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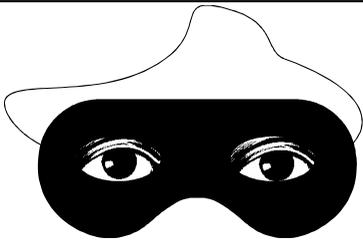
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Planes, Trains & Automobiles By Evan Kramer



Once again I hit the road, this time bound for Burbank - the movie capital of the United States. Burbank is the home of Warner Brothers Studios including the former Columbia Ranch, the Walt Disney Studio, ABC—now owned by Disney, NBC and dozens of companies that provide technical support for the studios.

I decided to give United Airlines another chance and try their service out of Crescent City, which has a great little airport. United has three flights a day in and out and the airport offers free long term parking in front of the terminal. I had my fingers crossed that our flight to San Francisco would take off on time and I could make my connection and get to Burbank at 1:30pm on Friday. It wasn't meant to be and thanks to the only excuse given - ATC which stands for Air Traffic Control, the flight from San Francisco was delayed so we left late and most of us had to get new connections. Once in San Francisco I noticed the connecting flight to Burbank was delayed over two hours and by the time it left it was three hours late. I arrived in Burbank a mere four and a half hours late but it could have been

worse. The United Airlines terminal at Burbank was open but the other terminal used by Southwest Airlines was closed because someone had found a suspicious laptop computer. Had that computer been found at the United Terminal, I doubt our flight would have ever taken off from San Francisco to Burbank that day.

The main purpose of the first part of this trip was to help my friend, Larry Thomas, move from one apartment in Burbank to another. We thought things were arranged with the U-Haul dealer for a small moving truck with an enclosed box. But we were told the two smallest size trucks were not available because we would be renting the truck and returning it to the same location. However, both of these smaller trucks were labeled as "In-Town" trucks, which I pointed out to the clerk. To this day I don't know what they mean by in-town. They were willing to rent us a pickup truck.

After two days of hard though rewarding work moving Larry's things with help from Ron Cohen; Ron and I drove to his home in Escondido for a few days of relaxation and riding the San Diego trolleys. We started with a car trip to the new Valley View tribal casino in Valley Center. I'm not much of a gambler but I'm curious about these casinos and was amazed to see how busy it was on a Mon-

day afternoon. The casino had just opened the previous week and is one of three new ones that have opened near Escondido in the past year. Later that day I decided to ride the North County Transit District's blue buses around town and was impressed with the thoroughly convoluted routes they took.

The next day Ron and I rode the San Diego trolley from Santee to downtown San Diego and walked over to the Embarcadero for a look at a brand new cruise ship, The Radiance of the Sea. More misunderstandings followed because though it had been advertised in the paper that there was an "open house" on this over 900 foot long floating office building/hotel it was only open to a small group of invited guests. We contented ourselves with tours of the 137-year-old and still operating sailing ship, Star of India, and the retired Bay Area ferryboat The Berkeley.

On Thursday we drove back to Santee for another excursion on the San Diego trolley. This time we went downtown to the 12th and Imperial transfer station and took the blue line trolley to the border at San Ysidro. The trolley is affectionately known as the Tijuana Trolley because that city is a few hundred feet from the end of the trolley line. We set off by foot for

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Date	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Sun		Moon		
									Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Phase
Thu	May 3, 2001	3:20a	1.9	9:08a	6.1	3:32p	0.1	10:05p	6.9	6:07a	8:21p	4:17p	4:55a
Fri	May 4, 2001	4:17a	1.0	10:15a	6.2	4:20p	0.4	10:44p	7.3	6:06a	8:22p	5:30p	5:22a
Sat	May 5, 2001	5:08a	0.1	11:15a	6.3	5:05p	0.8	11:21p	7.6	6:05a	8:23p	6:37p	5:50a
Sun	May 6, 2001	5:54a	-0.6	12:10p	6.3	5:48p	1.2	11:57p	7.8	6:03a	8:25p	7:44p	6:18a
Mon	May 7, 2001	6:38a	-1.1	1:01p	6.2	6:29p	1.7			6:02a	8:26p	8:50p	6:49a FM
Tue	May 8, 2001	12:32a	7.8	7:20a	-1.4	1:51p	6.1	7:09p	2.2	6:01a	8:27p	9:55p	7:24a
Wed	May 9, 2001	1:07a	7.6	8:02a	-1.4	2:40p	5.9	7:50p	2.6	6:00a	8:28p	10:55p	8:03a
Thu	May 10, 2001	1:43a	7.3	8:44a	-1.2	3:30p	5.7	8:33p	3.1	5:59a	8:29p	11:51p	8:47a

Police Log

April 23

2:30pm: Assist other agency, School Resource Officer, at Driftwood Elementary.

