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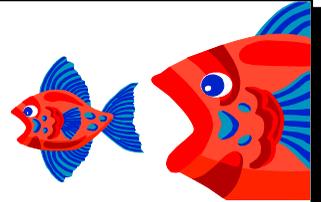
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Holy mackerel!
There's something fishy
at the Port of Port Orford.
It isn't a red herring, but
it's making people crabby!

Commission Fires Paige By Evan Kramer



The Port of Port Orford Commission met in special session last Thursday morning and all was not well. Port commissioners Leesa Cobb, David Darnell, Dave Knapp and

Scott Macdonald were present as well as Port Commission lawyer Randall Tosh. Commissioner Chris Hawthorne was not present.

The meeting was called by the Commission under ORS 192.660(1)(b) to discipline or discharge an employee, in this case Port Manager Gayle Paige. Port Commission chairperson Leesa Cobb said Chris Hawthorne had been contacted and that he supported the commission 100 percent.

Port Manager Gayle Paige was in attendance as well as her attorney Julie Point. Point took the floor and responded to a letter sent to Paige by the Commission. The letter, dated March 17, listed five reasons the commissioners were considering disciplining or discharging her.

[The commission's letter detailing their complaints and Gayle Paige's letter of response are reprinted below.]

Following the rebuttal statements by Gayle's attorney, Commissioner Macdonald said all employees are "employees at will." He then moved that Gayle Paige be discharged as Port Manager and the commission voted 4-0 in favor of his motion without any discussion. They then adjourned the meeting.

Gayle Paige and her lawyer Julie Point are filing a lawsuit charging wrongful discharge and will include the fact she is being fired for being a whistleblower.

According to two witnesses, Commissioner David Darnell walked outside the Port office after the meeting and told a group of people discussing who would replace Paige as Port manager that he personally guaranteed that Leesa Cobb wouldn't be hired as Port manager.

Two Port employees have quit their jobs at the Port in the last two weeks. The first person to give his two-week notice was lead hoist operator Larry Dell. He has been a valuable Port employee for eight years. Dell said that he is resigning due in part to the sorriest politics he has seen in his life. Port secretary Sheila Boren gave her two-week notice last week. This leaves the Port with two employees - David Barnes and Richard Mijs.

I called Leesa Cobb later that afternoon after the meeting and asked her who

would run the Port now. She made it very clear to me she is not interested in the job of Port manager. Cobb said the Port commission would hire an interim port manager with the help of Special Districts. The commission will also work on a strategy of hiring a full time manager.

The Commission's Letter

Following is the letter dated March 17, 2000 sent to Gayle Paige by the Port Commission.

Dear Ms. Paige:

The Commission for the Port of Port Orford has scheduled a special session for Thursday, March 23, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in the Offices of the Port of Port Orford, to consider whether you should be disciplined or discharged from your position as Port Manager. You have the right to be present, to have your attorney present, to hear the reasons the Commission believes discharge or discipline is appropriate, and to refute the charges orally or in writing.

The reasons why the Commission is considering discharge or discipline is that you have engaged in insubordination, as follows:

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- 1) You failed to bring complaints you had with alleged actions by Commission members up with the Commission itself in a timely and appropriate fashion and to address these complaints in a proper forum;
- 2) You failed to implement Port policy, in that you were directed to take certain safety measures, including installation of a ladder for the fishermen and lights on the dock, failed to do so, and then made misrepresentations to individual Commissioners that the ladder had been installed;
- 3) You changed the locks on Port offices with the intent to lock the Commissioners out of the facility and make it impossible to perform their elected duties;
- 4) You demonstrated disloyalty to the Port on numerous occasions, including

failing to attend a regular Port meeting scheduled on February 22, 2000, and provide appropriate materials for Commission decision making;

- 5) You had a meeting with Port employees on Port time in which you encouraged all the employees to quit their jobs if the Commission discharged you from your position as Port Manager.

In addition, your actions also indicate you no longer appear to have the required qualifications for the job, in that you have demonstrated that you are incapable of working well with the Commissioners, are unable to represent the Port in an appropriate manner, or act under the policy direction of the Commissioners as set forth in the Port of Port Orford Job Description for Port Manager.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Leesa Cobb, Commission President
 Port of Port Orford

Gayle Paige's Response

Following is Gayle's response, dated March 21, 2000, as she sent it to her Attorney, Juli Point, to be given to the Commission.

