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**A Brand New Year
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Port Asks for Apology

By Evan Kramer



The Port of Port Orford Commission met on Tuesday night, December 18, with all commissioners present. The meeting was rocked towards the end with charges that Curry County commissioner Lucie La Bonte had interfered with Port business.

The commission began by approving the minutes of the two previous meetings. Then under persons to be heard Jane Kramer spoke to the commission and apologized for not being at the two previous Port meetings. She thanked the commission for considering the letter about the public fishing dock and where we are at now with alternative areas for the fishing dock. Port manager Kathy Sherbourne said the public can always use the alternative areas and that they weren't off limits.

Kathy Sherbourne said she had gone to a Port manager's meeting on November 30 in Bandon. She said the Oregon Public Port's Association would help with marketing. She said the Ports presented OPPA with a list of what they expect from that organization.

The Commission discussed a letter from the owner of the FV Legacy that they wanted to pay the monthly fee on using the Port facilities the previous two months. The fee for parking a fishing boat on the dock is \$160 a month. The fee for boats not paying the monthly fee is \$15 to hoist it in and out of the water. Commissioner David Darnel said the boat owner should be charged \$15 a day because they don't have a boat slip. Commission president Dave Knapp said it is evident the Port policy has been set and that the commission had passed the rates. He said the manager should take care of the situation.

The commission discussed the Port website. David Darnell said he had met with Jay Stoler and that Stoler had given the website to the Port. Darnell made a motion to accept the website and the motion passed 5-0. Dave Knapp thanked Jay for his work on behalf of the website.

The commission next dealt with the surge problem. Commission members and Kathy Sherbourne haven't been to Brookings yet to study the surge situation there yet. One suggestion was to get an oceanography student to work on the problem because at this point no one seems to have an answer for the problem. Bill Oleson recommended the commission go back to the shock absorber sys-

tem as a solution to the problem. Dave Knapp said there had been some damage to boats at the Port caused by the surge problem. Kathy Sherbourne said the product hoists need to be close to the dock for offloading product. Commissioner Gifford Barnes showed the commission a 1991 map of a proposed east breakwater. Barnes said the Port could solve the dredging and surge problems with the east breakwater, which could also serve as a public fishing dock. Barnes recommended the commission go to the Army Corps of Engineers and talk to them about the breakwater. Barnes then made a motion to have a committee study the east breakwater composed of two commissioners and the manager to converse with the Corps of Engineers about the east jetty. The motion passed and Jeff Miles, Gifford Barnes and Kathy Sherbourne will serve on the committee.


Kathy Sherbourne discussed credit card use at the rebuilt fuel system. She said the Port could offer users of the fuel system the ability to pay for their fuel with

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Sat	Dec 29, 2001	4:12a	3.7	10:13a	8.6	5:25p	-1.1			7:46a	4:53p	4:29p	7:44a	
Sun	Dec 30, 2001	12:09a	6.5	4:59a	3.7	10:56a	8.8	6:07p	-1.4	7:46a	4:54p	5:29p	8:42a	FM
Mon	Dec 31, 2001	12:53a	6.7	5:46a	3.7	11:40a	8.9	6:50p	-1.6	7:47a	4:55p	6:35p	9:32a	
Tue	Jan 1, 2002	1:41a	6.8	6:35a	3.8	12:26p	8.7	7:35p	-1.5	7:47a	4:56p	7:46p	10:15a	
Wed	Jan 2, 2002	2:25a	7.0	7:30a	3.7	1:17p	8.4	8:21p	-1.1	7:47a	4:57p	8:59p	10:50a	
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Port Report By Kathy Sherbourne, Port Manager

Crab season officially started December 11 and most of the vessels were out setting pots. Storms and tide have kept many on the dock for the last few days, but hopefully there will be a break and the crews will be able to finish getting their pots out. There are expectations for a better season that last year, but it's a wait and see situation. Reports of lost crew and vessels have already come in from Newport and Eureka. It's a dangerous business and loss of life is always sad to hear.

