



Corvallis High School

A tradition of excellence; preparation for the future

March, 2005

Principal's Greeting

Parents,

We've reached the halfway point in a very good year. Students and staff are working very hard. The new building is still way ahead of schedule and with spring approaching we have a few thought-provoking items for you to ponder.

Spring Celebration and year-end activities— With spring break, prom and other activities approaching, concerns are always raised about student safety and student decision-making. We are doubling our efforts to educate our students about the risks of alcohol and drug consumption. Although we have no direct jurisdiction over events occurring off campus at non-school activities, students in athletics or activities will face consequences according to our Valley League athletic code for misbehavior in such non-school events. Bottom line, our greatest concern remains student safety.

At a February Parent Connection meeting we solicited ideas to assist us in partnering with parents to improve student safety. Ideas included: 1) Truly check to make sure your student goes to where they say they are going; 2) Check with parents of the home where your student is going to make sure there will be appropriate supervision; 3) Consider offering to your student an "unconditional pick-up"—you pick them up from any "situation", no questions asked that evening.

Fundraising— We will continue to rely heavily on fundraising to supplement our shrinking budget for school operations. Two new efforts aimed at long-term needs are getting off the ground this spring. The "New CHS" building provides opportunities for alums and community members to contribute to equipment, school art and furniture—commemorative bricks (buy an "Old CHS" brick, or a new "paver"), a piece of the original "Spartan Court", commemorative t-shirts, and more are being considered. A second group will be formed to "fill the seats" of the new Corvallis "community theater" at CHS' new building. Sponsors/donors will be funding the costs of the new facility associated with its use in the community—guest performers, symposium, community performances and more. CHS gets the benefit of a wonderful facility for its own programs and the opportunity to have students play vital roles in putting on these events for the community. Watch for opportunities to help with the organization of both of these efforts, as well as to actually donate to these worthwhile causes.

Budget-- Thanks to parents who provided time and input to the early stages of budget priorities for the district. We are looking at a district-wide shortfall of between 3 and 7%. The budget committee, the superintendent and the board are considering tough decisions about where to cut and how to generate more revenue. Please take time to give your input.

Forecasting for 2005 classes-- Your students will be forecasting for classes for next fall at the end of March and first part of April. Please sit down with them and the course catalog and talk seriously about their desires and needs. A couple of hints: have your students ask their teachers for recommendations about classes to take; present sophomores, be careful of overloading the junior year—save some of the tough ones for senior year; explore, explore, explore—those electives are great opportunities to find possible career-related interests, as well as life-long pursuits like art and music.

As always, thanks for your support of CHS. Have a great spring break!!

Jay Conroy, Principal

Last day to Drop Classes

The deadline to drop a class without receiving an "F" is March 11th. You must see your counselor to receive a "drop" slip.

Dates to remember

March

March 3 – TAG Meeting – LPMS, 7 PM

March 5 – "Understanding the IEP Process"

March 10 – Spring Sports Pictures

March 10 – Winter Sports Recognition, 8 PM

March 11 – Deadline to drop classes

March 12 – Family Resources Fair – LBCC

March 12 – Woodstock's Spring for Kids Run

March 14 – Scrip order due

March 17 – Parent Connection – 7 PM

March 28 – Scrip order due

The deadline to request a Pass/No Pass form is April 22nd.

School Report Card

The Oregon Department of Education released our school report card. They will be available in the Main Office, Beyond CHS, and the Counseling Center.

Attendance Information

Our student count at CHS is growing!

Please make arrangements with your student(s) prior to school hours about Doctor and Ortho appointments, along with their after school transportation.

"Unless there is an emergency" – all notes will be posted on student lockers. This also applies to "reminder notes". Please tell your student to check their lockers now and then just in case there may be a note on it.

An "Attendance Record" is posted outside of the Attendance Office. This record shows the student's attendance for the previous day and the current day. If you receive an "Automated" telephone call stating that your student has missed one or more classes – and you feel this is an error, please have your student check the attendance record to see which teacher marked them absent. If this

was an error, the student and teacher can resolve it.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Debbie Begin, Attendance Secretary

Email addresses: Staff members may be reached by email for school matters by using the following formula: John.Doe@corvallis.k12.or.us

Transfer Requests Deadline Changed

The Corvallis School District's open enrollment policy allows students to attend any school if transfers are submitted by the second Friday in April (April 8) and space is available. Transfers submitted after the second Friday in April will be considered on a case-by-case basis only. Parents may elect to send their students to any district school as long as they provide transportation.