Dear Ms. Point:

I am in receipt of a letter dated March 17, 2000 which you received from Mr. Randall Tosh. I would like to respond to the allegations as follows:

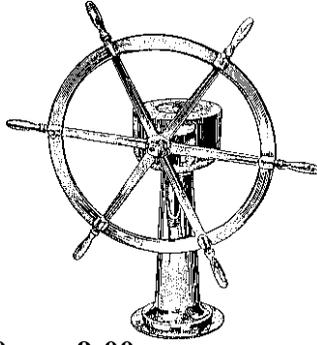
- 1) I have addressed complaints which I have had with actions of the Commission members to both Leesa Cobb as the president of the Commission and to individual commissioners. I spoke several times with Ms. Cobb regarding the potential problems which could incur due to Mr. David Darnell talking to the contractor

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about extensions on the contract. Ms. Cobb and I also discussed the direct conflict of interest that Mr. David Knapp had. I talked to Mr. Knapp about this also, yet he again voted on contract issues at a following meeting. I had talked to Ms. Cobb about her husband's actions and concerns about him stating "He could do whatever he wanted as his wife was the president of the Port Commission." I also discussed the diesel and/or hydraulic oil spill that came from the F/V Spirit [Darryl Cobb's boat] which Port employees cleaned up before it got in the waterway. I mentioned that he had called in an employee during Christmas to put his boat in the water. That is the one day we are closed. After my confrontation with Ms. Cobb on January 26, 2000, I made a telephone call to Mr. Chris Hawthorne the following day to discuss problems that were developing and to explain the confrontation with Ms. Cobb.

2) The port is in the middle of a big construction project and the entire dock is being replaced. Needless to say this creates some inconveniences to the users.

There has been a ladder by the main boat hoist since the transition from permanent to temporary operations. The ladder in question was a second one that was for the convenience of the fishermen so they could climb up and watch their fish being weighed. The lights that I was talked to about were the lights for the buyers to use to do their paperwork. I spoke with Ms. Cobb and Mr. Knapp about the ladder. I informed both of them that if the Commission wanted a second ladder I would have it installed. To my knowledge the commission never held a meeting to discuss the second ladder. It seems as if they felt this was a safety issue, an emergency meeting should have been called to direct me to have the second ladder installed. I would like to point out that I have had numerous safety awards during my employ at the Port and had recently had OSHA come through and review our operations and meet with the Port employees.

3) There is no policy that Commissioners should have keys to the Port offices. There have been times in the past where Commissioners have taken Port Letterhead and written letters as if they were authorized by the Commission. It is my

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responsibility as Manager for the safe keeping of records and it became apparent that the records were not safe as some confidential files were removed from my office. Access could have been achieved by having one of the Port employees open the Port office and I fail to see how the Commissioners would need keys to perform their elected duties of setting policy. Port of Gold Beach attorney Frank Roberts informed me that it is not normal for Commissioners to have keys. During my employ at the Port I have changed the locks several times to provide for safe keeping of Port Records.

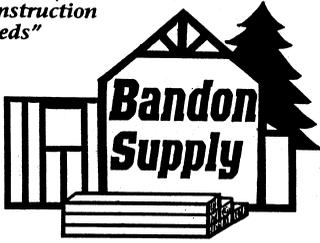
4) I believe the Commission is in receipt of my Doctor's Release from work. As yet, I have not been released for duty, and I continue to receive medical attention and medication for my job related stress.

5) To the contrary, I have encouraged Sheila Boren and Larry Dell to retain their jobs, and to do what is best for themselves, not me. This was not done on Port time. I have never encouraged the employees to quit their jobs. We have conducted staff meetings for several months and initially met twice a month, but went to weekly meetings in order to make sure we operated as safely as possible.

As you know, I continue to receive medical treatment for my condition. It is my understanding that Scott Macdonald in-

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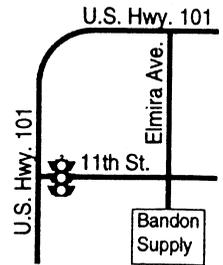
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formed the rest of the staff that I would not be returning to work on 3/1/00 during their safety meeting. On 3/2/00 the locks to the Port Offices were changed. As employees had keys, I fail to see how changing the locks would be needed to continue day to day operations. If you need another copy of my Doctor's release from work I would be happy to provide it to you.

As you know I have been employed with the Port since August of 1989 and during my term of employment have worked with numerous commissioners. I have also been successful in securing close to \$4 million in grants and putting together a \$5.5 million dock replacement project. It is beyond me how I can be considered disloyal.

I request that this statement be made a permanent part of my personnel file.

Sincerely,

M. Gayle Paige

Special Port Meeting By Valerie Jean Kramer

The Port of Port Orford held a special meeting on Tuesday, March 28 at 11:00 am in the Port Offices. Present were President Leesa Cobb and Commissioners David Knapp, David Darnell, and Scott McDonald. There were four items on the agenda.

1) Review RFP response for attorney and select attorney: Apparently Randall Tosh was the only attorney to reply to the port's Request For Proposal (RFP). David Knapp moved his acceptance and the motion passed unanimously.

