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### Desert Flowers Part 2 By Evan and Valerie Kramer

Anza-Borrego is an unusual state park in that they allow open camping all over the park. You are allowed to drive your car, truck, or RV up the many dry washes and dirt roads and camp out alongside them without paying or getting a permit. You only have to park one car width off the road and contain your fires and take out your trash. There is no other state park in California that allows this type of free form camping. Valerie and I stayed in a motel but my advice is if you really want to explore this 1,000 square mile state park go camping either with your vehicle or tent camping. Get away from people and lights and noise and enjoy the light show that goes on once the sun sets and the stars come out. For people who prefer developed campgrounds the park offers several ranging from \$7 to \$53 a night and there are a variety of higher priced commercial resorts.

We stayed in the park at the Oasis Motel. (The only motel in the Borrego Springs area as the rest of the lodgings call themselves "resorts" meaning they cost more.) Our second day in the park began with a beautiful red sunrise about 5:50am. We had a bowl of cereal and some toast in our kitchen-equipped

motel room then we were off to face the day.

The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park has three main roads going across it. We had entered via S22 which enters from the west about 1/3 of the way down from the northern edge of the park. It descends a steep, winding road, goes near the visitor center then into Borrego Springs. From there it leads east through the badlands to the middle of the western shore of the Salton Sea. The second main road is state route 78 which also enters from the west perhaps 10 miles south of S22 and goes mostly west exiting the park near Ocotillo Wells (not to be confused with the town of Ocotillo!) near the southern end of the Salton Sea. The third route is S2 which splits from S22 outside the park and proceeds south east crossing SR 78 just outside the park boundary then continuing until it ends in Ocotillo, just a few miles north of the Mexican border.

On our first afternoon we had taken S22, the northern route, to reconnoiter the badlands and had driven all the way to the Salton Sea. On our second day we explored SR 78, the middle way. We took a drive to a gypsum mine near Ocotillo Wells. The road dead ends at the entrance to the mine where there are some rather firm signs warning people

not to enter. It was interesting to see the narrow gauge railroad tracks leading out of the mine property. Apparently the gypsum is taken by train to Plaster City (just east of Ocotillo) for processing. Of course we saw no railroad activity. Along the road to the mine we did get some nice photos of budding ocotillo.

Later on that morning we drove back to the visitor center for a talk on ravens by park volunteer Joan Rosen. We learned just how intelligent these birds are and that Anza-Borrego State Park is home to about 500 of them but that there are no crows in the park. We were also given some tips to identify Ravens from Crows. Ravens soar and Crows don't. Ravens have a diamond shaped tail when flying which is distinctly different from a Crows tail. And, of course, most ravens are larger than most crows. Ravens are highly intelligent. They have an elaborate social structure and have even been known to conduct funeral services for their departed comrades.

After the presentation caught up with our laundry at a local Laundromat where we met a fellow wearing a Mac Meda memorial T-Shirt. Once the laundry was done we again drove east on S22 through the badlands to Salton City where we saw signs for dozens of fore-

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H2313 6.7	H2343 7.3		L1842 1.3	L1922 1.8	L2004 2.3	L2051 2.9	L2146 3.3

### Desert Flowers Part 2 Continued from Front Cover

closed houses for sale. For an Oregonian, Salton City is a bit intimidating as many of the houses have little to no vegetation. It looks very stark and very dry.

On our second full day in the park we checked out the third and southernmost route, S2. We headed out to Tamarisk Grove and from there to Agua Caliente County Park where there are several hot springs and an indoor pool fed by the springs. We weren't prepared to enjoy the springs so continued on southwest on S2 on our way to the small town of Ocotillo. On our way we drove through the Carrizo Badlands which aren't so bad when you're driving a truck and have plenty of water and food on board. It would have been a very different story for someone going through in summer on horseback or covered wagon! We did see a coyote but they are rather shy creatures and don't stand still for having their photo taken. I hit the jackpot on our way to the Badlands Overlook and spotted the only flowering beaver-tail cactus of the trip. It was off the road

but its dark magenta flower shouted out to me so we stopped driving and went over to look at it. Only one flower had come out on the cactus but it was special. We had come to the park too early for the spring cactus and ocotillo bloom. In fact they didn't bloom until last week which shows how important timing is for seeing the cactus in bloom. The LA Times even runs an Anza-Borrego wild flower hotline to keep people posted for the best time to drive out there.

