



# The Friday Update

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**OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL COMING TO SUCCESSFUL END!** – The last event for this year's Oregon Coast Music Festival is Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 when the Festival Orchestra and James Paul present "Pictures at an Exhibition." The concert includes that very familiar work by Mussorgsky plus Berlioz' overture to his opera Benvenuto Cellini and the symphonic suite "Mathis der Maler" by Paul Hindemith, drawn from his opera about the life of Northern Renaissance master painter Matthias Grunewald. Premium reserved seats for Orchestra concerts are \$15, \$13 for Music Association members, and \$9 for students (adult students, please show school ID). General reserved seats are \$13, \$11 and \$7. Non-reserved seats are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Premium and general reserved seat tickets may be purchased at The Box Office, 181 S. Broadway (Hwy 101 south) in Coos Bay, next to The Frame Stop. Or call 269-2720 or 1-800-676-7563. For information, call the Music Festival office, 267-0938, or visit our web site: [www.coosnet.com/music](http://www.coosnet.com/music).

## **SOUTHWEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

– Elected and appointed officials from Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties met yesterday in Coquille for the second organizational meeting of a proposed new regional advisory body that, if created, would advise the Oregon Transportation Commission about priorities for our corner of the state. Cities, counties and port districts were represented at yesterday meeting, which was facilitated and staffed by Oregon Dept. of Transportation personnel. City manager Bill Grile attended at the request of Mayor Joanne Verger, who was unable to participate as she is out of town attending the Oregon Mayors' Conference.

Appointed officials in attendance were in solid agreement that the policy choices to be made about funding the new Area Commission on Transportation, or "ACT" as these bodies are being called, need to be made by elected officials. As such, options for a new charter for the Southwest ACT are being compiled by ODOT staff and a small group of local government volunteers, with these options to be reviewed later by regional mayors, county commissioners, and probably port commissioners. As many as a dozen or so ACTs from around the state will help the Oregon Transportation Commission decide how to prioritize future investment in the state's transportation system. Much work remains. Stay tuned.

## **CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW WASTEWATER RATES NEXT WEEK**

– Next Tuesday evening the Coos Bay City Council will consider a set of recommendations by Brown and Caldwell concerning proposed adjustments to the way that the City's wastewater system users pay for the cost of the system's operation and maintenance. A 6:00 PM work session with Brown and Caldwell's Marv Winer will begin at City Hall on Tuesday evening, just before the regularly scheduled 7:30PM, August 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting. The public is always welcome to attend, and the Council's meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 14 – the "government access" television channel.

## **FIRE CHIEF ATTEND CONFERENCE**

– Fire Chief Stan Gibson attend the third "Emergency Services Futures Conference" this past week. The conference was hosted by Chemeketa Community College Emergency Services Department. The assembly included selected representatives from Oregon's fire protection and emergency medical services. Topics discussed included economical, demographic and environmental changes as well as competition among emergency service providers and worker safety issues. With the focus on the future of emergency services, the group also worked to identify trends, forecast future changes, and strategies for survival and prosperity in the coming years.

**LABOR TRENDS** – State of Oregon Employment Department prognosticators have determined that non-

farm jobs in the State will grow by 18.5 percent by 2008, adding 287,000 jobs. Non-farm payroll employment is projected to rise from 1,556,000 to 1,843,000.

Within the total change, manufacturing employment is projected to rise by 21,000 (+8.6%), in spite of a net loss of 1,200 jobs in the lumber and wood products industry. Food products jobs are also expected to decline (-700). Jobs in computer equipment, electronic and instruments manufacturing are projected to increase by 9,000 by 2008. This is much slower than the 22,900 jobs gained in this sector between 1988 and 1998. Other relatively large gains in manufacturing are projected to occur in transportation equipment (+4,700), fabricated metal products (+2,600), non-computing industrial machinery and equipment (+2,500), rubber and plastic products (+1,100), and printing and publishing (+1,200).

Non-manufacturing jobs are projected to increase by 266,00 by 2008 (+20.3%). Nearly half of that gain is projected to occur in the diverse services industry. The services division is projected to expand by 127,500 jobs and have the fastest growth rate of any major industrial division (+30.6%). Three of the top four industrial sub-sectors will be in services. They are business services, up 46,600 (+9.9%); private health care services, 18,800 (+17.8%); and social services, 17,200 (+42.1%). These three categories will make up 65 percent of total services growth.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PHASE 4** – The City of Coos Bay is pleased to announce that the Boys & Girls Club Phase 4 project is out to bid! All prospective bidders are encouraged to contact the architect, McSwain & Woods, at 269-0618. Once construction is started it is anticipated that it will take approximately 150 days to substantially complete this phase of the project.

**HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF AMERICA VISIT** – Dr. Joseph T. Morgan of Coos Bay is the official “host” for a gathering of antique cars and persons interested in them that will be held in the Coos Bay area this weekend. The Club will be “headquartered” at the Red Lion on Bayshore Drive, with driving tours by Club members to area attractions including Shore Acres beginning from the Red Lion. The Club’s activities actually begin on Thursday and will continue through Sunday, August 1st. More than 100 Club members are expected to attend – we’re glad you are here and want you to enjoy the Coos Bay area.

**FRONT STREET -- RE-PAVING** – This project, a much needed re-paving of Front Street between Commercial and Hemlock Streets, is now scheduled to be done next summer. We had hoped to get this work done during the summer of 1999, but complications with the railroad and the Department of Transportation funding source have combined to push the project into the next year. The issues that have arisen are being dealt with in a very satisfactory way – its just taken more time than we had expected. Look for this project to begin in the early summer of 2000.

**FRIENDS OF MINGUS PARK** – The Friends of Mingus Park Committee has been forming and is in the early stages of its development. Toni McSwain is spearheading this spirited committee and hopes that more citizens in the area will join and have ideas for the Mingus Park. The committee has discussed Christmas decorations for the trees in the Park. If you have any questions or need more information you can contact Toni at 267-6520.

**THANK YOU SAUSE BROTHERS AND BAUGHMAN & SONS** – Thank you Sause Brothers and especially Charles Russell for the prompt help when the City needed a small dock to place between the City Dock and the H.M. Bark Endeavour. Because of the gangway configuration, the ship needed to be moved about eight feet toward the channel. On short notice Dave Paramenter of Baughman & Sons was able to have a set of stairs built to fit their scaffolding to accommodate the ships gangway. The scaffolding had to be about ten feet into the air to fir the ship. Again, thank you for helping bring a wonderful ship to the Bay Area.