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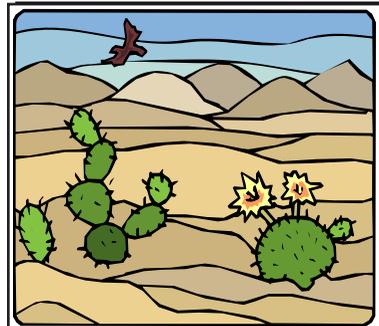
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In Search of Desert Flowers

In Search of Desert Flowers By Evan & Valerie Kramer

Timing is everything when you travel long distances to see the desert in bloom. Rain is also important and this year was a good one for the Anza Borrego State Park in Southern California and for Death Valley National Park.

Valerie and I set out on a Thursday morning for our first major stop in Monrovia the next evening to visit our friend Bernie Mateer and along the way retraced many familiar steps. Kind of like a good Groundhog Day.

We have a bookstore in Willits we like to check out (thanks to Caltrans the City of Willits has not been bypassed by a new version of Highway 101 so you get to enjoy all the traffic and sights).

We then headed south to 20 and over to Interstate 5 through Clearlake and the many small towns that hug the lake. We stopped in Williams for the night since we almost always get about that far and decide we've had enough driving. There is a Motel 6 there and my favorite thing about that chain is their very liberal pet policy which allows you to have your dog along and keep her or him in the room with you. Honeybear is very well behaved and rarely even barks but, of course, not all pets are as nice.

In the morning we headed out with one main goal of getting to Kettleman City which has an In 'N Out Burger location. We got there just before a tour bus full of people walked in. Whew!

We got to Monrovia with no problems but the next day, Evan came down with a very bad cold. He went to bed about 1pm Saturday and, aside from getting up for a few minutes to eat a couple of times, he slept (or at least rested) until the next morning. Fortunately on Sunday he felt a little better. He was able to take Honeybear to have her shaved – her long fur was too much for the southern heat. We had breakfast at Rod's Grill with Bernie, Evan's brother, and his girl friend, Darian. We then briefly visited a stamp show in Van Nuys and stopped by at the grave of Evan's friend, Larry Thomas, to pay our respects. After a meal at a Pollo Loco (another of our favorite stops) we went back to Bernie's where Evan got more rest to try to recover.

By Monday morning we were back on the road again heading east on the now-completed 210 Freeway to the I-15 and then south to Escondido to see my old buddy from the Burbank Post Office Ron Cohen and his wife. We got off I-15 at one of the City of Lake Elsinore off ramps so Evan could revisit a place

where he had spent a lot of time back in the 70's and 80's. Lake Elsinore was a small town back in 1971 with a population of about 3,500. To someone like him, from Los Angeles, it felt very rural and a blast from the past with the old homes, orchards, and lots of undeveloped land. Today the population of Lake Elsinore is 47,000 and for a while there after I got off he wasn't sure where he was until we got to the old section of town with the Lake movie theater and the well named bar, "The Wreck." As they say you can't go home again and that was his lesson for this little detour. Evan's good friend of many years, Jerry Palmer, lived in a house in the older part of town which is now gone and has been replaced by a parking lot for the church next door.

We continued on down to Escondido where we had reserved a room at a motel called America's Best Value Inns. It looks like what this chain does is buy up older motels and put their logo and name on them. They don't accept dogs in the room so Honeybear had to stay in the truck at night. There was a mix-up though and the night clerk caught me walking her and told me they didn't allow dogs at the motel. I straightened her

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out that I had been told it was okay as long as I didn't let her in the room.

During our stay in Escondido, we had a chance to stock up on water, green tea, dog food, cough expectorant, and other necessities. We also found a couple of bargains at a local thrift store. Valerie got a goodie for her camera at a large camera store and was also delighted when Ron gave her a couple of things from his collection of camera equipment. We visited Dixon Lake Reservoir Park which is a lovely park in the hills above Escondido. The squirrels there were very friendly and happy to pose for our cameras. One, in fact, was so friendly Valerie was afraid it was going to run right up her pants leg. Maybe it thought she was a big nut? Before leaving the park Valerie visited the rest room and, unfortunately, sliced her arm on the rest room door. It was rather bloody but one of the clerks at the park concession stand provided a couple of alcohol wipes and some paper towels. With that and Ron's emergency medical kit, we soon

had it under control. This new scratch ran across two others she'd gotten from her cat. She says one more and she can play tic-tac-toe!

