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Easter Island article continues inside

### Public Transportation By Evan & Valerie Kramer



Valerie and I drove up to Portland so she could attend a Microsoft seminar at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). Since it wasn't a talk aimed at novices like me I decided to make good use of the gray overcast rainy day and ride the new MAX light rail line extension from downtown Portland to downtown Hillsboro. First I caught the number 63 bus which stops in front of the OMSI complex for a short (as the crow flies) ride downtown. I told the bus driver I wanted a transfer so I could ride the light rail line and that got us started talking. She convinced me I would see more of the interesting part of Portland if I stayed on the bus until it got to the Washington Park zoo. Many of the interesting hillside houses were pointed out to me as we wound our way up the hills. The light rail line travels through a three-mile long tunnel under the Park and there is a station within a short walk of the zoo. An elevator whisks you down several hundred feet to the underground station.

The line to Beaverton and then Hillsboro travels through an area going through a tremendous amount of new construction.

Hundreds of new apartments/condos and businesses are popping up within walking distance of the rail line. There are many park and ride lots adjacent to the rail line encouraging commuters to get out of their cars and ride the rails downtown. However, not everyone is happy with the fenced in right-of-ways that the light rail cars travel through. A sign on the side of one house shouted out "Thanks Tri-Met our home is now a prison." However other signs including one at Civic Stadium welcomed the light rail line to the West Side of Portland. The West Side line terminates at the Mark Hatfield Government Center station. The station just before the Hatfield one is the Hillsboro Central station. The unique thing about this station, and I've never seen this done before, is the Books by Rail Library at the station. Tri-Met leased the vendor space at the station to the City of Hillsboro library where they operate a branch library. A brochure about the Books by Rail printed by the library proudly proclaims this to be the first library of its kind on the West Coast.

We all have our hobbies and likes and dislikes. I thought as I rode the different buses and the light rail line just how much I like the feeling of movement and looking out the window looking at the scenery and listening to all the conversations that

go on with people on public transportation.

Euphemism of the month: After making a purchase at Fry's Electronics in Wilsonville you walk to the building exit where an employee checks your receipt against your purchase. Instead of a badge saying security these people have one referring to them as "loss prevention specialist." Of course I remember fondly before the term light rail transit took over when streetcars and trolley cars were called streetcars and trolley cars.

Fortunately Monday was a holiday this week so OMSI was open. (Normally in winter season it's closed on Mondays.) We signed up for the full package and started off with an interesting and enjoyable Ominmax movie about Elephants. From there we had to run to the planetarium for the absolutely most unimaginative, boring, and poorly presented planetarium show it has been my misfortune to endure. After escaping that, we headed for a quick bite of lunch and found ourselves held hostage by their in-house restaurant. Apparently the city contracts with one company to provide meals at all their facilities. I hope they choose another vendor next time. The service was disorganized, the food mediocre (at best), the prices high, and the place wasn't

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Fri Feb 19	1:56a	7.6	7:55a	1.6	1:52p	7.3	8:08p	0.5	7:07a	5:55p	9:30a	10:07p	
Sat Feb 20	2:35a	7.7	8:49a	1.3	2:49p	6.6	8:51p	1.2	7:05a	5:56p	10:04a	11:15p	
Sun Feb 21	3:18a	7.7	9:50a	1.1	3:55p	6.0	9:38p	2.0	7:04a	5:57p	10:40a	12:22a	
Mon Feb 22	4:07a	7.7	10:59a	0.9	5:14p	5.5	10:34p	2.7	7:02a	5:59p	11:20a	1:28a	1Q
Tue Feb 23	5:03a	7.6	12:13p	0.7	6:44p	5.3	11:44p	3.3	7:01a	6:00p	12:04p	2:31a	
Wed Feb 24	6:08a	7.6	1:26p	0.3	8:09p	5.5			6:59a	6:01p	12:54p	3:30a	
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**Contract Not Renewed  
Article by Evan Kramer**

The Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District board has decided not to renew the contract of business manager John Phillips. His contract ends June 30, 1999 and he will continue working at the school district headquarters until then. The school board is currently advertising for the position.

John served as president of the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce in 1998. His term of office was very successful in my opinion. His wife Nancy is the manager of the Chamber office/visitor center.

I talked with John briefly and asked him why the board did not renew his contract. He said the matter had been discussed in an executive board meeting. He told me he was surprised the board did not renew his contract and that he didn't expect this to happen. He told me School Superintendent Richard Wold had given him a

good evaluation.

