

South of the border, at Gearhart's El Trio Loco

VIEW FROM THE PORCH
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The chimichangas are delicious and they give you lots of guacamole.

Last week Mr. Sax and I had an unusual day. What was unusual was we went out for lunch. Lunch at our house is a mundane affair; we eat, but not for fun, as much as for sustenance. My usual lunch is almond butter smeared on a rice cake. For variety, I might top it off with a couple of slices of banana, or a cut up strawberry. Mr. Sax, who comes home for lunch, favors a glass of kefir, although occasionally he shows up with a pastrami sandwich from the Tsunami Sandwich Company, or smoked salmon with capers and onion ("The New Yorker") from Bagels By The Sea. Sometimes he brings home sushi from Safeway or a tuna sub from Subway. If he brings home any of these things, we share. We're not in the habit of having leftovers for lunch, largely because we rarely have leftovers, and if we do, in the interest of retaining our figures and

our food budget, I reimagine them in some way (like served over rice or pasta) for another dinner.

Nevertheless, last week for no particular reason, we went out to lunch. We went to El Trio Loco on Highway 101 in Gearhart. We hadn't been in awhile. The last time we went I swear the restaurant was smaller, but then again, we haven't been in awhile.

The main thing I recalled from

our last visit is that El Trio Loco has a vast menu and their margaritas are gigantic. The margaritas actually come in two sizes, small and regular. They have basic margaritas, as well as fancier ones. They also have cosmopolitans, mojitos, and other Mexican cocktails, and, of course, beer.

If you were to visit the restaurant's Facebook page, you'll see people raving about the fajitas but

gripping they don't have queso or horchata, but this seems a minor complaint. El Trio Loco has a lot of food to choose from and they put a lot of food on the plate. They have four styles of huevos if you arrive when the restaurant opens at 11 a.m. and you're in the mood for breakfast. They have tostados and sopitos and tacos al pastor. They have brocheta de camaron, which is grilled skewered shrimp; they have seafood chile relleno y mas. In addition to chicken, shrimp, and steak fajitas, they offer a family style fajitos that comes with enough Mexican rice, refried beans, guacamole and warm tortillas to easily feed two very hungry adults or two modestly hungry adults in the company of a couple of young children. They have a menu specifically for children 12 years and under. They have nine different kinds of enchiladas, and nine beef dishes, including steak a la diablo, top sirloin, and T-bone. There are multiple choices for those who eat cheese, but not fish or meat. There are 10 different chicken dishes, and I haven't even gotten to the burritos. On our recent visit, I focused on the lunch menu,

which is smaller and more manageable, and ordered chimichangas.

Against my better judgment I ordered a margarita. I ordered the regular-sized one. I can't remember now exactly what it cost, but it was very reasonably priced and came with a lot of alcohol. It arrived at the table in what appeared to be a glass tureen, or maybe it was a fish bowl. All I can say is it went down fast.

As soon as we ordered our drinks, our server, who was delightfully attentive but not intrusive, brought to the table a bowl of salsa and a bowl of chips. He also brought a bowl of pureed refried beans. They were a perfect accompaniment to the margarita. By the time my chimichangas arrived I was in a very good mood and frankly not at all hungry.

Mr. Sax also over-ordered (he got three different kinds of tacos a la carte) so we asked for a box. The rest of that afternoon passed in a pleasant haze. I don't recommend margaritas at lunch if you're a working stiff, but heck yeah if you're on vacation. Hey, tequila rules.

The next day at home we had the leftovers for lunch.

Summer reading fun at the Seaside Public Library

Summer Reading is in full swing at the Seaside Public Library and so far we have over 200 children, teens, and adults signed up to read this summer.

Librarians know summer reading is super important, especially for children and teens, during the summer months because children and teens are still building vocabulary. Brain development is important all the way up through the ages of age and beyond and reading and retention is important for that development.

To help children and teens in our county be the most successful in life, we want them to retain what they have learned during the school year as well as expand their brains even more. Our library countywide summer read-

ing programs help kids do just that.

Our summer reading theme at the library is "A Universe of Stories." This summer you can learn about everything from rockets, to astronauts, and even the moon. This year is the 50th anniversary of the first astronauts landing on the moon.

On Wednesday, July 10, at 10 a.m., the library will have a preschool storytime showing astronauts reading stories out in space. Most of the Library's summer reading programs are on the theme of space and outer space, although we may throw in a few fun things from this earth too. Just this past week we had Creature Teachers come and share about different exotic animals from our planet.

Coming up we have a pre-



Kids having fun during the Seaside Summer Reading program.

Union. Adults can get in on the fun too and most if not all adults who participate in the summer reading program will get a prize at the end of the summer. Adults will also get to learn about dinosaurs from a paleontologist on Saturday, July 6, at 1pm.

Other exciting events coming up in July and August at the library include a star party for all ages on Friday, Aug. 2. We'll be stargazing outside the library with a telescope and enjoying many other great activities for star gazing fun.