After the park, we visited the transport center and saw the new Sprinter train though public service has not yet begun. We also stopped in a Barnes & Noble where Valerie got an armful of photography magazines.

We dined well in Escondido. On the first night, Marie fixed a great spaghetti dinner with all the trimmin's. The next day we had lunch at the Old Town Buffet which turned out to be a Chinese restaurant. For dinner Valerie enjoyed some tasty pizzas.

While we enjoyed the good food and shopping opportunities, we were getting oppressed and depressed by too much city, too many people, too much traffic, concrete and buildings, and not enough trees. We were getting eager to be in less populous areas. On Wednesday morning we were ready to go in search of desert flowers and leave our friends and relatives behind. We headed out on High-

way 78 for Anza-Borrego State Park which is located east of Escondido and has been a favorite place for us to visit. It is California's largest state park at nearly 1,000 square miles. The park is celebrating its seventy fifth anniversary this year and it was nice to get back to a place with so many good memories. The park's official birthday is March 3, 1933 though parts of it were assembled in the previous year.

Going to the desert in search of wildflowers and cactus and ocotillo in bloom is tricky. Lots depend on the year's rainfall and this season the park has had over 4.5 inches of rain which is enough to convince the cactus and other desert plants to bloom. Last year the total rainfall for the season was .74 inches!

We came into the park on S22 which offers a spectacular view as you enter the park looking down into it. Evan stopped by the side of the road for a quick look at the plants. Valerie got out and promptly dropped her new camera then fell on top of it. Fortunately no harm was done to

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the equipment but Valerie’s body and ego were both bruised.

We checked into our room at the Oasis Motel which is for sale and then headed over to the park’s visitor center built into the side of a hill. This is where you go to find out where the flowers are blooming among other things and we were sent on our way to the part of the park in private property. Anza-Borrego State Park surrounds the town of Borrego Springs and many acres of agricultural lands which are planted in orange and grapefruit trees. The undeveloped land adjacent to the citrus orchards was a riot of yellow and blue with fields of blue lupine and of course fields of camera toting people. Now that most of us have gone “digital” you can take as many photos as you want and keep the good ones. We took our share of photos and then visited the fruit stand which sold bags of oranges which I don’t think came from Borrego Springs.

We had arrived too late in the day to do much exploring and were getting adjusted to what for us amounted to heat, with temperatures in the high 70’s. We drove around checking out the various businesses in town like the market and hardware store and drove past an interesting looking restaurant called the Red Ocotillo. It is a converted Quonset Hut painted black and looked like a place you’d want to check, out which we did that night and the following two nights. It was great road food all cooked to order featuring things like fried chicken, Cobb salads, very spicy spaghetti and breakfast served all day. Our waitress giggled after everything she said but never did explain fully what the slogan “Find...The Red Ocotillo” meant. Later on while walking through the pet friendly patio I found a red ocotillo made out of rebar and painted red. People can eat out in the patio and bring their dog(s) with them which is unusual. We had the



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same waitress the next night and not only did she keep giggling over every remark but seemed to know us after our first visit which makes eating out a lot more fun. We went back the third night in hope of getting her to serve us again, but it was her night off and the server we did get didn’t giggle or say much.

To be continued

Marine Safety and Training

Under the auspices of Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AM-SEA) the Coast Guard will present (2) two-day, hands-on safety and survival workshops for commercial fishermen in Port Orford Tuesday April 15 and Wednesday April 16 at the Legion Hall.

The workshop is free for commercial fishers. Student enrollment is limited to 20 per workshop. Certificates issued at completion of 2nd day, so attendance for both days is mandatory. There is also an optional First Aid/CPR Training class on Thursday April 17. This class is being offered at a reduced rate of \$8!

This U.S. Coast Guard-approved, Marine Survival Equipment, Procedures

and Onboard Drills training meets USCG requirements for commercial fishing vessels operating outside the boundary line.

Participants will practice with emergency equipment that should be onboard any commercial fishing boat or other sizeable vessel - PFDs, life rafts, immersion suits, EPIRBs, fire extinguishers. They will learn and practice emergency procedures like man overboard retrieval, abandoning ship, fire fighting and flooding control.

Mariners who have already taken the course are encouraged to attend again to refresh their skills. A study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) determined that after five years, the effectiveness of training in reducing fatalities declines significantly.

