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The Well Worn Path **By Evan Kramer**



Valerie and I headed out for Las Vegas, this time to attend the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) and the Video Software Dealer's Association (VSDA) show.

We usually take our well-worn path to Las Vegas via Interstate 5 or 99 to Highway 58 south of Bakersfield and then east to Barstow and Las Vegas. But this year the weather has been mild and little rain has fallen so we decided to head east over Interstate 80 and Donner Pass to Reno. Last time we attempted this route in winter we were turned back for lack of snow chains.

We stayed in a motel in downtown Reno and got to listen to the many sirens from emergency service vehicles during the night. We left Reno on a cold but rainless morning and head east to Fallon and then south and east to Las Vegas via 95. There's nothing quite as beautiful as the sun coming up in the morning in the desert. We passed through several once-thriving mining and gambling towns including Haw-thorne, Tonopah and Goldfield.

Tonopah seems to be holding up the best

of the towns on 95 and even has a McDonald's and a good quality grocery store. Goldfield is much more interesting and has several buildings built partially from bottles though they are in a state of neglect and decay. The old brick hotel in downtown is now closed but is for sale and would make a nice project for somebody with lots of money and time.

The Consumer Electronics Show is promoted as the second biggest trade show of the year held in Las Vegas, second only to Comdex. The CES drew around 110,000 participants. Many of the consumer electronic displays were computer related and of more interest to Valerie than myself. The show was held at the Las Vegas Convention Center and several satellite hotels. The bus connections between them weren't very good and we stuck to the displays at the Convention Center and Riviera Hotel. The Convention Center is undergoing a major expansion in the form of a 100,000 square foot plus addition with part of the new building constructed on air rights above a street. In the meantime the convention center consists of many temporary buildings and no parking.

Lowlights of the CES included the TiVo television service, which is a way to record television shows on a hard drive for a monthly fee of \$9.95 but with no

way to transfer the digital information to your computer. Another vendor was selling a laser device that connects to your garage door opener and puts a laser beam on your dashboard so you can park your car at exactly the same place in your garage every time. On the other hand, Valerie liked the Casio watches, one of which included a digital camera and LCD to display the pictures right on the watch. A second one had a GPS to show your present location and the third can hold the names and phone numbers of nearly 700 of your closest friends though they removed the useful calculator function found on previous models.

We felt the items displayed at the show fell into three categories: 1) "Same old same old" - this years models of TV's, VCR's, CD players, etc. with no major exciting new features. 2) A relatively few new products of significant interest. And 3) An incredibly large assortment of overpriced junk for yuppies with more money than brains. On the whole the show was disappointing.

The next day, we attended the Video Software Dealer's Association show and the best way to describe it is "underwhelming." Despite the fact more money is spent on video rentals than movie theater tickets the motion picture

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News From City Hall

David Pace recently received his Water Treatment Level 1 certification. To obtain the certification he was required to pass the level 1 test and obtain one year experience in operating a water treatment plant. David took a number of courses in water treatment and related topics to prepare for the certification.

Water treatment plants are classified 1 through 4, depending on size and type of plant. The City of Port Orford's water treatment plant is a class 2 plant.

City of Port Orford employees recently elected John Morgan and Ellen Mundell as their representatives to the City of Port Orford Safety Committee. The City Safety Committee consists of management and staff representatives who promote the health and safety of City employees.

Allan Wagner, Public Works Superintendent is a management representative on

the City of Port Orford Safety Committee - many of the safety issues that the City Safety Committee addresses are part of Public Works.

The City of Port Orford considers the safety, health and welfare of our employees a priority goal, both for the employees sake and because accidents can cost tax payers money in higher workers compensation insurance rates for the City.

The City has an excellent safety record. In fiscal year 1998-1999 the City received an award for having no injuries. As a result our insurance premiums were lowered in 2000.

Free Cataract Operation

Applications are now available for Curry General Hospital's Gift of Sight Program for 2001.

The program allows medically and financially needy patients to undergo a cataract surgery at no cost. It was established to

ensure patients receive quality medical treatment with dignity and compassion.