April 24

9:20am: Intoxicated subject at Circle K – transported by Curry County Sheriff Office to detox at Curry County Jail.

10:20am: Assist other agency, Curry County Sheriff near Humbug area – backup.

April 25

2:00pm: Report of teeth lost off pier.

April 26

8:20pm: Report of theft on Jackson Street – report taken.

April 27

3:30pm: Report of harassment at schoolyard – report taken.

5:30pm: Report of littering, responsible

party contacted and complied.

9:30pm: Jesse Ray Perez, 21, of Arcata, arrested for trespass, disorderly conduct, cited for less than an ounce – transported to Curry County Jail.

April 28

2:20pm: Dispute at Ray's Food Place – report taken.

4:00pm: Barking dog at 2485 Arizona Street – owner to be contacted.

Safety Tip of the Week

Legal pedestrian crossing is at marked crosswalk or at intersections only, otherwise it is considered failure to yield to a vehicle.

[Editorial Comment: I don't give a flying frisbee what the law says. If they start enforcing jaywalking laws in Port Orford, I'm moving! This whole country is getting much too obsessed with trying to protect us from every contingency with some rule or other. Life isn't completely

safe and you're guaranteed to die eventually. Better to enjoy life while you have it rather than wrapping yourself in cotton wool to protect yourself from it. Most people, most of the time are pretty sensible. The ones that are most likely to be hurt (or cause harm) while jaywalking are those who need a leash, not a law. - Valerie Kramer]

Church Guests

The First Community Church at 20th and Jackson Streets will have Charles and Julie Champlin, missionaries from the Northern Amazon of Brazil as their guests for the week of May 2 though May 9. There will be several opportunities to learn of their experiences working with the Waiwai tribe in the jungle. They will report on their work on Saturday evening, May 5, at 7:00pm and again on Sunday, May 6, at 9:30am. Charles Champlin will speak at the 11:00am worship service on Sunday and all are invited to enjoy a pot-luck meal immediately after the service.

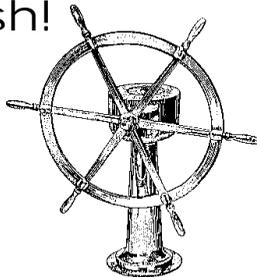
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Roots

by Graeme Graydon



I am visiting an area where I once lived – it is a flat place, there are some scrubby oaks, some forlorn red pines, the grass is thin and looks impoverished, the fastest growing plants are poison oak and some hostile thistles. It won't be long before the sun will fry this place mercilessly on the 100 degree days. For the four years that I was here, even though I was happy at times, there was always something missing, something wrong somehow, I never could say exactly what it was – until I walked barefoot on the wet sands of the South Blanco beach. I felt my empty space replenish, a wholeness returned, and I knew for sure, that I had to live by the sea.

My teacher once said that no matter where life takes it, a human should, every so often, return to its place of childhood – not so much the specific place, more the nature of it. If childhood was spent in the mountains, return to some mountain, each year. By return he meant – go and be

absorbed, preferably alone, in the natural world of mountains. I have a friend in Germany, her family life was demanding, yet she would take off to live alone for weeks on end, in a cabin, high in the alps, a long walk from the nearest village. If the early years were spent within sight or sound of the sea, one should go home to the sea, and if the desert had been the backdrop to childhood, nourish those roots by re-visiting the desert.