2) Hiring Interim Port Manager: Former Coos-Curry Electric Coop mogul Ed Schlender was in the audience and after making a brief statement and being asked

one or two questions about his availability, David Knapp moved to accept resolution 2003 contracting with Ed Schlender for Interim Port Manager service. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Approve Change Order: The electrical building needs to be extended 16" to allow room for equipment. David Knapp declared a conflict of interest and Scott McDonald declared a potential conflict of interest. David Darnell moved to approve the roughly \$4,900 expense but not to allow a time extension. The motion passed without dissent.

4) Fill Port Position: Scott McDonald moved to begin advertising for a new hoist operator. The motion passed unanimously.

Leesa Cobb adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. - a total of 11 minutes!

Choices

By Graeme Graydon



When anyone finds that I am from New Zealand, I inevitably get the question – Why would I leave there to come here? Their tone implies that I must

have made a mistake or done something terribly wrong. Most people over here, want to go there, they've seen it on TV. The "here" has been anywhere from the Catskill Mountains of New York to the Southern Oregon Coast. It's a long story and not very believable but here is a short part of it, how I "chose" to come to America.

For a year, my family life had been pretty much out of control and I had been praying for, that is begging, to know what to do. One night, I got so pissed off at my predicament, that I lost my cool, waved my fist defiantly in the face of the Heavens and let "them" have it. "I didn't ask for this mess. It's not my fault – Well, ok, cancel that one, but I don't know what to do. You show me what to do clearly – and I'll do it." I was careful to stress "clearly" – I didn't want some wimpy sign. Give it to me straight, and then I realized that I had better agree to actually do what "they" might suggest as my part of the deal – no matter what. Hey, I needed some answers.

Dumping my problems on the Universe didn't solve much, but it did keep me from losing my marbles. A little time went by – there were some heavy-duty changes, and there I was, early one morning, coming out of meditation with a clear, calm voice in my head saying, "Graeme, you know you have to go to New York." I just about had a fit. New York! The darkest place on earth, I had read stories in the Readers Digest and Time Magazine. The small voice didn't argue, there were no reasons given, no higher purpose revealed – just, you know you have to go to New York. I

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jumped up and ran three-quarters of a mile to my mailbox, (even though it was way too early for the mail), and back again. The voice persisted, calmly in my head. Alright, so I had asked for clear directions, but New York? I should have requested a choice of my favorite places when I made the deal. Too late now, and how much clearer could they be? I was stuck with it - "Ok, I'll go to New York, but stop me if I'm wrong." Without telling anyone, I got my first passport and then a visa from the US Embassy in Auckland. That was how my choice was made. I didn't just sit down at the end of my farming career and wonder - "Now lets see, what will I do next?"

That was 27 years ago. From here, I can see the perfect sense of being sent to New York. With a few more clear directions from the Guys Upstairs, I found the one who was waiting for me, and from there, the dance that has been my life. Why did I leave New Zealand? – Because my life had been completed there, and the people I would need, the teachers, the loves, my companions of time, including you who read this, would all be found on the other side of the planet, I really had no choice at all.

Police Log

3-21-00, 12:30pm: NSF check at Chevron – report taken.

3-21-00, 12:45pm: Sick raccoon spotted on 14th St., heading west – referred to OSP and Animal Control.

3-21-00, 3:20pm: Complaint of dog barking at 510 Madrona – owner contacted.

3-21-00, 3:30pm: Criminal Mischief at CCFU – report taken.

3-21-00, 5:45pm: Minor hit and run at Sentry – report taken.

3-23-00, 1:13pm: Report of sick raccoon at Driftwood Elementary Parking lot – Animal Control and OSP contacted.

3-23-00, 5:55pm: Complaint of harassment of 4 wheeler at Paradise Point Beach – referred to OSP.

3-24-00, 3:15pm Report of transient panhandling at Jewels by the Sea – moved on.

3-26-00, 8:20pm: Welfare check on children at residence on Arizona – checked okay.

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Bagels, Brookies and the Beatles – will have the student building bagels from four very different recipes, each appealing to a very different kind of cook. The class will explore two secrets to preparing perfect bagels – Brookies and the Beatles – while sampling a selection of tasty toppings. This class is offered in Port Orford on Monday, April 17 & 24, and in Gold Beach on Thurs., May 4 & 11.

The classes run from 6:30pm to 9:30pm and are two sessions. The cost per two-session class is \$20 and pre-registration with pre-payment are required.

The classes are taught by cookbook author and previous food-columnist Mary Taylor. Mary has appeared in cooking demonstrations, in addition to several of hr recipes winning prizes in national competitions.