The procedure, as well as preliminary testing and post-operative care, are made possible by a partnership of sponsors including John Rush, O.D., Brookings and Gold Beach optometrist; John Flaxel, M.D. North Bend-based eye surgeon; Curry General Hospital and the Curry County Lions Clubs.

According to the patient's request, the application process and surgery can remain strictly confidential.

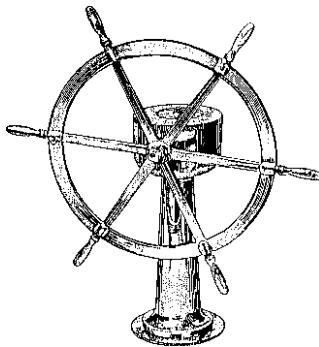
Since the program's inception in 1996, four patients - from Harbor, Brookings, Gold Beach and Ophir - have received free cataract surgeries.

To receive an application, phone a member of the nearest Lions or Lioness club, inquire with any optometrist or ophthalmologist practicing in Curry County, or contact the hospital at 247-3187; or 1-800-445-8085, extension 187.

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Donnelly's Flats by Graeme Graydon



I was thirteen when my father took us on our first camping adventure, a fortnight in a remote, wild area at the foot of Mount Holdsworth in the Rimutukas. In those days, when meat was still rationed after the war, the Ranges had a high population of imported animals, Red Deer, Wapiti and others – all regarded as pests because of the damage they caused in the Backcountry. And so it was that my father, determined to try his luck at hunting, set out with me before sunrise, on a rough trail through dense rain forest to an open flat up the river – Donnelly's Flat. Ribbons of thin mist hung above the burbling river, the tall, wild grasses of summer were heavy with dew. As we intruded silently into this pristine arena, the sun touched the hillsides above us with golden promise of the day to come and two beautiful deer grazed quietly just a short distance away. Neither of us had seen a deer in the wilds before. Very slowly and deliberately my father took aim and brought down the closest animal

with one clean shot. More than 50 years later, I recall that moment, the jarring thunder of the report, the deer dropping like a stone, the chaos of exultation, shock, awe, horror and pride. The next step was to prepare the prized venison for the trek back to camp. My father produced a tiny, ivory handled pen-knife, (that he habitually carried to the office each day in his vest pocket), and, undaunted, started on his task. I don't know how he knew about it, but he gave me insight into what had been a mystery to me. He showed me the incredible variety of tissues, the glands and how they worked, he demonstrated the organs, one by one. We marveled at the glistening membranes, and he made me hold the warm lungs to know how they could manipulate the air and blood. I was entranced, caught up in his wonder at the perfection of design. Today I know that his wonder was really for the Hand of the Designer.

A few days later, my little mother fed a Troop of Boy Scouts (who turned up out of nowhere), with venison stew that she had cooked in an old Dutch oven over an open fire. That evening she walked with my father back to Donnelly's Flats to look for another deer. The next day,

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when my father wasn't around, she told me what had happened.

They had reached the Flats at dusk, and there before them, was a doe with its fawn, quietly grazing. She said that my father raised his rifle and took aim for a long, breathless time – and then slowly lowered it. Without a word to her, he took her hand and the two of them stood there in silent wonder until the doe and its baby wandered out of sight.

He never hunted again – I thought that you would like to know. He took me on hunting trips over the next few years, we had great adventures together, and it was always a thrill to bring wild pork or venison home to family and friends, but it was I who did the killing. By the time I was 21, I found no more pleasure in it, and so I too came to know what he had discovered one evening at Donnelly's Flats.

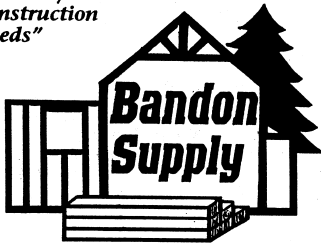
Letter to the Editor,

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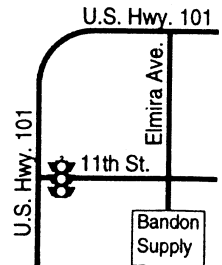
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The following is a list of candidates who have filed for the March 13, 2001 Special District Election.

