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**Just one of those weeks!**

## **Council Fires City Manager By Evan Kramer**

The Port Orford City Council met in a combined workshop and special session on Monday morning, March 28, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant. The council dealt first with water issues and the sewer construction before starting its special council meeting.

The council had met in executive session on Thursday night, March 24, relating to personnel matters. At that meeting city manager Dean Madison had been given the option of resigning from his job or being terminated. At Monday's meeting Dean said that after thinking about it and discussing the matter with his wife he would not resign. The council briefly discussed the issue before a motion was made by George Kennedy and seconded by Tim Sparks to terminate Mr. Madison. By a 5 - 1 vote, with Todd Smith voting against, the council passed the motion.

The council did not discuss the reasons for firing Dean at the meeting but later that day released both the letter of termination to Mr. Madison and a list of why the termination of employment was done.

The following are the reasons the city used for the termination:

1. Non-compliance with resolution 630-92. (Job description of city manager)

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  - C. Oregon Department of Revenue
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  - E. State Accident Insurance Fund (S.A.I.F.)
4. Failure to discuss openly and candidly all matters required by the mayor and city council.
5. Council has chosen to terminate the contract by exercise of the at will authority contained in the contract.

The Council discussed current water issues in the part of the meeting preceding their special session. Letters from Martha Britell and Frank Smith have been turned in to join the Watershed Council. Currently the council is limited to 25 members, which it has, but vacancies may occur due to lack of attendance by some members. It was agreed that if openings do occur there would be a public notice.

Dean Madison reported that there was

logging going on alongside Mill Creek. Mill Creek is the main source of water drainage into Garrison Lake. He said the logging was about 9-10 acres in size and was by the old mill site. Dean also stated the owner of the property planned to subdivide it for houses.

Matt Grey from the city's engineering firm H.G.E. of Coos Bay was present at the meeting and gave a report about the site visit he was part of last week on the Bussmann property on Hubbard's Creek. Grey said he walked the entire site along with representatives from State Forestry. H.G.E. has come up with several recommendations for the property and Grey said Mr. Bussmann was agreeable towards them. Some of H.G.E.'s recommendations were to cut back some of the slopes on the property, remove the serpentine or rip rap it with a geotextile fabric and hydroseed some hillsides.

Grey said the future plans on the property are to subdivide it and put residences on it. Grey said the roads are not up to county standards and would have to be improved including widening to 22'. Grey urged the city to either buy the property or prevent the owner from developing it. Grey also said there were significant amount of wetlands on the property.

The next meeting of the Port Orford Watershed Council is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00pm in the city hall council chambers. The public is welcome to attend and make comments.

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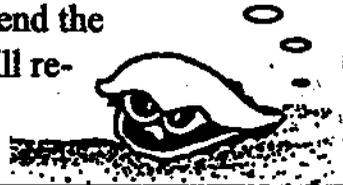
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### **April 7, 8, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday April 12. If you would like more information about this plan, contact your school's principal or the district office.

At this point the board went into a closed executive session to discuss our annual review of teacher performance. During their first three years, the district can decide not to renew a teacher's contract for almost any reason. If the teacher is renewed for a fourth year they become "tenured." It is much more difficult to remove a tenured teacher.

The board voted to renew most of the existing teachers' contracts. They also voted not to renew the contracts of two part-time employees. This is standard procedure each year to allow the principals flexibility in re-designing courses and staffing. Mr. Jim Gray submitted his resignation which the board accepted. Blanco Science teacher Daniel Leighton's contract was renewed for the fourth year thus granting him tenure. The only controversial decision was whether to renew the contract of art teacher Ray Davis.

Ray has been a center of controversy for more than a year. Last year he was the girls' basketball coach. This year the board voted to rescind his coaching contract while expressing no complaints with his teaching. Mr. Davis filed a grievance which the board lost when the arbitrator decided the board had not followed the district's procedures for resolving complaints and taking disciplinary measures.