There wasn't a whole lot to see in Ocotillo but there was a Texaco gas station alongside Interstate 8 so we gassed up once again and headed west on the freeway through some of the most rocky terrain we've ever seen. Interstate 8 skirts the California-Mexico border as it heads into San Diego but we only went as far as the road to Julian and then headed north to this very popular tourist town in the mountains. Julian was crowded with tourists like us with many arriving on motorcycles. Once we got through filling our "tanks" we headed back into Anza-Borrego State Park. It was a long day of driving so it felt good to just get

out of the truck and walk around with Honeybear.

We left Anza-Borrego on Saturday morning for Death Valley but had a reservation in a motel for Monday and Tuesday - you have to book these things further in advance than we did to get the days you want. So we drove as far as Barstow and settled there for a day and a half until we could check into the motel at Panamint Springs. The drive was not as much fun as we'd hoped. We got caught in some terrible traffic near Palm Desert and Indian Wells. We finally had to hop in Interstate 10 to get away from it. From I-10 we took highway 62 north to Barstow.

We chose to stay at the Motel 6 because of their good dog policy. When we finally found the motel, hidden just off the main drag, we were very glad we had. Unlike most of the other motels baking in the heat, Motel 6 was separated from the street by a beautiful green lawn with several tall shade trees. It was like arriving at an oasis and our Oregon eyeballs feasted on the lovely green sight after

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having been seared by several days of desert.

Evan’s friend Larry and he used to take the Continental Trailways bus from the San Fernando Valley to Las Vegas back in the early 70’s and Barstow was where the bus stopped for a lunch break. The restaurant had a bar immediately next door so they visited that as well and came to call Barstow “Barstool”. And to this day he can’t help but call it “barstool”. Barstow was founded in 1888 when the Santa Fe railroad came to town and built a station. The city is located alongside the mighty, but mainly dry, Mojave River.

Barstow has one of the more magnificent former Santa Fe Train stations known as “Casa Del Desierto”. It is closed now and was sold to the City of Barstow for one dollar. The city has rented space out within the complex for a railroad museum and a Route 66 museum since Barstow was quite an important Route 66 town. The rest of the train station and Fred Harvey restaurant and hotel are awaiting other plans and ideas but the important thing is this magnificent set of buildings has been saved from the wrecking ball which had been the plan. There is still a lot of freight traffic that passes in front of the station so plenty to photograph and watch.

We had driven up to Rainbow Basin National Natural Landmark on Sunday morning for a scenic loop drive and it lived up to expectations with some wildly colorful rock formations which demanded their photos be taken. Valerie was also excited to discover that the park was very near the famous Goldstone Deep Space Tracking Station. They even offer tours of the facility but unfortunately you have to plan in advance. Maybe next time.

Later on that afternoon we took the golden opportunity to visit, and eat at,



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the largest In ’N Out burger, located in Lenwood; a suburb of Barstow. Despite being the largest restaurant in their chain there weren’t many places to sit as it is no doubt their busiest location being just off the freeway to Las Vegas. We also enjoyed a couple of very good breakfasts at an IHOP near our motel. Their new shortcake pancakes with fruit are great!

**To Be Continued...**

**Gold Coast Chorus**

Zion Lutheran Church, Port Orford’s first Mildred Hill concert of the 2008 season will be the Gold Coast Chorus of Coos Bay. Two quartets: Class Distinction and South Coast Harmony will sing one set each. Sunday, April 6 at 6:00 pm, the music is classic male chorus barbershop, and tickets are a mere \$5.00 with free admission through age 18. Tickets available at Downtown Fun Zone, Port Orford or [ConcertTickets@ZionLutheranPortOrford.org](mailto:ConcertTickets@ZionLutheranPortOrford.org)

Class Distinction leads off the show, followed by a five song set by the chorus. Then, South Coast Harmony quartet takes the stage and the chorus wraps up the evening with a final set. Sentimental

Journey and traditional barbershop numbers Cross that Mason-Dixon Line and Don’t Bring LuLu are some of the songs which will stay in your head and keep your toes tapping on the way home.

Chorus director David Aakre also led the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Choir concert last November. Close harmony, ringing chords and familiar tunes are the hallmark of the men who sing this style. It has not been heard in Port Orford for many years. Mark calendars, join the excitement and get ready for fine family entertainment. The lead sings the tune, the tenor delivers the high harmony, the bass anchors each chord and the baritone fills in the close harmony that makes this music unique.

