

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 20 and 30 years ago

April 17, 1985

A movie for CG?

It seems almost a sure thing now that part of the filming for the movie called "The Body" — an Embassy Pictures production to be directed by Rob Reiner — will be done in the Cottage Grove area, according to people who are working to lure Embassy and Reiner here.

Mark Hughes, president of Mark Hughes and Company, Inc., which held a local talent search Saturday at the Village Green, said the movie's production manager indicated that the scouting crew would be returning to the Cottage Grove area sometime this week for a second look.

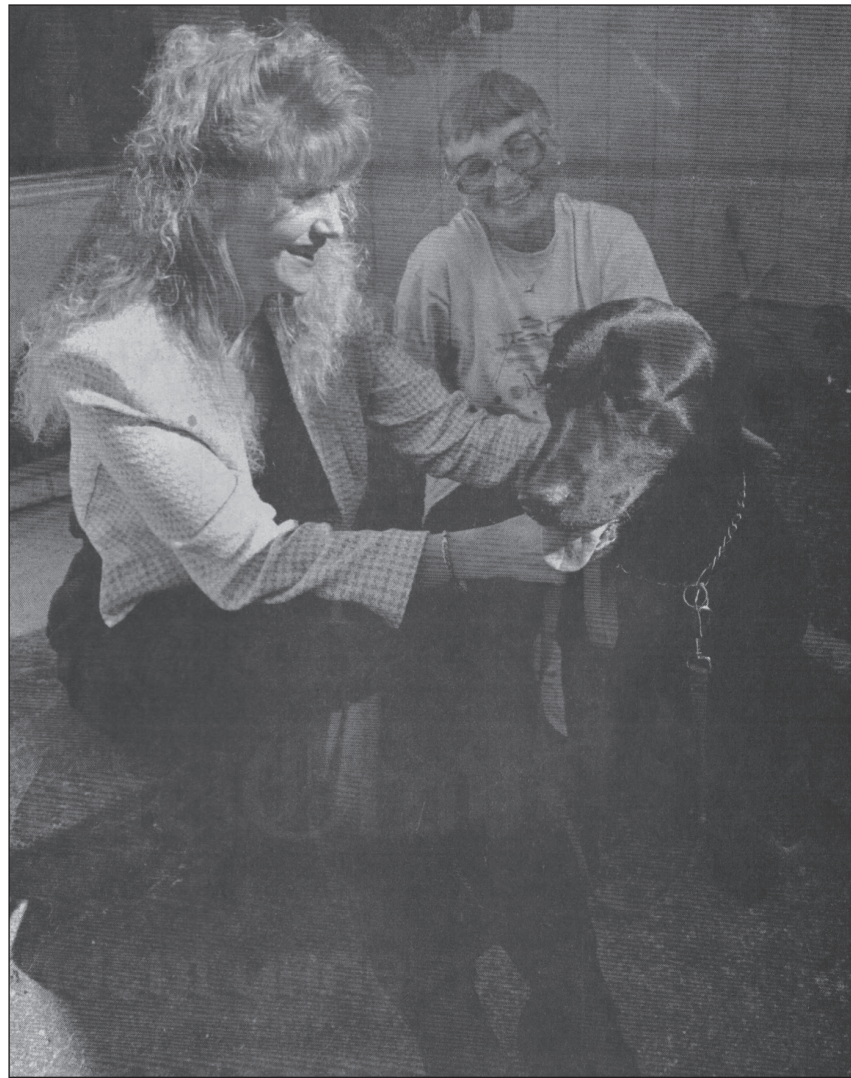
"My information is that they will shoot some in Cottage Grove and some in another city in Lane County within a 30-40 mile radius," Hughes speculated.

Those comments were echoed on Tuesday by Roberta Harp, assistant to Laura Pryor, the state's manager of the film and video recruitment office in Salem.

"They have not made, as far as we know, a definite decision where they are going to film it," said Harp. "But it's 99 percent sure they're going to film it in your area (Lane County)."

The movie, based on a Stephen King book by the same name, centers around two boys on an adventurous search for the body of a boy they believe was hit by a train.

Finding all the right locations for the movie has been slowed due to Southern Pacific Railroad's hesitancy to allow film crews to use their facilities, sources say. It has been Southern Pacific's policy not to get involved in such filming because it creates a negative image for their business. The company also does not want the movie to attract children to the tracks, officials say.



April 12, 1995: Bud's Back! — After more than three months on the lam, family dog comes home. Rhen and Vangie Warren are all smiles now that Bud has returned home after a three-month absence.

POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

April 6

Civil problem, Village Green

A complainant requested an officer to assist with a civil issue when, following a verbal dispute, his spouse refused him entry back into their hotel. The complainant added that his two children, ages nine and 11 years old, are in the room as well and refused him entry.

Officers contacted the complainant in the lobby, and attempted to contact his spouse, but there was no answer at the door.

Suspicious condition, Main St. Liquor Store

Two teenage boys were in the area of the location, and one threw a couple of bricks at the Real Estate Territorial Land Company office. They were last seen heading south on 17th St.

April 8

Trespass, Harvey Rd.

A caller said that somebody broke into his shed and had been staying in it. It was unoccupied at the time, but the person's property was still there, including a blanket and a deflated air mattress.