The class is subject to cancellation if enrollment is low, so please register by Friday, April 4th. Call Alicia at the POORT office, 541-332-0627 or sign up in the hoist shack down at the dock.

For additional information or to register, contact Alicia Billings at 541-332-0627.

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Lethal removal of sea lions

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration today gave Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Idaho Fish and Game federal authority to remove – through lethal or non-lethal means – California sea lions preying on salmon and steelhead listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Fish and wildlife agencies from Washington, Oregon and Idaho jointly requested that authority in 2006 under provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. NOAA-Fisheries approved that request today on the recommendation of an 18-member federal task force convened last year to review it.

“This federal authorization gives us an additional tool to protect threatened and endangered wild salmon and steelhead runs,” said Robin Brown, ODFW Program Leader for Marine Mammal Research. “However, we will first review the Letter of Authorization given to the states today by NOAA Fisheries and over the next week we will finalize our plans based on the details of the authorization.”

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Join coordinator Cathy Boden on a journey through 3 ecosystems. Start at the Sixes River Estuary parking area, walk to the beach where the river empties into the Pacific then to the base of Cape Blanco & climb the trail to the top where there will be spectacular views of the coastline & lighthouse. The trail follows the bluffs in & out of old growth spruce descending past the historic Hughes House to our cars.

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Federal authorization to remove a California sea lion from the waters below Bonneville Dam carries a number of conditions:

The problem animal must be identifiable through markings;

Documentation must show that it has repeatedly fed on salmon and steelhead below the dam; and

Attempts must first be made to deter predation through non-lethal hazing.

The federal authorization also allows for animals to be transferred to zoos and aquariums. “Our initial focus will be to place as many animals as possible,” said Brown.

So far, several zoological facilities contacted by NOAA-Fisheries nationwide have tentatively agreed to accept about a dozen Columbia River sea lions, although arrangements have not been confirmed. NOAA-Fisheries must approve such transfers.

For the past three years, hazing crews from ODFW, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

have used flares, rubber bullets and other non-lethal measures in an effort to prevent California sea lions from feeding on ESA-listed fish. Despite those efforts, the Corps has documented an increasing rate of predation by sea lions immediately below Bonneville Dam, 145 miles up the Columbia River.

For the past four years, up to 100 individual California sea lions have been observed feeding below the dam, most during the peak months of April and May. An adult California sea lion typically eats 5 to 7 salmon a day. Last spring, sea lions consumed nearly 4,000 fish, representing 4.2 percent of the run. In 2002, the Corps watched 31 individual sea lions consume 1,010 salmon and steelhead below the dam, accounting for 0.4 percent of the upriver run.

Oregon will not move forward on the federal authorization until the State of Washington completes a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental review. The review is required by Washington State law and takes approximately two weeks—including a public comment period.

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NOAA-Fisheries solicited public comments on the states' request for 30 days as part of an environmental assessment earlier this year.

Lavender Cookbook

Sherri Merritt, owner of Merritt Lavender Farm in Bandon and known locally as “The Lavender Lady,” will offer a presentation on cooking with lavender at 2 PM this Saturday, March 29 at Gold Beach Books. Afterwards, she'll autograph copies of her book, *The Lavender Lady Cooks*.

Lavender is typically considered an aromatic, decorative flower, but has actually been a culinary ingredient for centuries, particularly among French chefs. A Mediterranean herb, lavender is a member of the mint family and has been touted by some for its medicinal properties.

When she “discovered another way to live,” upon moving to Bandon after working in the big city corporate world, Merritt began her organic lavender farm, which currently offers 800 plants from four different hybrid varieties. In addition to growing lavender, she also started to experiment with it in cooking and soon produced many lavender-inspired recipes, including ones from the kitchens of friends and family, which together constitute her cookbook.

Lavender is best used, according to Merritt, in combination with other herbs, such as fennel, oregano, rosemary, thyme and sage. She also favors combinations including basil, ginger, and cherry, and finds that “balsamic vinegar and lavender are delicious, and chocolate and lavender is a perfect pairing.” At the suggestion of bookstore owner Ted Watkins, Merritt is even considering a recipe for “lavender cheeseburgers,” using a chipotle and lavender barbecue sauce.

Harvest season for lavender runs from late June through October, and the scent of the purple flowers has caused small planes to buzz her farm's fields during the harvest to experience the pleasant cloud of lavender aroma.

