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The Road to Carlsbad, Part 4 By Evan Kramer

[Last week, we had just left Roswell, New Mexico, wondering about the government's UFO coverup.]

From Roswell, we headed to Moriarity on the way to Albuquerque. Who would have thought in the little town of Moriarity that we would discover one of the great Italian Restaurants? Many eateries refer to the food they serve as Italian. This one goes by the name of Mama Rosa and is owned and run by an older couple from Sicily. It truly deserves the 5 stars I awarded it.

We also stayed at the first "nonest" motel of the trip. The manager didn't quote me a price and then sucker punch me later by adding bed, city and state sales taxes. She actually quoted the price including all taxes. It was the only time on this trip that that happened. Very nice and very unusual. By the way, nowhere in town did we see any mention of how it got the unusual name Moriarity. We wondered if Professor Moriarity of Sherlock Holmes fame had any connection. We found out that there is a Sherlock Holmes society that meets in Moriarity.

We left Moriarity and headed west to Albuquerque. We drove around looking

at the town before heading over to Kirtland Air Force Base and a tour of the National Atomic Museum located on the base right across the street from Sandia Research Laboratory. The Museum is host to many exhibits both in the large indoor facility and outdoors where there are many rockets and planes. The two most notable exhibits are the life sized models of the Fat Man and Little Boy atomic bombs. The Little Boy was the one dropped on Hiroshima by a crew from the 509th Bombardment Group out of Roswell while the Fat Man was dropped three days later on the Japanese city of Nagasaki. Among the historic planes on display is a B-29 bomber.

Jack Rabbit, Arizona is one of the more notable stops on the Route 66 tour. This is home to the famous You Are Here sign as well as the oversized Jackrabbit on which children (and adults) can sit and have someone take their photo.

Route 66 / I-40 cuts through the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest. We decided to take the tour of this National Park and see the badlands and the petrified trees. At the end of the auto tour of the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest I let Myrtle out of the back of the truck and took her for a brief walk on the leash. I received a good case of whiplash when she flushed a wild hare out of the brush and lunged at

it. I held on tight but was whipped forward before halting Myrtle, fortunately before I was dragged through the underbrush.

The National Park Service has adopted a zero tolerance policy towards scofflaws attempting to abscond with pieces of petrified wood. When you first enter the park you are asked if you have any petrified wood in your vehicle and if you say yes they ask how many pieces and write the number on your park receipt. When you leave you are expected to have only those pieces. The fine for taking petrified wood is a minimum \$275.00 plus possible trip to the county jail and incarceration. We were half expecting to be strip-searched when we left the park, but security isn't that tight yet and they just waved us through. The Park Service says over 12 tons of petrified wood are being taken illegally each year.

Meteor Crater - We were surprised to find that this is privately owned and were more surprised by the \$8.00 admission per person which we declined to pay - especially since they were going to close in 45 minutes. We returned to Interstate 40 and our way west. The crater is hidden from view by a surprisingly large complex of buildings. The whole enter-

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Courtesy of the Port Of Gold Beach

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Apr 11	5:47am 6.9	12:08am 3.1	7:52pm 6.1	1:09pm 0.2
Fri Apr 12	7:10am 6.7	1:28am 2.9	8:51pm 6.5	2:14pm 0.3
Sat Apr 13	8:29am 6.7	2:43am 2.4	9:39pm 6.9	3:12pm 0.4
Sun Apr 14	9:38am 6.7	3:49am 1.7	10:22pm 7.3	4:05pm 0.5
Mon Apr 15	10:42am 6.8	4:35am 1.0	11:03pm 7.6	4:53pm 0.8
Tue Apr 16	11:35am 6.8	5:34am 0.4	11:41pm 7.8	5:36pm 1.1
Wed Apr 17	NONE —	6:18am 0.0	12:25pm 6.8	6:18pm 1.4
Thu Apr 18	12:16am 7.9	7:01am -0.3	1:13pm 6.6	6:57pm 1.8

Senior News By Mary Yoder

To start off with - no luncheon or rummage sale April 13th. There will be a breakfast and rummage sale April 14th on Sunday. Then pinnacle Monday April 15th. There is pool and games every Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 till 9. Come and enjoy.

