

Letters to the Editor -- The Public Forum

LAST WORDS - Politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back. (Thomas Sowell)

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I feel that our fire prevention coordinator did everything she could to help us. Now she knows who not to recommend.

'Chainsaw terrorism'

From Teresa Hurst

Kerby

People need to wake up and smell the sawdust, and not let them keep us out of our forest. How can anyone really know what's happening up there if there is no

one to monitor?

I, for one, am tying one on for trees (green ribbons) to show support for our tourist-attracting forest.

**‘Whose interest?’
From Marcy Sowa
Selma**

Are any locals working on Fiddler Mt.? Certainly not the feller who crossed the green bridge Saturday sporting Utah license plates. I would love to hear the point of view of a local logger who personally and directly benefited from the current logging on Fiddler Mt., or who would benefit more from working there

than on plantation.

It makes me wonder whose interest the "I.V. News" is serving. It certainly is not the citizens of Illinois Valley.

‘Poor decision’ From Mike Mitchell Cave Junction

This is how a newspaper maintains its credibility

as a vehicle by which the public may read and learn about “news,” and how a newspaper such as the “New York Times” differs from a trashy periodical such as the “Weekly Word News” or “National Enquirer.”

This paints a poor picture of us as a community to the outside world if we continue to allow ourselves to be represented and treated this way.

Happy Easter

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Tax News

PICK THE BEST FILING STATUS

Understanding your filing status choices and selecting the one that is best for you can cut your tax bill. Your filing status determines your tax bracket. It also sets the income level at which you become ineligible for certain tax benefits, such as deductible IRAs and the child tax credit.

Your filing status is determined by your marital status on the last day of the year. It's easy to determine whether you are married or single on the last day of the year — or is it? What if you are widowed? What if you are married, but legally separated from your spouse?

You must choose from the following filing statuses: single, married filing jointly, married filing separately, or head of household. There may be more than one choice that could apply in your situation.

Let's compare the tax bill under each filing status for a taxpayer with \$40,000 of taxable income for 2004.

Filing Status	Tax bill
Single	\$6,744
Married filing jointly	\$5,289
Married filing separately	\$6,744
Head of household	\$5,606

A single parent with a qualifying child could save \$1,138 by claiming head of household status rather than filing as single. A legally separated taxpayer also could save \$1,138 if he or she qualified to claim head of household status rather than choosing married filing separately status.

Selecting the correct filing status isn't always easy. You should consider both your tax situation and your personal situation before selecting a filing status on your return. If you have questions about which filing status is best for your circumstances, give us a call.

Federal, Oregon, California, and other state tax returns.

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I live in Cave Junction, so arrangements can be made to save you a trip to Grants Pass.

I.V. Firefighters to the Rescue

Monday, March 14
*9:03 a.m., green bridge,
\$8 Road, medical assist (M.A.)
with American Medical Re-
sponse (AMR).
*9:08 a.m., districtwide
medical standby (DiMS) for
AMR.
*11:10 a.m., M.A., 5400
block Deer Creek Road.
*5:09 p.m., smoke investi-
gation, Redwood Hwy./
Rockydale Road.
*6 p.m., grass fire, 5400
block Caves Hwy.

Tuesday, March 15
*11:02 a.m., illegal open
burn, 24300 block Redwood
Hwy.
*3:11 p.m., M.A., 600
block Mesa Verde Drive.
*3:18 p.m., DiMS.
*6:08 p.m., M.A., 200
block Ollis Road.

Wednesday, March 16
*10:04 a.m., M.A., 300
block Old Stage Road.
*10:04 a.m., DiMS.
*12:47 p.m., grass fire,
Redwood Hwy. milepost 37.
*5:18 p.m., public assist
(P.A.), 11500 block Redwood

Hwy.

Thursday, March 17
*8:42 a.m., M.A., 18200
block Redwood Hwy.
*8:43 a.m., DiMS.
*11:29 a.m., M.A., 100
block Draper Valley Road.
*11:32 a.m., DiMS.
*3:06 p.m., M.A., 100
block S. Junction Ave.

Friday, March 18
*8:46 a.m., motor vehicle
accident (MVA), Caves Hwy./
Laurel Road.
*8:56 a.m., DiMS.
*8:56 a.m., M.A., 200
block Ollis Road.
*9*07 a.m., M.A., 100
block N. Junction Avenue.
*10:45 a.m., DiMS.
*10:47 a.m., M.A., 300
block Squaw Mt. Road.
*10:47 a.m., DiMS.
*2:50 p.m., DiMS.
*4:53 p.m., P.A., 300
block W. Stevenson Street.
*8:58 p.m., M.A., 3200
block Lakeshore Drive.

Saturday, March 19
*2:37 a.m., MVA, 440
block Caves Hwy.
*6:59 a.m., M.A., 200

block Manzanita Lane.
*6:59 a.m., DiMS.
Sunday, March 20
*9:53 a.m., structure fire,
10600 block Redwood Hwy.
(mutual aid with Rural/Metro
Fire Dept.).
*5:27 p.m., MVA, 4300
block Thompson Creek Road.
*9:18 p.m., P.A., 400
block Jeannie Way
*10:32 p.m., M.A., 200
block E. River Street.

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