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### **Board Meeting Not Boring by Valerie Kramer**

The Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School Board held a special meeting on Tuesday evening, March 29 at Pacific High School. Because it was to deal with two controversial issues, the meeting was well attended and a cameraman was present from KCBY television.

The first item on the agenda was "Grade Level Distribution," a proposal to move the 4th grade from Driftwood Elementary School to Blanco Middle School next year. Doing so would make room at Driftwood for a required health room, an expanded library/tech center, and space for a proposed pre-school program. This would also reduce the isolation of the 5th graders who were moved last year.

Several parents have taken alarm at the idea of their 4th grade children (9 year olds) mingling with 7th and 8th graders (11 & 12 year olds.) These parents can relax, this is not the plan. The Blanco complex is intended to be a "Middle School" and not a "Junior High School" - a big difference in concept. The 4th and 5th grades would be taught jointly for some subjects and separately for others. We do not propose a building where bells

ring and students mingle in the halls in unsupervised disorder as they migrate from one classroom to another.

The Driftwood and Blanco site committees have raised some more serious concerns, however. The Blanco site committee points out that all classrooms, and the gym, are already in use. They point to communications problems that have not yet been solved from last year's opening of the white building. They have concerns over the accessibility and content of the library(s), lack of proper playgrounds and they claim that more students at this level live in Port Orford than in Langlois so the plan would require more bussing than at present.

Driftwood's site committee is concerned that the preschool benefit may not be realized because there is no district plan, no coordinator, and no guarantee of funding. They cite concerns with the Blanco phones, playground, meal service facilities, and the fact that office staff and equipment are all at the white building.

These are just a sampling of issues raised by these groups. The board, upon being presented with memos from the site committees, decided to postpone any action on this plan until their regular meeting on

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### Board Meeting Not Boring continued

At the meeting Tuesday night, District Superintendent Diok Wold gave the board members a packet of documentation relating to Ray Davis. We were not, however, given any time to actually read the material before the vote. Instead (in open session as requested by Mr. Davis' attorney) Blanco Middle School Principal Phil Sword gave a chronological summary of the controversy surrounding Mr. Davis this year.

Barbara Diamond of Portland, Mr. Davis' attorney, gave a rebuttal which I mentally translated loosely to, "My client is innocent and if you don't renew him, we'll sue." This was disappointing as it contained little factual rebuttal. One of the first things any board member learns is that they must make the best decisions possible without allowing such threats to influence them.

I'm afraid I got a bit frustrated at this point and went through the same list of points that Phil had given but showing, by his own words, how they amounted to very little evidence against Mr. Davis. Here are a few of the points:

"He required representation in various meetings." This is his right and not unreasonable since he's already been singled out to have his coaching contract removed. He's trying to protect himself.

"He refused a student admission to his class." The student in question had been on suspension. Ray had checked with the office that morning and was told the student was not in his class. Ray had reason to believe the student might be abusive and disruptive so he attempted to prevent a problem from arising.

My favorite was the complaint about Mr. Davis' language - he told a parent that their child, "could be rowdy...but he's not evil." I guess we'll all have to update our dictionary to include a new four letter word. Not!

Mr. Davis is not perfect. He has been offered several opportunities to defend himself and has not submitted the written rebuttals requested (or has not done so in a timely or satisfactory fashion) nor has he accepted offers to meet with his supervisor to discuss perceived problems. While he may have good reasons for his actions, he does not help himself by failing to cooperate with the established procedures.

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At this point, I would like to apologize to principal Phil Sword. I'm afraid my aggressive response may have put him in a bad light. Mr. Sword has done his best to try to resolve complaints that have arisen. He shows an honest concern for the fate of his staff and did his best (and a good job it was!) to present an accurate picture of the history of this issue. I regret any embarrassment I may have caused him.

According to Oregon Stats Law, chapter 342.835, the board may fail to renew Mr. Davis' contract, "for any reason deemed in good faith sufficient." This means that the board can legally choose not to renew the contract based on no more justification than was given by Mr. Sword. One hopes, and expects, that the board will carefully weigh the advantages and disadvantages before making any irreversible decisions.

The next board meeting will be April 12.