For more information, call Kerry Richey at 757-5724.



The CV/CHS Senior All Night Party planning committee is pleased to announce changes for this year's event: The entire party will be held at the recently expanded Dixon Recreation Center on OSU's campus. It is a wonderful facility and able to accommodate all the activities in a single site! Mark your calendars for June 13, 2005, from 11:00 PM until 5:30 AM.

Ticket Reminder: Tickets can still be purchased for the party at CHS from Cindy Gullledge for \$20. Scholarships are available if needed.

Donations: The planning committee is seeking donations to continue the tradition of door prizes that are handed out throughout the party. In-kind and financial contributions are welcome. For information on how to contribute, please call Patrice O'Brien at 753-3490.

Memory Collages: Have you been collecting your favorite pictures to include in your student's collage to tell the story of his or her school history? They will be displayed at the party and saved for the 10-year reunion. In March, parents will receive a letter providing specific details for making the collages. In the meantime, if you have any questions, call Rebecca Hayes at 753-5816 or e-mail her at rnhayes@peak.org.

Volunteers: We need to have schedules finalized by April, so please contact Terri Emmons at 754-1049 ASAP to get your name on that list. There are many ways to help! You can work behind the scenes, run one of the activities, or chaperone the night of the party. We appreciate any way you wish to contribute.

Any other questions? Call Yvonne Gilbert at 757-8626 or Sue Hammack at 758-5858.

Senior Information Update

Some important Senior dates to remember – some have changed!

April 26 & 27 – graduation announcement packets handed out

June 4 – Graduation seating in the auditorium (mandatory attendance, time TBA)

June 9 – Last day of school for Seniors. Meet in the big gym right after lunch to "practice walking", then go to the cafeteria to pick up caps and gowns.

June 13 – Graduation practice at Gill Coliseum – time TBA; pick up honor cords and All Night Party tickets

June 13 – Graduation – be at Gill Coliseum by 6:45 PM

June 13 – All Night party – tickets available from Mrs. Gullledge at school

Lost & Found

All lost clothing will be placed in the cart at the south side of the cafeteria. Unclaimed clothing will be donated to Vina Moses during winter break, spring break and at the end of June. All valuable items will be kept in the main office.

2004-'05 Yearbook Fees

January 3 - March 18, 2005 - \$45.00

After Spring Break - distribution - \$50.00

At the yearbook signing party - \$55.00

Yearbooks are limited. Buy early and guarantee that you will get one and save money!

Message policy

Telephone messages for students will be placed on the student's locker unless there is an emergency. This is to minimize class interruptions. Please remind your son or daughter in the morning before school of appointments during the day. Sorry, and thank you for your patience and politeness towards our attendance office personnel.

Student Visitor Rules

- ⚡ Visitation is not allowed if the guest student lives within 60 miles of Corvallis (Valley League principal's agreement).
- ⚡ The guest must be of high school age and a "student in good standing" at their high school.
- ⚡ A "Visitor's Request Form" must be completed by the host student at least 24 hours prior to the visit (available in the main office).
- ⚡ Any violation of school guidelines during the visit may result in both students being sent home.

Library News

Please save good used books for the used book sale in April. Books may be sent to school at any time before April 10th. They may be dropped off in the front office or in the library. The sale will take place during the Parent-Teacher conferences held April 14-15 and during a student lunch. Come and find some great bargains! The proceeds will benefit the library that no longer has school funds to purchase new books.

We also will need help prior to the sale to prepare the books as well as during the sale.

If you can help, please call 757-5900 and ask for Mary-Dean.

Math Awards

The American Math Contest results are in already! The highest scorer on the AMC 10 was Dylan Garity followed by Andy Parker and Rachel Hogrebe.