Admission to the presentation is free. Gold Beach Books is located at Pacific Highway 101 and First Streets in Gold Beach. Those unable to attend may reserve signed copies by telephoning the bookstore at (541) 247-2495.

HIV Test in Port Orford

The Harm Reduction Center of Southern Oregon will conduct a free, anonymous HIV Test in Port Orford at the Curry County Health Building, 1403 N. Highway 101, on Friday, March 28, from noon to 2:00pm. The test uses no needles and the results are available in 20 minutes. For more information please call Maggie McFadden at 541-505-0823 (cell phone).

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Letter to the Editor,

This is chapter 3 of the saga involving the Port Orford Municipal Court and the town's police force.

After Chief Creighton fired the Clerk of the Court in July 2006, he hired a new Court Clerk, from his cadre of reserve officers, again without any input from the Municipal Court.

In the clerk's office was a scoreboard--chalking up the number of traffic citations issued by each officer for the month—like a sports competition. The reason soon became clear. This was not about law enforcement. It was about revenue.

Cited drivers with out-of-state licenses were from locals residents from Canada to Southern California. Court procedure allowed them to pay the posted bail so they could continue their trip. If they objected to the circumstances, they could write to the Court, seeking dismissal or

a refund. Then the citing officer would file an affidavit in opposition. I would decide the case on these documents.

It soon became clear that the officers' affidavits were boilerplate. The office computer had a template with blanks to fill in--hit a key and a form affidavit would come up with spaces to enter the name of the person cited and the date.. But, chronically, many of these were clearly wrong, sometimes with two or three different names and even different dates. It was obvious that this was a routine--divorced from the actual facts of the citation—which each officer signed under penalty of perjury. If these cases had gone to a hearing, the officer's testimony would be impeached and the offense thrown out. As a matter of judicial integrity, I ordered refunds in these cases.

The Court Clerk would prepare a voucher for the refunds and send it to the City Clerk for signature and payment. Pay-

ment, however, depended on approval by Councilor Finch. After a few weeks, however, the Court Clerk informed me that the vouchers had been returned, unsigned, without explanation. City Councilor Finch was overruling Court decisions. I advised the Mayor of these circumstances. He called a meeting to address the issue.

There's more to come. Stay tuned.

David E. Pesonen
Retired Judge

Spring Beach Cleanup

The Great Oregon Spring beach cleanup takes place this Saturday, March 29, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Jack Pruitt is the beach captain for Battle Rock Beach and encourages your participation. Meet at the visitor center at Battle Rock Park before 10:00am to get your clean up bags and instructions. Please wear gloves and be careful.

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Mixed Emotions a Hit

Theater 101 concluded their production of the romantic comedy "Mixed Emotions" with a Sunday afternoon matinee. The play had been delayed two weeks because of the flu striking the cast but they recovered and came back strong for six performances over the past two weeks.

The play featured Kennon Stevens as Ralph and Chris Greene as Chuck as the two moving men, and starred Dianne Antonio as Christine Millman and Rick Antonio as Herman Lewis.

The play was funny and poignant and well acted. Theater 101 has established themselves as one of the best things to happen in Port Orford with their 80 seat black box theater, talented actors and

the many behind the scenes people including artistic director Perri Rask.

Next up for Theater 101 is the "Pacific Social and Pleasure Club", written by Pacific High School student Signe Tronson and featuring a cast from Pacific High School. The original musical variety show plays the weekend of April 25-27. The next program after this will be a production of "Steel Magnolias" tentatively scheduled for June 6-22.

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Police Report by Chief Creighton

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03-11 Police responded to Idaho Street on a report of loud music. Police made contact with the resident and the music was turned down.

03-12 Police responded to a residence on a complaint of a suicidal subject possibly causing harm to himself. A search was conducted and the subject was located and was just upset.

03-13 It was reported that a wallet was lost at the Laundromat. If anyone has the wallet please return it to the Police Department.

03-17 Police took a report of stolen fence post caps from a fence on California Street. The fence top stealer is still at large. If anyone knows of a neighbor with new fence post caps contact police. They are described as pyramid-shaped cooper fence post caps valued at about \$50.00.