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- Pos. #1 4-year term Gail Rathbun
- Pos. #2 2-year balance James Armtz
- Pos. #4 4-year term Virginia Hughes
- Pos. #5 4-year term Gary Anderson, Carlene Armi
- Pos. #7 4-year term Alan Brown

Port Orford Port District

- Pos. #1 4-year term Tom Hall, Chris Hawthorne, Jason Marshall
- Pos. #2 4-year term Gifford D. Barnes, Pat Ross, David Rickell.
- Pos. #3 4-year term David Darnell

Langlois RFPD

- Pos. #4 4-year term Billie Smith
- Pos. #5 4-year term Carrie J. Eggert

Port Orford Rural Fire District

- Pos. #1 2-year balance Richard Mijs
- Pos. #2 4-year term John Johnston
- Pos. #3 4-year term Barbara C. Forrest, Brice Wagner
- Pos. #4 4-year term Leonard Foster
- Pos. #5 2-year balance Richard Warrick

Sixes Rural Fire District

- Pos. #1 4-year term Ray Johnson
- Pos. #2 4-year term No one filed
- Pos. #3 2-year balance Eric Oberbeck
- Pos. #4 4-year term Fred Bitgood

Langlois Water District

- Pos. #3 4-year term No one filed
- Pos. #4 4-year term Sharon Goldman
- Pos. #5 4-year term Cliff Goldman

Langlois Cemetery District

- Pos. #2 4-year term Annabelle Haga
- Pos. #4-year term Evelyn G. Bjerg

Port Orford Cemetery District

- Pos. #2 4-year term Roxanne Gibbs
- Pos. #3 4-year term Greg Gibbs

Langlois Library District

- Pos. #1 4-year term Michael Brown
- Pos. #2 4-year term Deanna McDermott

Port Orford Library District

- Pos. #1 4-year term Adria Merryman
- Pos. #2 4-year term Barbara Leeling

Curry Health District

- Pos. #2 4-year term Roger K. Davis
- Pos. #3 4-year term Brian McNulty
- Pos. #4 4-year term Doug Jamieson

March Dance Concert

There will be a meeting of the Dance Concert Committee (150th Birthday Celebration) on Tuesday, January 30 at 5:00pm at the Cyber Rock Café. All positive energy and ideas are welcome.

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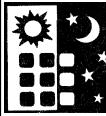
New at the Library By Paula Cracas

Joyce Carol Oates wrote a story, "A Writer's Loving School Hours," which was published in September 1998 in Victoria magazine. She said, "For me, books are a portal through which we step, like Alice through the looking glass, into worlds not our own and unimaginable by us, conjoining ourselves with persons not known to us."

Last Sunday children and adults stepped through the looking glass into a world of songs, rhymes, stories, and foods all prepared with delightful imagination. "Imagine that?" we were asked. "Soup from a stone!" And the stone turned out to be rock candy and soup: 7-up. We discovered celery, peanut butter, and raisins really did look like ants on a log. Gingerbread men made an appearance and just as quickly disappeared. And though we weren't asked to eat shoestrings and boots heels like Gregory the Terrible Eater, we did scarf down muffins, sandwiches, cookies and cheese. Thank you to all the cooks and bakers. Thank you to the readers of stories and singers of songs. Thank you Sally Johnston and Tobe Porter who believe a children's

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reading program is a necessary part of our library. A program, which until now, has been missing in the action of television and computers.

Now it is time to mark your calendar for February 1 to bring your children and young friends to the library for our "Hearts and Pickle Tales" program. Pajamas, bathrobes, and teddy bears are welcome. Blankies and special toys will not have to be left at the door. Although we can't promise that the "Hearts and Pickles" story hour (who thinks up names like this?) will be as diverse and as exciting as last Sunday's program...who knows? Maybe it will be even more phantasmagoric. Better

make it a point to be there and see for yourself. Once a month you could help your children and the children you know to become, as Joyce Carol Oates described herself, "an avid, uncritical and impractical reader." And added, "What an infinite space was evoked: for each book, its cover opened, led inward, and on downward, tunneling away from the mere surface of things."