The highest scorer on the AMC 12 was Todd Duncombe, followed by Sean Hunter, Brandon Beck, Jean Satiravorakul, and Pat Manning. These five students will be taking the next higher level, called the AIME test, on March 8.

Congratulations to these Math students!

Beyond CHS News

Scholarships

There are many scholarships that are now coming into Beyond CHS, so please have your students stop by every week.

Boys & Girls State Opportunity

There are applications in Beyond CHS for Boys and Girls State. Girls and Boys State is a one week all-expense paid trip for juniors who are interested in government and leadership. It is a great opportunity and also doesn't hurt to have this experience when applying for college. The problem is that it is the last week of school this year, but Mr. Conroy has said that we can perhaps work something out if a student is interested in attending. Applications are due no later than March 17.

Amtrak Offer for Parents of Juniors and Seniors

Amtrak is giving parents a free ride when they accompany their high school junior or senior on a trip to check out colleges and universities. Younger siblings, ages 2 to 15, are eligible for Amtrak's everyday half-price children's fare. Reservations must be made at least seven days before travel and using a discount code. To receive the code and view blackout dates, go to www.campursvisit.com/amtrak and complete the campus visit form.

ACT Test Offered at CHS

Corvallis High School has just been approved by ACT to administer the ACT test in June. We applied for this because our students were needing to drive to Salem and Eugene to take this exam. ACT has told us that it is on the web now when students register and that our center number is 217930. This is not exclusive to CHS students. Anyone registering for the ACT will see that we are now a test center, so if a student was intending to register for the ACT in June, they should probably either get the registration packet in Beyond CHS or register on-line at act.org. Students should be sure to put in our high school code as 380-210.

AP Exams

Registration for the AP Exams will start on February 7 in Beyond CHS. A non-refundable deposit of \$15 is required to sign up. The remaining fees to cover the \$90 per test charge will be due by April 29. Please do not send the full \$90, but rather only

the deposit. All deposits are due by March 18, which is the day before Spring Break.

Here is the schedule for the AP Exams:

May 2 – AM – English Language

May 2 – PM – French Language

May 3 – AM – Calculus

May 4 – AM – Computer Science; Spanish

May 5 – AM – English Literature

May 5 – PM – German Language

May 6 – AM – US History

May 9 – AM – Biology

May 9 – PM - Physics

May 10 – AM – Chemistry

May 10 - Psychology

May 11 – AM Government & Politics

May 11 – PM Gov't & Politics: Comparative

There will be no AP Art History exam.

Old Graduation Gowns

If you have any CHS graduation gowns you no longer need or want, please bring them to Beyond CHS. We will make sure they are put to good use for some of our CHS families.

Rotary Youth Leadership Camp

Rotary Youth Leadership Camp is a great summer opportunity for a junior. RYLA is held June 20-25 at Camp Cascades, near Lyons, Oregon, off Highway 22, southeast of Salem. Camp RYLA is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs and there is no cost to your student. Selection is based on leadership, personal values, intelligence and integrity. There are many activities at the camp including keynote speakers who talk about their fields of endeavor and community services. They get good food and campfires and new friends. If your student is interested, have them come by Beyond CHS for more information.

Parent Connection

March 17 – 7:00 PM, Staff dining room

April 7 – 12:00, Room 209

May 12 – 12:00, Room 209

Special Education Advisory Committee

The Corvallis School District's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will be hosting the following offerings for parents, teachers and staff in the next two months.

March 5 – 9:00 AM to Noon at Grace Lutheran Church – a panel presentation on "Understanding the IEP Process"

March 31 – 7:00-8:30 PM at Linus Pauling Auditorium – transition for parents of 4th/5th graders to middle school

April 20 – 7:00-8:30 PM at CHS Cafeteria – transition information for parents of 7th/8th graders to high school

April 28 – 7:00-8:30 PM at Wilson Elementary School – kindergarten transition information for parents

Mark these important dates on your calendar. For more information, go to www2.corvallis.k12.or.us/seac or contact Kathy Eckert-Mason at K_eckertmason@yahoo.com or Denise Cardinali at dvc_vt@yahoo.com or Judi Ellingham at judi.ellingham@corvallis.k12.or.us

Partners In Education

The Partners in Education program involves individuals and businesses in the community that contribute to our schools when we patronage their establishments. One such business is Franklin Press, located at 5655 SW Philomath Blvd, just past 53rd Street. Their phone number is 753-0303. To participate, all you have to do is sign a register in the store to designate the recipient school and receive a numbered contribution card. 5% of all future purchases made will be donated to the designated school. The customer only needs to provide their card donation number prior to placing a printing or copying order. If the customer is representing a company, anyone from their company can use the donation card number after the initial registration is made.

