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Council Settles Lawsuit by Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met in special session on Friday, February 17, at 10:15 to consider the City's lawsuit against Ernie and Peter Bussmann. City council members in attendance were Martha Weaver-Britell, Ralph Donaldson, Carl Eskelson, George Kennedy, Robert Warring and Mayor Delaine Kennedy. Also attending were City recorder Norma House, City Manager Dotti Myers and public works engineer Dennis Gehrke.

The Council had met in executive session at 10:00am and, upon completion of that session was, opened the special session and let the public into the council chambers. The council proceeded almost immediately on a vote regarding the stipulated permanent injunction lawsuit between the City of Port Orford and the Bussmanns. The following is how each councilor voted: Councilor Tim Sparks was not present for the meeting. The Mayor votes only to break a tie vote.

Ralph Donaldson - yes
George Kennedy - yes
Carl Eskelson - yes

Martha Weaver-Britell - no
Robert Warring - no

By a 3-2 vote the council agreed to settle their lawsuit and agreed to the stipulated injunction before most people in the au-

dience had the faintest idea what was going on.

Martha Weaver-Britell submitted a request for the City to write a letter to Ron Fox, Coos Forest Practices Coordinator and several other officials thanking the Oregon Department of Forestry for their work, stating the settlement of \$9,500 does not cover the cost of the case which is in excess of \$35,000. She also submitted two other requests. The council voted to send the letter with the \$35,000 subject to Dotti Myers checking and verifying the amount. The letter also requested the O.D.F. continue to monitor the Bussmann repairs over the next five years and requested the O.D.F. to collect the maximum fines from the Bussmanns without offsetting the amount with the Bussmann's expenses incurred during the repairs or in connection with their litigation with the City. As of November, 1994 city manager Myers had compiled a list of total expenses from loss of the City's primary water supply on Hubbard Creek. They came to \$29,242.74. This figure did not include the cost of dredging the city reservoir which was estimated at \$50,000 with part of the siltation problem attributed to actions on the Bussmann property.

Councilor Warring spoke against the settlement and read and presented a statement he wanted put into the record. Councilor Donaldson also submitted a letter to the council. He sighted the fact

that the case would be heard at a "judicial hearing" before a judge, not a potentially sympathetic jury trial as one of the reasons he did not want to proceed further with the case.

There were two paragraphs in the settlement which caused the most soul searching on the council. They are Paragraphs 3 and 8 and are reprinted as approved by the council:

Paragraph 3: In executing this Release and Settlement Agreement, the City understands and agrees that its release extends to and includes any and all damages, injuries, claims and compensation that it now has, as well as those that it did not anticipate or know to exist, as well as any and all damages, injuries, claims or compensation which may develop in the future in connection with the actions of Bussmann alleged in the City's complaint in recital (a), except with regards to claims that the Permanent Injunction is violated, it being the intent of the parties that this release does not apply to future actions or conduct.

Paragraph 8: This agreement is effective upon payment of the above mentioned \$9,500 to the City and filing of the permanent injunction.

The council opened the meeting and voted on the issue before allowing public comment. Several of the 25 or so people in

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Chris Hawthorne has also donated a vase which will be raffled off to raise money for the Marsh's. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at Chetco FCU where the vase is on display.

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On March 2 at 6:30 pm at the Langlois Library, Larry Tucker and Melchor Gamez from State Migrant Education Service Center, will lead a community discussion concerning multi-cultural education.

This "brainstorming" meeting is being coordinated by two local teachers through the Driftwood Elementary School Site Council. It is our hope that topics such as E.S.L. volunteers, additional sources of funding, educational strategies for young children, and incorporating multi-cultural arts and activities into community events be discussed.

If you know of others who would be interested in attending this community meeting, please invite them. Leave a message at either 332-0243 or 347-4571 to reserve a seat, so we will know how many people to expect.



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The next event scheduled for March 25 and 26 could draw even more competitors, as it will be the only Indoor Flat Track event held at the time in Southern Oregon or Northern California.

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addition of Daumer, the Board is now complete. Welcome aboard Claudia.

The ballots are in and the new Business of the Year, and Citizen of the Year have been determined. Be sure to attend the Chamber's annual Banquet, March 3rd at the Rod 'N Reel to find out the new honorees (Dinner reservations must be made in advance, no later than February 24th). Invitations have been mailed, and remember, all employees of Chamber businesses are members and are invited. Gold Beach's "50th Anniversary" will be the key theme at this year's banquet. For more information, please contact the Chamber office at 247-7526.