Several people including Phillips told me to call School Board president Don Smith and ask him why Phillips was not rehired. I spoke with Smith on Saturday evening. I asked him why John Phillips contract was not renewed. Smith told me a majority of the members on the board lost confidence in John's ability to provide them with material to make the right decisions. He said the board had expected a \$300,000 cash carryover at the end of the 1998-99 budget year. Smith said Phillips knew the school district wouldn't have that carryover and allowed the board to pass a budget where they wouldn't have a cash carryover. Smith said the board spent money they wouldn't have had they known there would be the carryover.

Smith said the Phillips contract was discussed in an executive session and the board came up with a consensus not to

renew his contract. They gave Phillips a chance to speak at the next meeting and no one on the board changed their mind.

The school board met on Tuesday night, February 9. They accepted a letter of resignation from school board member Theresa Hewitt. The board is currently advertising to fill the opening.

*[Editor's Note: The school budget is produced by a committee composed of the 7 school board members and seven members from the public. The superintendent and business manager are present at meetings of this budget committee to provide input and explanations. This group meets several times and reviews each section of the budget from beginning to end. These meetings are open to the public. It seems difficult to fathom how, with this significant scrutiny of the budget, the blame for a problem could reasonably be assigned to a single individual. - Valerie Kramer]*

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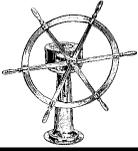
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**Easter Island IV  
By Graeme Graydon**

Back at the "Boarding House," my hostess, Annie arranged for a sailor from the Chilean Coast Guard to drive me to my next goal – the quarry at the crater of Rano Raruku some 10 miles distant. Riccardo dropped me off with my pack at the foot of the volcano promising to pick me up in four days time from a distant beach on the north coast. I was absolutely alone again, a desolate wilderness peopled by a host of stern visage stone giants that stood around me leaning at all angles as if the clock had stopped at a stupendous party freezing their tipsy movement for all time. A Chilean Ranger, Carlos arrived on a dirt bike, took me to his Cabana Guaeada, locked my pack safely away and then spent the rest of the day leading me all over this most amazing place. Dry flat land swept gracefully up to bold outcrops of dark gray tuff marking the highest edge of the ancient crater. The lake in the crater was rimmed with reeds – a soft, beautiful place. High on the rocky faces, a long time ago, native people using hand held stone picks created over 600 huge statues in a style and quantity not seen anywhere else on earth. A few small figures are 10'

high, most are between 20' and 40' tall and one unfinished giant is 65' long weighing hundreds of tons. Workers chipped their way into the rock until a horizontal figure was revealed, face up, joined to the bedrock only by a narrow keel beneath its back. Somehow this was broken and the statue was slid down the slope to be erected in the loose tailings where it was polished.

Folklore says that the giants walked to their platforms up to 12 miles away. The largest to reach its platform, four miles away on the coast weighs 82 tons. Thor Heyerdahl's latest trip to Easter Island proved that the statues could walk – in the same way that we "walk" a fridge today – tip and twist. Four teams of workers with ropes, shuffled the 15 to 80 ton giants a short distance each day until the journey was done. I could see well marked roads radiating out to the surrounding coast line, strewn with fallen statues who never finished their walk.

The earliest statues were carefully handled but there had been an expansion of production. Hundreds of workers had toiled on top of each other in a frenzy of mad activity. Finished statues were dumped on top of each other, some were broken.

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More were made than could be handled. Caught up in this insanity, my soul cried out – Why? Why? Why?

And then over 200 years ago, in one moment, everything stopped, the picks were cast aside, the mountain side fell silent, leaving 200 giants in all stages of creation, 70 standing in the rubble waiting to be finished, 30 waiting to be walked and 320 either at or on their way to the coast.

To be continued.

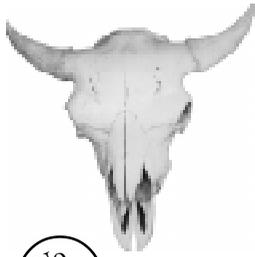
**Bird Walk Cancellation**

Due to an unanticipated conflict in schedules, the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society bird walk scheduled for February 27 is cancelled. The March 27 hike beginning at 9:00am at Port Orford's Driftwood Elementary School will be held as scheduled. For more information contact Nathaniel Wander, President, Kalmiopsis Audubon Society at 332-6009.

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“With new databases and constantly updated resources we can practically walk you to the spot your great grandfather stood on the battlefield and bring the scene to life,” says Feeter, of Pistol River, Oregon. Feeter has traced the paths of 28 of his Civil War ancestors, ranging from two great-great grandfathers who survived three years of service to a cousin who died at notorious Andersonville Prison.