If you have any questions or want more information about the "Partners in Education" program, please contact Tammy Bailey at 753-0303 or email at FranklinPress@exchangenet.net

Scrip helps CHS and costs you nothing

Earn money for CHS while buying groceries, gas, prescriptions, coffee, books, renting movies, eating out. How? Use scrip. It costs you nothing but a little time to purchase it. What is scrip? It is a gift certificate or card provided by many businesses which donate a percentage of the amount to CHS. Scrip is available in various denominations. Which businesses participate and how much do they donate? Fred Meyer (5%), Safeway (5%--good for gas & prescriptions also), Richey's Market (5%), Bi-Mart (5%), Beanery (10%), Starbuck's (7%) Book Bin (10%), Border's (8%), Hollywood Video (15%), Burger King (10%), McDonald's (25%), Woodstock's (10%), and Home Grown Gardens (6%).

How do I buy scrip? Order forms will be available in Beyond CHS (Room 209) or on-line at the CHS website in the CHS Newsletter. (It is too expensive to send order forms with the newsletters as they are mailed out, so please print out your own form). Or, we can mail you forms (contact Anne at 929-5292).

Orders and checks (made out to CHS Parent Connection) can be put in the SCRIP order box in Beyond CHS or mailed to the CHS Parent Connection, CHS, 836 NW 11th Street, Corvallis, OR, 97330. Orders are called in through the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation on the first and third Mondays of the month. When your order is filled (usually by the next Friday) you will be notified by phone or email and a parent or student can pick the scrip up in Beyond CHS. The only trick to scrip is getting into the routine of buying it. It's easy to use. Make a commitment to CHS and make the effort to

buy and use scrip every month! More info? Call or email Anne at 929-5292 or schustea@peak.org

Scrip orders are due March 14 and March 28. You can now designate which department you wish your profits to go to. These include: Language Arts, World Languages, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Fine Arts, Athletics and Activities, Computer Science & Industrial Engineering, Business and Family Consumer Sciences, Health and PE, Library, Special Ed/Alt Ed, ESL, or Student Services.

A Scrip order form is available online by going to the CHS website and accessing the CHS Newsletter.

SCRIP IS GREAT FOR ANY REASON!
Now, needed more than ever! Use Scrip. Support CHS teachers and programs. New, extended version with many more businesses from which to choose – American Dream Pizza, The Gap, Sears, Home Depot, Bed, Bath & Beyond – to name a few. Great for gifts!

Albertsons & Office Max Donations

An Albertsons "partner's card" lets you donate 5% of purchases to CHS (up to \$1800 per quarter). The cards are available in Beyond CHS and the main office. When you purchase groceries at Albertsons, just hand the clerk your partner's card to scan.

Office Max donates 3% of your purchase to CHS if you mention this before they've processed your purchase at the register.

2005 TAG Schedule

Thursday, 3/03/05, 7:00 PM

Linus Pauling Middle School

TOPIC: TAG Topics – Small Group Discussion

Kids Activity: (K-5th Gr) - \$5 Destination Imagination

For more information, check out our website: <http://www.csd509j.n35/TAG/>

French News

It's time to sign up for the Grand Tour of France in the Spring of 2006. Please pick up information and an application from Mary Langlois in Room 112. Questions? E-mail: mary.langlois@corvallis.k12.or.us.

Also, congratulations to the French students of the month for January: Alison Gemperle, Meredith Lawrence, Lucille Kiester, Shayna Pekala, and Galen Clark.

Reading Tutors Needed

Charlyn Ellis is in need of reading tutors for the English Workshop. She needs tutors twice a week, Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday for about an hour each time. She is more than willing to train! If interested, please call 754-6783.