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Thu Feb. 23	5:16am 7.5	NONE --	7:22pm 5.2	12:49pm 0.2
Fri Feb. 24	6:26am 7.5	12:18am 3.0	8:34pm 5.6	1:57pm -0.1
Sat Feb. 25	7:37am 7.6	1:38am 3.0	9:27pm 6.0	2:56pm -0.3
Sun Feb. 26	8:44am 7.7	2:46am 2.7	10:14pm 6.4	3:48pm -0.5
Mon Feb. 27	9:40am 7.8	3:48am 2.2	10:54pm 6.8	4:34pm -0.5
Tue Feb. 28	10:32am 7.7	4:40am 1.8	11:32pm 7.1	5:15pm -0.3
Wed Mar. 1	11:18am 7.5	5:28am 1.4	NONE --	5:54pm -0.1
Thu Mar. 2	12:05am 7.2	6:11am 1.2	12:03pm 7.2	6:29pm 0.3

Revolution In Learning

The North Curry Families' and Children's Center is hosting a showing of the ABC News Video "Common Miracles-The New American Revolution in Learning", Feb. 27th, at 6:30 pm, in the Pacific High School Library. Produced in 1993, this ABC News Special looks at communities all across America and is an excellent introduction to how and why schools are changing. Correspondents Peter Jennings

and Bill Blakemore interviewed children, parents, psychologists, educators and scientists to discover ways education can be delivered which enable students to flourish and become eager learners. In order to make the video more accessible to more people, both the Langlois Community Library and the Port Orford Library have generously agreed to order the "Common Miracles" video. It will be available for check out to library patrons in 3 - 4 weeks. The North Curry Families'

and Children's Center is currently funded by a Families Initiative Grant from The Oregon Community Foundation and The Carpenter Foundation. If you have questions about this and other NCFCC activities, contact the NCFCC at 332-5810, Tuesdays and Wednesday: 9 am to noon, and Fridays: 1 - 4 pm.

A pretentious playwright was bemoaning the lack of reviews to his friend.

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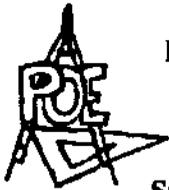
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We are fortunate to have two "new" musicians playing with what we call the Kammeroque Ensemble - Joe Fancher, composer and cellist, and Carole Tindel, who will play the harpsichord. In addition, guest musician Crystal Landucci will join us at the 3:15 performance. Other performances are at 2:15 and 4:15.

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The first meeting will be held this Sunday, February 26 starting at 1:00pm at the Richard AuFranc Law Office, 901 Oregon St. (Across Hwy 101 from Circle K). Those attending this meeting will decide when, where, and how frequently to meet as well as discussing what sort of topics they would like to see at future meetings.

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The music was the laughter of more than 80 people who came to the community building this past Saturday, February 18. The dancer was Ritah Parrish, a brilliant, twenty something improvisational actress from Portland. Her one woman play, "I Think He's A Sociopath, But the Dance Is Saturday Night", which she wrote, is based on her own experiences in relationships.

The audience filled the room with giggles and song, as Ritah engaged her audience to participate by singing to her during her costume changes. It was a willing audience, inspired perhaps by a combination of cabin fever and premature spring fever. A contingency of fun loving theater fans drove the "gauntlet" of Gold Beach and were seen making merriment at the "True" before and after the show. Ritah's performance had that kind of effect, the fun must go on!

The Port Orford Arts Council thanks all of you who attended. Your participation is what makes any event successful. Keep your eyes open for the next "happening" event!

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The North Curry Families' and Children's Center will hold its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 6 pm, in the Port Orford City Council Chambers. A special guest at the meeting will be Toni Peterson, the Director of the Oregon DHR Integrated Services Projects. Peterson will be visiting the North Curry Integrated Project sites Friday morning. The tour will conclude at the NCFCC office (905 Oregon St.), at 11 pm. Everyone is invited to join us at that time to meet Toni Peterson, and members of the NCFCC staff and board.

At the Thursday night meeting, staff and partners will be reporting on the progress towards improved, integrated service in north Curry, as well as developing activities and projects. A volunteer receptionist at the Curry County North Annex, Brenda Sims, is now manning the reception desk and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 11 to 3 Wednesdays: 8:30 to 12:30. She can be reached by calling 332-9191, and can provide information

and referrals for a variety of services. In addition, a growing number of agency forms can now be accessed at the North Annex.

The NCFCC is presently funded by a Families Initiative Grant from The Carpenter Foundation and the Oregon Community Foundation. Everyone is encouraged to participate and share their ideas and efforts in the developing quality services and activities which address the unique needs and interests of the north Curry community. The NCFCC office hours are: Tues. and Wed., 9 to noon and Friday, 1 to 4 pm. The phone number is 332-5810.

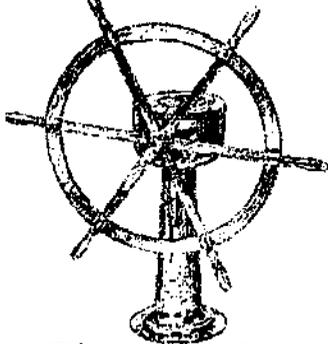
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Mon.-Sat. 6:00am-8:00pm

Sun. 7:00am-7:00pm

Dear Editor,

On January 23, Mr. King wrote a letter to each member of our School Board and Mr. Wold, explaining that withholding the buy-out agreement between the school district and Mr. Davis from the public is illegal and requested to see the buyout agreement. Not one of the Board Members or Mr. Wold have replied to the letter.