If you haven't read any of the 28 novels and many volumes of short stories, poems, essays, and plays Ms. Oates has written, do yourself a favor. My favorite is Them. I read it way back in 1970. It still haunts me. Check it out.

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**Port Orford turns 150
By Nella Reed Abbott**

We are a COMMUNITY. That word is defined in the Thesaurus with wonderful phrases such as "inhabitants having close personal ties of interest and friendship" and "to attain an earnest feeling of unity". Well...we're working on it! Reverend Doug Jamieson sometimes refers to us as "The Port Orford Family". And like all families we don't always agree on things, but as our history bears out, we have certainly endured. Indeed, here we are...still in this beautiful place working things out and having a pretty good time doing it. (Sometimes its better than others . . . smile.)

This is our HOME. We are all here by choice. We either decided to remain here or move here. What year that decision took place is irrelevant. The important things are stewarding our little piece of earth, and being kind to each other. Peoples' actions speak volumes and whether one is an "Old Timer" or a "Newbie", geniality and generosity do not go unnoticed. It's the quality of the heart that counts. There are many beautiful hearts in PORT ORFORD.

It's our BIRTHDAY. Our town site was born 150 years ago...not without a great deal of pain. Giving birth is a painful process. It's so easy to judge our founders with hindsight. But without them we would not be enjoying our comfortable existence in this little piece of paradise.

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Last fall you chose Music & Dance as ways you would like to celebrate our sesquicentennial. We have two events coming up to do just that. The first is February 10th and the second is March 24th. Watch this paper for more information.

Meeting Time Change

Mention the word "change" and you get a low muffled groan. But, not all change is bad; in fact a change is as good as a rest! Fashions change, hairstyles change, prices change and the weather is always changing.

During the January 8, 2001 Port Orford City Council regular session, the idea of changing the Council meeting time was brought to the table for consideration. However, before any changes are made, the Council would like to hear comments and suggestions from the citizens of Port Orford regarding the issue.

One point to consider in conducting the meetings during the day is citizen attendance. Would there be greater attendance by citizens if meetings were scheduled during the day? Would day meetings be a disadvantage to citizens who have other daytime commitments?

One suggestion is to start the meetings at 5:00pm and adjourn at an earlier hour of the evening.

So here is your chance to put in your "two cents" and let us know what you think about changing the times.

Information needs to be received by February 5, 2001 for consideration at the next Council meeting, which is still scheduled for 7:00pm.

You may call City Staff at 332-3681 or return this response sheet with your comments to: City of Port Orford, PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465

I am a Port Orford citizen and this is my "two cents" about changing the times:

____ The council meetings should remain at 7:00pm on the second Monday of the month.

____ The council meetings should be held during the daytime.

____ Other: _____

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Chamber Lively Dialogue By Susan C. Shannon

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce met for its first general meeting in 2001 on January 22 at the Paradise Café. The Paradise Café served up fiery chili dogs and kept the water glasses and coffee cups full.

In president Linda Culbertson's absence, Harvey Johnston, vice-president presided over a lively dialogue initiated by Nella Abbott's update on the Port Orford benefit dance scheduled for March 24. An earlier date was in conflict with the Pacific High School graduation benefit on March 10. Etoufee is booked and the preparation and dance details will be formalized at a dance committee meeting on January 30.

Following Nella's presentation, the Chamber welcomed Port Orford Mayor, Gary Doran, who spoke of the town's positive changes over the past 10 years and the need to maintain the spirit of cooperation to further the goals of citizens.

Other local groups represented by the luncheon attendees allowed for a well rounded discussion of the July 4 Jubilee and 150th Birthday events for this summer. Representing the Jubilee Committee were Wilbur Green, Bob and Geri Sutton, Dennis Bodewig and Marian Johnson. Joe Culley, Chamber board member and Beachcomber member, remarked that the Beachcomber's summer event dates are not finalized at this time.

Also at the meeting were Toni Hall, chamber treasurer, and John Ineson, former chamber president and current board member.

Everyone present agreed that maintaining a Master Calendar of events was important to avoid conflicts and ensure community wide access to events.