On November 30 I attended a South Coast Port Managers meeting in Bandon, attended by the Port of Coos Bay, Brookings Harbor and Bandon with executive representatives from OPPA. There was general discussion regarding the Oregon Public Ports Association, the importance of membership and of the

Ports standing together on specific issues, including dredging. The result was a letter to OPPA signed by the Ports of Coos Bay, Brookings Harbor, Siuslaw, Bandon, Gold Beach, Umpqua, Coquille and Port Orford stating concerns to be addressed by OPPA, with continued support of all Ports that were represented.

Just a quick statement regarding our new fuel facilities...in past months accountability of Port fuel was very questionable and manual inventory always reflected a loss of fuel from 50 to 280 gallons per month. In November, however, the inventory sheets showed only a seven gallon difference and this may be contributed to test runs. The new system allows each transaction to be monitored by date, time, personnel, vessel/account number, type of fuel, number of gallons (to a 100th of a gallon) and dollar value. There will be no more fuel lost or unaccounted. Port of Brookings Harbor vis-

ited our Port and looked at our system. They are also upgrading and installing new fuel facilities. They were very impressed at the ease of operation and administrative control. 'Course, we learned the hard way, but passed on as much information regarding State Fire Code requirements and fuel system components as we could. Hopefully no other Port will have to go through what we did.

It's that time of year again and with Christmas only a few days away I'm sure all of you are busy with holiday activities and getting ready for Santa's visit. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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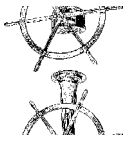
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Do Unto Others By Graeme Graydon

My life a dairy farmer in New Zealand didn't allow much time to take things easy. My wife Gloria, and I worked long days within the demands of weather and season, she raised 30 or so calves each year along with caring for two children and the household side of things. For nine months of the year, there was no such thing as weekends off – not even a Sunday, but it was a good life – and we steadily improved our home and farm. Sometimes I would see my neighbors but rarely get close enough to talk to them, but because of the rolling nature of our farms, I was able to keep an eye on 5 farmers around me, what they were doing and sometimes what problems they were having. We were all neighbors with little contact with each other, but we took note wherever we could of what everyone else was up to.

Unlike dairy farmers in this country, each farm there produced and stored all the cattle feed needed for the winter. There was no buying in of hay or anything else; we had to manage our pastures well enough, that with reasonably favorable weather, we could grow all we

needed. A whole year's production depended on the amount and quality of the feed stored – we could never afford to let any of our hay get wet, so it was quite a job to cut, dry, bale and pick up the harvest, a three day operation without getting any rain on it. I had an arrangement with two neighbors – we would team up to pick up the 90 lb hay bales and get them safely into a barn – which meant working together once the 4pm to 6pm milking was done until perhaps 1:00am. The women folk would come at some stage with baskets of home cooking, hot tea and lemon water, never, never sodas, beer or sugary drinks – all athletes knew about this one. But if there were a thousand bales lying out there in the paddock and rain threatened, it was really bad news. (Wet bales can't be stored; they will either rot or catch on fire). Then the miracle happened. Without so much as a phone call, any number of trucks or tractors and trailers would roll into the hay paddock and their teams set to work as if it was their own hay. They were neighbors we hardly had anything to do with who simply turned up and changed looming disaster into something very different. It was such a heartening feeling – and nothing was owed for we all

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knew that we would do the same for each other if the need arose. It wasn't so much a measure of the community I lived in, for we had such different, complex and rarely shared lives; it was more a measure of the decency of the farmers who lived around me. In spite of our almost secluded lives, it was not an intrusion to give or receive unasked, when it was time.