Spartan Earrings for Sale!

The CHS Booster Club is selling silver Spartan earrings for \$10 per pair. Earrings make a perfect gift for birthdays, Valentine's Day or "just because". Purchases can be made in the Athletic Office during the school day. The office is closed for lunch between 12:15 – 1:00 PM daily.

Math Tutors

Math tutors are available at CHS on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in Room 310, and from 10:50 – 11:20 AM in Room 109.

Sports Information

Sports Hotline

We encourage parents to use the PARENT HOTLINE. Each day's events will be put on the hotline by 8:00 AM. Please call 766-4877, extension 8073, for information about events scheduled each day. The hotline is updated daily sometime between 2:15 and 3:00 PM. When the hotline is used, the regular office phone lines are kept free for making necessary calls due to cancellations.

Remember, if a game is cancelled, a practice is usually scheduled. The students are to check outside the Athletic Office door for their final instructions. Maps and schedules are also available outside the Athletics Office. Reminder – Golf and Track events do not rain out.

Winter Sports Recognition Evening

There is a new look to the old Sports Dessert. The Booster Club is changing the format for recognizing our athletes. Each sport will have their own opportunity to recognize and talk about their athletes in a more informal setting where everyone can opt to bring their own food to eat, and have a designated location for meeting. Everyone would need to finish their gatherings and meet at 8:00 PM in the auditorium for a more formal recognition of Upperclassmen. Rotary members will be present at the formal recognition to hand out the Rotary awards (previously called Ambassador Awards). Seniors and their parents will also be recognized. Coaches and team parents will need to communicate to their parents and athletes the time and location in which they will meet. The Winter Recognition night will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2005.

Spring Sports Pictures

Spring sports pictures will be taken during practice on Thursday, March 10, 2005. Hise Studio will be taking team and individual photos. Athletes do not need to bring money for their professional order. Proofs will be mailed to each athlete at their home and orders can be made after seeing the picture. Anyone wanting to order Booster Buttons needs to fill out the half sheet and pay on March 10 during the time of the pictures. Checks can be made out to CHS Booster Club. The cost of each Booster Button is \$3.00. This is a great way to support Booster Club and your athlete in the "fun" raiser. Please have order forms filled out before picture day. Coaches will be giving order forms to athletes during practice.

Sports Congratulations!

Logan Storie recently attended a National Select Camp for swimmers at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado from Thursday, January 27 – Sunday, January 30. He was chosen because he was one of the top two American swimmers in the 400 meter Freestyle, age 16 and under. There were 22 boys at the camp. Logan was the only boy from Oregon.

Community Offerings

Family Resource Fair

Linn-Benton Community College presents the 22nd Annual "Family Resources Fair" – celebrating families, to be held on Saturday, March 12 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

The keynote speaker for this event is Nancy Blakey, author/educator – speaking on "Raising Creative Kids in a Hurried World".

Registration is from 8:00-9:00 AM in the LBCC Commons. The admission is \$1 per adult, lunch is \$2 and child care is \$2 per child aged 6 months to 10 years. Register early because child care is limited. There is no child care during the lunch from 11:45 am to 1:00 PM.

For more information, call 917-4897.

Heartland Humane Society Volunteer Opportunities

The local Kiwanis Kids Club meets twice a month for the rest of the year. This exciting program allows school age children to come

into the Heartland Shelter to volunteer on special projects without their parents. We have partnered with the local Kiwanis Club to offer adult supervision and mentoring to the children while helping out our shelter animals in fun ways.

We have special tasks just for the kids when they come in, from feeding cats their soup to grooming dogs. It is an exciting and fun way to spend time. No prior training is required (but students must RSVP).

The next Kiwanis Kids Club sessions are:

March 9 – 3:45 PM to 5:30 PM

March 19 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

We also offer our standard Youth Volunteer Program. Kids 8 years and older may come into the shelter to volunteer with their parents or any other adult. They must first come to an open orientation. Orientation is the second Tuesday of every month at the shelter. For more information, contact volunteer@heartlandhumane.org.