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

The Califoregonian By Nella R. Abbott

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The entertainment portion of the program will feature Kelli Crook of Décor and More, Bandon, offering fresh new "choices" for decorating your home that will spring you right out of your winter doldrums.

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A standard (non-pediatric) class will also be offered on Saturday, April 29 at the same location and cost. Again, pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

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Letter to the Editor,

I hope that you will share the following with all your readers.

1. Measure 08-31, referred by the Curry Health District is not a tax levy. The referral measure does not request local property taxes to pay or repay anything. The caption of the measure is clear: "... without property taxes."

2. The measure simply authorizes a local decision to be made as to "where and what" will be purchased with "already appropriated" USDA community improvement funds. Those funds will be spent/used by some community, somewhere, within the next few months.

3) This proposal does not force local citizens to spend local dollars to improve the local sewer systems. That necessity and obligation already exists. Some of those improvements have been completed and many others are being initiated with existing budgeted funds. Any funds to be received by the districts would be used to assist in completion of those existing obligations.

4) The Assisted Living Facility will pay the sanitary districts a considerable one

time "hook-up fee" and a regular monthly user fee for continued maintenance of the systems.

5) You will be receiving your ballot for the primary election in about four weeks. You can then choose "YES" or "NO".

A NO vote says, "I want those already appropriated improvement funds to be spent somewhere else. This community doesn't need anything. Our elderly citizens can go somewhere else for living assistance; maybe to the Nursing Home. We aren't needing help ourselves. Do the improvement in Roseburg, Washington State, Idaho or Montana; Certainly not here! We don't mind paying (with our Federal taxes) for improvements somewhere else. Let someone else choose how and where to spend all our Federal taxes."

A YES vote says, "I appreciate the effort and planning that has gone into the development of this proposal that will allow improvement to the quality of life in my area of the county. I want anyone who wants to live here to have the opportunity for assisted living, when needed. The time has come for some of the Federal tax I pay to be spent here, for things that I

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T. V. Skinner

Spring Beach Clean Up

Help! Once again the time has come for the annual "Great Oregon Beach Clean Up". Oregon State Parks are seeking volunteers to assist in the beach clean up which will be held Saturday, April 8, 2000 from 10am - 1pm.

There will be access point coordinators at Cape Blanco State Park beach parking lot, Battle Rock City Park, Ophir Rest Area and Gold Beach on the South Jetty. These are meeting sites for signing in, getting SOLV garbage bags and receiving safety tips.

This annual event gives you a chance to participate in enhancing the cleanliness of a beautiful asset, our beaches. Through beach clean up we provide cleaner, safer beaches for both Oregonians and visitors alike. With your help we can make this years annual beach clean up a big success!

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Port Orford Library By Paula Cracas

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If you enjoy reading about the lives of other people, *Abe, A Novel of the Young Lincoln*, by Richard Slotkin is another story of success and hardship, this time about a "man who changed the course of American history." More success and hardship in *River Horse, A Voyage Across America* by William Least Heat-Moon is about his journey, from sea to sea, on our "country's rivers, lakes, canals," etc.

The Port Orford Library is chock-full of adventure stories for the very young to the not-so-very young. New books are arriving every day. Check us out.

Gramma Twiggins

Ever had a wish come true? "Gramma Twiggins" does!

Port Orford Community Theater wants to make some wishes come true.

On Thursday, March 30th and Friday March 31st at 7pm in the recreation room at the Madronna 101 RV Park auditions will be held for the Wishing Tree.

A cast of 7 women and 1 tree is needed. Ages range from early twenties to 2 Grandmothers – the tree has no age!

The play takes place in the "Widder Sparks" home in "Tarnation Neb." Where several wishes are granted when unwittingly asked for, and several that are granted with a slight twist – depends on the Wishing Tree.

Port Orford Community Theater needs actor, set builders, painters, you name it! So come and join us for fun and work. For more information contact Colleen Harrison, who will direct The Wishing Tree, at 332-2233, or Sonja Mason at 332-8630.

Sunset Garden Club

Sunset Garden Club Members: Make your reservations now for Spring Conference in Coos Bay, April 11th. Call Paula Dearing 332-2145 day or 332-6802 eves.

Letter to the Editor,

This art show of fantastic birdhouses at the Transaction

Gallery overlooking the Port is not to be missed. The artist, Lester Bridgemen of Port Orford is really talented and will go far. The fantastic birdhouses he fashions - which are really "found art" sculptures, are enormously creative and imaginative.

I have been to a lot of art openings but have never been moved to write anything about one, (or actually buy a piece). But within 5 minutes of entering this show "Bazillions of Bird Houses", I bought one.

The very low prices on these pieces, most between \$30 and \$100 mean they will not last long. The show runs through the 14th.

