

Letters ...

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letter postmarked in Medford in my postal box. I thought that dissent was a patriotic part of democracy.

Things have really changed, I guess, because it is feeling more like a police state.

In response to Bill Reid's letter ("Illinois Valley News," Oct. 6), he should have done his homework. To say that the letter from the website, Operation Truth, was "one purporting to be from a serviceman who served in Iraq," was worse than shameful.

He could easily have verified it through a website contact that was with the letter. It was not a political ad of any kind, but a view from someone willing to die for Reid; a reminder of what war really is like.

It's something much needed by the people of this country, who are busy waving flags and claiming to support the troops.

Ignorance is bliss, and anti-war is the newest dirty word. Maybe Reid should see the documentary before he attempts to critique it. It is factual and telling, and Bush supporters are afraid to see it.

A man along a highway, with a sign reading that it was "hogwash," said he hadn't seen it. Of course.

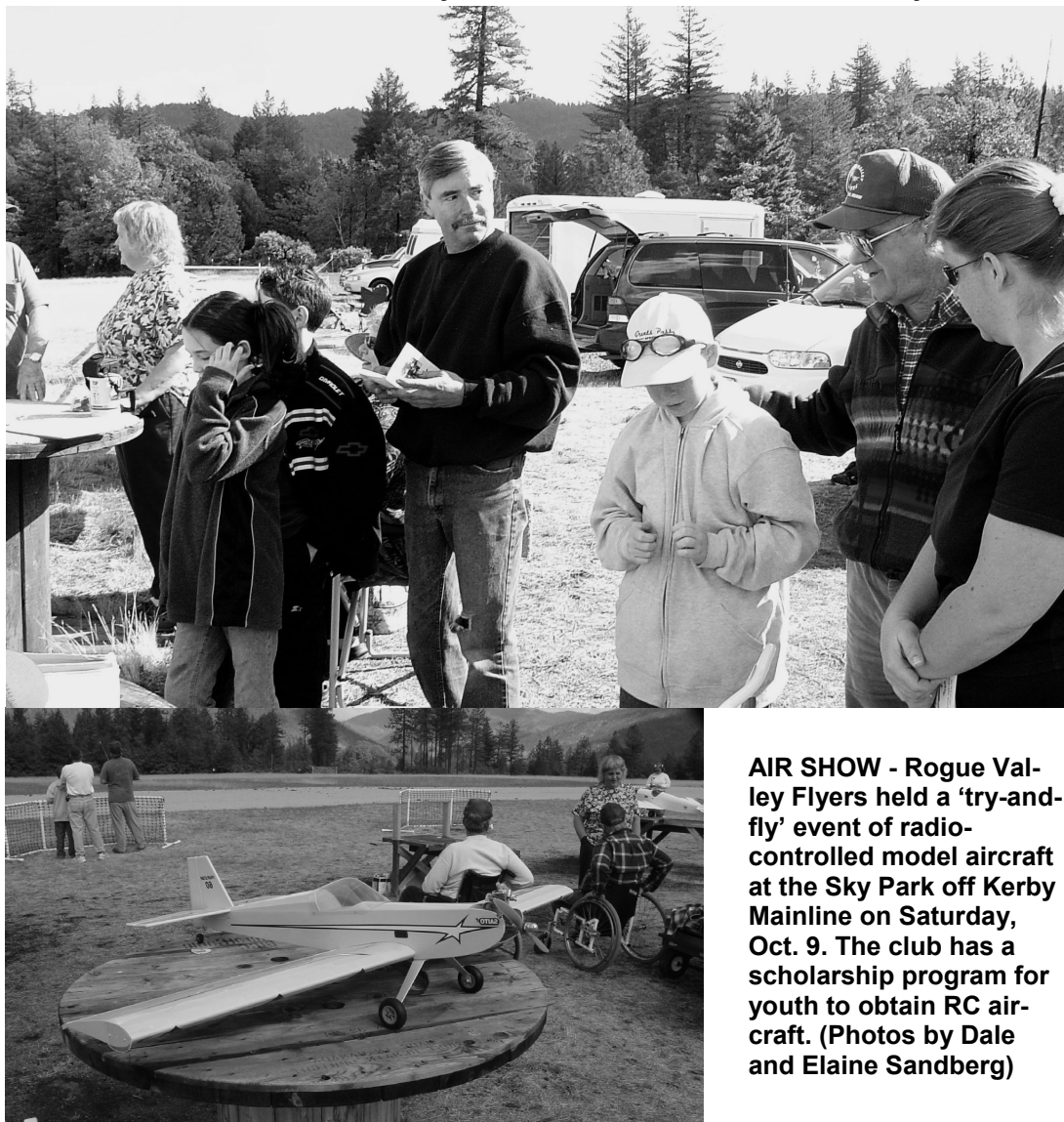
Should Arnold Schwarzenegger state that his movies are political statements because he is governor of California and a prominent Bush-supporting Republican?