03-14 Police Responded with Port Orford Ambulance to the area of Pitches Tavern where a caller reported that a

male subject was choking and in need of medical assistance. It was determined that the caller was upset for being removed from the business and called in a false report to that location. NOTE to caller: Always remember that Curry County Dispatch records all the 911 calls, and when police listened to the recording we could all identify you the caller. The case is pending locating the caller and charging him into Circuit Court for misuse of the 911 system.

03-14 Police responded to a residence on a report of a possible suicidal subject. Contact was made and it was determined that the information through a third party was improperly interpreted, and no further action was needed.

03-18 Police responded to the Downtown Fun Zone on a report of a vehicle crashing into the Ninth Street wall. An investigation determined that the driver had put his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake causing the vehicle to strike the wall causing an undetermined amount of damage to the building. The driver was cited to appear in Municipal Court for Failure to register a motor vehicle and driving uninsured.

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03-18 Police were dispatched to an incomplete 911 call on 9th Street. It was determined everything was ok and the number was misdialed.

03-19 A complaint was received of a disturbance at the Evergreen RV Park on Ninth Street. Police made contact with the loud people and they were told to tone down the noise.

Chiefs Note: I usually wouldn't respond to what appears to be a disgruntled past employee's letter but in this case all the facts should have been stated by this person. If you as a citizen want to get the factual information, to help fill in the blanks to that letter, you can come to the police department and obtain a copy of the Police Investigative Report. Providing only half truths about a serious investigation by a person who has taken an oath of office to insure all facts are weighed equally may cast a dark shadow on past judicial procedures.

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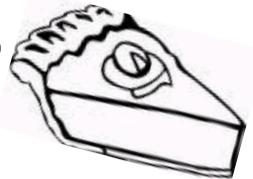
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If you have an interest in volunteering, please pick up an application at City Hall, 555 20th St., Port Orford, or e-mail bev@portorford.org for an electronic copy of the application. Letters of application may be mailed or brought to City Hall, PO Box 310, 555 W. 20th, Port Orford, OR 97465, ATTN: Mayor Auburn, or e-mailed to auborn@aol.com

Letter to the Editor,

Although I and some of the other Project Graduation Committee members will be counting beer and soda containers in our sleep for weeks to come, the can & bottle drive fundraiser was an overwhelmingly HUGE success! Thanks to all of the people in and around Port Orford/Langlois who donated their cans & bottles and helped us to raise a staggering \$1269.50 for the Project Graduation fund. And, thanks to all the parents who hauled, sorted and counted approximately 25,390 beverage containers. They came in literally by the truckloads until we were up to our ears in plastic, glass and aluminum. This effort will help to provide funding for safe and entertaining graduation activities for the Pacific High School's "Class of 2008". Your response was great and very appreciated.

Jeff MacFarlane
Camp Blanco RV Park

PO Skate Park

There is a new fund raiser for the PO Skate Park Addition!

Tickets will be available April 1st for the PO Skate Park Fun Package! Included in this package are gift certificates for "Jerry's Rogue Jets", "Castaway Motel" (overlooking the PO Dock), "Griff's on the Dock" restaurant, "Savoy Theatre" and Prehistoric Gardens. A value of over \$200!

The drawing for the lucky winner will be held on Memorial Day Weekend.

Tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds will go to the PO Skate Park Addition Fund. Remember all \$ equal cement.

Thank you to all of our generous supporters of this project.

Naming Opportunities at the New Port Orford Public Library

Only four areas in the new library remain to be named. Interested? Just review the areas listed below, choose one that particularly appeals to you, and make the appropriate, tax-deductible donation. The room or area can be named as you wish, to honor your family or perhaps a loved one no longer with us. Call Director Tobe Porter, 332-5622, to discuss this special opportunity.

Young Adult Section

Tucked into the south west corner of the stacks, this area will allow teens to be “separate but equal.” With study carrels and comfortable chairs, it will be the perfect place to study, or to kick back with a book or magazine.

Construction cost: \$16,480.

Naming Opportunity cost: \$ 8,000.

Computer Section

Our statistics show that over 700 patrons use our free public Internet access computers every month. Students, business people, visitors - all come together in this important 234 sq. ft. section that will be defined by an attractive half-wall topped by plants.

Construction cost:.....\$30,100.

Naming Opportunity cost:.....\$15,000.

Friends' Book Shop & Workroom

The Friends will operate a book and gift shop in this area, with the coffee pot brewing for folks to enjoy at lobby tables. The workroom will be an active area, where book donations are sorted and stored for the Shop and for book sales.