Spring for Kids Run

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 12, for the 2nd annual Woodstock's Spring Run for Kids at Riverfront Park. We encourage all kids, K-8, to join us for a 200m event that starts at the riverfront fountain and loops around the park. Every child gets a T-shirt, participation ribbon and refreshment for their \$10 entry fee. All proceeds go to the Corvallis public school students via the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation's mini-grant program. (Teachers/educators may apply to the CPSF for mini-grants for up to \$1000 to use for supplies, activities, and programs that budget cuts have forced them to do without.)

There will also be a 5K run/walk for high school students and adults. (Any K-8 may sign up for this run, instead, if they wish.) The 5K has a \$17 entry fee that includes a T-shirt and refreshment. This run also starts at the riverfront fountain and continues toward Avery Park and back.

There will be live entertainment and prizes awarded after the race, so make sure you are there to enjoy the fun! Entry forms will be available on-line at the CPSF web site's run link. For more information, contact Cathy Peters at 760-8204.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TAG-IDENTIFIED STUDENTS

- ❓ *Do you ever wonder why your child hates to wear socks?*
- ❓ *Does your child correct you and begin every sentence with "Actually"?*
- ❓ *Do you ever think you are alone in raising this bright child, and no one could possibly understand what you're going through?*



Then this new group is for you!

The District TAG Advisory Board is pleased

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1 Even	2 Odd Staff Meeting	3 Even TAG Meeting Linus Pauling MS 7:00 PM	4 All	5 “Understanding the IEP Process” 9:00 – Noon Grace Lutheran Church
6	7 Odd	8 Even	9 Odd Dept. Chairs/ Site Council Meeting District Choir Band Concert 7 PM	10 Even Sports Pictures Winter Sports Recognition – 8 PM	11 All Timecards Due Mr. Spartan Dance Drop Class Deadline	12 “Family Resources Fair” at LBCC Woodstock’s Spring for Kids Run
13	14 Odd Scrip Order Due	15 Even Choir Concert 7:30 PM	16 Odd Blood Drive Staff Development Meeting District Band Festival	17 Even Blood Drive Parent Connection 7:00 PM Staff Dining Room	18 All Multicultural Assembly Schedule #3 Auditorium	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28 Odd Scrip Order Due	29 Even	30 Odd CHS 8 th Grade Open House	31 Even	1 All	2
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Corvallis School District 509J

Honoring Diversity

Bus Strike Possible

February 14, 2005

Laidlaw Transit Inc., the provider of school bus transportation for the Corvallis School District, recently informed the district that its drivers may go on strike. Although drivers have not yet decided to strike, they have not been able to reach a settlement with Laidlaw.

If a strike occurs, parents may need to provide transportation for a day or so until Laidlaw is able to hire trained and certified substitute drivers. In case we receive no advance notice of a strike, parents should have a conversation with their children regarding what to do if their child is left standing at the bus stop some morning and the bus does not arrive. At this time, it does not appear that a strike would occur in the immediate future, but it is important for families to be informed and prepared.

In the event of a strike, there will be no disruption to busing for special needs students who ride on a special route bus due to specific individual education plan needs.

In addition, if a strike occurs, information will be broadcast on several local radio and television stations. You can tune in to these stations for the most current information. Information also will be posted on our district web site under emergency information (www.csd509j.net).

<u>Television Stations</u>	<u>Radio Stations</u>			
KATU.....	Channel	2	KUGN 590 AM	KOPB 91.5 FM
KOIN.....	Channel	6	KWIP 880 AM	KSND 95.1 FM
KGW	Channel	8	KSHO 920 AM	KUGN 97.9 FM
KEZI.....	Channel	9	KWBY 940 AM	KRKT 99.9 FM
KPTV.....	Channel	12	KRKT 990 AM	KDUK 104.7 FM
KVAL	Channel	13	KEJO 1240 AM	KLOO 106.3 FM

KMTR.....Channel	16	KLOO 1340 AM	KLCC 89.7 FM
Educational Channel 28.....KGAL	1580 AM		

Providing safe transportation for all our students is a priority for the district. We will be closely monitoring this situation over the next few weeks. We are hopeful that Laidlaw and its drivers can arrive at a settlement.