“One of the tragedies of genealogies,” says Feeter, “is they may list an ancestor as ‘Fought in War of the Rebellion (Civil War),’ but rarely give much detail.” Feeter says one of his cousins on his father’s side

of the family is listed as having served in the 5th Michigan Cavalry. What the genealogy doesn’t mention is that the 5th was part of Custer’s famed Michigan Cavalry Brigade that fought from Gettysburg all the way through the final Grant vs. Lee Campaign that ended in Lee’s surrender at Appomatox.

Those interested should study their family genealogy or copies of discharge papers, letters or other items that help shed light on a known Civil War ancestor. By March 10, provide the researchers with pertinent info such as names, dates of birth (if possible), state ancestor served in and regiment number, if you know it. (Please limit your inquiries to two ancestors.) Walt and Clay will help determine your ancestors’ regimental and war experiences.

“This will allow us to arrive at the March 20 seminar with details on each ancestor’s regimental history,” says Schroeder, a Curry County historian and former state representative. Schroeder’s aim is to arm participants with valuable facts about the campaigns a great gramps, great uncle or cousin marched, fought, was wounded, captured and perhaps died in. Participants will find out where their ancestors fought, learn about the battle and know how ancestor were involved. A wealth of info is now available thanks to a brand new nationwide soldier database Schroeder and Feeter are putting to use for this seminar.



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C) Precious history to hand down to your family.

D) A Civil War battlefield slide presentation.

The seminar will be at the SWOCC classroom at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach on Sat., March 20 from 9am to 4pm and the cost of the seminar is \$40.

For further info, and to submit your CW ancestor(s) info by March 10:

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Senior News  
By Mary Yoder

The first thing I'd like to say today is thank you for the nice flower arrangement from the Sea Breeze flower shop. It is really pretty. Thank you from all of us.

February 11 was rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Mary Evans, Norma Ellis, Kay Neal – setting up the dining room and doing other things too June Dennison – doing dishes and clean up – Bill Butt and what's his name. I found out Genny's name Genny McCreedy welcome to the volunteers.

You know Patty and Roald Young were in the center making some more of their delicious rolls. I'm all for that.

Downstairs workers were Bobbeta Kron, Dot Clothier, What's his name and Henry Kron.

February 13th was luncheon also birthday party – rummage sale too. Volunteers making it so special were Jane Black, Mary Evans, Norma Ellis, June Dennison, Bessie Laurson – doing dishes etc. Pat Becker and Bill Butt – Clare Stahl at the money table. Rummage sale workers – Bobbeta Kron, Dottie Clothier. This was

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a really nice luncheon also birthday party. Harry White celebrated his 93rd birthday – with us. I'm sorry Lucille Douglas on missing your February birthday. – was glad you came to the party. Bobbeta gave gifts to the couple married the longest – 58 years – Wow! That's Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Knutson. Bessie Laursen and her husband the ones married the shortest time 13 years. All had a real good time – there will be another birthday party March 13th – best come.

February 14th was the breakfast. Volunteers working were Lee Hyle, June Dennison, Bessie Laursen, Kay Neal, Betty Berger – doing dishes Betty Hyser and Bill Butt. The food was very good. I went – so I know. Nice turn out – Bill Butt scrambling the eggs – did a good job. Rummage sale – What's his name and Bobbeta Kron. I hope I've said it all.

One more thing – The Lions Bingo will be March 5th – first Friday in March at 7:30pm. Come help a good cause.

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**New Library Director**

The Port Orford Library District board of directors named Tobe Porter as the new director of the library at their meeting on Wednesday night. Porter will replace Bonnie Wagner who is retiring at the end of February after 23 years as the Port Orford librarian.

Porter will continue serving as the Langlois Library director.

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The Port Orford Fishermen's Memorial is soon on its way to braking ground! Some very exciting things have happened from the last news release. The brick order arrived in perfect condition. "We couldn't have asked for a better brick company to work with" said Lessa Cobb, Women's Fishery Network President. "The bricks are perfect, not one brick was engraved wrong." With the order of bricks arriving also came the hiring of a local contractor. This was a very exciting process of building a memorial. Then came the meetings with the state parks, just to make sure we were all on the right track. It turned out that we are. "Wow then came the news of a grant application" said Jennifer Wilson. The grant was quickly filled out and sent off to Salem. The group will hear in March and hopes are very high in having the grant awarded to them, and governed by the Port. "Funding for the Memorial has been a very large

part of the job." said Cecil Ashdown, "With a generous Bed Tax grant, crab sales, Art & Seafood Fest., Brick Donations and even a garage sale, the group is still looking for funding. We want this to be a beautiful land mark for all to enjoy" The two local fishing groups, PO Fishermen Association and the Women's Fishery Network, along with local ranchers and contractors plan on staking out the design as soon as weather permits. "This will give every one a better idea of what the memorial will look like" said Rob Ashdown, POFA President. "The memorial plans will also be posted on the sign at the job site." So with much excitement in the air, all those involved