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The Board of Directors and officers of the Common Good held their annual election of officers meeting on Thursday evening, March 24, at the Port Orford Library.

Charles Quillen submitted a treasurer's report form the period of March 1, 1993 - February 28, 1994. The Common Good raised \$7668 in contributions during that period including substantial donations from five area churches and three local clubs. The Common Good spent \$8699 during this period of time and ended up with a balance of \$2345.57 thanks to a cash carryover from last year.

Not much progress has been made on the Common Good's new building. They own a piece of land at the corner of Madrona and Highway 101. Now they need a major grant to fund the project.

Peggy Stahl, president of the Common Good, said they were getting low on food. She also said the quality of food from Oregon food shares was going down and that U.S.D.A. was not providing enough protein foods.

Last year the Common Good gave out 865 boxes of food that fed 3,014 people.

Mac Ellis, who is in charge of the clothing department, reported that the organization needs blankets and sleeping bags which are in high demand.

The election was held and there was only one nominee for each office. The following people were elected: Charles Quillen, President; Ray Johnson, Vice President; Justin Bauman, Treasurer; Marian Eskelson, Secretary; Joyce Carter, citizen at large board member; and David Smith, church board member. Three board members including Gary Culley, Evan Kramer and Frank Smith representing Rotary Club were not up for election.

The members of the Common Good thanked outgoing President Peggy Stahl for the fine job she had done the last year plus the many years of service she has given them. Peggy has made numerous trips to Coos Bay at her own expense to pick up food items. On one such trip she brought back 300 loaves of bread.

The Common Good enters its new fiscal period appreciative of all financial donations over the years but reminds everyone that providing food to people is an expensive process and that donations are always needed and appreciated.

## Museum Work Party

On Saturday, April 2 at 9:00am members and friends of the Curry County Historical Society will gather at the museum at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach to get the ready for the 1994 season.

Yard work will include weeding, pruning, painting, and generally cleaning up the outside display area. Inside work will include "spring cleaning" activities.

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## Arts Council Meets - No Joke

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The meeting will start at 7:00pm. On the agenda are the May Port Orford Arts Festival, the student art festival and a variety of other fun events. As always, an open floor period will be available for ideas and suggestions. Everyone is welcome to attend, to speak, and to enjoy the good companionship at the meeting.

Come enjoy a fun group of people, who enjoy making good things happen right here at home. Come for dinner and good conversation at the Senior Center, April 1st, at 6:00pm.

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Head Start teacher, Jan Yarish and her class began looking for a new classroom in February. Neither the health inspector or fire marshall approved the grange for a pre-school site. Julie Farmer who has



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been offering a play group for children in Port Orford in conjunction with the Head Start will also be moving. Both programs had hoped to move to the Masonic temple in Port Orford but Steve Nacheff of the Temple said the Head Start program would not be able to hold class there. Mr. Nacheff said he was only willing to have the facility used 3 1/2 days per week and that letting Head Start use the facility would tie it up too much. This posed a problem for the Head Start home based program. Fortunately both Driftwood Elementary School and the American Legion Hall offered space to the programs. Head Start and Julie's class will be using the Legion Hall for class time and the school play yard for outside activities. It's been a struggle but it looks as though both classes will be settled for the remaining class year.

Thanks to a fine recruiting job done by Judy Goude, the Head Start Family Service Coordinator, all ten Head Start slots are filled for now. Anyone interested in the Head Start program is encouraged to call the office at 1-800-628-9629 as the program will continue to accept applications year round. It is very important for parents to submit their application for next year as soon as possible. Head Start plans to offer a Home Based class in Port Orford next year as well.

Residents of Port Orford can call Cynthia Wells, Director of Head Start in both Coos and Curry County, for further information regarding the program.

### Lion's Club Raffle

The Tina Turner poster/standee Lion's Club raffle winner is...John Wooten!

Leonard Foster, publicity chairman for the Lion's Club and his wife Gladina visited the Fun Zone on Saturday, March 19. Leonard pulled out a ticket stub out of the jar with John Wooten's name on it and a few days later he came in and took the prize home.

