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Happy Valentine's Day!

Port Will Mediate By Evan Kramer



The Port of Port Orford Commission held an executive session last Thursday morning before a full house at the Port office. The executive session was called under ORS 192.660

(1) (b) to consider the discipline or discharge of, or complaints or charges brought against an employee – in this case Port Manager Gayle Paige; personnel action and consideration of alternative administration for Port Improvement Project. The Port Commission had sent Paige a letter on February 1 stating the possible reasons to determine whether she should be disciplined or discharged from her employment with the Port of Port Orford be based on the following reasons:

Insubordination; refusal to follow the direction of a Port Commissioner on a safety issue; changing locks on the Port Commission Office without authorization by the Port Commission; disloyalty to the Port; failure to follow the chain of command as set forth in the employee's handbook.

Port Commissioners Leesa Cobb, Dave Knapp, David Darnell and Scott

Macdonald were present at the meeting. Commissioner Chris Hawthorne was not present.

The Port Commission was represented by attorney Randall Tosh who said the special district's insurance company to represent the Port had retained him. Frank Smith asked Tosh how the Port Commission could notify the insurance company of their problems and not hold an illegal meeting in the process. Tosh told him an individual commissioner could contact the insurance company. Tosh said Commissioner Chris Hawthorne had requested participation by teleconference or have the meeting continued for a week until he got back.

Port Commission chairperson Leesa Cobb convened the executive session. Attorney Frank Roberts represented Port Manager Gayle Paige and he requested the meeting be an open session which she has the right to do. Because of this the public was allowed to stay in and listen to the meeting. Chris Hawthorne was called and he quickly made a motion requesting the Port Commission delay making a decision for one week to get the facts and also have a cooling off period and get a decision in the best interests of the Port District. It was noted that Paige had filed an AOI worker's compensation form.

Randal Tosh said he was going to forward Gayle Paige's allegations of violations of public meeting laws to the Government Standards and Practices Commission for their review.

Commissioner Darnell asked Paige if the Port could run itself for a week and she responded she wasn't prepared to answer that question. Commissioner Knapp asked who could do a mediation between the two sides. Hawthorne suggested a professional mediator or someone in house. Tosh said the Oregon Department of Labor has a group of mediators they could recommend. Dave Knapp offered an amendment to the Hawthorne motion. Knapp's amendment stated the Commission would get a mediator from the Oregon Department of Labor to mediate the situation. The amendment carried 5-0.

Lawyers Tosh and Roberts asked for a five-minute break to speak with commissioners outside the meeting room (two at a time) which stretched out for forty minutes. The Commission then reconvened into a closed executive session (with Gayle's acquiescence) and reminded the newspaper people that they are not supposed to report on executive sessions. After the executive session the meeting was reconvened as an open meeting and the Commission voted unanimous ap-

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Thu	Feb 10, 2000	3:00a	7.2	9:07a	2.3	2:55p	6.3	9:04p	1.5	7:20a	5:43p	10:26a	11:17p
Fri	Feb 11, 2000	3:39a	7.3	10:07a	2.0	4:00p	5.7	9:47p	2.1	7:19a	5:44p	10:57a	12:22a
Sat	Feb 12, 2000	4:24a	7.4	11:15a	1.6	5:21p	5.3	10:40p	2.8	7:17a	5:46p	11:31a	1:28a 1Q
Sun	Feb 13, 2000	5:16a	7.6	12:29p	1.0	6:54p	5.2	11:46p	3.4	7:16a	5:47p	12:11p	2:35a
Mon	Feb 14, 2000	6:17a	7.7	1:39p	0.4	8:20p	5.4			7:14a	5:48p	12:58p	3:40a
Tue	Feb 15, 2000	1:02a	3.6	7:21a	7.9	2:42p	-0.3	9:27p	5.8	7:13a	5:49p	1:52p	4:42a
Wed	Feb 16, 2000	2:17a	3.6	8:24a	8.2	3:38p	-0.8	10:20p	6.3	7:12a	5:51p	2:53p	5:37a
Thu	Feb 17, 2000	3:22a	3.3	9:23a	8.5	4:27p	-1.2	11:06p	6.7	7:10a	5:52p	4:03p	6:26a

Senior News
By Mary Yoder

February 3 was Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Betty Harper, Betty Berger, Kay Neal, Verna Pretti, Bessie Laursen and Owen Miller doing dishes and other things that needed to be done. It takes time to prepare a whole meal – good going all of you.

