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101 Closed Until Thursday By Evan Kramer

2005 went out on a soggy wet note as rainstorms pounded the California and Oregon coasts. Garrison Lake which had been at 15' 6" on Christmas Day was up over 17 feet on December 30 and by New Year's Day was well above the wooden deck of the Twelfth Street Boat Ramp. Street closures as of New Year's Day included Twelfth Street at the Boat Ramp and Arizona Street between Madrona and Geer Circle. The lake outlet at Agate Beach had been sanded in by the storms. For a while on New Year's Day Agate Beach Road was closed by a downed tree but the city crew of Larry Dell, Rick Rogerson, and Duane Eckhoff responded and cleared the large obstruction. They were kept busy the rest of the day keeping the city safe and sound for which they deserve our thanks.

Oregon State Parks Area Manager Frank Eckley said on Tuesday of this week that State Parks will try and breach the lake on Thursday of this week. They have contracted with Joe Marsh to get the job done and he will stage his equipment a day early.

The northbound lane of Highway 101 at Rocky Point was open for one way traffic on New Year's Day but was scheduled to

be closed as darkness fell though it remained open until 10:00pm that night. On January 2 further slippage of the southbound Highway 101 Lane just north of Rocky Point had forced a complete closure of the highway. Motorists were told they could take China Mountain Road if they needed to get south though it isn't recommended. The slope holding up the southbound part of 101 had suffered serious damage and deterioration with much of it, including asphalt and guard rails, sloughing off down to the beach.

Oregon Department of Transportation officials and road crews have been on the problem as it has developed. They put out for bid a "short term solution" to reopening one lane (the northbound one) of Highway 101 by 8:00am on Thursday, January 5. Six companies bid on the job and it was awarded to LTM, Inc. of Coos Bay on Monday evening. LTM has made a commitment to ODOT to reopen Highway 101 by Thursday.

A press conference was held at the highway closure site at 10:00am on Tuesday morning. Attending were the television stations from Coos Bay, Eugene and Medford attending and area newspapers including the Port Orford News and Port Orford Today! On Monday, Jared Castle with ODOT, said

the purpose of the press conference was to get the word out that Highway 101 would be reopened by Thursday with a long term solution coming by spring break of this year. He said ODOT was well aware of the economic damage caused by this highway closure and wanted the public to be well informed when it was reopened.

Ray Cranston was the ODOT spokesman at the press conference. He emphasized that one lane of the highway would reopen on Thursday morning as he gave his prepared remarks to the television cameras. ODOT has hired LTM to take a 350 foot long section of Highway 101 at the landslide down 15 feet in order to reestablish a stable single lane (the fill area widens out as it gets closer to the creek. The slide area is composed of fill material used to raise Highway 101 above Rocky Creek. Long time area residents remember when the highway over Rocky Creek was located on a bridge to the east of the current highway. LTM Project Coordinator Rick Skinner said LTM would be removing approximately 5,100 cubic yards of fill material which would be taken south for disposal. He said the crews would work continuously with two eleven hour shifts per day with a one hour break between shifts.

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H0400 7.4	H0445 7.7	H0531 7.9	H0620 8.0	L0037 3.6	L0144 4.1	L0250 4.3	L0346 4.3
L1001 2.5	L1117 2.0	L1232 1.4	L1342 0.7	H0710 8.1	H0801 8.1	H0851 8.1	H0938 8.1
H1536 6.3	H1656 5.5	H1831 5.0	H2010 5.0	L1443 0.2	L1536 -0.3	L1622 -0.5	L1704 -0.7
L2157 0.7	L2244 1.8	L2336 2.8		H2133 5.3	H2235 5.7	H2323 6.0	

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Ray Cranston estimated that it would cost \$70,000 for the temporary fix. Pete Castro, ODOT geotechnical person, said the slide was caused by the recent high tides with waves pounding against the bluffs plus heavy rains and that there had already been a crack in the highway at the location.

Road condition updates are available by calling 511 or 1-800-977-6368. or going online to www.Tripcheck.com.

