zia feels that this approach could help change the way most people now look at low-income rentals. "This is a unique approach—a way to have your own home, with safe areas for the kids, yet have it at an affordable rental rate."

Tamm said that funding has been approved, city approvals are in place and the site is being cleared with construction set to begin soon. Tamm is a director of Umpqua Community Development Corporation, the organization that will own the completed cottages. Tamm said Umpqua CDC is still working with the construction associates, all of whom will be local. Port Orford area contractors, Section 3 contractors, women and minority owned businesses are urged to apply. Those interested call John Zia at 541-469-5285.

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"I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain." - James Baldwin

Watershed Council

The Port Orford Watershed Council has two vacancies. Residents and/or property owners in the Garrison Lake watershed and the Hubbard Creek watershed are eligible to serve. Appointment is by the Port Orford City Council, so applicants are asked to write a letter to the City Council expressing their interest and their background.

The Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm, usually in the City Council Chambers, and deals with issues involving Garrison Lake and Hubbard Creek and their associated wetlands and uplands. The September 16th meeting, however, will be held at the American Legion Hall. The public is always welcome to attend and participate. The Port Orford Watershed Council is an active member of the South Coast Coordinating Council of Watersheds, which meets monthly in Gold Beach.

Jet Boat Cruise

It could be your last chance this season to revel on the Rogue with good food, good music and good company. Or it could just be your favorite way to support a charitable cause in Curry County.

Whatever your reasons, get your tickets early for the Curry Health Foundation's fourth annual Wild and Scenic Champagne Mail Boat Cruise from Gold Beach to Agness and back. The boat will depart at noon, Sunday, October 4, from Kimball Creek Bend RV Resort on the north bank of the Rogue River. The cruise will end about 4:00pm with a barbecue picnic to follow. Tickets are \$50 each. Reservations must be received by Wednesday, September 23.

As in past years, the Mail Boat's glass-topped luxury jet boat is limited to 45 passengers, and the Rogue River always entices a sell-out crowd, says Judy Stringham, executive director of the foundation.

Passengers will cruise while munching hors d'oeuvres, watching wildlife and listening to historical narrative. The boat will stop for a stretch and rest at Agness, then return downriver to Kimball Creek for a picnic style barbecue, hosted by park owners, Helen and Berwyn Bowman.

The Curry Health Foundation was formed four years ago to help build a secure future for health services at Curry General Hospital and throughout Curry County. The foundation also maintains an endowment fund.

To purchase jet boat cruise tickets or for more information about the foundation and its mission, phone Stringham at 247-6621 or 1-800-445-8085, extension 109.

Art Short Sessions

Have you always wanted to try painting or ceramics, but you just can't seem to find the time? Marlene Olive, Southwestern Community College's popular, multi-media art instructor, may just have the answer for you. New this fall is an open medium class that begins at 5:30pm right after your workday ends. The \$15 class is just two hours long and lasts for three weeks.

The Art Short Sessions are designed to encourage people to get back into art, finish an old project that has been lying around, or try something new. Open medium means any kind of artwork you want. Painting, ceramics, sculpting, you name it. Fall term Art Short Sessions begin September 24, October 15, and November 5. The classes will be held at Manley Art Center. Register at Southwestern's Brookings campus at 420 Alder Street, or call 469-5017 or 247-2741.

Quit Smoking Programs

The Curry County Health Department is offering Free Quit-Smoking programs in Port Orford and Gold Beach beginning this month. The Port Orford program is

slated for Tuesdays (and one Thursday) beginning September 29 at the "Blue Building." The Gold Beach sessions will run Wednesdays (and one Friday) beginning September 23 at Curry General Hospital. All session run from 5:30-7:00pm.

The two-part program-either of which may be taken separately-is made possible by a grant from the March of Dimes. It is particularly directed towards mothers and women of child-bearing age, their partners and co-residents, family members, neighbors, child-care givers and anyone else whose smoking is likely to affect a child directly or through example. It is conducted by Nathaniel Wander of Consultation for Change.

"What You Need to Know to Quit Smoking," is a stand alone seminar that helps participants decide if they are ready to successfully quit smoking, and if so, what tools and supports they require. "Break Free of Tobacco" is an eight week group cessation workshop based on the American Lung Association's Freedom From Smoking program, as well as on Wander's extensive experience with programs of the American Cancer Society, Oregon Health Sciences University, and the CODA drug treatment program.