Volunteers who worked April 4 were Mildred Welsh, Leo Welch, Greta Carson and Kay Neal. We have a new person on the board - Ray Haner resigned as member at large and Robert Vile is the new board member. He will fill out the balance of the term. All members on the board may hold an office for two years except the Treasurer. He can hold office longer. Now is the time if you are interested in running for an office to put your name in. The election committee people are Glorine Godfrey Chairman, Thelma Legace and Beth Newkirk. You are elected for one year at a time, but can be

elected two times in a row. After that you wait a year and do it again if you want to.

Wednesday the 10th was board meeting. More about it next week. Hope you all had a nice Easter.

There's something beautiful I see,
No matter where I look,
A climbing hill, a spreading tree,
A soft and shaded nook,

And then the sky with clouds of white,
The far off rainbow's end.
My heart can see the golden sun
Around the river's bend,

And yet I find a glowing hearth
When nighttime takes me home.

Common Good Meets

The board of directors of the Common Good will meet on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00pm, in the Port Orford City Hall council chambers. Board members and interested citizens are invited to attend.

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Tue Mar. 30	54	48	1.03
Wed Mar. 31	53	46	1.47
Thu Apr. 1	56	44	.15
Fri Apr. 2	55	38	—
Sat Apr. 3	56	40	—
Sun Apr. 4	58	39	—
Mon Apr. 5	59	43	—

55/Alive Mature Driving

Are you concerned about your driving skills? Why is transportation an important issue for older persons? Are you able to do anything to improve your abilities to drive more safely?

If you have had any of the above concerns, consider enrolling in the upcoming 55/Alive Mature Driving course.

There is something you can do to maintain your driving skills. Many ideas are evaluated in the 55/Alive course, including our physical, mental and emotional conditions, all of which affect our driving ability.

The Zion Lutheran Church is sponsoring a course on April 24 and 25 from 1 - 5pm, at the church fellowship hall. There is an \$8 fee for the course, check to AARP.

Reservations may be made by telephone to Alice Whitley 332-0116. This will be the last class until September.

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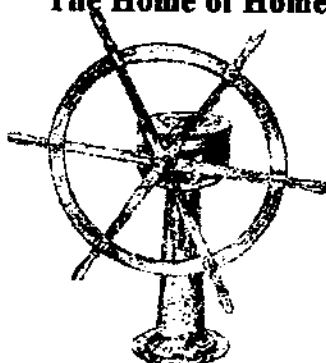
During my latest stay in Port Orford I heard several people voice concerns about the financial needs to maintain and update the Community Center Building. It is my understanding that the funds to repair and maintain this building are achieved through the actions of the Port Orford Budget Committee. Since this building is an asset of the City of Port Orford, it is logical that they would want to take good care of their interest in this property.

In lieu of the fact that the citizens of the community also share an interest in the Community Center, it makes sense to me that they would probably be more than willing to help it become the pride and joy of their community.

It is with this in mind that I make the following recommendation. I propose that interested citizens of the Port Orford Community form a non-profit organization with its sole purpose to raise funds for the Community Center Building. For an example it could be called, "The Friends of the Port Orford Community Center Foundation". This group could then raise monies to aid the community center by various means. Actual fund

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raisers, rental fees for the use of the building, donations and seeking grants for just this purpose.

I know that this idea works as we have a similar organization in the village where

I live. I suppose the only thing really important is finding enough persons interested in this sort of a community project.

Carl Miller

Surfing The Net by Alice Pfand

With eyes all blurry
My head aching too
I'm all stiff and sore, 'cause
I've been busy surfing the net.

The phone never rings
The fax never clacks
The TV is off, for
I've been busy surfing the net.

Housework's not done and
Friends have stopped calling
The line's never free, while
I've been busy surfing the net.

Europe to Asia
The whole world is just
A mouse click away, since
I've been busy surfing the net.

Oh my poor husband
How lonely is he
When I grow weary, then
He keeps busy surfing the net.

Ale-ing Frogs © 1996 by Marlene Gay

In a sliver of moonlight,
glimmering across a stream...
I caught a glimpse of some
frogs...an unusual scene.

Squatting on lily pads,
contented where they were,
This gathering of frogs...
harmonized with a blur.

These stout little reptiles
bellowed out German verse,
And singing with accents...
it was anything but terse.