February 7 was pinochle. Pretty nice turn out. High scorer was Donna Olsen – 2nd Barbara Knapp – low Venita Marstahl. Note all ladies? Men were there eating popcorn but no high scores – best come next time and see what you can do.

February 8 was staff meeting. That's to educate all who work in the office. At 9:30am till noon was hearing aid and blood pressure – at 11:00am till noon was board meeting – more about that next week.

February 2, 9, 16, 23 is tax preparation from 9:30am till noon. No charge –

please call ahead of times.

February 11 remember bingo at 6:30pm – all are welcome – come help a good cause.

February 12 is birthday party with the luncheon at 11:30am. There will be birthday cake and singing to the birthday folks and free lunch for birthday people – also rummage sale from 8:00am till 1:00pm.

February 13 that's Sunday – breakfast all you can eat 8:00am till 1:00pm. Also rummage sale 8:00am till 1:00pm.

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55 Alive Driving Class

SWOCC is sponsoring the 55-Alive class on Thurs. and Fri., Feb 17th and 18th, from 9:30am to 1:30pm, at the Gold Beach SWOCC office on the Curry county fairgrounds. A 55-Alive Defensive Driving class may help you drive down the high cost of automobile insurance. Popular instructor, Mary Bateman, presents this informative and interesting class.

There is a \$10 charge for materials and is made payable to AARP. Pre-registration is appreciated. The next class will be the beginning of March in Port Orford.

Call SWOCC for more information or to register: Gold Beach 247-2741 or Port Orford (Fridays only) 332-3023.

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February 10 - 16

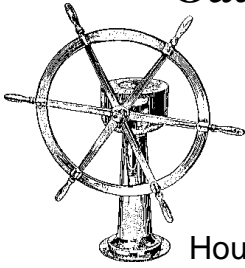


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To be a Man? Graeme Graydon



I had been in the United States for less than a year when, without warning or preparation of any kind, I found myself in front of TV cameras,

being interviewed, or more correctly, interrogated by the leader of the Rockland County (ICY.) Women's Liberation Movement. Don't ever ask me how I got there. That was 1973, I was fresh off my farm in New Zealand and had never heard of Women's Lib. It turned out that because I was a man, I was the enemy. She was very aggressive, trying to get me to say something that she could jump on. But, being innocent of her agenda and of my expected response as a man, my simple, courteous replies only seemed to agitate her further. Apparently I was supposed to be more "macho", so that she could put me "in my place." Somehow, the show was wrapped up and she pointedly ignored me as her supporters crowded around her, but as I left the set, we unexpectedly came face to face at the door. Whereupon, she made the most remarkable statement. With some warmth

she said, "For a man, you're not halfway bad." It took me a while to understand that she had bestowed a compliment on me.

There was a deeper lesson, but I never found it although I was given many more opportunities, one of which came when I studied an ancient system of body-treatment, akin to massage, over a period of 10 years. I was often the only man in a large class of women. The training demanded a lot of "hands on" practice, being both the giver and the receiver always with a different female partner. Over all this time, there was never a suggestion of discomfort from anyone, I always felt completely accepted. Once I overheard – "Graeme? Oh he's just one of us."