For further information, or to register, contact: Dave Manzella-Curry County Health Department at 247-7011 or Nathaniel Wander-Consultation for Change at 332-6009

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The same Phone Company, Electric Company, Cable TV Company, Trash Collection Service, etc serve your home and mine.

Many, if not most, of the actions of the City Council affect me as much as they do you.

BUT, because of the residency requirements in the city charter, I cannot vote for my choice of representation, nor can I run for any Port Orford public office such as City Councilperson.

I think that this is an unfair situation and I urge the city council to amend the city charter. All of us who call Port Orford home should have a say in its governance and the city, in turn, should not cut itself off from the many talented and willing citizens that live just outside it's small borders.

Victim's Impact Panel

A DUII Victims Impact Panel will be held in Curry County on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00pm in the Brookings City Council Chambers.

The Panel is designed to show DUII offenders the tragic consequences of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Victims who have suffered because of an intoxicated driver tell their stories to an audience of DUII offenders. By hearing a personal story, the offender can begin to understand the pain and suffering that often results from a DUII.

The Panel is based on similar VIP models held in other counties. However, it was developed specifically for Curry County under the direction of a community Task Force, sponsored by the Curry County Council on Alcoholism through a grant from Oregon Department of Transportation. Local victims speak and the Oregon State Police present a brief but graphic slide presentation.

This is an ongoing DUII prevention program with Panels scheduled periodically throughout the year. The next scheduled Panel is Wednesday, December 16, 1998, at 7:00pm in the Brookings City Council Chambers. Members of the community over the age of twelve are invited to attend.

If you or anyone you know has been a victim, you are encouraged to call the Council at 247-2412.

Curry General Hospital

To mark National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, Curry General Hospital will offer \$10 PSA testing when the hospital's prostate cancer screening team comes to the Port Orford Senior Center from 10am to noon, Thursday, September 17th.

Volunteers with the Port Orford Community Ambulance will offer free blood pressure testing as well. Patients are requested to pay for their tests in cash or by check.

Following the testing, Reg Williams, M.D., will address members of the Port Orford Rotary Club.

For more information, phone Curry General Hospital, (541) 247-6621, or 1-800-445-8085 ext. 105.

Festival of Quilts

The 15th Annual Festival of Quilts will be held at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach on September 18, 19 and 20. This year the Quilter's Guild is pleased to announce a new twist. There will be classes and a lecture being offered by Karen Combs, a prolific designer and author. Karen has published articles and patterns in many quilting magazines. She is known for taking a traditional pattern and giving it her own unique "twist". Karen is the author of "Optical Illusions for Quilters", "AQS", and "3-D Fun with Pandora's Box." Karen has appeared on the TV program, Quilting from the Heartland. For more information on classes and the lecture call Virginia Rath at 541-247-7377.

On Thursday, September 17, at 2:00pm Karen will hold a lecture at the Curry County Fairgrounds. This is open to the public and you can pay at the door. Admission is \$5 per person. Friday September 18 the quilt show begins. Doors will open at 10:00am and close at 6:00pm, with the same hours on Saturday. On Sunday the doors open at 10:00am and close at 4:00pm.

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**A Many Splendored Thing
by Graeme Graydon**

The other day, my wife and I had a conversation with a lady who is well acquainted with the Coast. It was our first meeting; the discussion had been lively and thoughtful. We talked of the qualities which attracted us to Port Orford with its customized climate, its extraordinary natural beauty and its pace of life. The parameters of daily living are different here. We don't watch TV, we listen to a little Jefferson Public Radio, the newspaper headlines at Buck's Sentry keep us current and remind us that there is little point in reading the rest of the paper, but we do consult the tide tables frequently, we know what the moon is up to and at what minute the sun settles into the ocean. Chickens are kept in or not depending on whether the local bobcat has babies or not. Clothing for the day is selected by intuition rather than the smooth assurances of a

weather guru. It matters that the wind blows from the north or the south. Driving on our dirt roads, we watch out for the families of quail to be sure that we don't separate the youngsters from the adults. I know they can sort themselves out perfectly well, it just seems important to give them time to all go off in one direction. Talk to city folk about this and you can see them mentally reach for the remote to find another channel. We have a secret that they can't grasp, and we don't want them to get it.