Gold Coast Barbershop Chorus can also be heard Saturday April 12 at Little Theater on the Bay in North Bend. Many other groups are on that program airing at 2:00pm and 7:30pm. Port Orford has this great show at a price which can’t be beat. Get your tickets today.

**Planning Commission Meets**

The Port Orford Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, April 8, 6:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

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03-21 Police took a report regarding a barking dog in the area of Mather Drive.

03-21 Police received a report of someone receiving unwanted telephone calls. A telephonic Harassment complaint was taken and the case is pending further calls to the complainant.

03-21 Police stopped a vehicle for defective tail lights. A records check revealed the driver had a revoked Oregon Drivers License. The driver was cited to appear in Circuit Court for Driving While Revoked and additionally cited into Municipal Court for No proof of insurance.

03-21 Police were notified about a female subject with a broken down vehicle walking at night in the Sixes area of Highway 101. There were no other officers available in the area so Police responded to that area and provided the stranded motorist with a ride into Port Orford.

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03-22 Police took a report of a missing purse from a local business. An investigation was started by police and it was later determined that the purse had been misplaced by the owner.

03-22 Police responded to Nicholson Drive to assist a Curry County Sheriffs Deputy on a call of a female subject beating on a male subject. Port Orford Ambulance responded because of complaints by one subject of possible injuries. One subject was transported by ambulance to the hospital and the case was investigated by the Curry County Sheriff's Office.

03-25 Police received a report of theft of plywood sign boards at the baseball field. The case is under investigation. If anyone can shed some light on the missing boards please contact our agency or someone in the baseball league.

03-26 Police responded to Ninth Street on a report of a possible assault. A female subject advised that she had been pushed to the ground after hitting a male subject with a stick. She did not wish to pursue a criminal complaint.

03-26 Police arrested Micah Haymes on an outstanding warrant charging Crimi-

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nal Mischief out of the Circuit Court. He was lodged in the Curry County Jail.

03-26 Police received a report of suspicious persons at a trailer on Ninth Street causing a disturbance. The incident had calmed down and no other action was required by police.

03-27 Police are investigating a criminal mischief at the Christian center. Unknown person(s) entered the gymnasium through a window and threw eggs against the wall causing an undetermined amount of damage to the building. If anyone has any information please contact the police department.

03-27 Several subjects were seen in the area of Buffing Park Baseball Field after a door had been kicked in at the Concession Stand. A city worker stood by until police arrived. Two juveniles were charged with Criminal Mischief, and the case is pending review by the Curry County Juvenile Department.

Chiefs Note: Summer traffic is beginning to come upon us which means that the speeds and people driving and not paying attention will increase so remember to be extra cautious when walking across the street.



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### Democrats Thank La Bonte By Evan Kramer

The Curry County Democratic Party held their election year dinner at the Curry County Fairgrounds on Saturday night. Over 120 attended the dinner where they participated in a silent auction with over 80 items up for bid and dined on a fine meal prepared by the Fairgrounds staff.

The theme of the evening as stated by Curry County Democratic Party Chairperson Mary Jane LaBelle was "Let's Rebuild American – for a Change." LaBelle gave a speech at the beginning of the formal part of the evening and took note of Curry County Commissioner Lucie La Bonte who was in attendance. Commissioner La Bonte is in the fourth year of her second term as commissioner and is not running for a third term. La Bonte, a Democrat, is well appreciated in North Curry County for being "our" commissioner. She hardly ever misses a

meeting with any relevance to the county and is the most familiar of the three commissioners with the North part of the county. She has put in a lot of effort on the Garrison Lake restoration project and outflow creek that has helped stabilize the lake.

LaBelle introduced several other elected officials and others who were at the dinner including Port Orford Mayor Jim and his wife Karen, School Board Chair Rosaria Williams, councilor Steve Abbott, and the Democratic Party candidate to replace Lucie La Bonte in position #3, Steve Nagel. He currently works for the county as the animal control officer in Gold Beach. LaBelle introduced Rick Goche who is running for the House seat in District 1 currently held by incumbent Wayne Krieger. Goche is running unopposed in the primary as is Krieger. Goche is a commercial fisherman who lives in Coquille. He is a hook and line fisherman with a 52 foot boat and fishes

out of the Port of Charleston. He has been deeply involved in the salmon fisheries crisis and promised to do lots of door to door walking and meeting voters.

