

For Clackamas County residents

Fungus makes Port Orford cedar poor choice

by GRAY THOMPSON

I get reports from many homeowners reporting death or illness of cedars. As I drive around Clackamas County I see dying Port Orford trees. In making home visits I usually find that if the tree is a Port Orford cedar, it is dying. On the other hand if it is a Western red cedar, the problem is not very serious.

Port Orford cedar is not native to this area. They have been imported from the south coastal area of Oregon. Their beauty has made them very popular for decoration, windbreaks and hedges. A soil born fungus called Phytophthora has made this type of cedar a poor choice. It enters and plugs up the roots. This cuts off water and minerals from moving into the trees.

The first sign of a problem is when a tree begins to look dry. The green-brown foliage takes on a greyish-green look. This turns to a tan, then a reddish brown. Once this color symptom starts, it is impossible to reverse the verdict. Such a tree is terminal.

What sort of control is possible?

1. Select a plant more tolerant to this fungus.

Western red cedar meets most of the criteria of the Port Orford cedar and is not affected by this fungus.

2. Replace dead Port Orford cedar with Western red cedar.

3. Try to improve drainage around Port Orford cedars.

4. Don't water from mid-summer on. The most favorable condition for infection is a combination of high temperature and high

moisture. Reducing moisture reduces chance of infection.

5. It helps to know if a cedar is Port Orford or Western red. Experts look at the foliage markings. The easiest method is to compare cones or fruiting bodies. Port Orford has a cone that is

round and solid similar to a small marble. It is this shape when green and after the seed has left. Western red has a long elliptical cone when green. It turns up at the pointed end with maturity and when brown looks like a smoking pipe.

These two cedars are look-

alikes and sound-alikes. That is when their common names are used. Botanically they are not quite "kissin' cousins." Port Orford is a cypress with the official title of *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* or Lawson Cypress.

Western red cedar is really Thuja Plicata. Thuja is an ancient Greek word meaning aromatic wood. Plicata means folded in plaits and refers to foliage shape.

Book reviews many diaries

by BARBARA WATERHOUSE
For The Post

"Men Without Masks" is a book of excerpts taken from the diaries of 30 men. It's editor, Michael Rubin, has limited the selections to men of this century, including men of all ages and various walks of life.

Franz Kafka was a victim and participant in his family's emotional maneuverings. He was never able to free himself from them, but he turned this domestic absorption into serio-comic fiction.

His journal passages are too long for this review. If you are interested in studying other cases dealing with family conspiracy, I recommend "Pathways to Madness" by Jules Henry (1965).

Edward

Weston

(1886-1958), photographer and big-league womanizer, went literally from A to Z in his dedicated mission of love.

"I was meant to fill a need in many a woman's life, as in turn each one stimulates me, fertilizes my work," he wrote.

Otto Braun became a soldier at 17 and was killed in France at the age of 21. His diary is exceptional for the purity of his ideals.

He wrote, "I have a strong sense of duty and I know that neither am I now, nor shall I ever be, entitled to do just what I like or what pleases me. I am watched over by a Daimon, as powerful as Socrates'—an infallible star which, while it leaves me undisputed responsibility in the choice of things, guides me in everything which does not depend on my personal decision." This was written in

1913 and he was only 16 years old.

John L'Hereux was ordained a priest in 1966, but before this final step, he was beset with all the classic doubts and agonies.

"I will bring to that altar for ordination a nauseating sack of guts: selfish, small, lecherous; a soft mousy body that seeks always its own comforts; a will deluded by hyperactive desires," he wrote.

Consultants hired for Light Rail project

Work on the final design of Tri-Met's Banfield Light rail has progressed with the addition of two nationally known engineering firms.

Representatives from Louis T. Klauder and Associates and Bechtel Corporation have been assigned to the \$147 million Light Rail project. They will work with Tri-Met engineers at the Banfield office on Fifth Avenue in Portland.

Both consultants will assist throughout the construction process, expected to be complete by mid 1985.

Klauder and Associates has been awarded a contract for about \$3 million to enhance systems engineer-

ing for the rail line. The consultants will assist project staff in designing Banfield electrification and signalization systems.

Klauder's project manager in Portland will be John Gustafson.

Tri-Met's other major consulting contract, for civil engineering, will be awarded to Bechtel, which will perform detailed engineering and construction duties for 15.1 miles of trackway and 26 Light Rail stations. The contract is for \$4.3 million.

Klauder and Bechtel were selected among major national transit engineering and design firms through an extensive interview process.

Neons, fabrics are to be on display

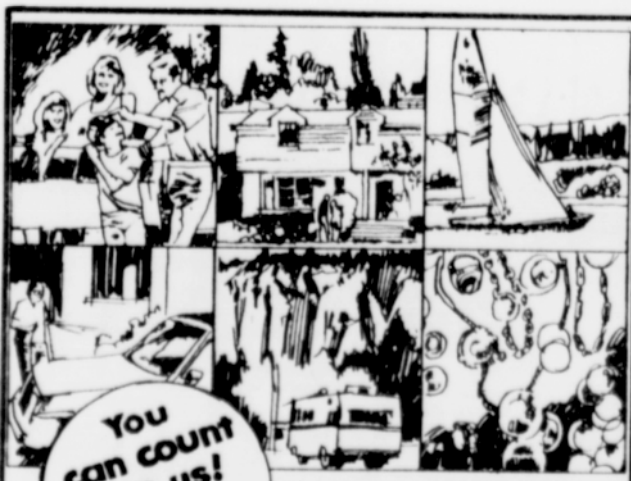
Visually arresting neon textiles and drawings by California artist Victoria Rivers will be on display in the Art Mall Gallery on the Mt. Hood Community College campus from Oct. 6 to 27.

An opening reception for the artist is scheduled for Oct. 6 at noon to be followed at 12:30 p.m. by a free slide show and gallery talk by Rivers in the Art Mall Theater.

Rivers textile creations

use neon as a linear color element. While some of her works have the neon on top of the various fabrics, other works shine with the diffused neon light integrated with, and glowing through, the printed silks.

Rivers is a professor of art in the design department at the University of California, Davis. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky.



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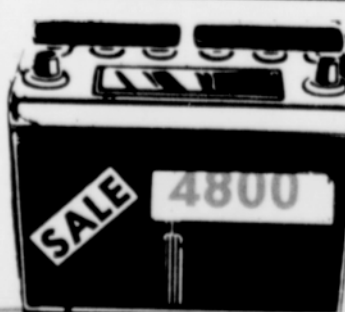
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