For the last couple of days, I have worked alongside a small team of men and women, pitted against the pretty awesome forces of nature because we heard that someone was about to lose his home unless we "turned the tide" as it were. There were a few who knew each other, but mostly we were strangers. I'm not the power house I used to be and I was struggling a bit to keep going when I looked up and saw a lady who I guess is about as young as I am, on her knees, using her bare hands to make a difference. I couldn't help it, tears came to my eyes and my tiredness went away. I saw others, who as they walked by forgot all about their leisurely Sunday afternoon stroll, and for whatever reason, pick up a shovel and pitch in with what needed to be done – unasked.

My little community does not make the honors list in any department really, but of this I am sure - it has a heart and, although not often seen, it is here amongst us – and it is a great one.

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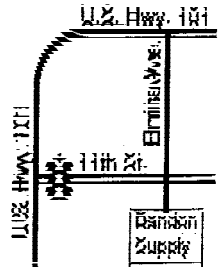
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Letter to the Editor,

I am writing this letter to all of the citizens of Port Orford and to our county neighbors in an attempt to explain just what the consequences are of the ever rising levels of the lake. I hope to show that if the process is allowed to continue we will all be affected in what will probably be the worst catastrophe to hit the southern Oregon coast since the Bandon fire.

As of this morning on December 20 the lake has risen about six to seven feet from the levels of this summer. Four homes on the Port Orford side of the lake are in eminent danger of being flooded with several on the County side actually being evacuated due to flooding. I understand that a number of drain fields on the North side of the lake have been flooded releasing E. Coli and other bacteria into the lake.

If the heavy rains continue into the spring, what will we be looking forward to? The already meager tax bases of both the City and County will be reduced because the distressed homeowners will rightly demand that new tax assessments reflect the much-reduced value of their property. At this point we are all affected, not much, but a little. The lake will not have to rise much beyond its present high level to drown Arizona street. So the residents use Highway 101 to travel to their homes. However, all of the city utilities are also buried near Arizona Street dip and public works feels that when the gravel and dirt protecting the water and sewer pipes is undermined, the pipes will break and be very difficult to repair since they are now under water. We have a able and talented public works crew, but I don't think diving is among their skills. What if there is a fire? So now the people living in Gear Circle and the Cedar Pointe development will share the distress of the people living around

the lake.

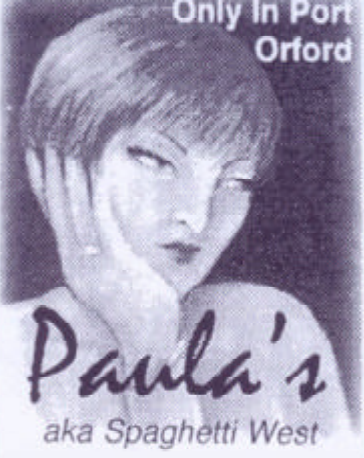
The entire City and environs will be seriously affected when the water reaches the wastewater disposal plant with its huge ponds holding both liquid and solid waste. Can you imagine the consequence of this mixing into the swollen lake, the health hazard to us all?

I have tried to show a progression of problems moving from a few homes on the lake to the entire community. Make no mistake, we will all be affected. Several of the events described above are probabilities and others are certainties if the lake level continues to rise.

What can be done to prevent at least some of the worst things from happening? We can do a great deal if we all work together. The true and permanent solution lies in the acquisition of a right to reform the old Garrison creek, which served us so well for many decades. For

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reasons of his own, the present property owner has chosen to exercise his perfectly legal right to prevent any further efforts to reform the creek. The solution is to either purchase the right to reform and maintain the creek or in worst case to exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire this right. In any case the amount of money involved would probably be more than either the City or county could afford. There is apparently very serious consideration within the State to buy all of the property for a State park. Such a transaction would be both a permanent solution to the lake problem, but also an economic boon for the City and north county.

This is where we need the help of the entire community. There is money for the land purchase of a state park, but as you might guess, there is also intense



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lobbying by other communities for the park money. We must work together to make our voices heard above the others.