I was speaking of this to a friend recently, remembering how good it has been to participate closely within this gathering of women - who could have just as easily made me feel unwanted. As I mused on this, a thought came to my mind which finally gave some explanation. It was, that when I was training with all those dedicated women - I had forgotten that I was a man. I didn't have to act like a man, or think like a man, or want like a man, or say man things. I could focus on what I

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was learning, I could be in sharp awareness of the feelings of the one whose body I was working on, rather than being preoccupied with my own male issues.

Which brings me to another thought - I wonder how much difficulty I made for myself, and how much I hurt others by trying to be a man. I am told that everyone has both the male and the female qualities, the giver and the receiver carried equally within, but expressed outwardly according to the demands of their gender. My experience has taught me that I am a more effective human, if, when around others, I put aside (at least for a while), the role of being a man, (whatever that is supposed to be, and it is different for every culture on the planet), and put my full attention on the one with whom I am interacting.

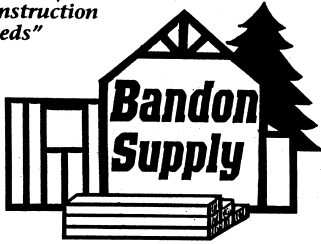
Maybe the life-long demand, "to be a man", is just another one of those well-meaning but misguided pearls of bad advice.

Effects of Measure 11

The Feb. 11 meeting of the League of Women Voters will discuss "Effects of Measure 11 on Juvenile Justice in Oregon." The meeting will be held at the home of Dot Mathews, Doug Johnson Lane, end of Deady Street, Port Orford beginning at 10am.

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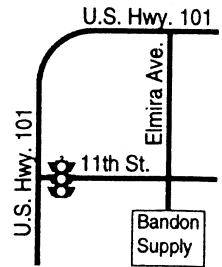
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Lloyd Olds Files

When I campaigned for office in 1996, it was my intent to do everything possible to re-establish trust in Curry County government, reorganize departments for increased efficiency, and then when my term was up, return to "normal" life. I have stated many times, that I did not intend to run for a second term. So much for intentions.

After a long discussion with my wife concerning our future plans, and all of the requests I have received asking that I reconsider, I have made the decision to file for re-election. I want to express my gratitude for everyone who contacted me concerning running for re-election.

I know there have been many changes in our county government in the last three years. These changes have been initiated, because it was felt the time to prepare for the future was now.

Our O & C timber funds have decreased approximately \$100,000 per year. With that in mind, we have managed to balance the budget every year, and increase services to the people of Curry County. There have been reorganizations, changes in policy, etc., all with efficiency and accessibility to the citizens as top priority. While accomplishing this, we have started a continuing maintenance program that has pointed out many needed repairs to county structures. We have put new roofs on the courthouse, jail and animal shelter without going out of our budget. These buildings still have many problems, and our architectural engineer report initiated last year, was hand delivered to our office two weeks ago with a detailed list of required maintenance and estimated cost. I would like to say, it will all be taken care of right now, but I can't. I have every intention of doing what we can within our budget, while continually looking for new money.

Another candidate made the statement that we need to look at the whole picture. In closing, I would like to share my view of a county commissioner's duty in conjunction with the "whole picture."

I am entrusted to help manage the county with the best interest of all the citizens of the county, and the overall welfare of the county in mind at all times. I must not let personal bias or beliefs interfere in any way that might prove negative to that trust. I am responsible for all of my actions or inactions, and accept that responsibility with all of my heart and soul.

On February 3, I established a committee for re-election. Anyone desiring information or wishing to help in any way, can call me at 469-7777.

Thank you for your support.

Lloyd Olds
Curry County Commissioner



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It's Raining, It's Pouring By Donna Hoffmann

Finally. It's raining (again) and I have some time to contemplate our garden and to write.

What to do when it's raining...I've tried weeding. It's too wet and muddy. All you succeed in doing is making a mucky mess and at times accidentally having a wanted plant to come out with the offensive weed and mud. And if you have self-seeding annuals and perennials, you remove possible new "plants" (seeds) with the mud you've pulled out with the weed. I've found it best to wait until spring, when the ground has had a chance to dry out somewhat and new seedlings can be identifiable as friend or foe.

