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FREE!

The following letter was sent to us on Monday by Port Manager, Gayle Paige. As you will see from her statements, all is not well at the port. We spoke with Gayle Wednesday evening and, although the town was rife with rumors, as of 6:00pm Wednesday she had neither been fired nor quit, nor had she any intention of quitting. Gayle told us that she had been asked to withdraw this letter and that those opposed to her would "back off". She feels she has nothing to hide and prefers to have the problems resolved in the public's view. As always, we will keep you informed as the situation develops.

Notice to Port Commissioners

I have been employed by the Port for almost 11 years and have received outstanding reviews for my job performance. As you know there has been a high level of stress and short tempers during the dock construction. Myself and other Port employees have been subjected to rude comments, yelling, cussing, being bad mouthed etc. On January 26 I had a confrontation with a Port commissioner on the phone. The viscious verbal attack and cussing was completely uncalled for. I hung up the phone and left the building.

My husband took me to my personal physician. My blood pressure was very high

and I was shook up from all the continued stress of trying to keep the dock project together in amidst continual complaining. The doctor recommended that I take some time to get my health back under control and wrote a release from work for illness. My husband delivered the doctor's release to the Port office Thursday morning.

Frankly I am appalled by what happened next and fail to understand the urgency of actions that were taken. It is common for me to be away from the office for periods of time for meetings and other reasons. I had a Dock Lead Person and Office Manager who work under me who are perfectly capable of continuing operations without my direct supervision.

The wheels started turning on Wednesday afternoon and by Thursday morning there were three Port Commissioners in my office making calls, talking about Port business outside of the proper legal forum. There were commissioners in and out of the office and conducting business without the proper authority. One commissioner demanded that copies of keys to my files be made for them and changed the hours of the Office Manager.

I really don't care about this unethical behavior, others may wish to pursue it. But I do intend to make it clear that I do not condone it and will not be party to it.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I will be using Port policies which have been previously adopted to provide the employees with a work place free from harassment.

Port Commissioners are hereby directed not to approach Port employees except through the proper chain of command.

You are reminded that outside of a Port meeting you have no authority. It is your responsibility to set policy and mine to carry it out.

All complaints and suggestions shall be made in writing, including those from the Port Commissioners unless it is within the format of a public meeting.

I respectfully ask that you appoint a liaison Commissioner of my choosing as my point of contact.

It is not my intention (at this time) to file an 801 worker's comp claim. It is however my intention to do my job to the best of my ability free from harassment and to protect my health in the process.

Port employees have been instructed to resume their normal activities. I have asked that the locks be changed to the Port building and office.

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Wellness Care
By Frann Grossman

North County residents – not organizations or administrations – will receive the benefits of a recent three-year, \$400,000 federal grant to boost wellness and preventive health habits in north Curry County. And it will be up to the people and agencies of the Port Orford area to decide how they can best use the funds to serve that goal.

Those were among the main points expressed during a two-hour organizational meeting Tuesday, January 25, in Port Orford.

Nearly 20 citizens and grant program collaborators attended the session. Newly hired program coordinator, Cathy Boden of the North Curry Families' and Children's Center, chaired it.

Boden fielded questions and comments regarding ideas for programs, sites for

activities, event ideas, how reach the most remote north county residents and networking with established groups.

Additionally, grant write Gerry Livingston, explained that the intent of the funding request was to support Curry Family Medical clinic.

"Our mission is to keep the clinic open. Due to turnover in doctors there has been dwindling use. We felt creating a prevention-orientated health program for the North County would help stabilize the clinic's patient base," Livingston said.

In response to a question by Nathaniel Wander, who works with youth and the courts on smoking cessation, Livingston outlined how grant funding collaborators will use the money.

Starting with the Curry Family Medical clinic, she said, the funds will help defray the cost of medical staff salaries and continuing education.

The Curry Health Department will receive funding to hire a community outreach/nurse educator for home visits, group outreach and health screenings.

The North Curry Families and Children's Center (NCFCC) will receive funds to organize, coordinate and support various programs.

Additionally, Livingston said, Port Orford Community Ambulance will receive new radio-telephone communication equipment for its vehicles and the clinic. The new equipment will make it easier to help participate in public education and outreach programs without fear of missing an emergency call.