Construction cost: \$38,100.

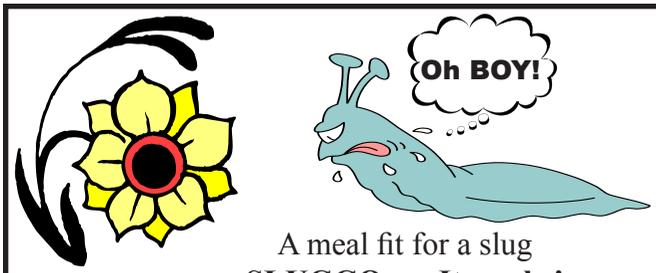
Naming Opportunity cost:..... \$18,000.

Lobby (Entry Area)

“Welcome” is what every person will feel as they step into the 600 sq. ft. lobby of the new library. With its display areas and tables with chairs, patrons can enjoy a cup of coffee from the Friends' book & gift store while catching up on the latest local news.

Construction cost:.....\$70,000.

Naming Opportunity cost:.....\$35,000.



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Tour Season Begins

2008 guided tours of Historic Hughes House and the Cape Blanco Lighthouse begin on Tuesday, April 1st and run through Friday, October 31st.

Both locations will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm, with two exceptions: they will be open Monday May 26th and closed on Tuesday May 27th, and open on Monday Sept. 1st and closed on Tuesday Sept. 2nd. The exceptions are due to the Monday holidays involved.

The third lighthouse built on the Pacific coast, Cape Blanco Lighthouse was first lit on Dec. 20th, 1870. The oldest continuously operating lighthouse in the state of Oregon, as well as its most westerly, it has a white light which flashes every twenty seconds. Its 320,000 candlepower light is generated by a 1,000 watt incandescent bulb in a Fresnel lens manufactured by Henry Lepaute of Paris. The lens produces a flashing light every twenty seconds, which can be seen 22 miles out to sea on a clear night. The lighthouse itself is a 59 foot conical whitewashed masonry tower

with a focal plane 256 feet above mean sea level.

Historic Hughes House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Built in 1898 for the Patrick Hughes family by P.J. Lindberg, the 3,000 square foot two-story Victorian farmhouse on the terrace above the river was framed with Port Orford cedar and has floors of old growth, straight grain fir. When originally built, it had running water, a built-in stove with firebox coils to heat water, and an oak-rimmed tub and painted ceiling in the bathroom. Many of these features can still be seen on the tour. The restored farmhouse features a foyer, formal guest parlor, men's parlor, dining room, kitchen, pass-through pantry, master bedroom, and bath on the first floor. Upstairs are the chapel and four more bedrooms.

Tours of Hughes House are by donation. There is a small charge for tours of Cape Blanco Lighthouse, which take you up into the lantern room. Both sites have gift shops which will be open on the same schedule as the tours and have a wide variety of items in stock for lighthouse lovers and Victorian enthusiasts.

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Driftwood Children's Garden

Next Tuesday, April 1 at 1:00pm, members of the Curry County Weed Advisory Board and Port Orford Garden Club will team up with local gardeners and the students of Driftwood School to break ground on a "Children's Garden" behind the Driftwood School playground.

The purpose of the project is two fold. First, the site will be cleared of three major noxious weeds: English Ivy, Scotch Broom, and Himalayan Blackberry. In this stage, students will learn first-hand about the qualities and impacts of a few common noxious weeds. Then, once the space is free of weeds, the ground will be tilled and transformed into a garden. The "Children's Garden" will offer a space for students to propagate plants, hone their horticultural skills, and devour the fruits of their labor.

If you would like to help us with the weed removal phase of this project, please contact Kean Fleming at 247-2755 ext. 3.

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Library Fundraiser a Success

The Port Orford Public Library presented a talk by Rick Francona on Saturday afternoon at the Community Building as a fundraiser. Thanks to Francona's drawing power it was a big success. 75 people, some from town and others from out of town paid \$10 to hear his talk, entitled "American Challenges & Opportunities in the Middle East". Thanks to some people who donated more than \$10 for their ticket the library raised \$880 which will go toward purchasing a map/atlas, dictionary stand for the new Port Orford Library.