Yes, I'm happy when it rains. I get the chance to go through all the wonderful catalogs that come this time of year. I can plot out our garden for the coming year. Some vegetables are already in the garden. Planted in the fall were garlic and shallots, which have been popping up. And the artichokes look as if they'll overwinter O.K. unless we have late frost and hailstorms as last year. This is the third year for our asparagus bed. This year we

will harvest! The spears looked so tempting last year and were so plentiful but we resisted. This year will be different! Most everything in the herb garden is doing well with a couple of exceptions. The mint hasn't fared well but mint being as invasive as it is, I fully expect it to resurface this Spring. Some of the "exotic" thyme's and oregano's look scraggly but will probably do fine. It's a waiting game now. We will be putting in the old tried and true veggies...green pole beans, sugar snaps, petite poi's, lots of lettuces and I think I'm going to try scarlet runner beans just because the plants and flowers look so beautiful. And in the greenhouse, tomatoes...Sweet 100's 'cause they'll grow just about anywhere, and can be plucked and eaten as you walk by, Brandywine because they're so wonderful in flavor and yellow pear because of their sweet-tart taste. Still can't make up my mind on some other "new" varieties, but I'll have to decide shortly, so we can get some things started in the greenhouse.

I hope you're enjoying the rain too! Questions, call O.S.U. Master Gardener's on Wednesdays, nine until noon, 1-800-356-3986. Good gardening.

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Garrison Lake Workshop

The Curry County Board of Commissioners will hold a workshop on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 1:30pm. The purpose of this workshop will be to discuss Garrison Lake in Port Orford. The Board of Commissioners will not take action nor make decisions during a scheduled workshop. Action items are scheduled to be on the published agenda for the Commissioner's regular scheduled meetings which are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. Oregon State Parks, Division of State Lands (DSL) and the City of Port Orford have been invited to attend. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex, 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon. For further information contact the Commissioner's office at 541-247-7011, extension 222.

Valentine Dance



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Roberts Election Committee

Bill Roberts has established a Committee for Re-Election. He said, "It should be very obvious to most politicians by now, that the voters wanted their elected officials to find some other way to solve problems than simply asking them to pay higher taxes. How many times have the voters said at the polls, "No more taxes" and within a few months it's back on the ballot once again."

Bill Roberts has listened! He has said no to increasing your taxes. He has said no, to increasing elected official's salaries. He has said no, to bigger government. He has balanced the budget for the last three years, and continued to provide the same level of service without asking for more of your hard earned money, but it takes real leadership and management to work within a given budget, and solve those difficult problems. Asking the taxpayer to pay higher taxes is only a band-aid approach to solving a problem, because the real problem will still be there when the money runs out."

Today's taxpayers are waking up and they are no longer saying yes to increasing taxes. The taxpayers are demanding

their elected officials look for alternatives, and Bill Roberts has a proven track record of success.

Bill Roberts said, "He has taken a common sense approach to running county government. The majority of those living here are on fixed incomes, or receiving minimum wages to support their families, and cannot afford the demands for more taxes. He went on to say, "I have

controlled spending and will continue to control spending, promises I made have been promises I have kept."

Police Log

January 31, 2:30pm: Report of infant in car without car seat. Report taken.

February 1, 9:30pm: 9-1-1 call from Cedar Point Place – caller error.

February 1, 9:40pm: 9-1-1 call from resident on Arizona Street – telephone line problem.

February 2, 12:30am: Report of harassment at Circle K – unfounded.

February 2, 11:05pm: Report of unsupervised child walking north along Oregon Street – child picked up and returned to school.

February 3, 12:15am: Assault at corner Oregon and 6th Streets – under investigation.