Don't miss it.

Jim Britell

Letter to the Editor,

Here comes the mud! It seems some bombastic "retired former" engineer has seen fit to bring up twenty-some year old news regarding Peg and Mark's home. If anybody really gives a rat's patooty, let's look at what Peg CAN do for this county. Let's consider her abilities as far as an effective manager of county operations. Experienced. Capable.

Peg is challenging, running on her own merits. She need not appoint "retired formers" to reiterate retired bygone lowdown! Hello?!

I am in hopes that the intelligent, imaginative voting populace realize that we are in the 21st century now and that rather than dwelling in the past, Peg Reagan is looking to our County's future.

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Poem for Bob By C & C Courtney

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Health District News

Remodeling in the patient wing is complete. The new carpet is installed. Inpatient room decorating is scheduled next. Staff looks forward to showing off the facility to the general public during an open house set May 7 for National Hospital Week .

The new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system has been installed in all patient rooms and surgical units. The new installation is the first hospital-wide system since the hospital was built in 1951.

Bone density measurements for patients at risk for osteoporosis continue to increase at Curry General with radiology department's newly acquired, state-of-the-art 3D QCT measurement system. The equipment measures the density of bones with greater accuracy and resolution than previous equipment. Harvey Hatch, M.D., radiologist, says Medicare will pay for the cost of a bone density

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measurement for all post-menopausal women. If the QCT shows a reduction in bone loss, physicians now can prescribe methods of building bone density and preventing potentially lethal fractures. For details, phone (541) 247-3117.

Sharon Hatch, R.N., diabetes educator, is teaching diabetes education courses in Gold Beach, Brookings and Port Orford., through the Curry County Public Health Department. The Port Orford course is set for May 3, 10, 17, and 24. For details, phone Hatch at (541) 247-3105 or 1-800-445-8085, ext. 105.

Inpatients for February totaled 120 patient days; while outpatient visits totaled 1,593. Looking at the census calculated during the fiscal year to date, inpatients totaled 1,017 patient days so far this fiscal year compared to 1,044 during the same period last year. Outpatient visits during the fiscal year to date total 14,377 in the current year compared to 12,604 visits in the same period last year.

Newborns in February totaled seven. There have been 51 babies born during the current fiscal year to date, compared to 70 born during the same period last year.

The hospital recently received an additional \$10,000 in grant funds from Avon to continue early detection awareness and outreach for Curry County women.

The hospital has reinstated its toll-free telephone line, (800) 445-8085, thanks in

part to grant funding. The district had halted the service for about three months during an emergency financial crunch last fall.

Del Barber, PAC, is now managing operations at the Curry Family Medical clinic in Port Orford. Barber joined the clinic just after the first of the year. The clinic also will welcome new family physician, Kenneth Manuele, D.O., who is due to begin seeing Port Orford patients in early May.

Dale Thomas, Nancy Baum, R.N., and Bob Van Leer continue to coordinate a health district board advisory group of Curry County residents interested in bringing an assisted living facility to Gold Beach.

Free PAP tests, clinical breast exams and tests for cholesterol and diabetes will be offered when the hospital partners with the Curry County Public Health Department to host women's screenings. The screenings will be held in Port Orford throughout the day May 16. Free Avon goodie bags will be distributed.

Newborns and their moms now receive a free classical music CD called "Build Your Baby's Brain." Thanks to a program developed by McKenzie-Willamette Hospital and The Sony corporation, Curry parents now have an opportunity to promote the importance of music in early childhood development for their infants, according to Ginny Hochberg, MSN.

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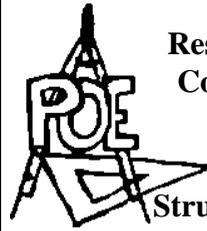
A While Ago By Jane Cramer

A while ago someone asked me where Little America was. When I explained that it was at the very end of the road at the top of Coast Guard Hill, the next question was "Why is it called Little America?" That was a good question and something I had wondered about for a long time. I thought there must be a connection between the name and the old Coast Guard Station, but I didn't know how it all fit together until recently.

Let's go back to 1932 when \$83,500 was appropriated to build a Coast Guard Station in Port Orford. By April 1933 there was a new road winding up the hill to the formerly inaccessible Port Orford Heads. Construction of the various Coast Guard buildings began soon after. The Coast Guard station was completed and commissioned in 1934.

Vernice Masterson performed secretarial work for Port Orford's first Mayor, Gilbert E. Gable, in 1939 and 1940. Gilbert Gable bought land on Port Orford Heads in 1934 according to an unpublished manuscript in which she recorded some of her memories of Mr. Gable. This land was just past the new Coast Guard Station, so it was favorably situated for Coast Guard families. He broke his property up into small lots and offered them to Coast Guardsmen who wanted to live with their families and still be close to the station since they had to be readily available

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when they were needed for a rescue.