While the Curry Health District is the sponsor of the grant funding request, no money is allocated to Curry General Hospital administration, Livingston said. The district will provide in-kind services as required by the grant program.

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Sympathy / Compassion **Graeme Graydon**



One of my teachers, trying to make the point that sympathy was not as effective as compassion, explained the difference by way of a story.

A man had inadvertently tumbled into a pit by the roadside and was unable to scale the walls to get himself out. (I don't know why, but I always picture this on the desolate stretch of road between the Dead Sea and Jerusalem). As his predicament dawned on him, he began to call out for help. Enough time went by for him to get really worried. Then along came a traveler, a good person, who, on hearing the cries for help, found the pit with its hapless prisoner.

"Please help me, I can't get out and I'm really frightened. Please, please, don't leave me here." Now our good traveler couldn't stand suffering of any kind and his heart was torn at the other's plight. Here he was safe and free in the presence of one who was trapped and terrified. His mind said - "That one needs a friend right

now. You have to be nice to him, comfort him and tell him that he'll be OK." And so, the traveler, at great risk to himself, lowered himself over the edge, let go, and slithered his way down to the other to comfort him, which left two people stuck in the pit. That was sympathy, my teacher said. Feeling sorry for someone doesn't really help.

Back down in the pit, things weren't too convivial for a while. The thought of spending a cold night with no possibility of rescue once darkness came, prompted them both to start calling for help. Well, another traveler came along, but this one was behind schedule and worried about getting to the next village before dark. He heard the ruckus, took one look down the hole and said, "What the Hell are you two doing down there?" They were so glad to see him and begged for his help. With what sounded like indifference, he summed up the situation and said, "Hey, Guys, listen. I've got to get going before it gets dark. I need a rope and I don't have one. I'll be back as soon as I can." "No, don't leave us here," they pleaded. "Sorry Guys, I have to find someone with a rope", and as he left he heard their parting shot, "We know your type, we'll never see you again".

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But later, the traveler came back with a couple of others. They had lanterns and tied one end of a rope to a rock and the other end was thrown into the pit. "OK Guys, one at a time. Pull yourselves up out of there - and they did. Now that was compassion my teacher said.

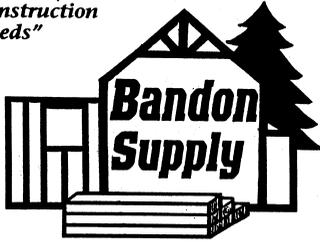
Compassion brings hope to suffering, sympathy says- 'let me suffer with you'. Never leave your place of power to share another's trouble. It is better to invite them to touch your strength. In comparison, sympathy is lifeless, dark, it magnifies loss, whereas compassion is powerful, alive, it brings insight and warmth.

When Sir Edmond Hillary was done with Mt. Everest, he was strongly moved to assist the people who had helped him to fame. He asked in the Sherpa villages - What do you want?

Some said - a school, others, a water supply. Sir Edmond went home, raised money from his writings and lectures, bought and delivered the materials, but the villagers had to do all the work, it wasn't done for them. He didn't take away their experience of participation.

Perhaps compassion starts from sympathy, but as it is tempered with wisdom, so it grows into something greater. I was taught that if I wanted to feed a hungry man, I wouldn't do much good if I gave him a fish, but if I gave him a hook and line, I would feed him forever.

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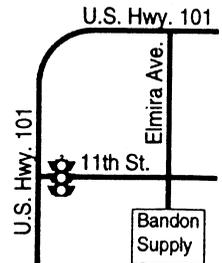
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Letter to Aeronautics

January 19, 2000

To Ann Crook, Oregon Aeronautics
Re: Cape Blanco Airport

Dear Mrs. Crook,

Attached please find copies of letters and notes from meeting minutes showing a long history of the attempts of the Port of Port Orford to acquire ownership of the Cape Blanco Airport. These are just a few documents of the many that have been generated in this effort.

The Port Commissioners want to make it clear that we have spent considerable time and money trying to work out this transfer with Aeronautics only to have it withdrawn by your agency each time we get ready to sign.

The Port Commissioners have reaffirmed that they are still interested in acquiring the Cape Blanco Airport and are simply waiting for your Department to provide us with the forms which need signed.