Senior News By Mary Yoder

January 15 was pinochle. A nice time was had by all – high Betty Harper, second Jean Shank, low Henry Kron. Yes, there was popcorn.

January 18 Rotary luncheon – volunteers working were Harold Pace, Betty Harper, Kay Neal, Norma Ellis, Rosalie Coble – setting up the dining room – Mary Yoder, Lila Sarratt, doing dishes, etc. Kathy Goad, Norm Rice.

January 22 started the computer class which will be every Monday night from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the high school.

January 27 is the luncheon and rummage sale – luncheon at 11:30am and rummage sale from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

January 30 blood pressure and hearing aid from 9:30 to 11:00am. Staff meeting from 10:30 to 11:00am. Membership meeting at 11:00am.

The walking group Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30am.

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Council Meeting

The Port Orford City Council holds a workshop session and special meeting on Monday, January 29, at 10:00am in the city hall council chambers.

The workshop session concerns goal setting.

The special session includes appointment of the official 150th anniversary committee.



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Sudden Oak Death

Oregon Dept. of Ag establishes emergency quarantine against tree killing disease

A known killer of certain species of oak trees is drawing closer to Oregon's southern border. As a result, the Oregon Department of Agriculture has established an emergency quarantine against the fungus-caused disease known as sudden oak death—a malady that has already destroyed hundreds of thousands of trees in Northern California.

"We want to protect Oregon from this new disease," says Dan Hilburn, administrator of ODA's Plant Division. "So we are quarantining nursery stock, logs, lumber, firewood, and bark chips of the types of oaks that are dying in California so that the disease does not move into Oregon accidentally."

All Oregonians are being asked to play a role in preventing introduction of sudden

oak death to the state. Much of that has to do with the time of the season.

"The reason for adopting the quarantine right now is firewood," says Hilburn. "With all the oaks dying in California, that firewood is inexpensive. We have had a number of reports of California firewood showing up in Oregon. So we need to determine where it is coming from and make sure it isn't from an infested area."

The quarantine covers the entire state of California, even though the disease has been found in only six counties near the San Francisco Bay area.

It deals specifically with tanoaks, black oaks, and coastal live oaks—the three species of oak known to be susceptible to the disease. The quarantine requires that oak nursery stock, wood or wood products from the infested counties be heat-treated to destroy the fungus before it is allowed into Oregon. Wood products from adjacent counties must be either heat treated or have all the bark removed.

The origin of material from non-infested or non-adjacent counties must be certified by California officials.

The good news is sudden oak death has not been found in Oregon yet. The bad news is there are plenty of host trees that could be threatened by the disease.

"I've been down to California to see the disease and, quite frankly, the damage is amazing," says ODA plant pathologist Nancy Osterbauer, who has surveyed much of Southern Oregon for signs of the disease. "In a mixed stand of timber that included tanoaks or live oaks, everywhere you looked were dead trees creating big gray or brown dead spots in the landscape. Several hundreds of thousands of trees have died—everything from mature trees with a 30-inch diameter to saplings. The disease is pretty much wiping out the trees in a steady progression. It can kill a tanoak in 21 days."

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Sudden oak death is caused by a new species of the fungus *Phytophthora*, which invades susceptible trees through the bark, killing portions of the tree and weakening it so that insects and other fungi can invade.

The host range for black oaks extends well into Oregon, all the way to southern Lane County. Tanoaks are found well up the Oregon coastline. The impact of the disease could be devastating to important riparian areas where salmon populations are trying to re-establish. Sudden oak death would also negatively affect the state's important nursery industry, which produces a number of oak trees for sale. Oregon does not want to be the target of somebody else's quarantine because of the disease.

Nursery stock buyers are advised to be very careful about who they buy from and where. But perhaps the bigger worry about introducing sudden oak death to Oregon is with those who buy and sell firewood.

"We have received many calls from concerned citizens about California firewood being sold at some of our local stores, including Fred Meyer and Food for Less," says Osterbauer. "We have been able to backtrack, with the help of the stores, and find the source. The supplier has told us they are surveying regularly for the disease and haven't found it



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on their sites. So it looks like we're clear with at least that firewood."