February 4, 1:15pm: Report of erratic driver on Washington and 9th – report taken.

February 5, 1:00pm: Report of harassment at Oregon and 12th Street – report taken.

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Chops
Tues. Seafood Fettucini - Beef Kabobs
Wed. Pork Roast - BBQ Chicken
Thu. Spaghetti meat balls - Turkey Rst.

Just Say Know

“Just Say Know” is an event designed to give teens an opportunity to share their perspectives on sensitive issues concerning sexuality. The forum/panel features several local youth and will be held Wednesday, February 16, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Chetco Community Public Library. First, the youth will express their viewpoints and share experiences and answer questions on issues ranging from abstinence to sexual orientation. Then, there will be a forum open to the community at large which will be able to share their reactions, thoughts and concerns to what they have heard and what their perspectives are about the issues.

The goals of the event, sponsored by the Curry County Citizens for Human Rights are:

- To demonstrate that teen sexuality is a topic which people of varying political and religious beliefs can and should dis-

cuss together in the spirit of serving our shared goal of mentoring healthy, happy and responsible adults.

- To discover common goals while honoring different beliefs about the best means for reaching those goals.
- To educate about ‘cause and effect’ in sexual behavior.
- To educate about the relevance of ‘human rights’ as related to teen sexuality
- To learn about available resources.

We hope that there will be a cross section of the community present, but are especially hoping that school personnel, religious leaders and agency representatives will attend. Too often we adults forget what it is like to be a teenager. We sometimes make policies and decisions for them without their input. At this event we will have a chance to listen, learn and see how we can more effectively communicate and work together.

PHS Scholarship Award

The Brookings Elks Lodge #1934 recently announced that three Pacific High School seniors were among the recipients of their annual scholarship program.

Jason Keeler, son of Danny and Diana Keeler, won the boys’ division and a \$500 scholarship.

Rachel Moskowitz, daughter of Susan Wagner, won the girls’ division and was also awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Both will compete in district competition in Ashland.

Ayesha Brookshier, daughter of Wayne and Rosie Brookshier, placed third in the competition and will receive a \$200 scholarship.

Keeler and Brookshier are deciding between Pacific University and Oregon State University as their college of choice. Moskowitz has already decided to attend George Fox University.

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Many Thanks

Pacific High School Project Graduation Committee would like to thank the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department for the outstanding job they did this last Sunday with the pancake breakfast. A special thank you goes out to George Gehrke, Gayle Wilcox, and Debbie Gehrke for organizing this event. We would also like to thank the following volunteers for their hours of hard work in the kitchen: Lynda Foster, Richard Mijs, Tom Smith (the cooks), Randy Foster, Dennis Gehrke, Ed Schriver, Daryl Thomas, Jake Marshall and Richard Seagrave (kitchen patrol). Many thanks for an outstanding job. We

could not have done this without all of you!

A special thank you to the following people: Al Luis owner of Buck's Sentry Market for his generous donation of all the eggs for the breakfast; The Downtown Fun Zone for your portion of the large advertisement; and the Pacific High seniors who came to the fire hall on Saturday to get things cleaned up and ready for the bid day (Stacey Gehrke, Bonnie Calligori, Elaina Bailey, Shayna Denn, Ryan Gehrke and Jesse White - all seniors.) Roxanne Gibbs and Katie Hensley for flagging down cars to attend the breakfast, you looked good in those fire-

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man uniforms! Least but not least thank you to everyone in the community who came out or just gave a donation to support the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department and Pacific High School Project Graduation.

Fair and Rodeo Court

Tryouts for the 2000 Curry County Fair and Rodeo Court will be held at the Curry County Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 5th, beginning at noon.

Young ladies ages 14-20 years are urged to bring their horse, and join the fun of promoting the "best little fair and rodeo on the coast".

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Cougar Study

Initial results of the Jackson Creek Cougar Study will be presented by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Gold Beach Oregon Hunters Association. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00pm at the Gold Beach Fire Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Avenue.