My beginnings were on mountains surrounded closely by ocean. Some part of me was shaped there, steadfast into my life, becoming a well I could draw on – a well that must be replenished. When I was 9-10-11, those were the years of enchantment. No longer a child, not yet adolescent, an age of clarity and certainty which was forgotten as I accepted the pressure of growing up. I believe that returning to the environment of those years, refreshes the well that has been neglected for so long. All the callings of family, friends and work, combine to distract us from being who we naturally could be. A weeks pilgrimage to the desert, if one was formed in the desert, could be profoundly uplifting. I remember farming for a couple of years on flat land when I was in my 20's. The first thing I looked at each

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morning and the last each day were the distant mountains to the east and west of me. It was important to look up and see them there, a promise renewed each time.

I do not know how this concept of nourishing ones roots applies to children who have known only the screen of a computer or a TV as their environment. I wonder if the child has to smell and taste and touch the sea, to know, so well, the flame of a desert sunset that smolders into a glittering canopy, or be on a high point, from where they can see forever, to be able to find the magic, much later in life. Perhaps it's about memories from earlier times than this.

I look around me and feel the barrenness of this place. I don't belong here. I have often lived far from my roots, but it has become important for me now to be where I belong. I am a sea person, I am a mountain person.

Be A County Commissioner

The Curry County Democratic Central Committee will be nominating candidates to fill the seat left vacant by resigning Commissioner Thorpe. The new commissioner will be selected by Commissioner Schaefer and Commissioner LaBonte from this list of nominees. Any Democrat that is interested in being on this list should contact their local Democratic precinct person or Committee Chair, Chris Hawthorne at 332-7635

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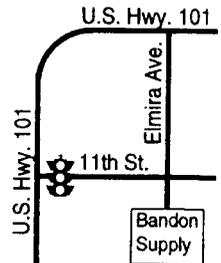
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Letter to the Editor,

Before moving to Oregon in December of 1996, we owned a much larger custom built home. Two stories and a basement, and larger acreage than we now have. Our taxes were \$337.36. This was a real estate tax, the school tax, the library tax, the county road tax, and the rural fire department tax. This was everything.

The schools were maintained in good repair, the teachers were paid and they were not constantly closing schools.

We were not taxed extra to get police or sheriff or deputy protection. It was all included in the property tax.

We were not taxed to keep the hospital in repair. The hospitals managed their money from the regular charges for patient care.

We were not taxed to fund the colleges. There again, they managed their money. I do believe if we had had a port, again they

would have had to manage their money.

We paid \$82.00 a year for garbage pickup. This was for twice a week pickup; one day for garbage and one day for trash, such as leaves, limbs and other trash.

The "Agencies Managed Their Money".

My taxes here in Curry County were \$811.53. Since I paid in full before the deadline, I received a discount. The amount paid was \$787.18.

The school tax alone was \$286.03. This alone was almost as much as my total taxes before moving to Oregon.

My garbage fee here is \$212.40 a year for once a week garbage pickup. No trash pickup.

At the rate all agencies seem to think that we have a bottomless pocket, when will the taxes exceed our income? Do we need a "Boston Tea Party"?

It appears that there is a serious need for someone to conduct a class on how to manage money for the agencies here. Somewhere – somehow – the constant asking for more and more money has to stop.

I was shocked when I read that it was possible for the commissioners to delete 6 positions from the Sheriff's office, and then the tax that the Sheriff is requesting could go to the General Fund.

I for one, will not vote for any tax of any kind. The County must find a way to manage tax money that it receives.

I love living here, "But we pay dearly for it".

Louise McComber

[Editor's note: the portion of this letter above 250 words was paid for.]

3rd Annual Basket Clearance Sale

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Celtic Fiddle Concert

National Scottish fiddle champions, Hanneke Cassel and Ryan McKasson, will be performing a concert of Scottish, Irish, and Cape Breton music on Sunday, May 20, 8:00 pm, at the Sprague Theatre in Bandon.

The *Boston Globe* calls Hanneke Cassel "...a rising star in the Celtic skies..." She recently released her debut CD, *My Joy*, and according to music critic, Scott Alarik (*Boston Globe*) "...her musical ideas are savvy and sophisticated, but her throaty, gusting style is deeply banked in Scottish and Cape Breton traditions." Daniel Gewertz of the *Boston Herald* writes, "Berklee grad's fiddle wizardry debut is a Celtic 'Joy'...Cassel's rhythms are tenacious, and they weave through a set of reels with serpentine grace. Her ability to write tunes that fit right into a flow of traditional jigs and reels is accomplished."