Those of us closely involved in finding a solution to this very serious problem, Linda Houck, myself, and the City officials will try to keep you informed and who to contact by phone or letter and when to write. Please help us out, we are working for the common good of the community.

Thank you,

Ralph Donaldson, Councillor,
City of Port Orford

Fishermen's Meeting

The Community-Based Management Advisory Board will meet on December 29, 2001 from 9:00 to 11:00am at the Port Orford Council Chamber. All members of the Port Orford fishing community are invited to attend this meeting. "We need to do something to ensure we can continue to fish and stay in business," states Danny Keeler. "I hope every fisher will join our organization and help us work toward long-term fishing opportunity for Port Orford."

The goal of this group is to develop a sustainable fishery for the Port Orford area that utilizes the best science and local knowledge for the community to make local fishery management decisions that (1) sustain or improve the habitat or population base of fish, (2) provide high quality, high value seafood products to consumers and (3) support the economic viability of the Port Orford community.

"If we sit back and let the Pacific Fishery Management Council manage the entire West Coast with just one plan we are going to lose in Port Orford," said Lyle Keeler. "We need to know how healthy our fish stocks are here and how much we can harvest. A lingcod stock assessment off of Washington means zero to us in Port Orford, but that is the stock assessment we are being managed under."

The following serve on the advisory board and are hoping that every local commercial fisher will join them as members of the board: Danny Keeler, Lyle Keeler, Mike Ashdown, Joel Purkey, Jose Ubina, Bob and Bev Walters, Gifford Barnes, John Knecht, Blane Steinmetz, Rob Ashdown, Mike Price, Jake Marshall, Mark Barnes.

Letter to the Editor:

The State is looking for ways to plug its \$700 million budget gap. The projected annual savings to the State if it closes the Elk River Fish hatchery is reported to be \$226,638,000. However, this closure would pull a major plug from our area's economy; it would be yet another blow to the south coast. One estimate places \$5 million as the annual cost to our area if the hatchery closes.

I ask individuals, organizations, cities, ports, and the Board of Commissioners to please write Louise Soliday with cc's to Rep. Morgan, Rep. Krieger, Sen. Fisher, and Sen. Messerle.

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Folks in other parts of Oregon will be objecting to cuts proposed for their own areas. Those of us living on the south coast need to have our collective voices speak loudly and clearly in order to be heard.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Douglass

Lake Flooding

Garrison Lake is flooding and because of this several streets are affected or potentially affected. Paradise Point Road to the State Park is open. Arizona Street between Geer Circle and Madrona remained open as of Sunday, December 23. Twelfth Street at the public boat ramp is flooded and not open to traffic. The recently build Twelfth Street boat ramp and public fishing dock are both underwater though that didn't stop someone from fishing from the dock on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon a large group of private citizens were busy at Agate Beach digging a long dog-legged shape trench to help drain some of the water out of the lake and alleviate the flooding problem. They were unsuccessful on Sunday and the lake remained high on Monday morning.

The State of Oregon, Curry County and City of Port Orford may be working behind the scenes to resolve this threat to public safety but are not currently doing anything visible to solve the problem. The idea of the State Parks buying Agate Beach has been thrown out as a solution. Neither the city nor the county have plans to open the lake nor has either governmental agency provided any sandbags to help local residents.

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Student Achievement Awards

Three Pacific High School seniors were recently recognized at an awards assembly on December 21. Heather House was officially given her United States Congressional Award in a special presentation and was also awarded first place in the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest in which students from Brookings High School, Gold Beach High School, and Pacific High School were required to write a two hour essay on an assigned patriotic theme. House was also given a \$40 prize and her essay will be forwarded to the state level for further consideration. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (Bandon Post) annual oratorical essay contest winners included three students from Pacific High School. Shawn Lang was awarded first place and \$150; Sara Moskowitz placed second and received \$100; and Heather House placed received third receiving \$50. The students were required to write and record a three to five minute essay on an assigned topic. Lang's presentation will be considered by the state chapter for an additional cash award.