Then we spoke of a very curious thing—we don't seem to do very much but we're very, very busy. The days and nights aren't long enough to fill everything in. There are so many things needing our attention — a new rose to be imbibed, another ripe tomato to float over, a beach that must be walked, hummingbirds to be fed, blackberries that beg to be made into jam, letters to write, gemstones to cut,

beans to be picked, a greenhouse to be built — there never seems to be enough time.

Our new friend knew all about it. She said that this shortage of time had become so pronounced, that one day, she and her husband realized that they had become so busy that they had forgotten all about romance and being in love. So they set aside their Saturday nights and started to date all over again. Dress up a little, do something special, a dinner for two in town and then home to thoroughly enjoying each other as only lovers can do. Yes — it felt contrived at first, but with a little practice it had become very important to them.

Life on this part of the Coast can be simple, there can be a kind of purity to it. How perfectly natural in such a space to remember and recapture something so beautiful.

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Letter to the editor,

Re: Leach field

Here is how we came to have a leach field in the dunes. Originally as the sewer plant expansion got under way it was proposed to have an ocean out fall, but it was one of the most expensive options. It was also not in much favor with the public. First it cost about \$500,000 more than the leach field. Second there was the question on where to put it. Tichenor Cove was the first choice, with Kloogouh rock the second. Tichenor Cove was just becoming popular with the divers who we were trying to encourage as a tourist trade, which by the way we have done.

The second choice of Kloogouh rock was considered to be in an area of seas that were too rough in the winter to maintain the outfall and the thought was that it would have to be replaced quite often, at great expense. The cost of either of the two above options was over 1.2 million dollars, and way above what the city

could afford then or now. The bond for the outfall proposal was turned down at the polls twice in one year. It was then that the council started to look at other options. I was on the planning commission at the time and some of what we discussed were new technologies at the time. One thing discussed was a wet land such as those at Cannon Beach, Oregon and Arcata, California. Also discussed was pumping the treated effluent out to Knapp ranch, and into a pond from where the Knapps would pump it on to their fields for sheep grazing.

To our amazement the Department of Environmental Quality (D.E.Q.) told us that it was too wet here to do the ponds. I'm not quite sure what the problem with Knapp ranch was. If it is too wet here how come the ponds are working just great in Cannon Beach and Arcata?

It really has nothing to do with John Maya or Hans Von Spath, it has a lot to do about what the public told us to do at the time,

which was that they did not want an ocean outfall. The leach field was the only thing that D.E.Q. would let us do as they were threatening us with massive fines. Just as they are doing now, and telling us that we have got to have a solution by the fall of 1998 or else! Or else what, we all have a tax lien on our property. So what, do you think that the state wants to own the city of Port Orford.

We need to stand up for what is right, not to be pointing fingers, or blame at each other. The ponds were the right thing to do at the time, and are still the right thing to do now. Their low technology is easy to maintain, they produce a product that all can use, compost for the community and fish to be put back into the streams and rivers. Also in Arcata they are a great tourist attraction, which would fit in with what the town is trying to do, attract tourists.

Sincerely,

Joanne Ruoff

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Wetlands Interpretive Center

There will be a public information/input meeting about the proposed Wetlands Interpretive Center at 7pm on Thursday, September 17th, at the American Legion Hall. The Interpretive Center, comprised of viewing decks, a boardwalk, and informational signs, is to be built along Highway 101 between the city rights-of-way for 16th and 7th Streets, using a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) "Scenic Byway" grant recently awarded to the City. Local residents interested in becoming involved in refining the proposed design, or who are just interested, are invited to attend. There will be a brief review of the project's inception, the FHWA grant process, and the project as now envisioned, followed by a question/answer period.

An architect's rendering of the proposed facility is displayed at City Hall near the Idaho Street entrance. This drawing is not

the final design, but will give the viewer a good idea of the 'concept plan', which was approved for funding. If the City decides to proceed with the project, this fall and winter will be spent refining the final design and engineering, with construction to occur next spring and summer. Numerous public meetings are planned throughout the next twelve months, with comments and suggestions from the public as a high priority.