The Jackson Creek Cougar Study is designed to determine cougar population sizes, densities, dispersal patterns, and surviving rates in southwest Oregon. "We've captured 67 cougars to date, giving the study area (100 miles) a density of one cougar per nine square miles," said John Thiebes, ODFW acting Rogue Watershed Manager. "This is a higher density than any other state or province that has conducted similar research."

Another interesting find is that cougars preying on cougars appears to be an increasing cause of mortality within the

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study area. "Young males trying to establish their own territory are usually the victims, and with this much density, it's nearly impossible for them not to overlap into another male's territory," Thiebes said.

Research results and cougar management implications will be discussed, and the public will be able to provide input on Big Game Regulations. Thiebes will present the program.

Public Meetings

Port of Port Orford Commission special meeting on Thursday, February 10, 9:00am, at the Port office. Agenda items include approve change of mediators, approve change of meeting date to February 22, 2000.

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, February 14, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, February 15, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Snow Falling on Cedars

Snow Falling on Cedars stars Ethan Hawke and Max Von Sydow. It is a post-World War II era tale of racial intolerance in the American Northwest. The film centers on the trial of a Japanese-American man who stands accused of murdering a well-liked fisherman off the waters

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Family Violence

Family Violence is a major problem in Curry County, as elsewhere in the United States, according to six panelists from professional disciplines. Drug and alcohol abuse is also rampant and frequently triggers personal abuse. The four men and two women spoke to a public meeting sponsored by League of Women Voters of Curry County February 1.

The League completed a thorough study of the topic concluding in 1995 with a position on which to act to treat perpetrators and support victims. The study was launched after Curry County registered the worst child abuse record among Oregon Counties on the per capita number of cases 1990 and 1992.

Panel members agreed the situation remains grim with these indicators: three calls every month to Gold Beach Police, with one resulting in an arrest, said Chief Bob Rector; one case a week reported to the Sheriffs office, said Lt. Allen Boice; Gearl Seal of South Coast Addictions said he is aware of two new cases each week from both law enforcement and community referrals; and Oasis Shelter

Home delivered 905 bed nights of shelter to women in 1999, compared to 314 bed nights four years ago, according to Toni Lopez, case manager.

Noted as positive outcomes over the five years are some more resources and greater awareness by the public leading to reporting more of the incidents which are recurring. Marty Litchfield of Human Services cited a printed report leaving Curry County out of the bottom five of worst Oregon counties last year.

"We now log every call," said Rector. All the panelists, including Paula Krogdahl, one of two victim assistance workers from the District Attorney's office know each other well. They meet weekly to coordinate interventions through a Multi-Disciplinary Team led by Barbara Eels of Services to Children and Families. Rector noted Curry County was doing this before it was mandated

Krogdahl spoke for all the panelists when she reported repeated discouragement when victims who cry out for help soon thereafter want their abuser to return home. This happens because the behavior patterns are deeply ingrained, and are passed down through generations. Lopez

said victims return to abusive situations 5 to 7 times before acting to permanently free themselves, on a national basis.

Two factors were mentioned independently by almost every speaker. There are still not enough resources, meaning we need more money. Drug and alcohol abuse are epidemic among adults and are growing problems for Curry County youth. Larger counties have more treatment available, including residential programs.

Litchfield said we send clients needing a residential program to Coos Bay, Eugene or Portland with waiting lists of months. Out-of-county treatment means the whole family cannot participate.

One bright spot is Human Service's use of managed care insurance programs to provide therapy to the worst and most chronic mental health cases. Today, counselors are seeing three times the number of general mental health cases, including family violence cases.

Another is the success of the 24-week group treatment for perpetrators of violence. Seal, who leads the sessions, says a follow-up of all clients completing the program since 1996 reported only two incidents of repeat violence. Recently he has begun a six-week group for victims to support them in dealing with their situations.