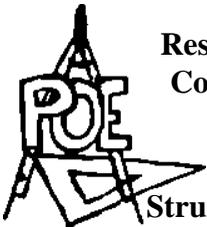
wait with anticipation for a grant to arrive and for the weather to improve.

## Council Emergency Meeting

In an emergency meeting held Feb. 16, The Port Orford City Council voted in favor of opening the lake. On Tuesday afternoon the city was waiting for a fax from the Division of State Lands with their new emergency permit to open the lake.

On Wednesday morning water was lapping onto Arizona Street as the City contracted with Joe Marsh to dig a trench to let water out of the lake.

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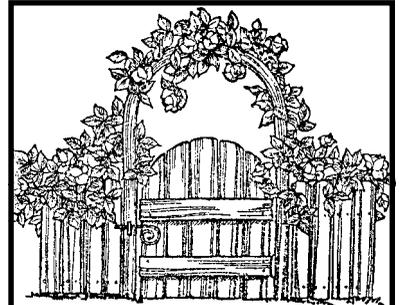
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**Our Heritage Is Calling**

Port Orford's rich and varied heritage is calling those who are interested in learning more about the past and helping to preserve it.

The Point Orford Heritage Society will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 23 at the Coast Guard Life Saving Station on Port Orford Heads. It is not necessary to be a member to attend.

Plan to join us and learn about plans for the coming year which could include opening a museum in the Coast Guard building. Refreshments will be served.

The Heritage Society is helping to sponsor a Chautauqua program at City Hall on Friday evening, February 19 at 7 PM. Folklorist Twilo Scofield will present Sealore: Seafarers, Sirens and Serpents. Her presentation is an eclectic collection of sea lore from ancient legends and types of merfolk, to superstitions, tall tales and beliefs of modern day sailors and fishermen. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

**Fire District Special Meeting**

The Port Orford Rural Fire District will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 5:00pm, in the city hall fire station. The purposed of the meeting is to discuss specifications for the new fire station building.

**Letter to the Editor,**

I would like to have something written in your paper to the people of Port Orford.

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people that were trying to help me and I want to say thank you for being there and I'm sorry if I caused any hardships.

Evan Kramer please print something in your paper to that extent. Thank you.

Kevin Larsen

*[Seems like Kevin said it pretty well for himself - Editor]*

**Coming Events**

Feb. 24, Wednesday, 7:00pm PHS Choir Disney Night in the PHS Gym. 348-2293 for info.

March 7, Sunday, 2:00pm - Community Dessert Potluck. Bring your favorite dessert to the Community Building.

March 13, Saturday, 7:00pm - Project Graduation All-you-can-eat dessert and benefit auction in the PHS Gym. 332-5373 for info.

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**THE BED TAX COMMITTEE** will hold their second public hearing to review grant applications February 25, 1999, at 3:00pm, in the Council Chambers.

**SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY** The 2CJ School District is accepting applications to fill vacant Board Position 7. The term expires on June 30, 2001. Applications may be obtained by contacting the district office at 348-2337 located at 45525 Highway 101. Application closing date will be March 12, 1999.

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## GARAGE SALES

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### Recycling

By: Paula Cracas

It seems everywhere you look, there's an article on recycling ... even in the popular magazines. Oregon used to be the leader in recycling starting with the 1971 bottle bill; which many states are still trying to duplicate decades later. Now many juice bottles and cans duplicate the soft drink bottles and cans, but don't require a deposit so they end up the landfills. We should be recycling everything we can.

If you believe in global warming (1998 recorded as the hottest year yet), you might be interested in learning that you can reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) by 850 pounds a year by recycling your home's newsprint, cardboard, glass and metal. If you buy food and other products with reusable, recyclable packaging, you can reduce CO<sub>2</sub> by 230 pounds a year.

But what can you do about the products you can't recycle? For example, polystyrene foam (foam cups, foam meat market trays, etc). If a club or organization you belong to uses foam cups, urge them to use paper products. Polystyrene foam takes decades (maybe longer) to break down in the landfill. Paper products can help start a fire in your woodstove or become food for your worms. You do have worms, don't you? (Oh yes, you will be hearing more about worms from me!)