Correction

Last week's paper had an article entitled "Garrison Lake Outlet." The proposed buried box culvert that would run through the state park should have read 6 feet tall by 12 feet wide, not 6 feet by 12 inches.

Police Report by Chief Creighton

12-21 A complaint was received for theft of services from a local business.

12-22 A skate board was found on 19th and Idaho Streets. If anyone is missing

one and can identify it call the Port Orford Police Department 332-9013 so we can return it.

12-23 Police stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. It was determined the driver had a suspended drivers license and no insurance on the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded under city ordinance and the driver was cited.

12-23 Jesse Moss was arrested by police on an outstanding warrant from Douglas County. He was transported to the Curry County jail and lodged on the charges.

12-24 Police stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation it was determined the driver had a suspended license and no insurance on the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded under city ordinance and the driver was cited.

12-26 several citizen complaints were received of a stranded seal, or whale on Battle Rock Beach. Because the beach is outside Port Orford Jurisdiction Curry County Dispatch was notified.

12-26 A report from a citizen in the area of Tenth and Idaho Streets of a prowler

looking into the windows of a residence. Police patrolled the area and did not locate the prowler.

12-27 Reported by a citizen they received a call that they had been awarded a grant from the federal government for a specific amount of money. The caller requested the complainant's bank account number so the money could be put into their account. The caller gave a call back number and their badge number and when that number was called back it turned out to be bogus. Don't give anyone personal information even the Federal Government. They already have it.

12-28 Police assisted Curry County on a 911 hang-up call outside the city limits on Arizona Street because no deputy was available. Police responded, contacted the caller to determine what the problem was, and determined the caller had dialed wrong.

12-29- Police assisted Oregon Department of Transportation with setting up a road block at Battle Rock Park for the Rocky Point slide.

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Police Report

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12-30 Reserve Officer Fink assisted ODOT for about 6 hours setting up signs, flags, and cones and other needed tasks. Thanks John for all your help in this situation.

12-30 police responded to a 911 call on Coast Guard Hill. It was determined not to be an emergency, the phones were out and the 911 call was due to weather conditions.

12-31 A citizen called regarding a suspicious person fishing on the Battle Rock Beach during the storm. Police responded to Battle Rock where a lone male was observed with a fishing pole and wearing chest high waders. The waves caused by the storm were large, and the tide was so high that the waves were covering the entire beach, and crashing against the embankment. When a wave subsided the fisherman would run down the beach into the water, cast out his line, and as the large waves started to engulf him, he would quickly work his way to the shore edge. Because that beach is out of the city Curry County Dispatch was provided information of the potential "Darwin

Award" recipient. NOTE: one advantage in wearing chest high wader's while fishing on the beach in a storm like this is; if the waders fill up with water and you get dragged to the bottom of the ocean you can always switch from fishing to crabbing.

01-01 Curry County Dispatch contacted police and requested they respond to Elk River Road for a welfare check because there were no deputies available. Police responded, and determined the person at the residence was alright. The telephone lines were out.

CHIEFS NOTE: I would like to thank Reserves John Fink and Isaac Jamieson for the extra patrols on New Years Eve. The department had three vehicles out on patrol in case of problems and to transport intoxicated people home if needed to keep them from driving. New Years Eve was safe and uneventful. A great end to the old year!

Letter to the Editor,

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Thank you all again for your help in making this event so successful – for the donations of the many presents needed, for the wrapping paper and gift bags, and especially for the volunteers who helped in making this all happen.

May God bless you and our community this coming year.

Sincerely,

Gail Conwell,
Port Orford Christian Center

Grief Support Group

The initial meeting of the Grief and Loss Support Group will be at noon on Thursday, January 12 at the North Curry Families and Children's Center, 1403 Oregon Street, Port Orford (Blue Bldg.) If you have questions, please call (800)535-9472 and ask for Lynne.

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The Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce thanks all the businesses and residents for helping light up the city this year, it looked better than ever. The final word on the contest between Port Orford and Gold Beach will be announced next week.