On Feb. 14th at the School Board meeting two citizens stood and asked to see the same buyout agreement and both were assured that they were privy to all the records at the district office. Any citizen has the right to examine the records of the District Office.

On Feb. 15th one of the above citizens went to the District Office and asked to see the buy-out agreement and was shown the General Fund expenditure ledger dated 12/12/94 and was told that this would explain the buyout agreement. What this ledger explains is that year to date the district has spent:

Board Legal Services \$8,542
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Mr. Wold was again asked for the buyout agreement and the request was denied.

If these numbers truly represent the total agreement, why can we not see the agreement. One wonders if the \$30,000 is to be paid to Mr. Davis each year for five years?

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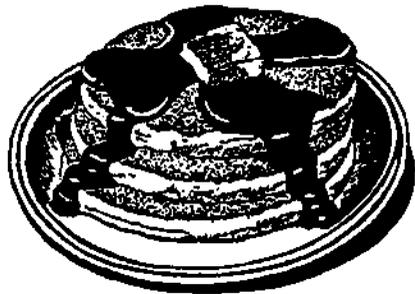
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Brice Wagner and I made a trip on Tuesday to inspect the new Port Orford Rural Fire District truck. The truck is being built by H & W Emergency Vehicles in the burgeoning city of Forest Grove. We were met by Jeff Weber, son on one of the owners of the company, who guided us around the tour with the help of Mitch, the chief mechanic on the truck.

Brice and I were surprised by the progress H & W has made on the fire truck. It is far enough along that the company estimates it will be completed by the middle of March and ready for delivery to Port Orford. The truck is powered by a Cummins 370 horsepower diesel engine. It rests on an International chassis and carries 1,200 gallons of water. It will have a five seat enclosed cab with two front bucket seats and three seats in the back for the air pack crew. Its foam proportioning system will be a first for Port Orford. It will come equipped with telescoping lights, a roll out battery tray and a deluge gun.

One of the more unique features and a first for Port Orford trucks its front

mounted pump giving pump and roll capability.

The truck was headed for the paint room later this week and will come out fire engine red with white striping.

This has been a big year for the Port Orford Rural Fire Board with Chaiman Bill Foster, Secretary/Treasurer Lou Cobb, and members Brice Wagner, Evan Kramer and Bill McMullen witnessing completion of the first stage of the new fire station on Elk River Road. The 3,500 square foot structure sits on land donated by the Marsh family adjacent to the older hall which seems dwarfed in comparison. The concrete slab floor and building shell are complete. The next step is acquiring doors for it, installing insulation and electrical work.

During the three hours we spent at H & W we not only got a thorough going over of Port Orford's truck but also got to see some of the other projects the company was working on. The company was completing work on two ladder trucks for the Seattle Fire Department. On one truck the ladder was telescoped to its full height of 100 feet. Fortunately, we weren't invited for a view from the top. The



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Public Meetings

Port Orford City Council holds a workshop meeting on Monday morning, February 27, at the Port and Starboard restaurant. The meeting starts at 8:30am.

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly membership meeting on Monday, February 27, at noon, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant. The guest speaker is Larry Minnich. He will discuss and answer questions concerning the annexation of Curry County E.S.D. to the Southwest Oregon Community College. Minnich is the chairman of the Gold Beach 2010 committee. The public is welcome to attend this meeting.

Veterans Employment Services are offered on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the County Health Dept. building from 9am to 11:45am.

Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School Board workshop and executive sessions will be held Mon., Feb. 27 at 7:00pm at Pacific High School. For info, call the district office at 332-5241 or 348-2337.

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attendance at the meeting questioned the council's action. However, in researching the issue I found under the Oregon Revised Statute 192.630 it reads as follows: "The right of public attendance guaranteed by the Public Meetings Law does not include the right to participate by public testimony or comment." There are three exceptions to this rule and none applied.

Shortly after the public comment period of the meeting began Mayor Kennedy left to attend another meeting. Soon after that, councilman George Kennedy left to return to work. Carl Eskelson took over for the Mayor and fielded numerous questions along with the remaining council members.

One question came from Orville Laurson regarding the City's option to condemn the Bussmann property. Robert Warring told the audience that Commissioner

Terry Hanscom had told him there was money available for condemnation (not county money). Ralph Donaldson pointed out that if the City condemns the Bussmann property, the owners will want the value of 21 housing sites, not the value of a forestry parcel.

One of the stranger facts to me that came out of this special city council session was that the council voted on a stipulated agreement with the Bussmanns but no one from the mayor to the city manager could provide a copy of it to the public or themselves. The consensus from the council members was they knew what they were voting on from prior letters and memos yet that doesn't square with the fact they still voted on a document that wasn't in front of them.

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