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without the foam trays but that just means it goes into their garbage instead of mine. More and more markets are using paper trays in the their meat departments.\* Urge the supermarket you do business with to follow suit. Don't support businesses that use polystyrene foam ... but if you must, at least tell them you would rather they used paper products. Hopefully, if enough people mention their preference for paper, businesses will change. Large pieces of foam can be recycled by sending it via US mail to FP International at 1093 Charter Street, Redwood City, CA 94063 or drop off foam at Bring Recycling in Glenwood (541-746-3023 to call for drop-off times). Polystyrene "foam peanuts" would be welcomed by the Wooden Nickel ... they pack their beautiful myrtlewood pieces in them.

Oregon's 1991 recycling law requires 50% of our garbage be recycled by the year 2000. And 50% of new packaging material must come from recycled goods. Recycling, so simple it works!

If you liked the preceeding article, you'll probably also enjoy a visit to [www.grn.org](http://www.grn.org), the Grass Roots Recycling Network.

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## **Public Transportation** *continued from front cover*

overly clean. Quite a contrast from the inexpensive, clean, well run McDonalds we found in a similar museum in Cleveland, Ohio.

Finishing lunch, we headed for the rest rooms to wash up. The doors on them were so poorly marked, Valerie found herself trying to enter the mens room. Shaken (but not stirred) by the experience, we made a quick walk thru of the new reptile exhibit. Boring! Perhaps the animation would amuse a three year old but it didn't look worth the cost to me. They could also have used more staff members to control the unruly kids who were trying to climb into the exhibits. There seems to be a serious lack of parental control of kids these days.

By this time we had a pretty low opinion of Omsi. Fortunately, our next stop was a tour of the submarine U.S.S. Blueback, commissioned in 1959 and decommissioned in 1990. It appeared in the movie, "The Hunt for Red October" (it was the sub which made a dramatic emergence from the water making a crash surface maneuver.) Our tour guide, Ben, seemed

young for the job but I doubt anyone else could have done it better. He seemed to know everything there was to know about the sub and his tour was the high point of our visit.

Finally, our formal tours over, we were free to wander around the exhibits. There are a lot of them and they're pretty interesting but I'm not sure OMSI or its clones elsewhere really perform much of an educational service. There are lots of "toys" to play with (mostly swarming with mini-humans) but precious little information about what they are, what they do, how they work, and most importantly there is nearly nothing said about the most important question, "Why?"

OK, maybe I'm getting too cynical in my old age. I enjoyed the Omnimax and loved the Blueback but instead of going to Portland, you can probably learn as much or more real science for free by visiting the OMSI web site at [www.oms.org](http://www.oms.org).

While you're on the web studying, be sure to check out [www.nosweat.com](http://www.nosweat.com) which claims to be home to the three biggest study sites on the Internet - Homework Central, Homework Central, Jr., and Encyclopedia Central.

## **Cape Blanco Gun Club News**

Valentine Weekend was a great time to be in Port Orford. First was the Rotary Scholarship Foundation Dinner Dance on Saturday night followed by the trap meet on Sunday.

The 16 yard singles event was tied by Corky Brewer, Brookings and Robert McKenzie, Port Orford with a score of 48/50. The shoot off was won by Robert with a perfect 25/25. Runner ups were Doug Laird, Coos Bay, Bill Oleson and Ron Puhl, Port Orford with scores of 47/50. The Handicap contest went down to the last three shots. Rudi Breuer, Port Orford won over Robert McKenzie with a 44/50.

The first custer was won by George Miller, Coos Bay, the second custer by Bill Oleson after backing up six yards past the 27 yard line.

Robert McKenzie won the first Wacker Backer; little Nick Puhl won the second.

Port Orford was well represented in the first Pacific International Trap meet at the Rowdy Creek Gun Club north of Crescent City. Jim Harrison was high score overall including one Handicap. Jim Bussman won a Handicap event in his class and Scott Macdonald won the Doubles event in his class. Ron Puhl and Don Chase also participated. Come out and shoot with us. George Welch in his first competitive shoot did very well.

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### **Meet the Sheriff**

Curry County Sheriff Kent Owens will appear at a North Curry County "Meet the Sheriff" meeting at Port Orford City Hall on Thursday, March 18, from 6:30-8:00pm.

Sheriff Owens will make a brief statement at the beginning of the meeting and follow that with questions and answers from the audience. Residents of Port Orford, Sixes and Langlois are invited to attend this meeting and meet the sheriff.

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