

Library Book Sale coming soon

A Book Sale will be held at the Vernonia Public Library on Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the price is right, with all books selling for just 25¢ each.

Sponsored by The Friends of The Library, the proceeds will benefit the library.



The Great House of Music, March 21, at Vernonia Public Library

The Great House of Music, with accordion music and song by Mark and Helena Greathouse, will be presented Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Library.



Mark and Helena met in Hamburg, Germany, where they were both foreign students, but Mark started his musical career in Portland, where

his father owned a music store and taught several instruments. Mark's mother, Kathryn Malmsten Greathouse, was a long-time resident of the Vernonia area and has made generous donations to the library.

Helena Greathouse performed as a child on Czechoslovak radio and television, and later performed in Prague. She studied voice at the Prague Conservatory of Music.

The Greathouses will present a varied program of melody, song and dance in several languages, including Czechoslovak folk songs and familiar favorites. This free presentation is brought to you by the Vernonia Study Club.

Discovery Walk Festival, April 22-24

The 9th annual Discovery Walk Festival, April 22-24, will mix over a thousand local walkers with walkers from around the world and across the continent, for three days of walks, bikes and swims. Registration, start and finish is at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, 100 Columbia, Vancouver, WA.

The Discovery Walk Festival welcomes beginners as well as endurance walkers and triathletes. The new Family Fun 6K Walk starts at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, with Fun Stops each mile to introduce families to the joys of walking. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday walks of 5 and 10 kilometers (3 and 6 miles) are offered. Endurance walkers can challenge themselves with half-marathon, 20-mile, and marathon distances on Saturday and Sunday. Bikes and swims are also offered on Saturday, and participants can wear a "Try-Athlon" patch.

Children age 12 and under participate free for all events. Adult registration is \$8 per walk or bike, \$3 per swim. Everyone

receives medal awards.

The Discovery Walk Festival brings together local and Northwest walkers with walkers from around the world - Australia, Japan, Germany, Britain and across North America. It is America's only International Marching League event and is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association.

The weekend will kick-off with participation by visiting international walkers in the fourth annual Children's Culture Parade on Friday morning. The Mayor's Walk starts 4-6:00 p.m. on Friday. Throughout the weekend, free fitness workshops are open to all. The Discovery Walk Festival is sponsored by New Balance Shoes and Southwest Washington Medical Center, and its Passport to Wellness program.

The Discovery Walk Festival is open to all. Registration is available by mail, online, or at the event. For more information, visit <www.discoverywalk.org> or call toll free 877-269-2009.

Next Chautauqua, Vernonia Library April 8

"Demystifying Intelligence" will be the topic of the next presentation in the Chautauqua series, to be held Friday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Public Library.

Intelligence successes are usually unheralded, while failures are shouted from the rooftops. Intelligence issues gain public attention only in connection with a foreign policy crisis or through the discovery of a spy. The tragedy of September 11, 2001, has been attributed in part to intelligence failure. Due to its classified nature the general public seldom learns about the business of intelligence.

Emily Francona has a bachelor's degree in Latin American studies and a Master's degree in international relations, focusing on European and Middle East studies. She was commissioned as a Major in U.S. Air Force Intelligence in 1980 and assigned to a field operations



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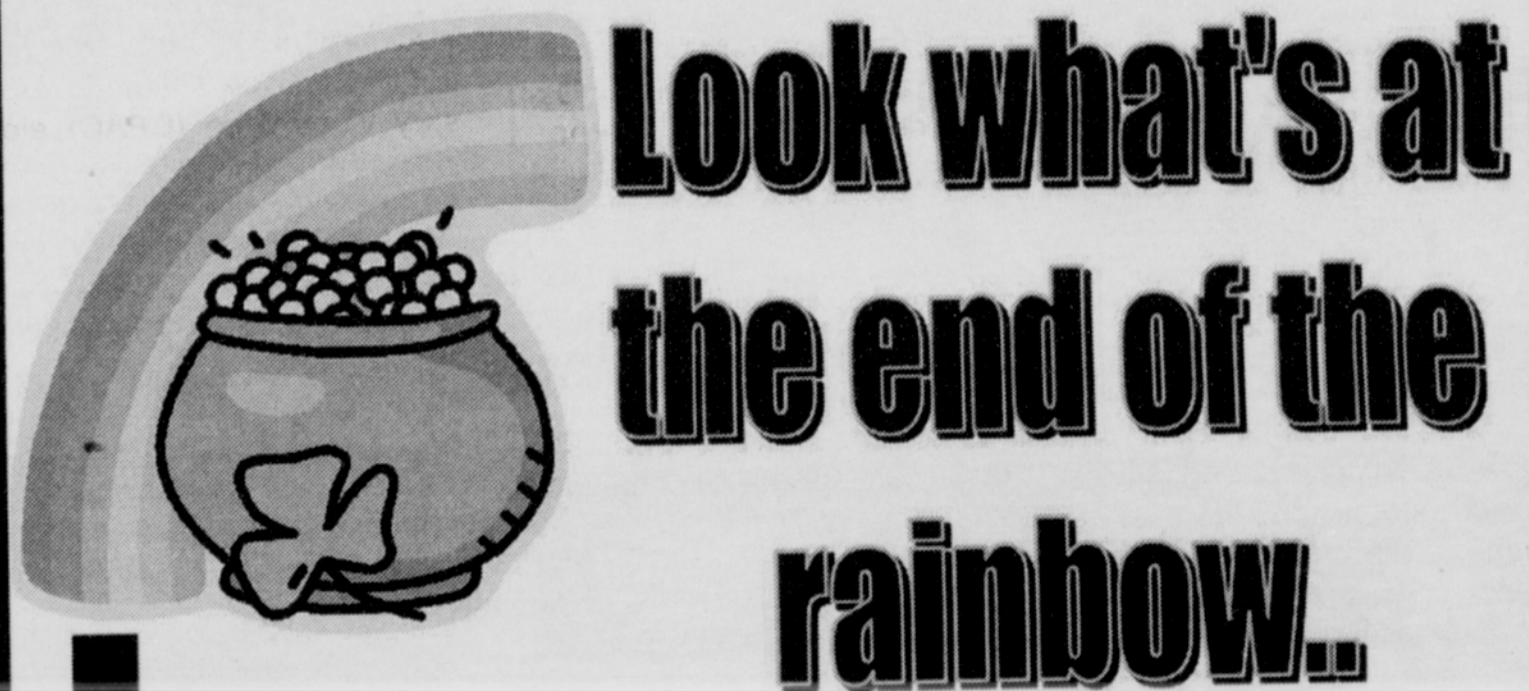
office of the CIA. In 1984 she was deployed to serve on the staff of the U.S. Air Force in Europe where she used her fluency in five languages on sensitive intelligence operations as well as serving with specialized units of NATO. In 1988 Major Francona was assigned to the Operations Directorate of the

Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., before being assigned to the Defense Attaché's office of the U.S. Embassy in Syria. She retired from active service in 1995.

Since moving to the Oregon Coast, Ms. Francona has lectured extensively on intelligence issues and is currently conducting research into Allied ethnic cleansing activities in post-WWII Eastern Europe.

Francona will clarify common misperceptions about intelligence operations while discussing basic concepts like spies, agents, covert operations and clandestine activities. Participants will learn about legal parameters and congressional oversight of intelligence activities and how intelligence information impacts foreign policy.

This free presentation is made possible in conjunction with the Friends of the Library with funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities.



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