Receiving Certificates of Initial Mastery (CIMS) at the assembly were Christina Alexander, Sarah Bucher, Veronica DeWitt, Megan Burton, Charles Dougherty, Lena Hawthorne, Ruby Hiser, Nate Lang, Audra Loeber, Megan Losbaugh, and Tara Panter.

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Attorney General Response

The following is a copy of a letter written by Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers to Curry County Commissioners Marlyn Schafer, Lucie La Bonte, and Rachele Schaaf in response to their letter to him regarding gas price increases after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

“Thank you very much for your letter relating to gas price increases. We indeed sought to move aggressively in the wake of price changes that could be gouging; we will seek Assurances of Voluntary Compliance when the responses to our Civil Investigative Demands support that action.

Last session unsuccessful legislation was introduced to define price gouging as a specific violation of our Unlawful Practices Act. We expect a renewed effort to get that definition in the 2003 session. Support among local officials would be very helpful, and I hope I can work with you and other county commissioners to build that support coalition.

The letter was sent to the county commission on December 18, 2001.

SWOCC Winter Classes

The winter schedule of classes for Southwestern Oregon Community College is now available. Inside you will find listings for classes held in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford, as well as distance education classes. Classes start January 7, 2002.

Now is the time to register for winter classes. New students planning to start classes this term are encouraged to make an appointment for a placement test and talk to an advisor. Returning students can register from home using touchtone registration by calling 1-800-544-5381 from 8:00am to 10:00pm through January 11. Registration for distance education classes ends December 28. These classes can fill quickly, register early for best selection.

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The aroma of warm spiced cider fills the air as you wander from room to room and enjoy the beautifully decorated 103 year old house. Listen to the special Christmas music as you sample Christmas goodies. Browse through the unique gift shop.

Cape Blanco Lighthouse tours are available on December 29 and 30, from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Season of Giving Sing

The public is invited to an impromptu sing (performance and sing-along) by the youth and young adults of North Curry County on Friday, December 28, at the Savoy Theater, from 4:30 to 5:30pm. The North Curry County churches sponsor the Season of Giving Sing.

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Port Orford News Flash By Oceana Fields (age 9)

It's the holiday season in our town Port Orford. The mistletoe is hanging and if you noticed there was a puppet show in town. The puppet show was called The Toad Prince. If you ask me it was a wonderful experience and an exciting, magical adventure. They also found ways to reuse wastes such as carbon dioxide for the dragon's smoke. I loved it. Harry Potter is also coming to town.

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Watch Night Service

The First Community Church at 20th and Jackson Streets have planned a "Watch Night" service for the evening of Monday, December 31st, beginning at 7:00p.m. You are invited to join in the worship and communion service as well as a potluck dinner and an evening of family fun. Come join us!

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The Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce is proud to co-sponsor SWOCC's Computer Virus Seminar on Saturday, January 12, from 9:00am to noon. It will be held in Gold Beach at the SWOCC building at the Event Center at the Beach. This seminar is intended to educate the computer user on the essential issues surrounding computer viruses, worms, Trojans, and hoaxes. The objective of this seminar is to educate about what a virus is, how to determine if you have a virus, ways to determine a legitimate virus warning from a hoax, and how to best protect yourself. The student should leave the class with a greater ability to protect themselves against virus infection. Pre-registration, with payment is required as space is limited to 25 participants – so call now to reserve your seat! This seminar is available to anyone interested at a cost of \$7. "In light of recent events, it is becoming more and more obvious that we need to be able to protect our computer systems from harm," stated Janet Pretti, Curry Program Coordinator for SWOCC. "This computer course is very timely," Pretti continued. To register for this course or for more

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Happy New Year by Valerie Jean Kramer

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challenges but perhaps they seem less intimidating to us now. As we move forward, I'd like to encourage you to think about the new year and your own re-birth; to consider what New Year's resolutions you might wish to make and how you will make a better world for yourself and others in 2002. It feels to me like we are at an important turning point. May we all make the best of the new opportunities. Peace and joy to you all in 2002.