Francona is a retired US Air Force Intelligence Officer and Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and currently is a news analyst with NBC. He is the author of the book "Ally to Adversary an Eyewitness Account of Iraq's fall from Grace" about his time in Iraq during the first Gulf War where he served as interpreter for General Norman Schwarzkopf. This book is available at our library, soon to move to a new location on Highway 101.

Francona began his talk with a map of the Middle East and spoke about the importance of geography. He gave a

detailed and interesting history of the Middle East from the end of World War 1 where England and France divided up the region into a series of "new" countries like Syria and Saudi Arabia, emphasizing the lines were drawn by "outside powers".

Iraq was of course part of his talk and he explained how it became a republic in 1963 with Saddam Hussein coming to power in 1979. Francona described the first three weeks of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" as having been conducted brilliantly. However the plan to then turn over the country to the Iraqi generals and army fell apart when then Coalition Provisional Governor L. Paul Bremer fired

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the Iraqi army. This turned the American forces from an army of liberation to an army of occupation. The 300,000 members of the Iraqi army then became part of the insurgency which continues to this day and which has cost 4,000 American lives as of last week with Iraqi deaths at anywhere from 100,000 to over one million people.

New Tom Paxton Album

Fans of Tom Paxton will be excited to hear that he released a new CD this month. "Comedians & Angels" contains 15 songs including several new ones. See details at www.mydfz.com/Paxton/caa.htm

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REAL ESTATE

SISKIYOU COAST REALTY offers help with selling and buying real estate. Information is free! Our new office is open 7 days a week. Call Sandra 332-7777 or 290-2047. See listing at SiskiyouCoast-Realty.com.

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At Battlerock Park

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FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH Rummage / Bake sale. Saturday, April 5th 9am-3pm at the Community Building. Clean, working items accepted only on Friday, April 4th 10am-2pm.

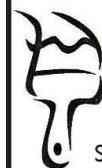
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RUMMAGESALESATURDAY March 29th at St. John's Catholic Church, Hwy 101 and 15th (across from the new library.) Call 253-6250 for more information.

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Letter to the Editor,

It has been nearly a year since the ocean uplifted me off the cliffs of Coast Guard Hill and dashed me on the rocky cove below. One ankle was snapped like a pretzel and in desperation I tried to hobble up the shear rock wall in front of me only to be cast down by another wave that broke my knee on my opposite leg.

I was stuck alone with only the hope that my Creator might spare me from the waves all around me and the hope my wife might get help later when I didn't come home.

Twelve hours later after rolling into sea and swimming up on the beach and laying in there in hypothermia I saw two flashlights on the cliff above me. I cried out weakly to the men above me, "Help".

Those two men were Chief Mark Creighton and Officer John Fink. When it counted most in my life I am glad they both were there! My enduring gratitude goes out to my wife who notified the authorities of my prolonged absence and to the whole community of Port Orford who have unselfishly sustained me in my months of need.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you!

Sincerely and Cordially,

George Robson

North Curry Libraries

Port Orford and Langlois Libraries are pleased to sponsor a seminar about exploring your inner world on Sunday, April 6 from 1-4:00pm. The guide for this life affirming journey is Bob Craig, a man who, when faced with the choice of going the way of "I am what I do" or "I'm not what I do," chose the latter—the road far less traveled. He describes himself as the consummate adventurer, one who loves to travel, discovering people and cultures and how they reflect one's understanding of self. Through sharing the path he has traveled, Bob will help others discover an inner environment in which one can learn and grow.

Many people spend time focused on their outer journey through life, seeking success through external sources. In this seminar you will be encouraged to explore your sense of inner fulfillment, a journey that takes both curiosity and courage. There will be time for talking, listening, walking, writing—real fellowship, a real telling of your own journey without judgment. As deeper exploration occurs, and doors begin to swing wide, you will feel acknowledged for who—not what—you truly are.

This free program will be held in a private home, so space is limited. Call 332-5622 or 348-2066 to make a reservation.

Water Loss Rate Increases

Port Orford City Administrator Mike Murphy's monthly report to the council showed an increase in the water loss rate over January. The City treated 6,100,000 gallons of water at the treatment plant in Buffington Park. They used 450,000 gallons for backwashing the filters, leaving 5,560,000 gallons for consumption. The City metered (sold) 2,120,570 gallons of water in February and lost 3,439,430 gallons of water for loss rate of 62%. Murphy refers to this loss rate in his report as "significantly worse than last month, and is quite disheartening."