Meanwhile, the local winners of the Holiday Lights festival as chosen by the general public are Mary Loan Book-keeping office just off 101 on 9th Streets, the Bulaich residence on 101 (second year in a row) and 2519 Port Orford Loop (John, Lyn and Josh) for best neighborhood. The winners each receive a \$50 gift coupon from Jerry's Rogue Jets in Gold Beach.

There were some very spectacular neighborhood home decorations this year, especially on the Port Orford Loop, a wonderful display on Myrtle Lane, the Heyl residence north of town and a few others. However, Santa did see some dark spots

on Coast Guard Hill and Lakeshore Drive, but, overall everything was bright and cheerful.

It's also worth mentioning that the beautiful decorations at the Driftwood Elementary School were done by Joyce, Sara, Betty and the other New Lightn' Bugs at 'Neath the Wind Realty. With the help of the Port Orford Inn and the Wooden Nickel, as well as the School, the mid-town area was really beautiful. Thanks again to all involved.

The ballots for the Annual Awards have been sent to Chamber members for the final vote. Ballots should be sent back as soon as possible. The deadline is January 16.

The Awards Banquet will be on Saturday, January 21 at the American Legion Hall on 11th Street at 6:30 pm. Dinner will consist of Roast Pork or Seasonal Fish and all the trimmings catered by Sonja Mason. Tickets are \$18.00 each or \$35 a couple. The banquet is open to the

general public. Call 332-8055 for tickets (leave message), or stop by the Chamber office at the Port Orford Visitors Center.

Next week, a look at the nominees for the Annual Awards.

Sunset Garden Club News

The Sunset Garden Club speaker on Friday, January 6, will be Reg Pullen, ethnobiologist. Mr. Pullen has worked as an archaeologist, botanist, and recreation planner for the BLM for the past 25 years in both eastern and western Oregon. He has completed an Ethnobotanical Survey of the Tututni, Qua-to-Mah and Coquille Tribes of Southwestern Oregon and will discuss aspects of this research along with slides of plants used by Native Americans for food, medicine, technology and religious ceremonies. The lecture will begin at 1:00pm at the Port Orford Senior Center and will be followed by a business meeting. The public is always welcome to attend.

Star-Gazing Walk

Curry General Hospital's Sole Pursuits will launch its 2006 monthly walking incentive program at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, in Port Orford, with a program designed to introduce participants to night-walking and star-gazing in their own backyards.

Cathy Boden, former leader of Port Orford's "Explore Your Own Backyard," hiking program, now coordinates the hospital's free monthly walks. For her initial offering, Boden invites hikers and those curious about winter constellations, to observe "Dark Sky" street lights around the forest-rich neighborhoods of Port Orford, and to learn safe night-time walking tips.

Expert Al Geiser will explain how the town's special street lights brighten the sidewalks while still allowing town residents to view the stars. After the town stroll, Boden has obtained special permission to trek around Port Orford Heads State Park to observe the heavens. Walkers can expect an easy hike from two to four miles, and can turn back at any time. Boden says to dress warmly and wear hiking boots if planning to accompany the group to the Heads. A warm beverage will be provided.

The hike will be postponed until the following Saturday, Jan. 14, if skies are overcast.

Participants can meet at Battle Rock Visitor Center at the south end of Port Orford. Carpoolers in Brookings can depart from the Alder Medical Center, across from the Chetco Community public Library, at 5:30 p.m.; carpoolers in Gold Beach can depart from the Curry General Hospital Annex parking lot, 94220 Fourth St., at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, or for a schedule of guided hikes, email Boden at solepursuits@curryhealthnetwork.com or click on the Sole Pursuits page at www.curryhealthnetwork.com.



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Langlois Lions

The Langlois Lions Club is proud to be a contributor to the Dictionary Project, a non profit organization whose goal is to have a dictionary for every 3rd grader in the United States. This is the 4th year that the Langlois Lions has ordered and distributed dictionaries for classrooms in Port Orford and Langlois. This year we are distributing 54 dictionaries.