Teens will be eating space food on July 23 at 3 p.m. as well as watching Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield try to make things in space. There will be weird science at preschool storytime on Wednesday, July 31 at 10 a.m. Summer Reading ends Wednesday, Aug. 28 and we'll be throwing a party from 1-3pm to celebrate all the many hours of successful reading.

school storytime puppet show on Wednesday, July 24, at 10 a.m.

We also have Alex Zerbe the Zaniac, a comedy, juggling, and magic show for all ages on Tuesday, July 16, at 1 p.m. If that's not enough for you, when kids and teens sign up for summer reading they get a free book just for signing up and a reading log to track

how many days they read this summer.

Turning in a completed reading log means more great prizes and a chance to be in the countywide grand prize drawings for prizes that include Lego sets, book baskets, and for teens, a chance to win \$100 sponsored by TLC, a Division of Fibre Federal Credit

BETWEEN THE COVERS
ESTHER MOBERG



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In whom do you place your trust?

Back in the '70s I retired from the military and went to work for the post office. A few years later my brother retired from the military and moved to Oregon.

We started talking about taxes and how Oregon was not taxing retired state employees but was taxing everybody else. My brother said, "They can't do that, can they?" I said, "They're not elected officials and surely we can trust them." Boy was I dumb.

In the late '90s a case went to the U.S. Supreme Court involving 17 states that were doing the same thing as Oregon (two of the states were Virginia and Michigan.) The end result was all of the states were told to reimburse us and state the practice. Our governor, Kitzhaber, stated that if it was all paid back, it would bankrupt the state. A formula computed in the back room allowed the state to pull another one out of the hat. (I personally received approximately \$23,000.)

We spent our time in the service to stop this country from being overrun by aggressors and little did we realize that they are here and we can't go to the Supreme Court because the PERS debt is legal. And just as it was 50 years ago, all

of the politicians knew or should have known about it.

So just where do you place your trust? Arizona maybe!

Bob Cook
Seaside

Surreys, please obey traffic rules

To all the operators of surrey bike rentals and the tourists who rents surreys:

Please emphasize the importance of staying closest to the right side of the road as is possible. Too often traffic is backed up because a surrey is biking down the center of Holladay, alongside the center yellow lane as if they are a motorized vehicle.

I often wonder if I were to rent a Surrey if I would be informed to obey the laws of bicycles and need to say nearest to the curb as possible. Or do you merely ask renters to read some policies, which we all know no one actually reads.

When surreys are on the right side of the road cars can safely pass by, surrey riders can enjoy their day and motorists can get to work. Just as motorists are ask to share the road with bicyclists, surreys need to share the road with motorists, by staying away from the center yellow lane.

David Muschamp
Gearhart



Seaside Rotary

Rotary scholarship winners Seth Trevino, Kendy Lin, Jenna Logan, Gretchen Hoekstre, Majestik De Luz, Shelbylee Rhodes Chase Januik, Hayley Rollins and Cori Biamont.

Rotary Foundation awards \$33,500 in scholarships

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The Seaside Rotary Foundation awarded a record-breaking \$33,500 to

nine Seaside High School graduates this year.

The winners include: A&G Harvey Scholarships: \$2,000 scholarship, renewable for four

years: Cori Biamont, Chase Januik, Haley Rollins.

Deb Hauger Memorial Scholarship: A one-time \$2,000 scholarship: Shelbylee Rhodes.

Rotary Scholarships: A one-time \$1,500 scholarship: Majestik De Luz, Gretchen Hoekstre, Jenna Logan, Kendy Lin, Seth Trevino.

Annual book sale in Cannon Beach brings wide selection of genres, signed copies and rare books

Coast Weekend

CANNON BEACH — This year's annual Fourth of July Cannon Beach Library Book Sale runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The sale has been happening for more than 30 years and is among the largest used-book sales on the Oregon coast. It is also a fundraiser for the private, member-owned, nonprofit library.

"This year's fundraiser offers thousands of novels, mysteries, biographies,

histories, children's books, rare and old books and cooking, art and coffee-table books at bargain-basement prices," library board member Janet Bates said.

She expects this year's sale to surpass last year's record contribution to the library's annual budget.

"To the thousands of popular fiction and nonfiction books donated this past year," Bates notes, "this sale also includes first editions, autographed copies and rare old books overlooked during our Third Annual Memorial Day Weekend Rare and Old Book Sale."



Doug Wood

Shoppers browse fiction and nonfiction books at the Annual Cannon Beach Library Book Sale. This year's sale runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 4, through Sunday, July 7.

For more information, call 503-436-1391 or email info@cannonbeachlibrary.org

Katelin Stuart named to WSU honor roll

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Katelin Stuart of Seaside was named to the Washington State University's president's honor roll.

The president's honor roll recognizes students who stand above the rest with excellent academic perfor-

mance. To be eligible for the honor roll, undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine graded hours in a single term at WSU and earn a grade point average of 3.75 or earn a 3.50 cumulative GPA based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.