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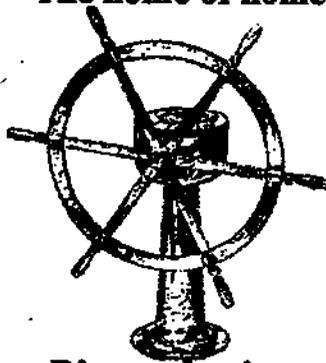
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"When would you like them delivered?" Gayle asked.

Grimly the man answered, "Yesterday."

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### Port Orford Tide Report

Courtesy of the Port Of Gold Beach

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu. Mar. 31	1:38am 8.2	8:50am -0.7	3:12pm 6.0	8:38pm 2.5
Fri. Apr. 1	2:29am 7.8	9:49am -0.4	4:21pm 5.7	9:37pm 2.9
Sat. Apr. 2	3:30am 7.4	10:54am 0.0	5:36pm 5.7	10:47pm 3.1
Sun. Apr. 3	5:38am 6.9	NONE ---	7:46pm 5.8	1:03pm 0.3
Mon. Apr. 4	6:57am 6.6	1:08am 3.1	8:48pm 6.1	2:07pm 0.5
Tue. Apr. 5	8:16am 6.4	2:30am 2.8	9:36pm 6.4	3:06pm 0.7
Wed. Apr. 6	9:22am 6.4	3:24am 2.3	10:18pm 6.6	3:56pm 0.9

### Easter's Chocolate Martyr

I'm the chocolate bunny

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Will you bite off my head

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You're a chocolate addict-

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By Marlene Gay, 1994



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The Arts Festival is now only five weeks away. It takes place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 6, 7 & 8. The Festival flyer and schedule is now complete and ready to print. It will be available the first week in April.



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Feeling down, like there's no hope for the future? Then go to your nearest public library during Story Time Hour. Let me tell you, there is lots of hope for our future and it rests in the wonderfully creative, attentive minds of our children. And you can see it in action at Story Time.

Our library has two story hour programs—one for the big kids and one for preschool children and they are both full of hope and laughter. The big kids start off with show and tell and you just haven't seen democracy in action until you see and hear 14 kids, ages 2 through 12, sitting in a circle and listening to each other. World leaders should attend story hour.

After show and tell comes a story or two and it doesn't matter if it's an old favorite fairy tale or a rousing adventure like *Little Tricker the Squirrel meets Big Double the Bear* by Ken Kesey—those young minds are fully focused and open to the beauty of words and life's many lessons.

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Usually we conclude with an art project and onto paper comes, full blown, sure evidence of thinking beyond and around confining boundaries. I always secretly wish each child will give me what they have so effortlessly created, but I also enjoy the idea of their masterpieces being proudly presented to the family at home. Sometimes, I expect, my longing becomes just too obvious and I receive a gift of hope which is then displayed in the library for all to enjoy.

Thursday mornings belong to the little kids. Ranging in ages from 11 months to five years, these small citizens of our planet will convince anyone that there is hope for the future.

Their faces reflect sheer delight at the big, huge world books offer. Why there are all the colors and folks we know and animals we see and noises we hear right there on those pages.



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Up to \$30,000 will be awarded in honoraria during the 1994 Better Government Competition. All you need to enter the competition is one good idea - how to improve Oregon government.

To obtain a copy of the rules, call the Better Government Competition Hotline or attend the March 31 meeting, at noon, at the Playa Del Oro restaurant in Gold Beach. Kurt Weber, program director, will be on hand to answer all your questions about the purpose of the competition, who should enter, the competition format, what winners will receive and how to enter.

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The Cascade Policy Institute, organizer of the competition, is a non profit, non partisan public policy research organization. The Institute is Oregon's free market think tank. It develops and publicizes market orientated solutions to Oregon's economic problems.

Similar competitions, successfully undertaken in Massachusetts, Arizona, California, Canada and England, have received enthusiastic support from their respective business, media, political and civic minded citizens. One idea, from the first Massachusetts competition saved the state's taxpayers 3.5 million dollars. Another idea from the second competition is expected to save taxpayers be-

tween 200-400 million dollars!

