

Here, There & Everywhere

SPRING AHEAD - Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, April 6.

AWARENESS BY CANDLELIGHT - A Fireside Candlelight Ceremony to honor sexual assault victims on Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m. will begin a month of activities sponsored by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance. The ceremony will be held at 535 E. River St. A Sexual Assault Awareness Day will be held on Wednesday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cave Junction Post Office and Selma Select Market. Information about sexual assault and domestic violence will be available. IVSHA will also hold an open mic session celebrating survival on Friday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Cabin Chemistry during the Friday Art Walk. Phone IVSHA at 592-5332 for more information.

SIDEWALK SALE - Home Valley Bank and Cari's Cottage will sponsor a sidewalk sale on Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the store, located at 131 N. Redwood Hwy. Proceeds will benefit the Illinois Valley High School Grad Party.

INSTRUCTIVE EXPRESSION - Rogue Community College art instructors will show some of their recent work at the Wiseman Gallery on the Grants Pass campus beginning on Monday, April 14 through Saturday, May 10. Displaying their art will be Madalin Blue, Tommi Drake, Pat Enos, Richard Martinez and Walt Padgett. An artists' reception, open to the public, will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. The Wiseman Gallery is open Mondays through Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Phone RCC at 956-7339 for more information.

TREE INSPIRATION - Texas artist Orna Feinstein's exhibition, "Pictorial Tree Tales," will be on display April 2-25 at Rogue Community College's Firehouse Gallery on the Grants Pass campus. A First Friday Night reception will be held on Friday, April 4 from 6 to 9 p.m.

HOW TO - The Rogue Community College Small Business Development Center, in coordination with Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor a seminar on how to give great customer service on Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 214 S.W. Fourth St. in Grants Pass. There is a fee. Pre-registration is required by noon on Thursday, April 3 to ensure a spot. To register or for more information, phone 956-7494 or 800-411-6508, extension 7494.

MUSICAL MINISTRY - Captive Free, a Christian, youth-oriented band will perform at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 150 Lewis Ct., in Cave Junction, on Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m. A musical ministry in the northwest United States and Canada, Captive Free members commit to a yearlong, full-time tour performing in hundreds of churches, schools, nursing homes, camps and prisons.

ROGUE ORCHIDS - The 39th annual Rogue Valley Orchid Show will be held at the Jackson County Expo. in the Padgham Pavilion on Saturday, April 5 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 per person under 12 years old.

SWEET 16 - Living Alternatives will celebrate its 16th anniversary with an open house on Saturday, April 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. Hamburgers and frozen yogurt will be served.

KIDS COALITION - Coalition for Kids is offering a "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," class on Mondays starting April 7 to May 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The classes will be held at Coalition for Kids, 233 S.E. "M" St. in Grants Pass. To register or for more information phone (541) 476-4996.

NOTEPAD: Home Valley Bank will sponsor a "Heart and Sole" Raffle on Friday, April 4 at noon. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds will be used to buy new socks, shoes coats and other items for children in the valley. The prize winner will have a choice between several flower arrangements donated by Darlene Jenne and on display at the bank... **Cari's Cottage and Home Valley Bank** are in need of new or clean secondhand items to be sold at the store during April to benefit the IVHS 2003 Grad Party. Donated items may be dropped off at Cari's Cottage or Home Valley Bank... **Volunteers are needed** to help clean up Oregon's beaches during the 18th annual Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup on Saturday, April 5 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. To sign up or for more information, visit www.solv.org, or phone 800-333-SOLV... **Tours of the Oregon Caves National Monument** are now in swing for spring. Tours will be given on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until May 24, when the hours expand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone 592-2100 for more information... **Lorna Byrne Middle School's** Austin Hocker will join students from around the state in Oregon's 2003 Geography Bee at Western Oregon University on Friday, April 4.

Letters to the Editor

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'Saddams's fire'

From William Schneider
Cave Junction

I have to wonder if all the demonstrators against the war in Iraq are aware of the fact that if they demonstrated in Iraq they would be jailed or killed.

Most would be far too afraid to freely and loudly express their frustrations about the acts of their government in a place where death or torture and death were commonplace for such expressions.