The potential of other sellers of California firewood—or even Oregonians transporting wood they purchased back into the state—is enough to worry officials.

Education and public outreach is a key strategy for prevention.

"We don't have border stations coming into Oregon from California," says Hilburn. "So we're going to have to get the word out through the media, through OSU extension, and our partner agencies like the Oregon Departments of Forestry and Transportation. The word needs to reach firewood suppliers and buyers so that everyone is aware of what they are doing, and can make good decisions about where to buy and sell wood. Buy locally, if you can. If firewood comes from California, make sure it is certified to be from an area not infested with sudden oak death."

Hilburn sees sudden oak death as the latest in a long string of invasive species that have threatened Oregon and its environment.

"When I started with ODA ten years ago, we used to talk about the pest of the year because almost every year there was a new pest that would come along and we would have to design a new survey or treatment program," he says. "This past year, we have faced eight new pests, weeds, or diseases that are worthy of pest-

of-the-year status. With globalization of trade and travel having an echo of biological pollutants coming along with it, I think this is a trend that will continue for us."

So far, sudden oak death has not found its way into Oregon. But with I-5 and U.S. Highway 101 carrying thousands of people into the state from California every day, the gates are open. Survey work in Southern Oregon will continue in the spring and summer. Until then, the word about sudden oak death is spreading—hopefully faster than the disease itself.

For more information, contact Nancy Osterbauer at (503) 986-4636.

Library Foundation News By Dot Mathews

The Port Orford Library Foundation met on January 4. Carrie Rogers was re-elected Chair.

The beautiful vase Chris Hawthorne has donated to the Building Fund is now at Klamath Bank where raffle tickets can be purchased, \$5 each, and 5 for \$20. The vase will be moved to the Library on February 9 and the winning ticket will be drawn there at 2:00pm, Tuesday, February 13.

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Police Log

January 12

9:30pm: Report of shots fired near Idaho and 12th – unfounded, fireworks.

January 16

2:00pm: Report of criminal mischief to Legion Hall lawn – report taken.

3:10pm: Report of dog at large, medium, chocolate brown with white on throat, 12th and Idaho – information taken.

January 17

11:30am: Report of transient on Highway 101 – unable to locate.

January 18

4:15pm: Report of theft at Sea Crest Motel – report taken.

4:30pm: Report of theft at #2 Vista – report taken.

January 19

1:30pm: Report of brown leather vest missing – information taken.

4:50pm: Possible stolen property turned into Police Department – under investigation.

January 20

4:00pm: Contacted resident on 11th for nuisance/ordinance violation – owner agrees to comply.

January 21

5:15pm: Suspicious activity up Coast Guard Hill – handled by contact.

Safety Tip of the Week

Don't be a headbanger, wear your bike helmet.

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 to 5:00, Sunday, January 28.

Guest artists this month include Karen Butts, Georganne White, and Susan Palmer of Port Orford, who, separately and in collaboration, create wonderful things with silk, fibers, and paper; and Jean Stephenson of Langlois, showing her ceramic work.

Informal music this month will be presented by members of the Kammeroque Ensemble, who will play three programs during the afternoon (usually shortly after 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00).

Refreshments and pot-luck snacks are served. Come share the afternoon with us! For more information, call Donna at 541-332-4444.



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City Ergonomic Audit

At the request of the City Administrator, an OSHA representative came January 17th for an ergonomic audit of the Port Orford City offices. He met with the Safety Committee and offered some good suggestions regarding the computer stations at City Hall and the need for employees to stretch occasionally.

Many musculoskeletal disorders of the lower back and upper extremities can be attributed to particular jobs and working conditions — including heavy lifting, repetitive and forceful motions, and stressful work environments. These disorders affect about 1 million workers and cost the nation between \$45 billion and \$54 billion in compensation, lost wages, and decreased productivity. Proper tools and stretching exercises are two ways to help prevent these injuries.