There is a great deal of frustration on our part as we feel that Aeronautics has dropped the ball on this issue many times. Your agency indicated many times over the years that they want to transfer the Airport to local ownership yet we have been saying yes since 1993 and to date you haven't been able to provide us with transfer papers.

We look forward to receiving the paperwork from you and moving forward with this. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Gayle Paige
Port Manager

Of Local Interest

Don't feel sheepish if you didn't know this, but the American Sheep Industry Association has a web site at <http://www.sheepusa.org/>. If you were ever curious about those movable rocks you see in the fields, here's where to look!

Pizzas for Graduation

Monte and Colleen Harrison owners of the Garden Café will donate \$1.00 for every large pizza purchased starting February 1, to the graduating Class of 2000. This supports the Drug and Alcohol Free activities for graduation night, sponsored by the Project Graduation Committee. Order your pizza by calling ahead, 332-2233. The Garden Café is located at 738 Washington Street, right around the corner from the Post Office and just north of Klamath Bank.

Coupons are available in town at your local retailers, or don't worry, Monty and Colleen will be happy to supply you with one. Remember, on your busy nights if you've rented a movie from the Fun Zone, or after a movie at the Savoy, don't forget your Pizzas!

Thank you,

Project Graduation Committee



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Mon.-Thurs., Feb. 7-10 7:00 pm

Senior News By Mary Yoder

January came and January went. I guess you know it was well spent. Now here it's time for the February birthdays. Jean May 2-2, Rose Corbin 2-4, Forrest Elliot 2-11, Lorraine Hass 2-12, Lucille Douglas 2-18, Mildred Welch 2-27, Donna Birch 2-27, Kenneth Belding 2-27, David Walkup 2-28, Adda Rose 2-28, George Gehrke 2-29.

January 27 was Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Bessie Laursen, Verna Pretti, Betty Harper, Judy Franklin, Harold Pace and Owen Miller. I saw Harold Pace cooking. You see everyone does whatever needs to be done.

January 29 was the potluck. There was real good crowd. The food was special. Yes deviled eggs too. These are the ones who made it so special – Thelma Lagace, Betty Harper, Kay Neal, Betty Berger, Patty McCormick, John Brottens, Owen Miller, Harold Pace. There were main dishes, salads, desserts – everything – sorry if you missed it.

February 1 was nutrition meeting. This is where the volunteers get to gather and plan the meals and who will work and

when. This is for the whole month of February. Nice going – Bessie Laursen is their chairperson.

February 7 Monday night at 7:00pm is pinochle. All are welcome.

February 8 at 11:00am is the board meeting. Come bring your ideas. We can use them. Also is blood pressure and hearing aide from 9:30am to noon.

February 11 is bingo – come bring a friend. It's for a good cause – glasses for kids.

February 12 is luncheon at 11:30am – birthday party and rummage sale from 8:00am till 1:00pm.

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11:00 to Noon
Ages 5-12

The joy of living fills my heart
And father God I pray
That I may share this joy
With all who cross my path today.

ODOT Web Cam

The new Port Orford Web camera is up and running as of last week. The camera is located on Highway 101 just south of Battle Rock Park on the east side of the street. The camera is facing north toward Battle Rock Park and the first group of commercial buildings as you enter Port Orford from the south.

The web address for the Port Orford camera is www.odot.state.or.us/travel/cam/port_orford.htm. The opening page address is www.odot.state.or.us/travel/ and from there you can access the other ODOT web cams and weather stations around the state. The opening page proclaims that the Port Orford web cam is the first on the coast.

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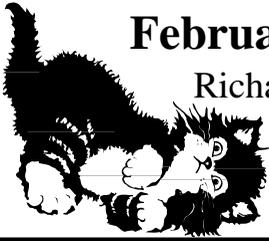
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Coastal Representative

Representative Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) announced this week that he has hired Reedsport resident Ron Kreskey as his new Coastal Field Representative. Kreskey will begin working out of DeFazio's Coos Bay office on February 2.

"We are very pleased to have Ron on board," DeFazio said. "With his knowledge of the issues facing the Oregon coast, his strong ties to the community, and his demonstrated commitment to education programs, he'll be a valuable addition to my staff."

Until recently, Kreskey worked as an engineer for International Paper's Gardiner mill. In this capacity he managed, developed and implemented the mill's environmental compliance, safety and emergency response programs. He has a long career working in the forestry industry in both Oregon and other parts of the U.S.