We are a little differently organized than some larger communities, so we usually distribute the books to the entire class, even though they are a mixture of 2nd and 3rd graders. We also offer dictionaries to home schooled children. Anyone requesting a dictionary for a home-schooled 3rd grader is welcome to contact the Langlois Lions Dictionary Chairman Sandie McDonald at (541) 348-2250.

The Langlois Lions will be having bingo on Friday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Clubhouse. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds from our fund raisers are used for local community projects. The clubhouse is located on Floras Lake Loop in Langlois.

Peace Choir Rehearsals

The newly organized South Coast Peace Choir begins preparations to bring songs of peace to many south coast communities, with rehearsals beginning January 10. This non-political, secular choir is open to all voices over age 16. The choir will be rehearsing January through May, while at the same time performing at many community-based programs, including activities associated with the secular 64-Day Season for Non-Violence, a global program established eight years ago by Arun Ghandi.

Organizer Ariel Morgan urges anyone who enjoys singing to join in this project. Regular weekly rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 7:00pm, at the Ocean Crest Elementary School music room in Bandon. Participants from surrounding communities are encouraged to join in, and help make The South Coast Peace Choir a rich and vibrant experience for everyone. For more information, contact Jane Clark at 347-2665 or Ariel Morgan at 347-2999.

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That's a Wrap by Evan Kramer

(Continued from last week)

The year may have ended on a wet note but back in July of 2005 Coos-Forest Protective Association declared it fire season on July 1. The movie for the week of July 15 – 21 at the Savoy Theater was War of the Worlds starring Tom Cruise. The South Coast and Lower Rogue Watershed councils announced they were sponsoring a Community Car Crush Clean Up project for Port Orford. I could hardly wait to see the crusher in action.

The Port Orford Planning Commission met on July 12 and approved a preliminary plat and plan for the "Talus at Garrison Lake", a 20 lot subdivision on Arizona Street in the Hamlet area of town.

Coos Bay/North Bend was visited by the first passenger train since 1953 when the Coastal Express quietly pulled into town on July 22.

The Curry County Fair ran from July 28-31 at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach with the theme, "Old Fashioned Fun." The Port Orford Public Library held The Great Port Orford BBQ Chicken Feed at the

Community Building on July 31 as a fundraising effort for the new library.

Curry Public Transit curtailed Saturday bus service north and south as of Aug. 1.

The historic Humbug Mountain Lodge was demolished during the first week in August by the Oregon Department of Transportation who acquired the property for a flow easement.

The car crusher arrived in Port Orford at the city shops the first week in August and the first car crushed was a white Ford.

Port Orford observed Coast Guard Day on Sunday, August 7 at the Port Orford Lifeboat Station Museum.

The Port Orford City Council honored the Port Orford Christian Center Youth Group at the council meeting on August 15. The dozen members of the youth group did many volunteer projects around town including landscaping at the American Legion Hall and painting the yellow stripes on the curbs on Highway 101.

The Planning Commission met on August 9 and it was planning director Chuck Nordstrom's last regular meeting as he is retiring from the job.



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The Oregon Dungeness Crab season ended on August 14 and it was one for the record books. Landings in Port Orford totaled 1,399,061 pounds while the statewide catch was 33,639,915 pounds.

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce held a birthday party for Port Orford on Labor Day at Buffington Park and it was a rousing success.

Jewels by The Sea held a 50% off sale at the end of August as they closed their doors because of owner Ken Liston's health.

The Port Orford Arts Council held a sold out performance of the "Compleat Works of Wllm. Shkspr (abridged) on Saturday night September 3. The three person production worked in all 37 of Shakespeare's play.

Ann Robbins, owner of Sweet Annie's Nursery, died on Saturday, September 3, at her home/nursery in Langlois. If you never visited her first nursery and later on, her second one at her home you missed out on two of life's enchantments.