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We will be collecting receipts till late spring and we thank you in advance.

Senior News

By Mary Yoder

Today I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who came to the Christmas Bazaar at the Senior Center. It was a wonderful success. Thanks to all who gave articles to sell and volunteers who worked. It couldn't have been so successful without you. A great big thank you and God bless you all.

December 20 was Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Betty Berger, Kay Neal, Rosalie Coble, Chris Lozano doing dishes and setting up the dining room. All did a fine job.

Next is Christmas potluck. Will tell you more about it next week. Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and just think in a few days it will be 2002.

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credit cards at a cost to the Port of \$2.29 per \$100 plus a \$9 monthly fee. The \$2.29 per \$100 charge would be passed on the users. The Port would use Klamath First Federal Bank and accept MasterCard and Visa but only approved cards could be used for paying for fuel. David Darnell made a motion to accept credit card use from Concord company through Klamath First Federal and it passed unanimously.

Kathy Sherbourne said she was trying to light a fire under the Army Corps of Engineers regarding dredging at the Port. She said the ACOE should be here after the first of the year with a barge and that the sand would be dumped on the other side of the jetty. She said the Corps would leave some of their equipment at our Port.

The Commission then adjourned their regular meeting and went into executive session under ORS 192.660(1)(e) real estate, ORS 192.660(1)(a) personnel, and ORS 192.660(1)(h) pending litigation.

When he went back into regular session David Darnell made a motion to give the three employees who have been here during the construction a \$500 bonus and the motion passed.

The Port will put its name on the list for surplus State property.

David Darnell made a motion to turn the case of case of Curry County commissioner Lucie La Bonte over to the Port's attorney Randall Tosh and have him write her a letter asking for an apology to the Port commission and the public and in it admit her guilt. Darnell asked the letter be placed in the local papers. Darnell and commissioner Tom Hall had met with La Bonte in her office recently and Darnell had asked her if she was interfering with Port business and that La Bonte had admitted her guilt. Darnell said a "concerned citizen" had faxed copies of e-mails to Kathy Sherbourne proving commissioner La Bonte had interfered with Port business. The motion passed 4-0 with Gifford Barnes abstaining because his name was on the e-mails.

David Darnell said the Port is pretty stable right now and that it would be all paid up with Hodge Distributors and every-

one else. He said Kathy Sherbourne was doing a fantastic job.

Jeff Miles said in referring to the public advisory committee that the Port had to be legal in accepting the committee. David Darnell said he thought public input was a good idea. Bill Oleson said when he was on the commission they tried to handle issues at the Port meetings and not through the newspapers. Oleson said the "pubic got the bond passed." He recommended not writing letters to the newspaper and that the Port didn't need anger. Cheryl Douglas said many issues regarding the public advisory committee needed to be addressed including the number of members. Dave Knapp said the advisory committee could be set up now and that the Port wasn't turning away people.

The commission passed a motion to pay the bills.

Editor's note. I asked manager Sherbourne for copies of the e-mails that David Darnell referred to in the public meeting as having proved La Bonte was guilty of interfering with the Port. Sherbourne said she would have to speak with attorney Tosh first. I called her on Thursday again asking for the e-mails and was told she hadn't got in touch with Tosh yet.

This is the first time in attending and reporting on public meetings in eight years that a document has been denied to me that was discussed in an [open public session](#).

Knapp Case Resolved

The Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission conflict of interest complaint case involving Port of Port Orford Commissioner Dave Knapp has been resolved. The Executive Director of the Commission L. Patrick Hearn negotiated a settlement with Knapp in which Knapp will pay a civil penalty of \$1,000. Knapp was given a schedule to pay the fine from February to June 2002.

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