LaBelle emphasized that the May 20 primary is "going to count." LaBelle urged people to sign up for the Coos Curry Electric Round-up Program. What this does is round up your electric bill to the nearest dollar and the money goes to help people pay their electric bills who afford to pay them.

The featured speaker for the evening was Meredith Wood Smith, the Chairperson of the Democratic Party of Oregon. She said the purpose of the Democratic Party was to make the world a better place. She explained the importance of Democrats gaining five seats in the Oregon House in order to have 36 members enough of a majority to pass revenue bills. The Oregon primary is on May 20 and this year the state is in "play".



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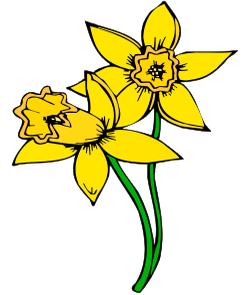


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The League of Women Voters of Curry County have scheduled Candidate Forums throughout the county for April 22, 23 and 24.

The Forums are scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 in Brookings at the Chetco Community Public Library, Wednesday, April 23 in Gold Beach at Gold Beach City Hall and Thursday, April 24 in Port Orford at Port Orford City Hall. All the forums are scheduled to take place at 7:00pm.

Only candidates running for contested seats are invited to participate. The following candidates have been invited: County Commissioner position # 2 Marlyn Schafer (R) incumbent, Wedderburn; Peter Petersen (R) Gold Beach; George Rhodes (R) Brookings; Pat Piper (D) Harbor, and Daniel Somers (D) Gold Beach. County Commissioner Pos. # 3 Karl Popoff (R) Gold Beach; Bill Waddle (R) Brookings. Su-

san Brown (R) Gold Beach has dropped out of the race.

Candidates will be given four minutes for an opening statement, followed by a question and answer session. All question will be written with League members passing out 3 x5 cards for the questions.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization which does not support or oppose any political party or any candidates. The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.,

Mary Lu Milstone of Brookings will serve as Moderator at the Brookings forum, and Shirley Nelson of Port Orford will moderate the Gold Beach and Port Orford forums. Pat Russell of Brookings and Milt Nelson of Port ORford will serve as Timers.

For further information phone Shirley Nelson 541-332-9002 or Robert Castille 541-469-3580.

### Roller Derby Open House

The Coos County Roller Girls are holding a derby day practice and open house for the public this Sunday, 1:00pm, at Sunset Middle School roller rink in Coos Bay. The Coos County Roller Girls will put on a demonstration of roller derby and then hold a scrimmage. They will also meet the public and enjoy talking roller derby talk. Some players from the Eugene Emerald City Roller Girls League will participate in the scrimmage and open house. For more information contact Dolly Demented at [cooscountrollergirls@yahoo.com](mailto:cooscountrollergirls@yahoo.com). The Coos County Rockin' Roulettes travel to the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene for a bout against the Andromedolls on Saturday, April 26. Tickets for that bout will be on sale this Sunday at the derby day practice.



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The 70th Annual Meeting of the Membership of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Coquille Community Center in Coquille, Oregon. At the regular March meeting of the Board of Directors, the following Nominating Committee appointments for the district in which a director is to be elected at this year's Annual Meeting were approved.

### District 4, Port Orford/Langlois Area, Daryl Robison, Incumbent

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In accordance with the By-Laws of the Cooperative, nominations made by these committees must be made not less than 45 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and posted at the principal office of the Cooperative not less than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

The By-Laws also allow any 15 or more qualified members in a district to make other nominations for that district in writing over their signatures not less than 45 days prior to the meeting. Petitions are available at the Cooperative's area business offices and must be returned to the Cooperative's Port Orford Headquarters no later than April 23, 2008, for verification and posting.

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The Oregon Department of Energy and other local and regional public and private organizations will be hosting a workshop on energy conservation and renewable energy on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Best Western Beachfront Inn Conference Center at the Port of Brookings Harbor. The workshop is free and open to the public and includes lunch.

The focus of the workshop will be to inform participants about the status of electrical energy, and provide information and resources on energy conservation, renewable energy, and incentives.