Kreskey replaces Chris Conroy who has been serving as Field Representative for both Douglas County and the south coast for the past nine months. Conroy will continue her duties as DeFazio's Douglas

County Field Representative.

As Field Representative, Kreskey will provide constituent services to coastal communities. DeFazio's Coos Bay office will remain located at 125 W. Central. The telephone number is 541-269-2609. In addition, DeFazio maintains a toll free number for Oregonians at 1-800-944-9603.

Wellness Grant

What's the North Curry health grant all about?

The federal Rural Health Outreach Program granted the funds.

The money will be used to provide health screenings and other services to the people of North County, exclusively.

The grant will provide a total of \$40,000 - \$150,000 the first year; \$130,000 the second year; and \$120,000 the third and final year.

The aim of the grant request was to support Curry Family Medical clinic.

The project will be aimed at curbing problems in four areas: heart disease, cancer, chronic pulmonary disease and diabetes.

There is no grant money allocated for Curry General Hospital administration.

Curry Health District will provide the in-kind contributions required by the grant program.



Crazy Norwegian

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Police Log

January 24, 1:52pm: Report of harassment 1325 Jackson Street – report taken.

January 24, 2:00pm: Report of theft 2625 Port Orford Loop – report taken.

January 25, 4:45pm: Report of trespass at Sea Breeze Florist – information only.

January 26, 8:00am: Report of stolen vehicle, assist other agency – report made.

January 26, 8:20am: Report of car over bank on Jackson Street – owner contacted.

January 26, 2:45pm: Report of loud music in late evenings on 11th Street – report taken.

January 26, 11:25am: Unwanted person at residence on Arizona Street – gone on arrival.

January 28, 9:00am: Report of Criminal Mischief to sidewalk near Port Orford Inn – report taken.

January 28, 11:30am: Report of telephone harassment – information taken.

January 29, 2:30pm: Report of assault at 157 E. 19th Street – under investigation.

January 30, 4:30pm: Report of suspicious person at docks – unable to locate.

Letter to the Editor,

Here are some questions concerning our county commissioners and the problem

HOT OFF THE COUCH

Feb. 5 & 6 at the Curry County Fairgrounds
(Next door to the Whale of an Art & Wine Festival)

Saturday

9-11am Free fitness testing and consultations

11am Free lecture by Dr. Christine Snow “Effects of Exercise on Osteoporosis”

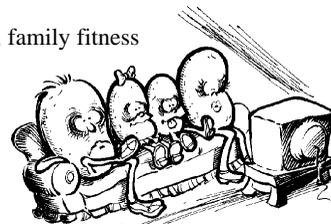
2pm Sprint for the Spirits, a 2.7 mile walk/run along the beach to the top of Cape Sebastian, starting about 7 miles south of Gold Beach

Sunday, Noon to 1:30pm

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of Garrison Lake.

Why aren't Commissioners Olds and Roberts working with their fellow elected officials instead of charging around our community tossing about reckless accusations? Why aren't they helping the City of Port Orford and Curry County develop an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Oregon managing the lake? Isn't it obvious that both city and county lack the expertise and the finances to solve this very complicated and sure to be longstanding problem?

Have Commissioners Olds and Roberts forgotten that the State of Oregon owns the lake? Where's the sense in enabling the state to avoid responsibility and beating up on Port Orford instead? Is that their idea of what constitutes good governance?

Why has no one thanked Commissioner Thorp for not engaging in pointless blaming? Could she provide the missing leadership and help us focus on a cooperative solution?

Respectfully,

Nathaniel Wander
Port Orford City Councilor

Sunset Garden Club Meets

The Sunset Garden Club will hold its February meeting this Friday, February 4th at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. This month's speaker will be a very talented lady from Port Orford, Karen Butts, who will demonstrate the art of “Paper Making with Materials from our Gardens” This will be an incredibly interesting and fun program.

Karen Butts pursued her interest in paper making after retiring, she teaches a paper making class for SWOCC. Her lovely work is featured in the Transaction Gallery and in the Bay Moss Studio. You will also find her work at art festivals and bazaars. She has been asked to bring samples of her paper, notebooks, etc.