Mayor Gable was a very patriotic man so he named it Little America because the people who lived there worked for the United States Government.

During the active days of the Coast Guard Station there were about 10 Coast Guard families living in their houses in Little America. Lucile Douglas remembers taking part in a shivaree held for a newly married Coast Guard couple at their Little America home. By the late 1970's there were only three houses left there. Some of the houses had been moved to other locations; others deteriorated and were finally torn down.

Today Little America is a lovely residential area and the families living there enjoy fabulous views of the Port Orford Reef, Garrison Lake or the coastline between Agate Beach and Cape Blanco Lighthouse. Visitors who ooh and ah about the scenery are often unaware of the history of the Coast Guard families in the Little America of a while ago.

Port Orford Police Dept.

The Port Orford Police Department announces the graduation of Officer Milo Arnesen from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Academy, Class No. 236, in Monmouth, Oregon on April 7, 2000.

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Officer Arnesen will be expected to complete a field-training manual in order to receive his certification once he returns to Port Orford.

The Graduation Ceremony will commence at 20am, in the Louks Lecture Hall at the Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. NE, Salem, Oregon.

Awards will be presented to outstanding officers for performance in academic achievement, professionalism, defensive tactics, firearm skills, and health and physical fitness.

Families of the students, supervisors, department heads, and city and county officials will be among the guests.

Prom Fashion Show

The Pacific High School Project Graduation Committee and the Senior Class would like you to mark your calendars for Friday, April 7, 7pm for the Annual Prom Fashion Show, to be held in the Pacific High School Gymnasium. Come and enjoy an evening of refreshments and entertainment provided by the Class of 2000. Hope to see you there...



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Senior News By Mary Yoder

March 23rd - As usual will start out with Rotary luncheon – Volunteers working – were Pattie Young, Roald Young, Mary Evans, Judy Franklin, Owen Miller, Bessie Laurson. Setting up the dining room Mary Yoder with the help of Lila Sarratt – isn't that great our van driver doing other things besides driving.

March 25th – luncheon – working were Betty Berger, Dutch Hanourer, Mary Evans, Greta Carver, Betty Harper – cooking, serving, cleaning and dishes aren't they special? Also there was a speaker who gave a talk on crime prevention – did a very informative talk. Her name Shelly McCormthy – she was from Coos Bay.

Now I was told there will be walking on Monday and Friday 8:30 besides Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The only difference is the leader will not be there Monday and Friday –but all are welcome to attend.

Oh yes at the luncheon Pauline Lenox took care of the money box and Kay Neal and Thelma Lagace – the rummage sale.

March 28th membership meeting more about it next week. April 3rd pinochle 7pm. April 4th Nutrition meeting at 10am. April 8th luncheon at 11:30 – Rummage Sale 8am till 1pm. April 9th breakfast 8am till 1pm Rummage sale 8:30 till 1pm. April 11 Board meeting 11am. Hearing aide and blood pressure 9:30 to 12 noon.

Oh yes April has five Saturday's so number five is pot luck.

It seems to me that a man's a man
If he's humble enough to say
He's sorry for some wrong he's done
To some one along the way

But the way is sad for the man too proud
To admit that he was wrong
He's just one step from Happiness
But pride makes that step so long.

Rodeo Comes to Gold Beach

Many of the northwest's top rodeo contestants will participate in the Second Annual Curry County Rough Stock Rodeo in the indoor arena at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach at 7:30pm March 31 and April 1.

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saddle, bronc, and bull riding. Cowgirls will compete in barrel racing. Adding excitement will be an event called "Bull Poker" as seen on TV. Four people pay a \$50 entry fee to sit in the middle of the arena playing poker while a bull is turned loose. The last person sitting in his chair wins, taking all the entry money as a prize. Several people are already signed up for this crowd pleaser and you can sign up at the event each evening.

Promoter and announcer Wayne White of Creswell Oregon commented that the bull poker event is for those who have ice water running through their veins. "It can be very unnerving sitting at a table with a bull breathing down your neck."

The Howell Rodeo Company of Crow, Oregon, will provide bucking horses and bulls, many of them champions in their own right.

Tickets are available in Port Orford at Kar Kare Auto Parts for \$10 each. (Children 6 and under, FREE.) Tickets at the door cost \$12.

The "Cowboy's Party After" dance will be held at The Rogue Landing each night after the rodeo. For info, call Wild West Events at 541-895-5335



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Letter to the Editor,

I am supporting Peg Reagan for the democratic nomination for county commissioner because of her proven qualifications for the job and her demonstrated record of service to Curry County.