I have to wonder what all these demonstrators think should be done about a leader who starves, murders and imprisons his people, gasses them, feeds prisoners to his ravenous dogs for entertainment at parties, who builds grand palaces while the people live in poverty that most Americans will never know.

I have to wonder, did we forget some 3,000 people who died in a matter of minutes at the hands of some pathetic, utterly demented, little men who obviously know nothing of God and will indiscriminately kill to prove it.

I wonder if the demonstrators see that there is a situation in the world today that could easily escalate into scenarios that are far more deadly than any we can imagine, resulting in the deaths of millions due to inaction.

I have to wonder about the ability of people to remember a situation in Europe only some 50 years ago when most demonstrators were not alive, where in the greatest horror of human history to date was allowed to happen through inaction.

Due to our financial ties to Germany at the time, we were slow to act. Take a good hard look at France's multibillion dollar business ventures with Iraq. No wonder France doesn't want to go to war against its business partners - no matter how cruel, demented, and murderous they might be. France paid a dear price for inaction in World War II.

I have weighed the pros and cons of our actions in this present state of affairs; and although they may not be per-

fect, I have to honestly say that I am 100 percent behind the dethroning of the tyrant Saddam Hussein.

I am also sure that the majority of the Iraqi people will welcome us with open arms as soon as they realize they will not be killed or tortured and killed for doing so. I do not hear a lot of complaints coming from Afghanistan about removal of the Taliban.

Are we as Americans, free and strong with the ability to ensure peace throughout the world, (mainly because we have the biggest gun and most of the money) to ignore the plight of our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world?

I cannot walk by another, being beaten or mistreated, just because it's none of my business. If I'm there and see it, or hear it, it is my business. Shame on me if I walk on by.

It appears that through the course of events the United States has become for lack of a better word, the "Big Brother" of the world community, like it or not. With this position comes the awesome responsibility to do our best to keep the peace in our home, being the planet Earth.

Sometimes we have to do things we don't want to do in order to keep this peace. Not wanting to do something does not mean that doing something isn't necessary.

The "War on Terror" was brought to us just as a lightning strike brought fire to our valley and delayed action creating a result far worse than if action was taken immediately. And while we were praying for deliverance from this all consuming destruction, by energy with no discrimination as to what it would destroy, real people were on the front line with their lives in immediate peril so that while we were praying we were not burned alive.

Terrorism is a fire that has to be dealt with now.

While we pray, while we hope and wait for better days someone sure as hell better be fighting that fire. There is also smoke near the 38th parallel in the Far East.

May God give us strength, mercy and plenty of water.

Star Flat hike set April 12

An "easy 2-to-3-mile hike" to Star Flat, sponsored by Siskiyou Native Plant Society, will be held Saturday, April 12 at 9 a.m. from Selma Select Market parking lot.

The hike will be led by Don Heinze. A number of rare plants will be seen, including California Lady's Slipper and Pitcher Plant, large-flowered Rush Lily and Waldo Rock-cress.

For more information phone Heinze at (541) 955-7247.

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*Baked ham with raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, Scandinavian blend vegetables, white dinner roll, carrot cake with cream cheese icing

Oregon's Mandatory Boater Education card is required

Oregon's Mandatory Boater Education Program reached two milestones recently. First, the first citation under the new law was issued to an individual in Josephine County who wasn't carrying the required boater education card; and second, the Oregon State Marine Board issued its 50,000th Boater Education Card in late February.

"We're getting more than 300 applications for boater education cards each week so many people know about the requirement and are complying," said Ashley Massey, Mandatory Education Program coordinator for the Oregon State Marine Board. Massey said that county and state marine officers are asking to see that boater education card when they're on the water. "If you don't have it, it

could cost you \$75 and a court date," she warned.

The Boater Education Program was passed by the 1999 Oregon Legislature to raise the knowledge and skill of boaters to help reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities on Oregon's waterways.

Under the program, people operating powerboats greater than 10 hp, and youths 12-15 operating any size powerboat, must carry the Marine Board's card that shows they completed an approved course or equivalency exam.

This year, powerboat operators 30 years of age and younger must carry the card. Next year, those 40 and younger, must have it. All boaters must carry the card by 2009.

For more information log on to www.boatoregon.com.



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