Inspired by the merry-making
in the Hofbrau afar...
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and so they became drunk,
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Family Appreciation Week

Family appreciation week continues on Thursday, April 11, at Blanco Middle School. Students will enjoy the Magical "No" Show Magician program at their school assembly which teaches students how and when to say No to drugs. This program teaches simple, practical tools that each student can use to effectively learn to avoid the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The entertaining assembly helps students make positive choices. The program is sponsored by North Curry Family's and Children's Center.

Following up on family appreciation week the N.C.F.C.C., Umpqua Valley Arts Association and Oregon Together! are putting on a reading program on Thursday, April 18, at 2:00pm, at Driftwood Elementary School. The I Love To Read program involves the audience and includes a special incentive to read at least 5 books after the show is presented.

The Student Art Show will be on display in North Curry area businesses April 15 through April 26.

Initiative, Referendum

Is Oregon's citizen-oriented initiative-referendum system working as well as it could? Does it need fixing? Is our famous "Bedsheet ballot" really a good thing?

Members of the League of Women Voters will discuss these issues at the monthly

Port Orford Unit meeting Friday, April 12. Meeting begins at 10am at the home of Elaine Hamilton, Doug Johnson Lane (upper end of Deady Street).

The local unit is part of the Curry County League of Women Voters and welcomes women and men of voting age. Guests are welcome to participate in the discussion, but only members can vote to concur (or not concur) with League positions. For further info, call 332-9002 or 332-7501.

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prise is privately owned and made us appreciate the prices the national parks charge.

We spent the next night in Sedona Arizona - the great overpriced yuppie, new-age city in Oak Creek Canyon. One thing about Sedona. It is certainly as beautiful a setting as any city in America! In the morning after eating breakfast I took Myrtle for a walk in one of the few remaining undeveloped sites within the city limits. I let her off the leash and headed through the maze of trails being careful not to step on the many examples of human detritus. To my surprise Myrtle who was way in front of me at the time spotted a coyote and off she went after it. The coyote ran off and both wild and domesticated dog disappeared in the brush. I was very worried and yelled after her at the same time I headed in the direction they headed off in. Myrtle finally showed up and I quickly put her on the leash. I spotted the coyote again before we left the lot but had Myrtle firmly in tow. We were lucky this time. I understand sometimes a coyote will tease a dog and lead it to a spot where several of its friends can gang up on it and kill it. Reminds me of humans. Yucch.

Sedona was peaceful, with water, many trees, and huge rock formations but it was so commercialized that it just didn't harmonize with our trip. We left early the next morning and headed north to Tony Hillerman country.

Tuba City, to which Hillerman often refers, is within the Navajo Indian Reservation. We saw several hogans but it appears the housing of choice in the 1990's in this area are mobile homes. The land is incredibly dry with almost no vegetation. Just red and yellow dust, rocks, and man-made objects yet there is a harmony there that is more peaceful in its own way than the cool greens of Sedona. The chain fast food restaurants

have opened in full force including Taco Bell, McDonalds, and KFC which used to be known as Kentucky Fried Chicken. Each KFC store is adorned with a revolving bucket of chicken bearing the likeness of the chain's founder, Colonel Harlan Sanders. While we're busy getting nostalgic bring back Jack from Jack In The Box.

We listened to an audio tape of Tony Hillerman reading stories from a non-fictional work of his entitled, "The Great Taos Bank Robbery."

After leaving Tuba City we headed for the Grand Canyon and entered from the eastern entrance. We'll refer to that way into this most popular of parks as the less crowded way to get in. It was spring break in Arizona and New Mexico and the Canyon roads, visitors centers, parking lots, motels and restaurants were doing a land office business. The Bright Angel Trail which starts descending toward the Colorado River near the El Tovar Hotel was as crowded as any trail I've seen. We decided to leave and head for less populous areas and on our way out of the park headed for Williams we counted over 70 cars in a line waiting to pay their fee and get in the park.

I wasn't through exploring Route 66 so we drove through Williams which holds the unique distinction of being the last city bypassed by Interstate 40 in 1985. It hasn't become a ghost town and now hosts the renovated Williams train station and Fred Harvey Hotel. There is now a daily round trip train from Williams to the Grand Canyon train station. I was at the Grand Canyon station earlier in the morning when the train arrived and an impressive 340 people deboarded the train for a day at the Canyon. The train was pulled by two diesel engines but starting in May the passenger cars will be lead by a steam engine.