Such charismatic fiddling has brought 23-year-old Cassel many honors and awards. Originally from Port Orford, she is the 1997 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion and holds a Bachelors of Music in Violin Performance from Berklee

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College of Music. She performs regularly in the Boston area, and in Chicago, New York City, Scotland, and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Her fiddling has graced the stages of Boston's Symphony Hall, The Plaza Hotel in New York City, and The Lincoln Center. This past year she frequently toured with Irish ensembles Cherish The Ladies and The Cathie Ryan Band. Cassel is featured on *Diary of A Fiddler*, jazz/bluegrass fiddler, Darol Anger's CD, and the *Wee Hours: The Future of Scottish Fiddle in North America*, along with Ryan McKasson and six other fiddlers. Ms. Cassel has taught fiddle at the Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddle School in California and at Sabhal Mor Ostaig on the Isle of Skye, Scotland.

McKasson, age 22, from Lakewood, Washington, began studying classical violin at three, and viola at twelve. He has won many competitions including the 1996 US National Scottish Grand Fiddle Championship. A senior at USC, majoring in viola performance, he is frequently a soloist with the Los Angeles Scottish Fiddlers. He has also studied in Scotland and at the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara.

Cali McKasson, sister of Ryan, will play keyboards. She is a graduate harp student at Cleveland Institute of Music, and last summer played in the Tanglewood Music Center orchestra in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts. Winner of the Cleveland Institute Concerto Contest, she was soloist with the Cleveland Institute Orchestra.

Chris Lewis, originally from Vernon, British Columbia, will play guitar in the concert. He is a student at Berklee College of Music majoring in songwriting and performance. He performs in the Boston area and tours the United States with Christ in Youth.

Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or \$13.00 at the door and available at: **Downtown Fun Zone** and **Port Orford Breadworks** in Port Orford, **The Bookworm** in Gold Beach, and **The Bandon Mercantile** in Bandon. For more info call (541) 332-9851 or visit www.hannekecassel.com.

Care Givers Support Group

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Letter to the Editor,

Rumor: "Unverified information of uncertain origin usually spread by word of mouth."

This is the definition from The American Heritage Dictionary.

It is sad to say that rumor is a large part of a small town. Especially this town. It doesn't say in the dictionary what damage a rumor can cause but anyone who has been a victim of one can easily tell you. Things like ridicule, undue harassment, loss of integrity, possible loss of employment or business. The list goes on.

According to the dictionary, a rumor monger is "One who spreads rumors." I guess you need these people or else you wouldn't have the rumors.

Unverified information...why would someone intentionally spread, or for that matter, believe unverified information?



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My reason for writing this? I am seeing first hand how this "unverified information" is affecting the people I work with. I am seeing first hand the damage it is

causing. I find it very unfortunate that those who are believing this information haven't even bothered to find out the facts. What makes it worse is when you considered the believer your friend.

Rumors can cause a lot of pain in a lot of ways. I hope those who are spreading the rumors will realize that some day just what they are doing and mature enough to stop. And I hope that those who hear those rumors either don't pay attention or at least find out if there is some truth in it before making judgements.

Talk to your neighbors, not about them.

Colleen Harrison

Letter to the Editor,

Thank you friends for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, and flowers while at Sacred Heart Hospital and while I'm at home recovering.

Thank you to the Christian Center for the wonderful dinners and friends of Port Orford for the money donations.

Thank you and God bless,

Diane Becker



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	Saturday	May 5	12:00 noon
	Sunday	May 6	2:00 p.m.

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Any surplus over and above the cost of trophies will be used to complete the restroom facility that will be adjacent to the "Red" McWilliams Baseball Field at Buffington Park.

Visitor's Center

Last week the City of Port Orford Visitor Center at Battle Rock Park had an increasing number of visitors sign in. The warming weather and the approaching tourist season brought in 252 guests who signed in at the center. We had visitors from as far away as Raja Jai, India and also a few from Germany. On the 21st a

tour bus from Victoria, BC utilized the entire park and had a grand time while they were here.