The Workshop will include presentations on:

Saving Energy - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Measures;

Energy Initiatives – What's New, What's Being Accomplished, Who's Doing It and How;

The status of electrical energy – Big Picture and Local Level;

Making Energy – Renewable Energy resources including solar electric and solar hot water, wind, biomass, low-impact hydroelectric, and others;

High-performance home building; and

Incentives to save and/or make energy – state and federal tax incentives; Business Energy Tax Credits; Residential Energy Tax Credits; Oregon's Small Energy Loan Program; utility incentives; grants and more

This all-day Workshop, including lunch, will be provided to the public at no charge. Pre-registration is necessary by calling Southwestern Oregon Community College at 541-469-5017.

Workshop sponsors include Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative and The Smith River Rancheria, Tolowa Tribe. The Workshop's Coordinating Committee is comprised of more than 20 members of regional community public and private organizations.

## **Hospice Rummage Sale**

Doing your spring cleaning? Need more room in your closet and in the garage? Don't have time to do a yard sale? Let Curry County Hospice help you out! Gently used, re-sellable items are now being accepted for the 9th Annual Hospice Rummage Market slated for August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th in Gold Beach.

Donations are being accepted in Gold Beach on Wednesday's and Saturday's 11am-2pm at the new Rummage Market Warehouse on the north jetty near the Coast Guard Station. Items can be taken to the North Curry Family Center in Port Orford Tuesday-Thursday from 1-4pm. The logistics for the Brookings drop off area will be completed by the 1st week of April. Arrangements can be made to have larger items picked-up by calling the Curry County Home Health & Hospice offices 247-7084; 469-0405; 332-0297. All donations to the Hospice Rummage Market are tax deductible.

Curry County Hospice provides care, medications, supplies, equipment, and emotional support to individuals who are receiving end of life care. Monies earned from donations and fundraisers are used to offset costs for patients who have no insurance, or for those whose costs exceed insurance reimbursement. Although a county program, the hospice department receives no local tax support, so donations dollars are also utilized for equipment and educational needs as well.

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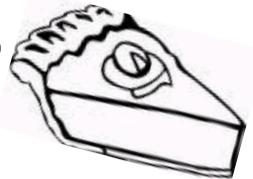
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### Marine Safety Training

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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. Call Alicia at the POORT office, 541-332-0627 or sign up in the hoist shack down at the dock by April 4.

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

### Letter to the Editor,

I am writing concerning a rumor that I hope will prove to be untrue; specifically that Creighton's Nursery that has served this community for the past eight years is being forced out of business due to zoning. Having shopped at both nurseries in Port Orford I know the distance from Highway 101 to Creighton's and from 101 to God's Green Earth is very nearly equal. Creighton's is an attractive, well maintained business with adequate parking and small signs indicating that it is a nursery. The owners have obviously gone to considerable expense to accommodate their plants, etc. Their prices are reasonable and perhaps the fact that there are two nurseries in

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competition for customers has helped to keep prices reasonable.

Port Orford has already lost many businesses in the three years I have lived here. I hope we are not about to lose another for a ridiculous and easily resolved technicality. This town needs to grow, not shrink. I, for one, will shop for plants outside Port Orford if this occurs.

Jennifer Patience

### Going to the Car Wash

On Saturday April 5 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Ray's Market you can have your car washed by the 7th grade classes from Blanco and Driftwood. This is a freewill donation. Proceeds will go towards the annual field trip to Salem, Oregon. The school is providing transportation and the kids are raising the additional funds for tickets, meals and other necessities. While on this trip, they will visit the Mission Mill Museum, the Trails End Museum, Omni Max Theatre, the Evergreen Aviation Museum and our State Capital. So please come support our future leaders for an exciting and educational trip to our state capital.

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### Letter to the Editor,

This is chapter 4 of the saga involving the Port Orford Municipal Court and the town's police force.

It became clear in late August, 2006, that City Councilor Milton Finch had vetoed several of my court decisions. These decisions--based on my assessment of the cited driver's declaration and the citing officer's affidavit--had awarded partial refunds of the posted bail to a few out of state drivers whose cases reflected sloppy police work. This was specifically within the jurisdiction of the Court.

I brought Councilor Finch's vetoes to the attention of Mayor Auburn. He called a special "staff meeting" on September 19, 2006, to try to resolve the issue. Present were Mayor Auburn, City Councilors Finch, Abbott, and the late Carl Eskelson, and City Administrator Mike Murphy.