Also at the request of the City Administrator, Coos Curry Electric representatives came out on January 18th for an energy audit. They spent some of the day with Public Works Superintendent Allan Wagner looking closely at City facilities. They will submit a report, including identifying a number of things the City can do to save energy. With the price of electricity increasing, the City will be looking closely at ways to save energy. The Coos Curry Electric energy audit is available to all customers. They will come out to your home or business to see if there are ways you can lower your electric bill.



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Exploring Our Back Yard By Frann Grossman

Twenty-one hikers joined the North Curry Community Grant Program's second hike in the monthly series, "Exploring Our Back Yard," when the group trekked along the scenic former coast highway south of Port Orford on Saturday, January 13.

Passing sprinkles didn't deter the intrepid walkers during the easy four-mile jaunt, Cathy Boden, coordinator, reports.

The series continues on February 10, rain or shine, with a beginner's walk of one to three miles to the summit of Grassy Knob Wilderness and beyond. Walkers will be rewarded with expansive views of Port Orford, the reef, Humbug Mountain and the forests surrounding the Elk River.

The RAD Outdoor Club co-sponsors the walks and helps guide walkers with Boden.

Grant program partners include Curry Family Medical, Port Orford Community Ambulance, Curry County Public Health Department, the Curry Health District, and North Curry Families and Children's Center.

For more information, phone Cathy Boden at 541-332-1042.

Necessary Shots

Your child will be kept out of school on February 21, 2001 if his/her shots are not up-to-date! Avoid last minute hassles. Make sure your child has all the shots they need to protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Shots your child needs:

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Re-Regulation Bill

Representative Peter DeFazio announced at a press conference on Jan. 18 his plans to introduce legislation to re-regulate the energy industry. DeFazio, an outspoken opponent of energy deregulation, will introduce a bill to reverse the 1992 Comprehensive National Energy Policy Act and re-regulate the energy industry. The announcement came a day after Californians experienced rolling blackouts due to a shortage of energy. DeFazio is Co-chairman of the Northwest Energy Caucus and a member of the House Resources Committee with jurisdiction over Bonneville Power Administration.

"Yesterday was a dark day for Californians, but an extremely profitable day for a few giant power marketers," said DeFazio. "Congress made a colossal mistake in '92, allowing the deregulation of wholesale production and distribution of energy. The '92 Act eliminated the mandate that generators serve the public and provide stable, affordable, and reliable at-cost power. We were left with private power buccaneers capitalizing on the energy crisis while we struggle to conserve, suffer from lost jobs, and brace for the lights to go out in our area. I con-

tinue to support regional energy price caps for a short-term solution, but I think we need an aggressive solution for the long run. We need to return to a regulated energy market, with stable, reliable, cost-based power. That is why I'm introducing legislation to revoke the deregulation provision of the 1992 Energy Act and re-regulate the energy industry."

DeFazio was one of 60 House members to vote against the 1992 Comprehensive National Energy Policy Act that deregulated wholesale production and distribution of energy, and allowed individual states, like California, to go even further by deregulating retail energy production and distribution. Oregon is scheduled to

begin deregulation in October of this year. "The Oregon legislature should pull the plug on our state's deregulation experiment before the lights go out here, at home."

Letter to the Editor,

Our sincerest thanks to the Kalmiopsis Society and Coos Curry Electric Coop for the skycap installation on the street lights in front of our home. The light is now focused toward the ground where it is needed and we are delighted! If you are interested in having a skycap installed, please call Al Geiser at 541-332-6720. There is no cost to you.

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Letter to the Editor,

As a concerned citizen, I've learned to recognize and appreciate our local newspapers as one way to stay abreast of the state of current local affairs. We also have available to us another valuable source of information – the Curry County Commissioners weekly spot on KURY radio.

Commissioner Lucie La Bonte's recent radio address about Teamwork was informative and inspiring. Our Board of Commissioners is looking onward and upward, working together and with other leaders as a team – seeking solutions, working with and for the people. This

example of leadership, hard work, and countywide community teamwork is exciting!

I find Commissioner La Bonte's positive leadership, energetic enthusiasm, and perceptive understanding of teamwork to be exemplary and uplifting. I appreciate and respect the way she welcomes everyone, everyone has something special, everyone is important and appreciated. Many already serve, one example is the hard-working volunteers serving on various committees.