I have always felt that she brought good judgment to the issues that came before the commission when she served as commissioner – not that I always agreed with her.

As county commissioner Peg has exercised considerable insight into the fundamental financial issues facing Curry County Taxpayer – the declining timber sales receipts from federal lands and the increasing demand by citizens for county services. Because of her past experience and the knowledge and contacts with state and County's share of grants and other program assistance from state and Federal governments.

As a part of her consulting business, she has further developed and maintained good working relationships with county commissioners across the state and is well respected for her abilities and knowledge of the issues facing county government. I have worked with candidate Reagan since 1994 when she and I attended meetings of the Rogue Basin Steering Committee, I as a representative of the Lower Rogue Watershed Council, and Peg Reagan as Curry County Commissioner. As we attended several monthly meetings, I was to observe Peg Reagan's effec-

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tiveness as she argued for Basin-wide and equal representation by all the stakeholders in the effort to formulate Southern Oregon's plans to help save Salmon.

I ask all Democratic voters to join with me to support the experienced candidate for the democratic nomination for county commissioner.

John Lighty

Cape Blanco Gun Club

First an apology to Scott Wurster and his team for neglecting to give them credit for winning the League Trap meet held last winter and early spring. The team, well named the Dogs of War included Bob Shultz Sales Manager, Tower Ford, Howard Ganette, Service Manager, Honda and Bob Scoville, retired. Wurster's team finished 14 targets ahead of Scott Macdonald's team. As stated before the league refuses to allow the Cape Blanco members shooting together on the same team.

Wednesday night's practice was limited to a meeting to discuss future plans and to elect a new slate of officers. They are: Scott Macdonald, President, Scott Wurster, Vice President, Bill Oleson continues as Secretary/Treasurer. Directors include Rudi Breuer, Bill Kemper, George Welch and Ron Puhl, Past President. An invitation to pistol shooters is being extended to join the club. A portion of our facility could be set aside, how-

ever, the expense of the pistol range would be the responsibility of the pistol group. The last Sunday in April will be opened to all novices, bird hunters or anyone who wants to experience trap shooting without competing. Cape Blanco members will instruct and coach. Trap shells will be provided at cost (twelve gauge) only. There has been talk of a barbecue also.

Sunday March 26th trap meet belonged to Scott Wurster all the way. He and Scott Macdonald tied at 48 targets, Oleson was a distant 46th. Both Scotts agreed to use the Handicap part of the program to decide the winner of the 16 yard singles. Wurster won the Handicap also with the rest of us poor seconds. Visit our facility, Wednesday afternoons (after 4pm) and the second and fourth Sundays beginning at 9:30am.

Acting Workshop

The next Port Orford Community Theatre Acting Workshop will be held at the Port Orford Senior Center on Saturday, April 8th from 2 to 4 pm. The first workshop was enjoyed by participants who ranged in age from 11 to 70-something. Since many people have requested it, future workshops will be held in the evening. The day of the week to be determined. If you would like to state a preferred day, or if you have any questions about the workshop please call Nella at 541-332-9110 after April 4th.

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If voters pass ALF ballot, facility construction will begin in June

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Curry Health District proposes to bring a 43-unit Assisted Living Facility (ALF) to the area to help meet the demand for elderly housing, "combining independent living with personal care in a cozy, dignified setting," according to the district's fact sheet. Assisted living allows residents to live out their years close to loved ones without leaving their longtime home communities. The ALF will offer multiple levels of care, depending on individual need.

The Wedderburn ALF will include 34 studio units and nine one-bedroom units. Residents will be encouraged to use common areas including a dining room, activity room, beauty salon, living room with fireplace, laundry and library/sitting room. Well behaved pets will be wel-

comed.

The Wedderburn site, off Ocean Way about a mile north of Gold Beach, also allows for a 10-unit expansion in the future.

If voters authorize the district to begin construction in June, the ALF is expected to be ready for residency by the summer of 2001. To view similar facilities, local residences are encouraged to visit the Addie Meedom House in Crescent City.

For more information, phone Ginny Hochberg, or Dale Thomas, co-chair of the health district's ALF advisory committee, (541) 247-7169.

Karaoke For Kids

Toot Toot The Clown Club will provide a free presentation of Karaoke For Kids at the Port Orford Community Center on Sunday, April 2 from 2:00-6:00pm.

Activities also include balloon animals, face painting, Italian Sodas, Popcorn, and Cotton Candy.

The event is sponsored by the Garden Café and the Driftwood Boosters.