The Better Government Competition promises to be an innovative way to engage the public in taking a critical look at government services.

Be there at noon if you have any ideas that you think would increase the efficiency of government service delivery, reduce government spending, and/or create private sector alternatives to government services and assets.

**Star Theater Teen Dance**

This Friday night, the Star Theater hosts a teen dance at 9:00pm following the regularly scheduled movie "Philadelphia" starring Tom Hanks.

Music will be provided by DJ George Michaels. Admission to the dance is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple.

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### Fill Curry's Heart

Friends of Curry General Hospital want to raise \$100,000 in six months, and they're calling on community clubs, organizations and businesses to help them do it. The public is invited to attend a countywide meeting to organize the fund raising effort for the county's only hospital on Tuesday, April 5.

The meeting is set for 7:00pm in the Gold Beach City Hall, 510 Ellensburg Ave. (Highway 101) in Gold Beach.

Citizen organizers will kick off the ambitious campaign for the 24 bed Gold Beach hospital on May 1. The theme is "Fill Curry's Heart".

"To make fund raising fun...and raise our consciousness about the needs of our hospital, we're asking every club or organization to challenge a similar club or organization," says Janice Wheeler, First

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Interstate Bank manager in Gold Beach and member of the organizational committee. "Individuals can get involved, too. The object is to see which group can raise the most money for Curry General Hospital," she added. Prizes will be awarded to groups and individuals who make the largest contributions.

"We envision Elks challenging the Masons or the Lions challenging the veterans groups. There are countless possibilities. We also are encouraging businesses to get involved," she continued.

At the meeting April 5, organizers will help set up matches among groups, and suggest fund raising methods and events to meet the campaign goal.

"Curry General needs an infusion of new capital to ensure that we continue providing the public with top rated, caring health services," Gordon Enzley, hospital administrator, says.

He says current challenges facing Curry General include rising costs to provide health care, technological changes and other factors plaguing all rural hospitals.

To plan for the future, a separate community group is taking steps to establish a long term hospital foundation with planned giving programs, memberships and more.

For more information, plan to attend the April 5 meeting or phone Gordon Enzley or Frann Grossman at Curry General Hospital at 247-6621.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the people who came and helped with my concert at the Star Theater. This May, Casey and I are looking forward to studying with our hero, Mark O'Connor, in Nashville. This will be a great experience and we hope to learn new styles, techniques and tunes that we can share with you in the future.

I'm so glad we were able to perform for you before we leave. Your support and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
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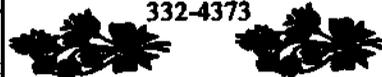
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### From Eggs to Fry

On the 29th day of March the third grade at Driftwood Elementary released about 160 salmon into Elk River. What led up to this moment has been quite an experience. To begin this adventure, Carla, from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife set up a special 20 gallon tank. The tank was covered to keep it cool and dark. The tank was filled 5 days before the eggs arrived to allow the chlorine to evaporate. Carla then returned with 175 salmon eggs. The class was responsible for checking the temperature on a daily basis. This provided a means to predict when the eggs would hatch as well as when they could be released. To keep the

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temperature low enough the class had to add ice. After the eggs hatched, about half of the water need to be changed. Also any eggs or fish that died had to be removed or they would contaminate the living eggs and fish. We looked at the dead egg and a dead fish under the microscope. The class never did have to feed the fish because they fed off of their yolk sac.

The class was also able to tour the Elk River Hatchery. There they saw steelhead at a variety of ages from eggs to one year olds. The class viewed the fish ladder. The highlight of the hatchery tour was when the students were allowed to feed the one year old fish. To conclude this

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project Carla will dissect a fish for the class.

This experience has been a great learning tool in that it provided experience for teaching math, science, and writing. The students became very attached to the fish and had a great sense of responsibility and protectiveness.

### Time Change Sunday

Daylight Savings Time hits us in the eyeballs Easter Sunday morning this year.

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