Letter to the Editor,

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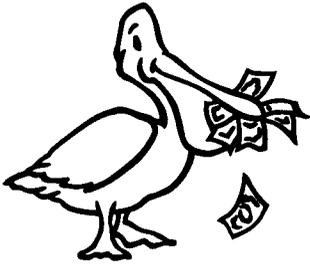
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Groundbreaking Ceremony

Local officials and members of the public gathered on Arizona Street on Wednesday afternoon for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Cedar Pointe Cottages development. Umpqua Community Development Corporation of Roseburg is the owner of this low-income affordable housing development. It is being financed through Western Bank with grants from several government agencies. John Zia is builder/developer of the project. The development will consist of ten free standing two and three bedroom houses ranging from 800-1,000 square feet, a community room and a Laundromat for the tenants. This is the first housing project in Curry County for Umpqua CDC and is considered by them a prototype development for the State of Oregon. The development is located on a three-acre parcel of land on the east side of Arizona Street and a couple of hundred feet south of Paradise Point Road.

John Zia was asked about use of local contractors on the project which will cost over \$500,000 to build. He said efforts were being made to employ Port Orford contractors and purchase materials from local suppliers. The project is scheduled for completion in spring 1999.

Golf Course Complete

Port Orford has cause for celebration because the mini golf course in Buffington Park is now completely recarpeted. The project was begun some time ago and now thanks to Frank and Jane Cramer, it is finally finished. Applause goes also to Ed and Nancy Dowdy for starting off the work and getting the first two holes done. "It has really been a community effort" states Jane Cramer. North Curry Families' and Children's Center and the CRT helped raise funds to complete the work.

Many thanks go to the following businesses and individuals for making donations at Chetco Federal Credit Union to

complete the work: Al Luis-Buck's Sentry, Evan and Valerie Kramer-The Downtown Fun Zone, Ed and Nancy Dowdy-Dowdy Associates, Jim Rhodes, Ron and Linda Culbertson-Bartlett's Café, Jim and Pat Campbell-Campbell Realty, Gayle Wilcox-Sea Breeze Florist, Frank and Jane Cramer and NCFCC. A sign and finishing touches are still being worked out. Thanks also to the many folks who came out to the various work parties. Bring your favorite putter on over to the park and try it out. If you have any questions or comments about the project, call NCFCC at 332-9191.

Workshop Cancelled

The Watershed Steward workshop scheduled for September 25th and 26th in Gold Beach has been cancelled. There will be a different topic scheduled for the beginning of October. The Watershed Steward workshops are a fun, informative lecture series with field trips.

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

I always start out Rotary luncheon. Well here are the volunteers for September 10 – Mary Evans set up dining room also worked in the kitchen Bessie Laursen, Lorraine Hass, Kay Neal – doing dishes and other things Bill Butt – Owen Miller.

Heard a Rotary member saying what a wonderful luncheon – good deal mister.

September 11 was bingo – all had a fun time.

September 12 was the senior luncheon. It was real tasty. Made by these volunteers – Mary Evans, Thelma Lagace, Bessie Laursen, Jane Black, Norma Ellis – Bill Butt and Owen Miller dishes and doing other things too. It was a nice turn out all enjoyed the luncheon – Claire Stahl taking care of the cashier table - rummage sale workers Bobbetta Kron and Henry Kron.

September 13 was the breakfast – a fine turn out – and I mean fine cooking – Now notice who was cooking Barney Hauser – waffles – Ron Panozzo – pancakes, Bill Butt scrambled eggs – Owen Miller – all kinds of things – he was even putting the food on the plates – what do you think, those men doing most of the cooking? Ladies doing the serving and serving coffee, milk and juice – Thelma Lagace, Betty Harper, Mary Evans, Bessie Laursen and then Owen Miller and Bill Butt doing dishes – looked like all the volunteers were doing the clean up etc. – wasn't that something?

Bobbetta Kron and Henry Kron doing the rummage sale. Every Thursday at 2:00pm the sing alongs practice – they will be doing their thing at the luncheon September 26 – be sure and come it will be special – you won't want to miss this.

September 21 pinochle at 7:00pm – September 22 – blood pressure and hearing aide – 9:30am to noon – September 26 luncheon at 11:30am and rummage sale 8:00am till 1:00pm.

Begin with just the simplest things
A word to speak, a note to write,
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