Members, don't forget to bring several items for our fundraiser “white elephant” sale. Have them marked at a good price so you won't have to take them back home! All items left will have to return with you! The flower-bulb-catalogue exchange will also be set up. Guests are always welcome to attend.

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Langlois Public Library News
by Tobe Porter, Library Director

It's February, which means it's time to round up those renegade books that hide beneath the couch, behind the bed, and under the car seat and bring them to the library for our annual Book Sale. The Big Sale will be Saturday, Feb. 26th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. A "continental breakfast" (which continent is questionable) will be available for the early shoppers. Since we have very little storage space, we ask that you bring your donation to the library between Feb. 22nd and 25th.

This month's after school craft program promises to be a hot one. As usual, I am not permitted to tell just what Assistant Director Jennnifer Harrison has up her crafty sleeve, but I can give you a hint: Puff is one. Jennifer's programs are a rollicking good time, so mark your calendar now—3:30pm, Tuesday, Feb. 15th.

The plans for the new library are in the hands of the Plan Checker as we speak. The last funding request to a private foundation in the amount of \$102,700 is in the mail. We need to obtain some corporate funds to round out our financial portfolio, so if anyone has suggestions, let me know. Imagine. . . we're almost there.

Children's Library Project

Over the last three years Southwestern Oregon Public Safety Association has been donating our Children's Safety Library Projects to public libraries in our region. With help from grants and donations from the State Fire Marshal, Wal-Mart, Coos Forest Protective, Menasha,



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Bureau of Land Management, SOLV, SWOCC, and many others, our volunteer members are again able to present another Safety Library to the Port Orford Public Library. Each of the libraries comes with \$300 worth of safety theme books for children.

The date of the Port Orford Library dedication will be Saturday, February 12, at 11:00am, during the Children's Story Hour. Port Orford Fire Department is a member of the Association in 2000 and members of the department will be present, along with several of our members.

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All proceeds will equally benefit the
Year 2000 Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Celebration
and Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department

Art & Wine Festival

Gold Beach, Oregon will be hosting this year's Whale of an Art & Wine Festival. The two-day event will be held on February 5th and 6th at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. This annual event is a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce and Curry Arts. Activities planned for this event include, Art and Wine Auction, Wine Tasting with over 9 winery's, Whale Watching, Food, Silent Auction, Cooking Demo's, Gold Panning Demo, 1.7 mile walk/run, and 13 vendor booths.

Winery's that will be at the festival are Callahan Ridge, Hillcrest Vineyards, Henry Estate, Hinman Vineyards and La Garza Cellars. All winery's will have wine tasting and wine available for purchase.

Food for the event will be provided by Spada's, Rod N' Reel and Chowderhead restaurants. Make sure to join the fun at

this years Whale of an Art and Wine Festival. Hours are Saturday, February 5th from 10am to 10pm and Sunday February 6th from 10am to 4pm. Cost is \$7 for one day and \$10 for 2 day pass. The Silent Auction will take place on Saturday evening at 6:30pm. Call the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce for specifics and more information 800-525-2334.

Writer's Conference

The South Coast Writer's Conference will feature Bob Welch as the keynote speaker on Friday, February 11. His topic is "Tears and Laughter: Telling Stories that Move your Readers." Bob Welch is a regular columnist for the Register-Guard newspaper in Eugene. He has written four books including **A Father For All Seasons**, which is the winner of the 1999 Gold Medallion Award for Family & Parenting, and **Where Roots Grow Deep**, which came out last August. For more information call SWOCC at 247-6247.

Authors Night in Gold Beach

The Fifth Annual South Coast Writers Conference will again present Authors' Night. This event is Friday, Feb. 11th, from 7pm to 10pm at the Curry Showcase on the Curry county fairgrounds. Authors' Night is free and open to the public.

This is an opportunity to meet the presenters from the writers conference, held Saturday, Feb. 12th, and hear them read from their works. The keynote speaker is Bob Welch, columnist for Eugene's The Register Guard. His topic is "Tears and Laughter: Telling Stories that Move Your Readers." Like a good trip, good writing should leave your readers different at the end than they were at the beginning.

For more information, call Southwestern Oregon Community College, Gold Beach at 247-2741.



