

ist attrition: a geological term used to describe the everlasting damage wrought by hammer-wielding souvenir hunters.ČIf you'd like to read more about the Bretz Floods, pick up a copy of Cataclysms on the Columbia, by John Eliot Allen and Marjorie Burns (Timber Press, \$14.95).ČFor directions to the Erratic Rock State Natural Site, call 1-800-551-6949 or visit www.oregonstateparks.org/park_135.php .<|end_of_text|>

Mars Rover Drills Into the Martian SurfaceČCuriosity Rover's Self PortraitČThis rectangular version of Curiosity combines dozens of exposures that the rover's Mars Hand Lens Imager (MAHLI) has taken at the drilling site.ČIn an activity called the "mini drill test," Curiosity used its drill to generate this ring of powdered rock for inspection in advance of the rover's first full drilling.ČThe bit in the rotary-percussion drill of Curiosity left its mark in a target patch of rock called "John Klein" during a test.ČThis view shows the patch of veined, flat-lying rock selected as the first drilling site for Curiosity. The area is shot full of fractures and veins, with the intervening rock also containing