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This week's top five

1 LINCOLN CITY — Rather than meeting the artist, the new exhibit launch at the Chessman Gallery offers you the chance to be the artist, with a host of largescale interactive art installations awaiting your inspiration. See page 4

2 GLENEDEN BEACH — Tickets are selling fast for the FunRaiser from Music is Instrumental. Grab yours now to enjoy great food, live music from 3 Leg Torso and the chance to bid on luxury auction items, all while supporting local music education.

3 YACHATS — If you are looking for artwork that's more than just sewsew, take trip to "Gems of the Ocean II: A Juried Art Quilt Show," showcasing eye-popping art quilts from around the world this weekend. *See page 11*

It's not often you get dancing girls at the Oregon Coast, and that's why we think the "Red Hot and Naughty Valentine's Burlesque g Show" from Americana Mayhem is worth a look, not to mention the 1 dangerous circus acts, comedy and a dance party. See coast calendar,

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from the editor

5 MANZANITA — If the primary drama piqued your interest in New Hampshire, you don't have to rush off to South Carolina like some. Enjoy a delightfully scandalous trip to the Granite State via Kim Taylor Blakemore's new thriller. See page 7



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