It soon became clear that the issue was about revenue to expand Chief Creighton's small empire--not proper law enforcement. Out of perhaps 20 or 30 contested citations in August (a high tourist traffic time) I had ordered--and Councilor Finch had vetoed--four or five

partial bail refunds, based on the factual record of the circumstances. Most of them involved sloppy police work. I explained my reasons to the assembled officials at the meeting.

I told them that I did not view the Municipal Court as the City's cash register. If they wanted a judge who treated the position in that light, I did not want the position. If the Council insisted on my treating the Municipal Court duties as Chief Creighton and Councilor Finch wanted, then I would resign or the Council could terminate my contract.

At that point, Councilor Finch abruptly gathered up his effects and stalked out of the meeting. This seems to be an MO that he has since refined to a high dramatic art in other meetings when the drift is not going his way--like a child who gathers up his marbles and pouts his way out of the sandbox.

To resolve the issue, I proposed a solution that, to my knowledge, no other Municipal Judge has adopted. In future, if my decision called for the City to refund all or part of a cited person's fine, I would submit a written explanation of the facts supporting my decision. This

suggestion was welcomed by all--except Councilor Finch, who had left the meeting.

There were no more vetoes. But other issues arose. More is to come.

Stay tuned,

David E. Pesonen  
Retired Judge

Judge's Note: Chief Creighton's job performance evaluation by the City Council will take place next week. He has requested that it be a public proceeding. Accordingly, anyone who has been affected by his or his deputy officers' conduct should attend.

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**ARE YOU A WOMAN AGE 20-30?** Theatre 101 is auditioning for the part of Shelby in their upcoming production of "Steel Magnolias". Auditions are Friday, April 4, at 5:00pm at Theatre 101. If you're interested, please come or call 332-PLAY for more details.

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### Budget Meetings

The Budget Committee of the City of Port Orford will be meeting to organize and receive the Budget Message for the FY2008-2009 Budget on April 28, as well as conducting a Revenue Sharing Public Hearing. The Budget Committee will be inviting public comment

on the proposed budget on May 1, as well as beginning Departmental Budget review(s). The remaining Budget Committee meetings are scheduled for May 5, May 8, May 12 and if necessary a TBD date.

A copy of the Proposed Budget Document will be available at City Hall and in the Port Orford Library on April 29, after the first Budget Committee meeting for your review.

All meetings of the Budget Committee will be held at the Port Orford City Hall in the Gable Council Chamber beginning at 5:00pm and are open to the public.

### Letter to the Editor,

I would like to apologize to the community of Port Orford as well as the baseball league for the damage I caused at the concession stand by the baseball field. I would also like to apologize to Wade Phillips for taking his time. Not only paying for the repairs this summer I will also be doing some work around the park as well as painting the concession stand and the bleachers.

Sincerely Sorry,

Zachary Machado

### PO Skate Park

Tickets for the PO Skate Park fund raiser are now available!! The Fun Package includes gift certificates for "Jerry's Rogue Jets", "Castaway by the Sea Motel", "Griffs 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 and are available at the Downtown Fun Zone or by calling 332-8000 for tickets or for more information. All proceeds go to the PO Skate Park Addition Fund. Remember all \$ equal cement.

The addition is a great asset to our skate park and will be used to help the less experienced to gain confidence, learn new skills and as a mentoring area. A nice transition area. This project would not have been possible without the support of our community, the hard work and donation of labor and materials and dollars of so many. Thank you to all of you.

### Demonstration Garden

by Jennifer Ewing

You've probably been watching the growth of the Port Orford Educational Demonstration Garden over the past few months and would like to know about it. Come to the garden this Saturday, April 5, from 2:00-4:00pm and we'll be happy to talk to you about raised bed gardening, composting and our plans for the garden.

The garden is located at Sixteenth and Jackson Streets behind the Senior Center. If it's raining, wear a raincoat because we'll be there rain or shine. Hope to see you.

### April 4, 1968

Forty years ago, on April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. He was hit and killed by rifle fire as he stood outside his room on the second floor balcony at the Lorraine Motel. James Earl Ray was later arrested in London two months later and convicted of killing Dr. King. Rioting broke out in nearly one hundred cities across American as the shock and horror of Dr. King's death spread throughout the country.

A national day of mourning for Dr. King was declared by President Lyndon Johnson for April 9. Dr. King was in Memphis supporting black sanitary public employees who were on strike. Dr. King was 39 years old at the time of his death and had he survived would be 79 years old today.