We headed west to Seligman and a look at the Snow-Cap Drive-Up, one of the more colorful of the Route 66 roadside

diners and the only one which offers, "dead chicken."

Route 66 continues west for 153 miles uninterrupted. We took it as far as Kingman and then headed north. Now why would someone get off I-40 and take an old two lane road that follows the contours of the land and parallels the Santa Fe Railroad line? There are two good reasons between Seligman and Kingman. One is the Grand Canyon Caverns. This privately owned cave is open daily for guided tours. It is located a mile south of 66. The Cave tour starts with a descent of 210 feet in an elevator to the cavern. It wouldn't be fair to compare the Grand Canyon Caverns to Carlsbad. This Cavern is much, much smaller and has few of the spectacular formations of Carlsbad. Nevertheless it's an opportunity to get well below the surface of the earth. Our guide, a transplanted New Yorker named Ritchie, had a interesting problem. At 6'5 1/2" tall he was constantly stooping to avoid making head to limestone contact. One of the odder sights in this cavern was the huge pile of boxes and 18 gallon drums. They contained rations for 2,000 people for 2 weeks. The Caverns served as a large Civil Defense bomb shelter.

The other good reason to stay on 66 west of the Grand Canyon Caverns is the little town of Hackberry where you can visit the Old Route 66 Visitor Center in what used to be a general store and gas station. Unfortunately the caretaker, a man by the name of Robert "Bob" Waldmire was out somewhere, even though the open signs were displayed. What's so unusual about Waldmire is the maps of Route 66 and other information he has published. There all done by hand and the wording is printed along with drawings of many of the places, animals and buildings described. An incredible amount of research and time was spent putting together his guides to Route 66.

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We decided it was time to started heading west and north in a serious vane and headed toward Las Vegas and then California and home. Every time I've been in Las Vegas they come up with something more outlandish than the previous visit. This time it was the nearly completed Stratosphere Tower and Hotel due to open in April. The Tower is over 1,000 feet tall and besides the revolving restaurants that sit atop it, there are at least two amusement rides on top of them including a roller coaster! I didn't believe it when I was told, but I used a pair of binoculars to check and found it's true. The Stratosphere Tower is the new "landmark" hotel in Las Vegas especially now that the Landmark Hotel is a parking lot. Buildings get obsolete in Las Vegas awfully fast.

We just stayed the night in Vegas then headed to Barstow and on to Highway 58 toward Bakersfield with a stop at the city of Boron. They have a Borax mining museum which had videos and other materials related to the mining of borax in the area. We had no idea how many products borax is used in.

Eventually we found our way home, happy to return to our own bed. we hope you've enjoyed sharing this vacation with us (and we know from your comments that many of you did.) It seems like these articles just barely scratched the surface of what we did and where we went. But, like our vacation, this article too must come to an end. See you all next trip!

Jubilee Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Fourth of July Jubilee committee will be held on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30pm, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant. Jubilee committee member Wilbur Green displayed one of the 1996 Jubilee pins at the Chamber meeting on Monday.

"Special Man, Special Place" By Cheryl Douglass

Don Giles will be missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to know him. We can still hear his laugh, still see his footprints. And we can smile, because we know why our town was his favorite place to stay. Port Orford had become a special part of Don, and he became a special part of us. His death brings a great loss, but his life brought us an even greater gain.

During his 1992 Retirement Dinner speech at Newport, Don fondly singled out Port Orford as "the smallest, friendliest and most generous town on the Oregon Coast". He also mentioned something about it's "wonderfully independent spirit!" Shaking his head, he laughed his warm and hearty laugh. He was proud of Port Orford, and everyone in that room knew it.

Even after his official retirement, Don chose to base himself in Port Orford during his bi-annual coastal tours of the 28 whale watching sites. He always looked forward to returning, seeing familiar faces, giving training seminars, and talking "whale talk" with Gordon Forty, Alan Mitchell and Gene Traglio. As one who sought out a town's heartbeat, he loved going to Paul and Pat Lee's Silver Door Restaurant. Later he would talk about what a treat it was when Allen played the piano at The Crazy Norwegian (Don's favorite? "Five Foot Two, Eyes

Of Blue"). Either lunch or dinner was routinely topped off with a visit to Bonnie's Ice Cream Parlor. Last, but not least, he enjoyed visiting his 37 personally trained Whale Watch Volunteers at Battle Rock and Cape Blanco. He always appreciated our dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, especially during the "challenging weather days." We eagerly looked forward to those encouraging visits.