Letter to the Editor,

Our recent book sale was quite the success despite high winds and big rains. We raised just over \$600 thanks to hard work by: book sorters Mark Eikamp, Betsy Harrison, Wade Lindsay, Jim Donaldson, Heather and Stan Chinowsky, Pearlann Barbieri, Bouchen O'Neill, Jon Porter, Loretta Hillman and the Wildman Bros.; book sellers Anna Ruby Waxham-Blackwell, Ann Robbins, Carrie Eggert and Loretta Hillman; and book movers Joe McDermott, Ian Ousley, Yvonne Ousley, Jerry and Loretta Hillman, Christo Schwartz, and Jon Porter. The continental breakfast provided by Mary James, Yvonne Ousley, Ann Robbins, Pearlann Barbieri and Ellen Tomaschewski was delicious. Special thanks to BookMen Extraordinaire, John and Jim Wildman and the Friends of Bandon Library for going more than an extra mile. Next year we'll do it all again—in our new library.

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Blanco Boys Basketball by M.J. Weinblatt

The Blanco Eagles 8th grade boys basketball season ended with eight wins, two losses and ten new school records; in-

credible accomplishments for a team of only seven players. Coach Amy Brown's team averaged 25.4 field goals per game, breaking the previous school record. Five of the ten new records are now held by six foot guard, Billy Weinblatt, three are credited to Daniel House, while the remaining two are team records. Weinblatt's record-breaking accomplishments include 42 points scored in a single game, 20 baskets in one game, 133 season baskets (13.3 per game), 194 rebounds (19.4 per game), and the high scoring record with 305 points (30.5 per game). House leads the Eagle's stealing record with 41 steals (4.1 per game) and 15 assists in a single game. Nick Longton's outside shooting ability was an asset contributing to the overall points scored in each game. Quick feet allowed team member, Jeff Carpenter, to help improve the squad's overall defense. Shawn Novotny, Jay Paquin-Beldin, and Whitney Peters were all important to the team's success as well. “It was fun, everyone learned a lot and improved in their skills,” Coach Brown commented. The winning season reflects excellent teamwork between each player.

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Letter to the Editor,

I am writing in regards to the firing of the Port Orford Dock Manager. There are so many stories flying around that some of them surely need cleared up. One the Port Commission has been quoted as saying they were unhappy because Mrs. Paige did not accept the mediator's findings. They were supposed to keep all of that information confidential yet they use the cost of it like a club. There have been three different articles in the newspapers and all three had a different figure for the cost of mediation. It was my understanding that a State Mediator would have been considerably less. But would that have achieved the same result? How much did it cost?

What was in that list of Mediation requests that would cause Mrs. Paige to refuse to sign it? Why would her Attorney advise her against it? Maybe that should be examined more by the press. How was she disloyal? She has put her heart and soul into this project and as her father I can tell you she has lived and breathed that Port even by using her own time and money putting it on her web page. She has missed family get-togethers and left early because of Port business ever since

she started this project. How was she in-subordinate? She didn't agree with a phone call from a Port Commissioner that was acting on a complaint by her husband, which she didn't feel was a commission request.

What prompted one of the Commissioners to acknowledge he had a conflict of interest? Why was her work satisfactory until this problem if she was disloyal? She had assembled a good working crew that ran the Port on a shoestring? Two of them have handed in resignations with the Manager advising them not to. Why are they leaving also? Why is it so important to tell in every news release how much her Salary was? She turned down a couple of jobs that would have made her much more money but out of her Loyalty to the Port, she stayed with the project as she knew how important to the fishermen of the area and the commerce of the town. I have to wonder why it wasn't just as important to some of them. I know one thing she put so much of her self into this that it has put her on the verge of a nervous breakdown. She was a basket case when my wife went in and picked her up the day the Commissioner called her on the phone and what was said by that indi-

vidual I have no idea but I can tell you it was the straw that broke the camels back. I can also tell you that the reason she hasn't said much is that she was under a Gag Order that kept her from giving out Port information. She can now tell her story to those that may be interested.

I have my daughter back now and she is coming back slowly to being able to talk about the Port Project without breaking up. She will survive this and be stronger for it. I want to thank those that actively supported her during this ordeal and as the saying goes the last word has not yet been spoken. I have also sent a request to Senator Defazio to investigate this matter. Best Regards,

John H. Austin, Jr.
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Mushroom ID Workshop

Not sure if that's a good mushroom or a poisonous one? Learn to identify local wild mushrooms, their basic characteristics and locations, in the popular Mushroom Identification workshop. Positive identification of edible and non-edible species, recipes, preparation for food and methods of preserving will be stressed. Other topics that are covered include: spore prints, medicinal and other uses, and the history of mushrooms.

The class is in Gold Beach and starts with a lecture and slides Fri., April 7, from 6pm to 9am, enables students to locate and identify wild mushrooms. Afterwards, everyone will meet and learn how to prepare the harvested mushrooms. Lunch will include samples that have been picked in the wild.

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