April 9

Suspicious subject, Hwy 99 and 4th St.

A male wearing a purple shirt, was walking northbound on the roadway and had a large knife hidden under his shirt.

Welfare check, police station

A complainant who had driven by the location said there was a male in camouflage yelling at a power pole, and requested an officer to check on him. A later caller said the subject was throwing things into the street; yelling, cussing and screaming.

April 10

Assault, Main St. and River Rd.

The caller said that a drunk, redheaded female slapped him. The suspect was contacted and given a court date.

Motor vehicle accident — non injury, 5th St. and Main St.

The caller said she was headed south on 5th St from Whiteaker, and when she approached the traffic light a bus turned into her lane and forced her to swerve and hit a parked car.

April 11

Death Investigation, Columbia Court

A reporting person said that he found a 52-year-old woman on the floor. The woman was confirmed dead, and an investigation was started.

OFFBEAT

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son circled around, offering a variety of pie-in-the-sky investment schemes. By 1868, the Victors were in financial difficulties and living separately.

The next two-dozen years would be, for Frances, a constant struggle to keep enough money

flowing in the door to feed her and finance her researches. Some years were better than others — the mid-1870s, when she was researching for a planned history of Oregon's Indian wars, were especially fruitful and rewarding. It was about this time, with the publication of her brief

account of the Women's Temperance Prayer League activities in Portland, that she started her serious advocacy of voting rights for women.

But in 1878, when Hubert Howe Bancroft of San Francisco reached out to her with an offer to join his staff of history writers, she found herself unable to refuse. Her own resources were by now so scant, and she knew his were virtually unlimited, and she further knew he would be producing an Oregon history volume whether she joined up or not. She knew she couldn't beat him — so she accepted, and joined him.

In a way, it was a great job for her. She now had the security of a steady paycheck and

the ability to focus full-time on the kind of writing she wanted to do, without having to waste time writing fluffy fiction to pay the bills.

But in other ways, it was dreadful. Frances, a seasoned writer and researcher with a great personal reputation, suddenly found herself doing ghostwriting — crafting whole masterpieces of history that would be published, to universal critical acclaim, with Bancroft's name on the cover as author.

Finally, in 1889 — with several hefty Bancroft tomes to her credit — she could take it no longer, and quit.

For the remaining 12 years of her life, Frances eked out a precarious living as a freelance

writer, dashing out "pot-boiler writing" to pay the bills, devoting as much time as possible to the historical research she'd come to love and frequently exercising her considerable talents in the service of women's suffrage. She lived just long enough to be recognized for the critical role she'd played in preserving Oregon history; the Morning Oregonian, in 1901, called her the "Mother of Oregon History," and the fledgling Oregon Historical Society named her an honorary member at its founding in 1899.

In September 1902, she died peacefully in bed after a brief illness. She was 78 years old.

(Sources: Martin, Jim. A Bit

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY April 16 41° 71° Sunny	FRIDAY April 17 42° 73° Sunny
SATURDAY April 18 41° 68° Partly Cloudy	SUNDAY April 19 41° 72° Sunny
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CITY BEAT

2015-16 Budget

City Staff is preparing the City's budget for 2015-16. They are also planning a Budget Committee Training on Tuesday, April 21 from 2-4:30 p.m. The training will include tours of City facilities and provide some valuable background information for new Budget Committee members. Seasoned (old) Budget Committees members are invited to participate in the training as well if they wish. Just to help with scheduling, all Budget Committee members should be preparing for Budget Committee meetings to possibly be held on May 19, 21 and 26. All the dates may not be necessary, but please reserve the dates just in case they are needed.

If I Were Mayor . . .

Youth in the in the community only have a few more weeks to submit their entries in the 2015 "If I Were Mayor" contest. The contest is open to all youth in the community; 4th and 5th grade-aged youth can enter the poster contest; 6th through 8th grade aged youth can enter the essay contest and the high school aged youth can enter the video or presentation contest. There are local prizes and the winner from each contest is submitted to the statewide competition that is sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association. More information and entry forms are available on the City's webpage at: www.cottagegrove.org.

Bikes to Blooms Wildflower Event

Special wildflower tours are scheduled at Bake Stewart Park and Row Point along the Row River Trail for Saturday, May 9. Tours start at the parks at different times, and those attending the tours are encouraged to bike to the tours using the Row River Trail. To register or for more information about the Bikes to Blooms Wildflower Tours visit the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council website at: www.coastfork.org. Registration is not required for the tours, but it will secure a spot on the tour of your choice.

Row River Trail Closure

The Row River Trail will be closed April 13-17 for the major work to relocate the City's water line. The water line relocation will involve moving the water line away from the edge of Row River Road and about 18 feet deep to avoid the undercrossing work area and trail relocation that will occur later this Fall.

Transportation Open House

An open house will be held on Tuesday, April 28 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E. Main Street. The City is updating the Transportation System Plan (TSP) to meet the needs of Cottage Grove through 2035. Initial lists of projects and strategies have been developed. The City wants to hear if the projects address the transportation issues that matter most to community members.

This update is funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Finance Department hires accounting tech

The City's Finance Department has filled a full-time Accounting Tech position and wants to welcome Lindsay Laycock to the staff. She has been working most recently at Lane Community College — Cottage Grove Campus and serves on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce.

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