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Another Party by Jane Cramer

Remember the good time we all had at the Community Party last March? Well, mark your calendars because we're going to have another one. This year's party will be from 1 PM to 4 PM on Sunday February 27 at the Community Building.

It's going to be a dessert potluck again and if you attended last year's party you know what good dessert makers we have in Port Orford.

For entertainment we're trying to line up the popular Port Orford Bell/Chime Choir, the Blanco Step Dancers, the Children's Theater group and a piano player for a Sing Along.

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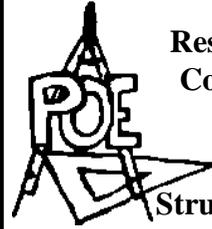
Public Meetings

Port Orford City Council executive session on Thursday, February 3, at 2:00pm under ORS 192.660 (1) (e) Real Property Transaction.

City of Port Orford bed tax committee on Thursday, February 3, at 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ Board of Education meets on Tuesday, February 8, 6:00pm in the library room at Pacific High School. The meeting will begin with a presentation at 6:00pm from Jim Carnes, leadership director with the Oregon School Board Executive Search will speak.

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Friends of Cape Blanco Meet by Jane Cramer

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Cape Blanco will meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2000 at the historic Hughes House. Everyone is invited to attend, whether a member or not.

The group will review the proposed Annual Plan for 2000 that will be presented for approval. Committee assignments will also be discussed and approved.

Please come for the meeting and be involved with the exciting plans for the coming year. For more information please call Linda Smith, President, at 332-8020.

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CurryVoter.com has tabulated the results of the first set of local on-line voting issues. These results are unscientific and CurryVoter.com does not claim accuracy of the polls.

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Should the Canopy Board, Inc. (CPI) dissolve its corporation and return funds back to the funding agencies?

Yes- 76% No- 20% Abstain – 4%

Should a special election be held any time that a governing body has a majority of appointed representatives?

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Voting has started on new issues: Law enforcement Levy at the Port? Freedom of speech in our public schools? Grand Jury Audit at the County?

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GLASSES FOUND: Gold metal frame, bi-focles on street at 10th & Jefferson. Call 332-7053 to claim.

MISCELLANEOUS

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ANOTHER WEEK, Another bunch of great movies. The kids will enjoy Walt Disney's new "Tarzan". We also received "Chill Factor", "Stir of Echoes", "The Huntley", "Hoods", " Fargo" (DVD), "The Deep" (DVD), "Lulu on the Bridge", and "The Outfitters". We also replaced our copy of "SLC Punk" and acquired a new game, "Mario Party 2" for the Nintendo 64. Hope you enjoy them! To rent videotapes, Sega, Sony, and Nintendo video games, or DVD's remember The Downtown Fun Zone. We are open 9:30am till 6pm Monday thru Thursday and from 9:30am till 7pm Friday and Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

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Not Fade Away By Evan Kramer

This weekend it's time for the Winter Dance Party at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa. They've been holding these Winter Dance Parties continuously since 1979 as a tribute to the Winter Dance Party tour that played at the Surf Ballroom the evening of February 2, 1959. That rock'n'roll concert featured Buddy Holly and the then Crickets (Tommy Alsup and Waylon Jennings), Ritchie Valens, J.P. Richardson better known as the Big Bopper, Dion and the Belmonts

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and Frankie Sardo. After the second of two shows was over Holly, Valens and Richardson chartered a small single engine plane to Fargo, North Dakota in order to have extra time before the show that night in Moorhead, Minnesota. They had been traveling around the frozen Midwest in converted school buses, which kept breaking down and Holly was eager to have some time extra time to rest up and do his and the group's laundry. A few minutes after takeoff their plane hurtled into a frozen cornfield and all three musicians died instantly along with the plane's pilot, Roger Peterson. He had not been certified for instrument flying.

The tragedy was immortalized in Don McClean's song **American Pie** in which he calls this moment "The Day the Music Died." Holly was all of twenty-two years old while Valens was seventeen and still in high school while the Big Bopper was twenty-eight.

Buddy Holly's music and influence continue to be felt forty-one years after his untimely death. The Crickets during 1957 consisted of a lead guitar, rhythm guitar, bass and drums. This was the year of That'll Be the Day and Peggy Sue. They set the standard for later groups like the Beatles, Who and Rolling Stones. Both the Beatles and Rolling Stones recorded his songs and incorporated his style of guitar playing into their sound. Holly was a songwriter unlike many of the other musicians of his day like Elvis, Little Richard and the Everly Brothers who recorded other people's songs.