New State Parks Brochures have arrived from the State along with other great information. The City would like to thank the volunteers we have down at the Visitor Center. The volunteers keep our center open and are a great help in greeting the tourists and local people seeking information.

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Letter to the Editor,

As a family who benefits from the Meals on Wheels program, I want to say Thank You. This is a new program that provided to your door hot lunches five days a week. It is for people who are unable to consistently get meals for themselves. The meals are prepared at Driftwood Elementary and are hot and nutritious.

They are delivered by volunteers and cost \$2.80 per meal. This is a wonderful program and we owe a special thanks to Rhonda Gore and her staff at the cafeteria. If you or someone you know would benefit from this program, please contact Karim Shumaker at 332-6925 or Gary Anderson at 332-4261. Thank you to them as well.

If you know someone who would benefit, but is unable to afford the meals, the program will cover the lunch costs. And, the program is happily accepting donations of any size to help cover those costs. Please be generous when you donate.

Feeding our community nutritious meals is good for everyone. An added important benefit is that someone checks on the welfare of the recipients five days a week. You may donate directly to the Meals on Wheels account at Chetco.

Thanks again,

Gayle Wilcox

Letter to the Editor,

Curry County voters are bracing for what promises to be the biggest hike in their electrical bills ever. Gasoline prices are starting to skyrocket all over the country and Curry County will not be immune to big increases at the gas pumps this summer. In the face of these raids on our pocketbooks, which we have little control over, the Sheriff is asking us to dig deeper to fund an expansion of his department even though crime statistics show a clear reduction in overall crime, and particu-

larly violent crime. You only have to look to any of the local newspapers to see the type of heinous violations that are typical. These include the normal run of seat belt, speeding, barking dog, and mudflap violations that are the financial bread and butter of the already substantial law enforcement community. Brookings, Gold Beach, and Port Orford residents have already been taxed to fund their own police departments. All County taxpayers are already paying for a more substantial State Police presence. The bottom line is that we already have more than enough Police roaming around the County.

You may not be able to do more than complain about the increases in your electric bill or gas pump prices, but you sure can say no to funding an unnecessary expansion of the Sheriff's Department. Let common sense prevail and vote no to this expansion.

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Public Meetings

Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School district board holds a workshop on Thursday, May 3, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School. The board will discuss the 2001-2002 budget and cooperative learning programs.

The Port Orford Public Library meets on Tuesday, May 8, at 2:30pm, in the city hall council chambers. The public is always welcome.

Port Orford Rural Fire District board of directors meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 5:30pm, at the Senior Center has been cancelled due to an expected lack of quorum. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 15, at the Senior Center following the 5:30pm budget meeting.

Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District board meets in regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

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Saturday, May 5, the entire class will be out and about from 10:00am until 2:00pm. The class will be doing a joint can/change drive. We are asking our community to come to our aid and donate as many cans and as much spare change as you can spare. We thank you for your efforts and commend your donations from times past.

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Sunset Garden Club

The next meeting of the Sunset Garden Club will be at the Senior Center on Friday, May 5th at noon, rather than our usual time of 1pm. This is because we will be having a potluck luncheon before the meeting. Everyone is asked to bring a main dish, salad, or dessert. Nita Byron and Ellie Joyce will be giving a presentation about fuchsias.

Boosters Say Thanks

The Pacific High School Boosters would like to thank all the people of Port Orford who supported our Donkey Basketball fundraiser. We had a terrific turnout that was appreciated.

Thanks again,

Pacific High Boosters

Zorro's Back In Town

The Port Orford Community Players players will present three performances this weekend, Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday at noon, and Sunday at 2:00pm at the Port Orford Community Building. Tickets are available at the door only.

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**A La Carte Taxation
By Evan Kramer**

Once again Curry County voters are faced with voting themselves another tax increase. This time it's for a good cause – aren't they all? The Curry County Sheriff's Department is seeking approval of a 5-year \$2.5 million levy to pay for additional officers. This despite a serious drop in the crime rate locally and nationally which accelerated during the eight years of the Clinton administration. Now it's time for the peace dividend.

