

**Letters to the Editor**

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institution of marriage was not created by government, and it should not be redefined by government.

Marriage is a fundamental and universal social institution. It encompasses many obligations and benefits affecting husband and wife, father and mother, son and daughter. It is the foundation of a harmonious family life. It is the basic building block of society:

The development, productivity, and happiness of new generations are bound inextricably to the family unit. As a result, marriage bears a real relation to the well-being, health and enduring strength of society.

Because of marriage's pivotal role, nations and states have chosen to provide unique benefits and incentives to those who choose to be married. These benefits are not given to single citizens, groups of friends, or couples of the same sex. That benefits are given to married couples and not to singles or gay couples has nothing to do with discrimination; it has everything to do with building a stable new generation and nation.

It is important that the defense of marriage not become an attack on gays, on singles or on non-traditional couples. We must recognize the right of every citizen to live in the manner of his or her own choosing. In fact, it makes sense to ensure that the essential civil rights, protection from violence and appropriate societal benefits are afforded to all citizens, be they single or combined in nontraditional relationships.

**'Preserving our way of life'**  
From **Jody McElroy**  
Cave Junction

My husband and I moved to Illinois Valley 19 years ago. I guess that makes us newcomers.

This valley was full of people who had been born, raised, married, and then raised their own children right here. There were opportunities and family wage jobs; many tied to the timber industry.

Today, our young adults must leave their homes because there are few family wage jobs available anymore. Why is this so? Because other newcomers came and systematically destroyed the industry that once thrived in this valley for many years.

We have sat by and watched them do it. The radical environmentalists of the "Siskiyou Project" (and other such groups) have decided what they think are the best interests of the Illinois Valley (when in fact their interests are what's "best for them") and that is: keeping everyone but them out of our forests.

Their practices of appealing every decision, threatening and filing lawsuits, and the endless litigation to prohibit all logging has (besides ruining our local economy), contributed greatly to our forests becoming so overrun with volatile fuels that fires such as 2002's Biscuit Complex were sure to happen.

Now their actions threaten to further hold up the salvage of burnt timber

until all the timber has rotted to the point that it is no longer feasible to harvest it. This is a terrible waste of raw materials, as well as the economic boon to the valley the jobs would have created. All gone because of the actions of these few people.

Shall we continue to sit by while increasingly our children have to leave, or is it time for some of us,

especially our "old timers," to stand up and say enough is enough. If anyone should leave it is the radical environmentalists—not our children.

Want to do something about this? Speak out, and get involved. Go to meetings, write comment letters, and fight back. Try joining IVCRT and help take its control out of the hands of the environmen-

talists.

Join and support the Illinois Valley Chapter of "People for the USA." Also, the "Waldo Mining District" (which is currently suing the SNF to stop the anti-mining actions of the Siskiyou Project), could use the help and support of the whole community in its fight to keep our public lands truly public.

**Campus Achievers**

**James Crocker**

University of Portland announced that James Crocker of Selma, attained the Dean's List for fall semester 2003.

Crocker, a sophomore with an undeclared major, made the list by maintaining a 3.5 or better GPA.

**Rande Nelson**

University of Idaho at

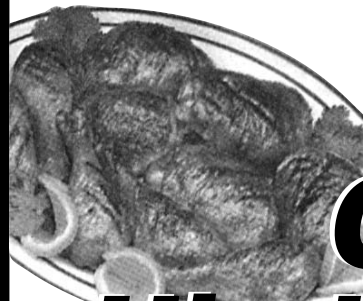
Moscow announced that Rande Nelson, of Cave Junction, attained the Dean's List for fall semester by earning a term grade-point average of 3.3 or better on 14 or more graded credits.

Nelson is taking classes at the university's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Without music, life would be a mistake.  
-Friedrich Nietzsche -

**3-Day WEEKEND Event**

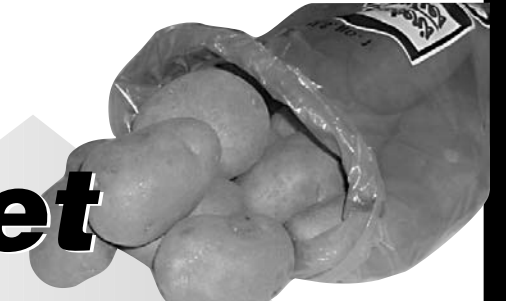
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10 lb. average

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