The Port Orford-Langlois School District board held its first meeting of the school year on Monday, September 12. The District hired an interim superintendent, Dan Morin, to replace Marv Ott, who chose not to renew his one year contract with the district.

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Coos-Curry Electric board member Jean Shank dropped a bombshell on area residents with her letter of resignation in this paper and other papers the week of September 22. Shank's stated reasons for resigning were disheartening and discouraging.

The Oregon State Parks Commission met in Enterprise on September 22 and approved an intergovernmental agreement for a land swap with Curry County at Blacklock State Park and a piece of land north of Floras Lake. Residents objected to the land swap between Curry County and Oregon State Parks and County Commissioners responded by not voting on the intergovernmental agreement.

The city council met on Monday, October 17 and gave police Chief Mark Creighton a very good evaluation of his job performance.

Curry Family Medical had a new Nurse Practitioner by the end of October. They hired Sandra P. Johnson to join Tom Pitchford and the rest of the staff at the medical center.

A highly attended meeting was held at the Port Orford Community Building regarding an application for an ocean shores permit application for dune bulldozing and lowering and creating a Snowy Plover habitat on part of the Elk River Spit. State Parks held the meeting and took many comments on the issue both pro and con. They announced the decision on the permit application was due by December 4 but that date came and went with out a decision as the applicant asked for an extension.

Mark Twain reappeared at the Gold Beach Bookstore at the end of October in the form of actor Robert Scheppler, reading selections from the author, and he reminded us of why people still read Twain's books.



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Two people were swept out to sea at Agate Beach and died on Thursday, November 11. A third person in the family survived.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife had bad news for the Oregon Dungeness Crab fishermen and communities they support. The season opener ended up being delayed from December 1 to December 31.

Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department chief and owner of Sea Breeze Florist Gayle Wilcox wrote her annual Shop Locally article for our November 24 paper. One thing that stuck out in this year's article is how many businesses that had been in business a year ago were no longer in business, including The Shell Shack, Wheelhouse Restaurant, The Ice Cream Shoppe, Jewels by the Sea, That Bird Store, and Salsa Rita's. Several had gone out of business because of real estate transactions.

Coos-Curry Electric board members chose Port Orford resident and former mayor Gary Doran to replace Jean Shank on the Coos-Curry Board at their November 22 meeting.

The Port Orford and Gold Beach Chambers of Commerce challenged each other to a second year of a holiday lighting contest and the businesses and residents of Port Orford got into the spirit of the season with a record number of holiday lights and displays. Port Orford residents went for colored lights while Gold Beach businesses preferred white lights.

Port Orford residents had a lot to celebrate when they read Tobe Porter's article in the December 22 edition of the paper. She announced that the City of Port Orford had been awarded a \$500,000 federal Community Block Grant for construction of our new library! Look for construction to being in early summer of this year.

The importance of a permanent lake outlet became very much on people's minds at the end of the month as the winter storms sanded in the ocean outlet and the lake started rising fast because of the rains and wave overtopping. By New Year's Day it was well above flood level and had forced the closing of at least two city streets. The lake outlet was scheduled to be reopened on Thursday of this week.



Sole Pursuits

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Grieving Kids Helped

Losing a loved one is difficult for anyone but especially tough on children. Curry Home Health and Hospice is striving to make difficult times just a bit easier for children in Curry County thanks to a \$1,500 grant awarded by the Curry Health Foundation last year. The funds will be apportioned between educational tapes to help deal with grief, as well for specialty “wound” cameras which are invaluable in diagnosing patient wounds.

According to the agency, a significant number of retirement age individuals are becoming the primary guardians for their grandchildren. This is a challenge as the organization takes care of those who are taking care of these children.

Where adults can talk through their feelings, children usually do not understand how to put their feelings into words. The agency uses a variety of materials, like

the Spinoza bear, a talking teddy bear that helps kids with their grief and loss. The cuddly talking bears remain with the child as long as needed, often indefinitely.