I believe the taxpayer's stomach is full right now between federal, state and county taxes not to mention gasoline



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taxes and other fees. We don't need the addition of anymore "a la carte" items added to our plate. Voters in recent years have given generously to the hospital district, the port district and the local police. The Port District made big promises to build a public fishing dock with part of their 20-year tax increase and reneged on that promise. So much for campaign promises.

Voters in the three cities in Curry County have police departments and it's hard to imagine why people in those three jurisdictions would vote for this tax increase. The Sheriff's Department needs to make do with their current resources and if that means more street time and less office

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time for the management of the department so be it.

What we need is a public discussion of just how much of a tax burden the people in this county can handle and where the money is going. In the meantime I'm voting no on the Sheriff Department levy.

Stimulating Saturdays

Play chess Saturdays between 1:00 and 5:00pm at the City Council Chambers. We have about 10 eager players, happy to welcome new players to a lively afternoon of chess. There is no fee, and there are extra chess sets if you can't bring one.

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Arts and Seafood Fest 2001

"This year's Arts and Seafood Festival is scheduled to have some exciting new features as well as all the favorite activities and events from previous years," said Ronn Kerr, one of the coordinators of the 2001 event scheduled for Labor Day weekend. "All of the partnering organizations are back together planning activities and several new organizations are considering coming on board because this annual event has truly grown into a South Coast favorite!"

Ronn and Jo Kerr, owners of the publishing company, Kerr Resources, and members of the Board of Directors of the Greater Port Orford Chamber of Commerce, were named Coordinators of the 2001 Arts and Seafood Festival at the Chamber Board meeting on April 23. The Board also adopted a plan for the Festival that includes all of the activities and events of last year plus an Outdoor Strolling Area, a Historical Trail, and an expanded Festival Program Book.

Continuing events will include the Fine Arts and Crafts Emporium featuring the work of local arts and crafts people and the popular Junk Art Show, both operated

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by the Arts Council. The Women's Fishery Network will be serving up their famous clam chowder both days next door to the arts and crafts area. And, nearby, the Rotary Club will again be sponsoring the Show and Shine Antique Auto Show. As in previous years, art galleries and other merchants will be having special shows and guest artists for the Festival. Sites and times for other events such as the tuna barbecue and theatrical performances are as yet undecided but will be announced as soon as details are available. Sales of the popular Festival Logo Sweatshirts will begin at the time of the Fourth of July Jubilee.

New this year will be the Outdoor Strolling Area along and adjacent to Highway 101 between Driftwood School and Battlerock Park. Plans for this area include colorful booths offering "seafood finger foods" from local restaurants, special art sale booths from galleries and other merchants, working artists, and an array of street actors, clowns, and musicians. "It is our hope that, when anyone drives down 101 during the Festival, they will be so overwhelmed by the colors and sounds and aromas that they will be compelled to stop and stay awhile!" said Kerr.

Also new this year will be an expanded Festival Program Book to be given out to all Festival visitors. The 12 to 16 page booklet will contain substantial information about artists participating in the Festival, layout maps of the Outdoor Stroll-

ing Area and the Fine Arts and Crafts Emporium with details about where specific food items and other Festival sales items are available, and a Historic Trail map with details about historical sites in the area as a tribute to Port Orford's 150th Anniversary.

In the next few weeks, organizations, artists, and merchants in the North Curry County area will be contacted about the details of the Festival and their potential participation. "This year's event will be a celebration of the best of what the area offers both to visitors and residents," said Kerr. "The Port Orford area offers great seafood, a dynamic arts community, picturesque scenery, and an area steeped in history. It is our hope that the Arts and Seafood Festival 2001 will lift up all of these elements in a way that will attract lots of participation by both visitors and residents of the area."

For more info about this year's festival contact Ronn or Jo Kerr (332-3703) or artsandseafood@kerrresources.com.

Correction

In our April 26 edition, we printed a letter by Cheryl Douglass in which she stated that at the Port Orford town meeting on April 16, Sheriff Owens said, "They could cut six deputies." She has informed us that the correct quote is "They could cut six positions" and apologizes for any confusion.