At the time of the League 1995 study, Curry County Council on Domestic Violence was formed to publicize events both good and bad and work for increased resources and public understanding. The organization no longer exists.

Volunteer Fish Fry

The 17th Annual Squaw Valley-North Bank Fish Fry in Gold Beach is Saturday, Feb. 12, from 11-7 at the Fairgrounds. It is the fire district's major fund-raiser. The "all-you-can-eat" event is \$6.95 for adults and \$3.00 for children under nine. Home-baked desserts, beer and wine available for an additional charge.

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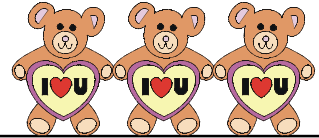
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scholarship application or gain additional information, OSSC has a web site (www.osscc.state.or.us). At present, the Pacific High School Alumni Foundation CD balance is \$1,700.

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The board is looking for three people from the community to serve on the screening committee. If you are interested, you need to send your name to the school district headquarters no later than Friday, February 18 to be considered for the committee. The school board will meet on Monday night, February 21, 7:00pm and form the committee.

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proval of the original Hawthorne motion. Commissioner Knapp then made a motion that Gayle Paige work four hours or whatever a day until the mediation and that Scott Macdonald serve as the liaison person between the Commission and the Port Manager. The motion carried 4-0.

Gayle Paige has gone back to work as Port Manager and the next step is the mediation process.

'Letter to the Editor,

Help! You won't believe what our school and ESD are up to now! They should be ashamed.

Normally children learn independently in the classroom with instructions from the teacher. But, autistic children who are mainstreamed don't learn independently. They need hands on, one on one instruction. The teacher and an aide are needed. The aide assists the child in the classroom, for lunch and recesses.

Autistic children are socially disabled. Normally they can't speak, communicate or socialize. Other children classified as disabled include children in wheel chairs,

those who can't walk, the blind, and the deaf. Autistic children can't socialize.

Socially they must deal with twice as many people instructing them than the normal children in the classroom. It's been this way for our son Vinny, 8, for four years at Driftwood Elementary.

This year however, ESD wants our socially disabled child to be instructed through his school day by 3 people: a teacher and they insist on splitting the full time position of his aide into two different people an AM aide and a PM aide. They expect him to socialize three times more than the normal students in order to be educated. I should say he is being forced to despite his concerns, documentation and letters of support from his doctor who states he would like to see Vinny have the stability of the same aide if possible each year. (He is currently treating 100 autistic children). Also his speech therapist of 3 years write it was her opinion that the impact would be disastrous for Vinny. It would cause difficulty for him to focus on his educational tasks with an change of aides midway thru his school day.

The school and ESD refuse to allow Vinny to just have one aide, which was the case during his first four school years.

He is being forced to socialize and be instructed by 3 person's a day in order to receive an education.

For an autistic child, that's like asking a wheel chair bound child to run a marathon!! A child in a wheel chair is not told to walk to be educated. A deaf child is not told to hear to be educated. A blind child is not told to see to be educated.

Are they going to ask a armless child to catch a ball first?

Why is a socially disabled autistic child made to socialize first or more to be educated. It certainly always takes away from the focus needed for their educational task's.

Isn't it the schools job to educate first?

What has happened to individual educational plans (IEP's)? This is discrimination –a blatant disregard for his disability.

Due to lack of stability appropriate for his needs at school, he has had to be home schooled since October. At this time the school and ESD claim they can't and won't establish the stability he has always had and needed – one sole aide in his school day and year.

Where's their necessity? Our son needs someone to depend on at home, at school and even to sleep! With that stability he does well at home, he can sleep well, (so can we) and we want him to be able to do his academics at school well.

Yes, he does depend on the aide at school, and he should!!!

P.S. wanted: an understanding, and friendly lawyer, who wants to stand on this to the Supreme Court!!!

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