“Tapes walk a child through the grief process. Children know there is a change, but they don’t know why. They’re dealing with a lot of things. ‘Mommy can’t read to me anymore. Mommy can’t hug me or come see my school play.’ Grief can bring out a variety of emotions,” said Patti Slagle, Volunteer Resource Coordinator for Curry County Home Health and Hospice.

According to Curry Home Health and Hospice, nearly 40% of local families have children to whom the agency provides counseling. Materials purchased with the Foundation grant would not only benefit young children, but families as well.

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In 1993, the agency had three specialty cameras which were used among the six nurses who were traveling to homebound patients throughout Curry County. In 2005, the agency now had eleven nurses with the same number of wound cameras, not to mention an increased number of patients.

With nurses taking approximately two to three pictures per day, Curry Home Health and Hospice needed a solution. With a portion of the grant from the Curry Health Foundation, the agency was able to purchase four new cameras, each equipped with grid film that allows medical personnel to measure the wound and track the healing process.

“The Foundation really provided a great avenue for effective management of wound control,” said Slagle.

The Curry Health Foundation, a non-profit group began granting funds for medical equipment, educational programs and other vitally needed services in 1996. Since then, over \$260,000 has been granted by the Foundation to improve health access and quality of care countywide.

To learn more on how to support the foundation or county healthcare organizations, call (541) 247-3189. Donors can send tax-exempt donations to the Curry Health Foundation, P.O. Box 1274, Gold Beach, OR 97444.

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Port Year End Report

For the Port the year started off very well because of the record crab harvest. Salm-on season started in March with good prices and good scores but closed here June through August. The September start up saw some record catches but that caused a decline in the price. The Elk River fishery was very slow this year but the hatchery is seeing an adequate return. Bottom fishing saw further cutbacks in quotas both for the commercial and recreational but with no in-season closures. One other bright spot was an additional black cod quota late in the year that combined with a good price.



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In March I went to Washington DC to lobby for continued dredging funds which was successful and funding to do our own dredging which was not. This effort to obtain our own dredging equipment is still being pursued but at the state level through ODOT's Connect Oregon program.

One of the high points of the year was having DEQ call us to say they had funds available to clean up the contaminated soil from the upper lot, the only condition being that the pole barn needed to be torn down. The building was sold and removed by the highest bidder. This provided funds to clean up the rest of the junk on that site which included over 70

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truck tires on rims. Joe Marsh provided his excavator to remove the tires and some gorse, Jim Laskaris, provided the cutting torch and took the scrap iron, and the tires went to CTR at a substantial savings. The final clearance from DEQ should take place this week then the barriers will come down the hole will be filled and we will have back one of the best views in town.

Another high point was finding the breadth of talent and experience in the four new commissioners that took office. President Evan Kramer was joined by John Mobley, Scott Luhr, Bob Mielenz and Dave Rickel on July 1st. They hit the ground running with two lease negotiations, and getting up to speed with all of the issues that face the port as well as boardmanship in general

Our biggest problem now is dredging and has been since the jetty was built but all in all it has been a good year, financially, in terms of morale on the dock and support from the community.

School Board Meeting

The 2CJ School Board will meet on Monday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Pacific High School.



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WANTED: YARN DONATIONS, all colors, partial skeins ok. My completed projects are donated to local groups for children, elders, hospice, and animals. 332-9043.

STAINED GLASS CLASS starting Jan. 16th at 7pm \$75.00. To register call Jodie Moen (541) 982-0414.

Yoga with Deb Lohry

Yoga classes taught by Deb Lohry begin on Tuesday, January 10, in Port Orford at Driftwood Elementary School in the cafeteria. The classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 5:00pm. Cost for the 12 week long Yoga instruction is \$39.00. For more information call 332-8110.

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Your New Computer by Valerie Jean Kramer

Did Santa bring you a new computer? Great! Here's a few important things you should do before you have a problem.