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NEW MOVIES THIS WEEK include: Sandra Bullock's latest, "Miss Congenialty", "Disney's The Emperor's New Groove", "All the Pretty Horses", "In the Company of Spies", "Noah", "Power Rangers Lightspeed Rescue, and the DVD versions of "The Emperor's New Groove and "Miss Congenialty". Please remember items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. For video-

tapes, DVD's, Sony Playstation, or Nintendo games come on down to The Downtown Fun Zone. Open 9:30-6 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-7 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

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Bud Kent

Funeral Services were held for Edward L. "Bud" Kent on Saturday, April 28, noon, at St. John Catholic Church in Port Orford. Bud Kent died on April 23 in Port Orford. He was born on July 7, 1942 in Evanston, Illinois and grew up in Glenview, Illinois. He graduated from Glenbrook High School and Arizona State in Tempe, Arizona.

Kent was a stockbroker/farmer. He leaves behind his sister Bonnie Pope of Colorado and sister Laurie Fahrendorf of Wisconsin and many nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made in Bud Kent's memory to the American Cancer Society and the Diabetes Foundation.

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Planes, Trains & Automobiles Continued from Front Cover

Tijuana and once across the border noticed there are now more pharmacies than places selling leather goods. In fact I've never seen so many pharmacies located next to each other, each with pharmacists beckoning your business. The prices on prescription medications are lower than in the states plus you can buy them over the counter without a doctor's prescription (not the controlled drugs). Walking on the bridge over the Tijuana River toward downtown was depressing as we were beset by dozens of begging and obviously needy children. Ron's knee was bothering him so we headed back to the trolley but not before I bought a leather carrying case.

The San Diego trolleys operate under the honor system when it comes to fares. You buy a ticket and sometimes you get checked by a uniformed security guard and sometimes you don't as to whether or not you have a valid ticket. I was pleased that the vast majority of people are "honorable" especially after reading how much money the transit system is losing and will lose in the coming years.

I headed back for Burbank on Friday af-

ternoon and in the spirit of using different kinds of transportation rode on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner train from Oceanside to the Burbank Airport Station. Amtrak has all new equipment for the San Diego trains and these bi-level cars are a delight. I'm a bit jaded, having ridden lots of trains and buses and streetcars so I like to watch other people's reactions. They genuinely enjoyed riding the train which ran on schedule the whole trip! The most popular car was the one with the snack bar in it. It was one long happy hour from Oceanside to Burbank. By the way I found a "suspicious" looking case on the train which looked like a laptop computer case. I told the conductor about it and he opened it up and found a case full of CD's.

The return trip from Hollywood-Burbank Airport (now renamed Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena airport) was just the way most of us like it. The first flight left twenty minutes late (not bad for today's standards) and then the flight to Crescent City from San Francisco took off and arrived on time. My Ford truck was waiting for me in the parking lot at Crescent City airport and it was a pleasure to get in it and enjoy the drive up the coast to Port Orford.

Senior News By Mary Yoder

April is gone but have no fear it will be back again next year.

April 26 was Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Mary Evans, Harold Pace, Kay Neal, Savannah Tremmel - dining room Lila Sarratt and Bessie Laursen - dishes Warren Jewell.

April 28 was luncheon. Volunteers working were Mary Evans, Roald Young, Gretta Carver, Pattie Young - doing dishes Mike Evans and Rodin Lohry high school students - the money box Pauline Lenox - the rummage sales Savannah Tremmel and Harold Pace.

Here is where to write Betty Harper - c/o Betty Sue Pye, 121 Pandorama, Chehalis, Washington 98532.

Someone took or borrowed the restraining straps for spine board or back board. Please return them - no questions asked.

Saturday May 5 - free ice cream bars for kids under 12 from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

Monday, May 7 pinochle at 7:00pm.; computer class from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

May 8 is the board meeting at 1:00pm - blood pressure and hearing aide from 9:30 to 11:00am.

May 11 at 6:30pm - bingo at Langlois - best go this money goes for kids' glasses.

May 12 luncheon at 11:30am - rummage sale from 8:00am till 1:00pm.

May 13 no breakfast - Mother's Day.

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