Buddy Holly and the Crickets toured England and Australia - two countries that they were greatly appreciated in and whose young people bought a lot of their

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records. Elvis Presley never did play either country though he did headline a show in Buddy's hometown of Lubbock in 1955 with Buddy Holly opening for him. Can you imagine that show?

This year's lineup for the sold out Winter Dance Party in Clear Lake includes J.P. Richardson Jr. (The Little Bopper), The Tokens, Gary Lewis and The Playboys, The Shirelles, Fantastic Convertibles, and Rockin' Robyn. The event takes place on February 3, 4 and 5 and is sold out at \$62.00 per ticket. The theme this year is **Surf into 2000.**

Charles Hardin (Buddy) Holly did not fade away nor will he while there's a Surf Ballroom and people like me still listening to his records and now CD's. Holly became more popular in death than during his short life. Several books have been written about Holly including "Buddy Holly a Biography" by Ellis Amburn which I just finished reading and which I borrowed from for this article. Hollywood tried their hand in telling the **Buddy Holly Story** in 1978 with the thirty-three year old Gary Busey as Holly. The movie was thoroughly enjoyable and Busey was nominated for an Academy Award for best actor but it was more a work of fiction than a true biography. A good rule of thumb when viewing most movies that deal with real life people or situations is that Hollywood is more interested in making movies with

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Items were faxed to an attorney from the Port office, there were approximately 30 pages faxed and it was noted that F/V Spirit was on one of the pages. This information should be in Port files somewhere and if not should be provided back to the Port Office. Any other documents which were removed must be returned immediately in their original condition. And you must understand that some of you have gone through confidential records and they should be kept as such, so that no legal action may be taken against the Port of Port Orford.

I will be back at my job following doctor's release and will continue to do the job to the best of my ability. If my job performance is not adequate you can use the proper channels to correct the problem.

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Port Manager

Special Port Meeting

The Port of Port Orford will hold a special meeting at 10:00am at the Port Offices, 300 Dock Road, Port Orford, Oregon, on Thursday, February 3, 2000.

1. Executive session to consider the discipline or discharge of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee. This executive session is being held pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(b).
2. Personnel Action
3. Consideration of Alternative Administration for Port Improvement Project

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dramatic appeal than following what really happened. A better movie about Buddy Holly was documentary **The Real Buddy Holly Story**, produced by Buddy Holly fan Paul McCartney's company. McCartney also owns the American rights to Buddy Holly songs, which he bought from the estate in 1993.

Some of my favorite Buddy Holly songs are *Rave On*, *Oh Boy*, *Maybe Baby*, and *Rock Around with Ollie Vee*, which was written by Cricket Sonny Curtis. Listening to them makes me feel good and want to get up and dance. What more can you ask for. *Not Fade Away* is a Buddy Holly song written by Holly and Norman Petty.

Letter to the Editor,

On January 27th there was a community meeting with Dr. Jim Carnes, leadership director with the Oregon School Board Association. The purpose of the meeting was for members of the community to share with Dr. Carnes the qualifications most desirable or necessary for the new superintendent to possess for the 2CJ school district. The attendance was disappointingly small, as there were only six people from the community, Shelly Wold, Dick Wold, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Lonny Martin and Gail Rathbun.

Now is the time for all concerned persons to become involved for the future direction of 2CJ School District will rest mainly in the hands of the person chosen for superintendent. Dr. Carnes appears to be competent and the OSBA has been recruiting applicants across Oregon and out of state as well. He is looking for your input as to the particular needs, similarities and diversities of this community to bring about a selection process that will become a win, win situation for applicants, 2CJ and the community. 2CJ staff, school board, parents and other community members want our children to receive the best possible education. It is time for animosities and grievances to be laid aside and full support given to the selection process and the 2CJ School Board.

In the January 26th edition of the *Port Orford News*, there was an article titled "Search for new 2CJ Super has a six month timeline". On Feb 8th at the next school board meeting, the selection process will be on the agenda. Mark your calendars and give support to our board members in this important selection that will be effecting the future of our children and this community.

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