First protect the hardware. With many miles of wire hanging in the sky, both the power and telephone lines can pick up some hefty static electric charges. Your computer should be plugged into a good surge suppressor. The wire from the modem should not go directly to the wall, but should run to a phone jack built into the power surge suppressor. Another cord will run from a second jack on the suppressor to the phone jack on the wall. If your computer will hold critical data, you may want to invest in an Uninterruptible Power Supply or UPS, also known as a battery backup unit. This device acts as a surge suppressor and also contains one or more batteries that can buy you a few minutes to save data and shut down when the power fails, thus protecting your data as well as your hardware.

Next you need to protect your computer against virii, worms, and other such beasties. There are a number of products you can use. I recommend the Norton Internet Security (NIS) package. Don't go on the Internet without it (or something equivalent to it.) An unprotected computer lasts less than 15 minutes before being infected these days! Expect to buy a new copy each year. Its usually better (and often cheaper) to just buy a new retail version each year than to extend your subscription to the old one.

Just because you have NIS installed, don't think you're safe. Computers NEVER ship with all the latest security patches from Microsoft so click Start / All Programs / Window Update (or Microsoft Update) and install all the critical updates that are available for your computer. You may wish to install some of the optional updates as well. Don't install any hardware driver updates from Mi-

crosoft – get those from the hardware manufacturer's web site. This process may take quite a while but it's important. Do it and don't put it off till later! Check back at least once a month. Microsoft usually releases new patches on the second Tuesday of each month.

At some point you should create a recovery CD so that if things go sour you can restore your system. Opinions differ on whether you should do this before installing any software or updates (in case any of them cause problems) or after those procedures (so you won't have to do them again after a restore) or in the middle of them somewhere or both or ??? Depends on how paranoid and how patient you are. In general, paranoia is a good survival trait when dealing with computers. ☺

Some vendors dump a bunch of trial software on new computers. You may want to take the opportunity to check them out or not but if you aren't going to keep them, use Control Panel's Add or Remove Software feature to ditch the ones you don't want. Don't feel obligated to buy any of that stuff, especially Microsoft Office. If you don't already own MS Office, download Open Office 2.0 (openoffice.org) instead. It can read/write Office files and doesn't cost a cent compared to \$260-\$560 for Microsoft Office. Instead of Outlook, you can use the built in Outlook Express, or the free, high-powered Thunderbird from www.mozilla.org (and while you're there get the free Firefox web browser which is considered safer and faster than Internet Explorer.) It seems like there is a free version of just about any kind of software these days and some of it is very good (and some isn't - caveat emptor.)

Now go have fun with your new PC!

School Board Meets

The Port Orford/Langlois School Board meets on Monday, January 9, 7:00pm, at the Pacific High School library.

Musical Quilters

The Waterfront Players will hold auditions for the musical Quilters on Monday, January 23, with call-backs scheduled for Tuesday, January 24. A second round of auditions may be called for Monday, January 30 if necessary.

Quilters tells the story of Sarah (a mature woman) and her six daughters (of varying ages from twelve to thirty). Quilters presents the experiences of the family, and pieces of the lives of other women, as they cross the country in covered wagons. The quilts they make along the way serve a practical and emotional outlet in an otherwise bleak and trying world. Two men (one adult, one teen) will also be cast in the show.

This is a three-way audition:

ACTING. All women will be asked to bring a short, two-minute memorized monologue to recite.

VOCAL. All women will also be asked to do a vocal audition. For the vocal audition, Karaoke music will be accepted as background accompaniment. The Players audio equipment is available for CDs. Sheet music for accompaniment will also be accepted. Those wishing to have the music director look over the music before auditions should contact the Players at 751-0708.

DANCE. All women will be directed to perform several basic dance steps with the choreographer. A short prepared audition dance will also be accepted.

Creative Staff for the show includes Director Judy Kobrin McDonald, Music Director Jo Ann Reierson, Choreographer Laurie Todd, and Technical Director Pat McDonald.

The musical is scheduled to open on June 30 and run through July 30, 2006. Music rehearsals will start February 1, and full rehearsals will begin approximately March 15. For more information, call the Director, Judy McDonald at 751-0708.