County employees also contribute volunteer service. What's been happening at our Sheriff's Department is one example.

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This is the beginning of a new year. I ask you to make the time, offer your time and talents, find your special niche on the Curry County Team. Contribution of time and talents are the foundation and building blocks of a healthy and progressive community. Leadership, hard work, and teamwork – these are good.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Douglass

Western Riding Clinic

The Good/The Bad/ & The Ugly 4-H Club will sponsor a Western Riding Clinic at the Curry County Fairgrounds March 3-4. The cost is \$30 per person. For info, call Marjolaine LeBaron at 247-6431 or Claudia Meeks at 348-2358.



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The Well Worn Path Continued from front page

industry presence at the show was weak at best. This may be because two video store chains (Hollywood and Blockbuster) now control over 40% of the video rental business in the United States.

Finally, we attended the AVN Convention (Adult Video News.) It was held in the same building, right beside the VSDA show. Guess where all the attendees were? For everyone at the VSDA convention, there must have been 20 attending AVN. Valerie enjoyed this convention the most because she got to meet her favorite cartoonist, Phil Foglio (<http://www.studiofoglio.com/>.) It was also at this convention that Valerie acquired her "Tingler" with which she's been entertaining visitors to the store. If you haven't been tingled yet, just ask her.

We left Las Vegas on Wednesday morning and, as is our usual path when leaving one of these shows, headed to Los Angeles to visit with friends and relatives. We stopped in Barstow so I could eat at an In-n-Out Burger. In what proved to be an omen for the day, Valerie's burger "exploded" down her shirt. While stopped we tried to phone our friends to let them

know when we would arrive. The phone company was unable to place the call without the phone number of the pay phone and claimed the number printed on the phone didn't match their records????!!

The LA area had been experiencing one of their usual droughts but just as we started descending the Cajon Pass heading toward the San Bernardino Freeway we were greeted by heavy rain which lasted on and off for a couple of days. When we got closer, we tried to use the cell phone. Verizon would apparently only place the call as a credit card call????!! We finally found three pay phones so there we stood in the pouring rain. The first had no dial tone. The second said "out of service". The third was 35¢ for a local call. First it said the number didn't exist. We tried again only to have my friend's computer answer. *sigh*. A local pizza parlor finally showed us how to get there and off we went (with a large pizza.) Upon arriving I stepped into a 6" deep puddle of cold rain. The friends weren't home. I'll spare you the rest. We finally sorted it all out the next morning and had a great visit. By the way, the pizza was very good too.

One of my main goals in LA was getting to ride on the now completed Red Line subway, which runs from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to Chandler and Lankersheim in North Hollywood via Hollywood. Valerie dropped me off at my friend Larry Thomas' apartment in Burbank and he and I spent the rest of day urban exploring, something we've been doing together for nearly 30 years. When we started our urban explorations in Southern California we were searching out and finding remnants of the Pacific Electric interurban system. The last line of the PE had been abandoned in 1961 and for twenty-nine years the Los Angeles area was without any form of rail mass transit. That all changed in 1990 with the opening of the Blue Line between downtown LA and downtown Long Beach which partially followed the route of the Red Car line. Another of our favorite urban exploration activities was going to the old downtown core areas in as many cities as possible. We also enjoy visiting many malls.

It was a pleasure to take a short car ride from Burbank to North Hollywood and the Red Line station. From there we rode the subway to Hollywood and Highland and emerged from the station amidst the construction of a massive new building which will house the Academy Awards Theater and a mall. We walked as far as the Pantages Theater, one block east of Hollywood and Vine, to the next subway station down the line and then headed back to North Hollywood. Because of the subway construction, and now successful opening, Hollywood is going through a heartening revival with many buildings being restored to their old grandeur. These include Grauman's Egyptian Theater, The El Capitan Theater and the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Everybody has their version of a security blanket and mine is engaging in these kind of activities. Overall we had a great trip and even managed to make ourselves stop and see many of the interesting sights and places along the way.

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