Mr. Giles died on April 4. A memorial service was held for him on April 9, at Bateman Funeral Home in Newport.

The Wizard of Oz

American Family Theaters, a professional production company from Philadelphia, who tour the United States and Canada, is coming to Port Orford to perform *The Wizard of Oz*. They will be here on Saturday evening, April 13, at 7:00pm, at the Pacific High School Gym.

The Driftwood Boosters along with help from many community supporters is delighted to bring this quality family entertainment to our town. With the help of ads sold, ticket prices have been kept low so that everyone can enjoy this performance. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids aged 3 through high school. Tickets will be more at the door. This musical will be enjoyed by all ages 1 to 101. Tickets are available now at Chetco Federal Credit Union, Port Orford Library, Langlois Library and the Downtown Fun Zone, or by calling 332-1304.

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Friends of Cape Blanco

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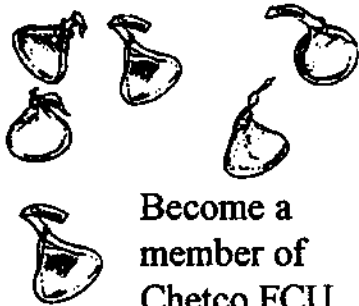
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From Port Orford, new dancers are, Jack and Kelli Basey, and their daughter Mary,

and Dave Lundsford, and from Gold Beach John and Kim Stockman.

The next dance at Beachcombers Cove will be Saturday, May 4. The Cove is located on Nicholson Dr., 2 1/2 miles north of Port Orford. Mainstream dancing will begin at 8pm.

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Candidates Face The Voters By Evan Kramer

The League of Women Voter's candidate forum introduced several candidates running for office to the public in Port Orford on Monday night.

The large gathering heard first from two candidates running for state office including Martha Weaver-Britell who is running for the Democratic nomination for State Representative, District 48. She spoke about her concern with the lack of participation by people in the political process. She pledged to run a clean campaign and abide by the laws set forth in Measure 9, campaign finance reform, which passed in 1994. She also said she supports the mail in ballot. Her opponent in the Democratic primary, Steve Beyerlin, was not present at the meeting.

State Senator Brenda Brecke was next up to the microphone and asked the public for more community involvement. She

told the audience the two main concerns she had heard about from her constituents were the helmet and gun laws. Brecke said she was very interested in family wage jobs and reviving them in balance with environmental concerns. She told the audience she had recently been appointed to the Senate Education Committee. Doug Inman, her opponent in the State Senate Democratic primary for District #24 was not present at the forum.

Linda Brown, the moderator for the League of Women Voters, moved the forum forward into questions from the public. In response to question whether she would support repeal or change of Ballot Measure 5 Martha Weaver-Britell said no. Brenda Brecke questioned who benefited the most from Measure 5. Both candidates were asked how they would finance K-12 education. Brenda Brecke said she would look at the "corporate kicker" which resulted in refunds to corporations of 150 million dollars. Weaver-Britell said that corporate taxes were down and that individual property owners are paying more taxes. She said she opposed the corporate kicker and that relying on funding schools with lottery money was not prudent.

The candidates were asked in their opinion what are the most important things the state legislature funds. Weaver-Britell said programs that pertain to children and families are #1. Brecke's answer was education and children.

District Attorney

Three men are running for the position of Curry County District Attorney. The first up to speak was Patrick Foley. He told the crowd he was running because he believed he can make a positive change. He said the victims of crime need to know they'll have representation. He stated that drugs are a problem and he would put drug dealers in prison.

Next up was District Attorney Kim Olin. Olin was appointed by Governor Kitzhaber last year to fill the unfinished term of Bill Wallace. Olin spoke about his expertise in criminal law and said he has been in charge of 1,000's of cases. When he's not trying cases he said he enjoys fishing.

John Spicer took the microphone next. He reminded the audience he had been the Port Orford city attorney for 15 years. He is also the former president of the Curry Health District Board. He said he is not inclined to plea bargain down cases from major to minor crimes and that he is concerned with drugs and gangs.

County Assessor

County assessor and candidate for reelection Jim Kolen spoke about the improvements in the assessor's office since he was elected to that job in 1988 including reducing the costs of running the assessor's office and keeping the office

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