People need to wake up. Millions upon millions of people are in the streets worldwide protesting the Bush regime.

"A closed mind is a wonderful thing to lose." (Unknown).

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AIR SHOW - Rogue Valley Flyers held a 'try-and-fly' event of radio-controlled model aircraft at the Sky Park off Kerby Mainline on Saturday, Oct. 9. The club has a scholarship program for youth to obtain RC aircraft. (Photos by Dale and Elaine Sandberg)

Wild Mushroom Monitoring Project in sixth season with great results

(Editor's Note: The following is by Susan Chapp, of the Forestry Action Committee.)

This November the Forestry Action Committee Wild Mushroom Monitoring Project will begin its sixth season.

There is a new aspect to the program this year.

During August, the monitors, who are experienced mushroom harvesters and who represent the different ethnic groups that participate in the harvest, underwent training in biophysical monitoring.

It measures and records the plants -- what, where, how many, what condition, how tall, canopy cover and more. It also records the physical situation including soil type, soil compaction, moisture content at various depths, slope and aspect.

All this is conducted within precisely laid transects that can be used for many years.

Local and traveling harvesters will work together with the monitors to do this work. The profound knowledge of mushrooms and the forest acquired by experienced and caring harvesters will be merged with the precision and sophistication of this biophysical monitoring system. It has been developed and perfected by Richard Hart, an ecologist.

This merger, on terms of equality of the harvester and scientific routes to knowledge, enables us to track development of the mycelia, the baby mushrooms, when they are harvested, estimate of poundage, and depth and frequency of disturbance.

We can reach new levels of knowledge and understanding without interfering with the privacy and anonymity of harvesters.

We can start to ask how to actively manage for the Matsutake mushroom? There are many questions we can ask.

FAC would like the work we do to be of the most use to the community. Since the health of the forest fungi is a bottom

line of forest health, we would like to know what members of the community want from their forest. This will help us know where to lay the transects and what questions to ask.

We are working on a questionnaire for community members on what they want their forest to be. FAC is experienced at finding the common ground among varying opinions and input.

For more information about the project, phone Susan Chapp at 592-4098.

Classes set on payroll, Word, Excel

Classes on using Word XP, plus MS Excel XP, and payroll accounting are offered by Rogue Community College's Small Business Development Center.

All classes have fees, and will be held at the center in Downtown Grants Pass. Preregistration is required by noon two working days before a class to avoid cancellation.

Each class will run from 6 to 9 p.m.

"MS Word XP for Business or Office" will be taught Monday, Oct. 18.

"MS Excel XP for Business or Office" will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20.

"Fundamentals of Finance and Accounting: Payroll Basics" will be presented Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 19 and 21.

Phone (800) 411-6508, Ext. 7494; or preregister at www.roguecc.edu/SBDC.

Please don't drink and drive. The life you save may be your own.

Car chase ends in arrest

Following a pursuit at speeds of more than 100 mph, a 51-year-old man was arrested in O'Brien, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO).

The arrestee was identified as Michael C. McDonald, address unavailable.

He was taken to jail on charges of attempted first-degree assault, attempted eluding, and reckless driving. He also was wanted under five warrants on charges including robbery, burglary, and parole violation, said JCSO.

The agency gave the following account: The pursuit began at approximately 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 in the 2000

block of Rockydale Road.

Deputies chased the vehicle, believed to be a Toyota Celica, for some 5 miles on Rockydale. The driver then turned onto Waldo Road toward O'Brien, but crashed at Waldo Lookout Road.

One person ran from the vehicle, but apparently returned and drove away. A deputy and a patrol car were nearly struck.

The pursuit continued, ending on Lone Mountain Road in O'Brien, when the car's engine began smoking. Also, oil and other fluids were leaking.

One person was held at gunpoint.

Other details were not immediately available.



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