Here, There & Everywhere

TV TIRADES - Last week's outdated TV program listings caused some readers to complain. We apologized to them, and apologize to those who didn't contact us. Copies of the correct listings were available for those who phoned or came in, or we would have emailed them on request. The problem is fixed, and the "Noose" staff has vowed to not let a computer mess us up again. Or else. (Or else we're going target-practicing.)

HORSIN' AROUND - Last week's issue had an incorrect number for Out Horsin' Around, a new Downtown Cave Junction business featuring new and used tack, and horsey gifts and other items. The telephone number is 592-2212. Check the ad in this issue.

GRAD STAND - A meeting of the 2005 Grad Night Committee for Illinois Valley High School will be held Tuesday, March 29 beginning at 6 p.m. in the IVHS cafetorium. For more information phone Mary Paul at IVHS: 592-2116.

VIKING HOOPS - It's time to bring basketball back to Lorna Byrne Middle School, say supporters. A meeting to plan for the 2005-06 school year will be held at the school Tuesday, March 29 beginning at 6 p.m.

LBMS CONFERENCES - Spring parent-teacher conferences will be held at Lorna Byrne Middle School Thursday and Friday, April 14-15. Report cards will be available. To schedule an appointment, phone the LBMS office at 592-2163 Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CHILI FESTIVITY - Carlos Restaurante will hold its annual Chili Cooking Contest on Saturday, April 16. The number of entrants is limited, and the entry fee needs to be paid at the restaurant asap.

YOUNG DANCERS - A "Creative Movement Dance" class for youngsters will start Friday, April 1 in the RCC Kerby Belt. Bldg. Classes will run through May 20. For information or to register, phone 592-6612.

TIP NOTES - Oregon AFL-CIO is against a "tip penalty" it says is being pushed by the Oregon Restaurant Association (ORA). The labor organization has started a campaign to defend the current \$7.25-per-hour minimum wage that it says is under attack through ORA-sponsored legislation.

NOTEPAD - Pietro's Italian Restaurant was recognized Wednesday, March 23 by the JoCo Board of Commissioners for achieving a minimum score of 95 from its recent county health inspection ... Tickets are available for a Saturday, April 16 I.V. High School Grad Night Benefit featuring dinner, silent auction and fashion show. A choice of vegetarian lasagna, beef or chicken is on the menu. Tickets are available from Bi-Rite Auto Parts. Proceeds will be used for the Class of 2005 all-night, drug-and-alcohol-free graduation night party ... For some time, American Medical Response has referred to its Regional Operating Center (ROC) as "The Rock." Now I.V. Fire District is calling its administrative HQ "The Boulder" ... One of CJ's povertystricken residents was sad recently because he was broke, but attracted by the dinner special at Taylor's Country Store that would go good with a brew. After wishing to Heaven, while crossing a Downtown CJ parking lot, the guy found a \$20 bill. He enjoyed the dinner. And the brew ... **T-shirt:** God created a few perfect people. The rest are right-handed ... Another T: Grammy Award Winner: Best performance by a grandmother in a continuing role ... Last T: You can't scare me. I'm a baby-sitter ... Quote of the Week I: (From a customer in the office). "Nobody reads Bob's Corner. He always just writes about himself' ... Quote of the Week II: (From an anonymous telephone caller). "You have a crappy paper. I only buy it for the TV listings and Police Blotter."

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

Letters to the Editor -- The Public Forum

(Continued from page 2)

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

Lost: beauty, peace and tranquility.

It's early morning in the Siskiyou Forest; the Sun is shining bright over a canopy of trees. Mother Nature is hard at work repairing herself from a natural fire.

The only sounds are the running water, and the wildlife. Sounds like a normal Zen-like day in the woods, completely natural.

Then, in the stillness, the sounds shift from natural to unnatural. Crummies filled with eager, hardworking loggers race up the road. All that's wrong with this picture is that it should not be happening here in a national forest known for its unique botanical beauty.

Now, instead of hearing birds singing, we hear chainsaws warming up. One is heard cutting through bark, then into the tree, followed by a crack, a scream and a thud.

The ground quakes as another noble tree dies for the thrill of the kill, and the money. On the landing is a figure watching the destruction with dollar signs in his eyes: A knuckle-dragging, tobacco-spitting caricature.

The trees fall one-byone, on-and-on until they're gone. Do these people sleep at night? Is there no consciousness for the plan gone wrong? People are upset because they agreed upon one plan, only to have another one implemented.

Armchair jockeys shouldn't talk the talk until they've physically walked the walk. They should go see for themselves: Except, oops -- the public forest has been closed to the public.

Some refer "defenders of the forest" as ecoterrorists. I think that if trees could talk, they'd say that chainsaws are the ecoterrorists, and that the men running them take no thought in dropping a tree that took a couple hundred years to grow in a couple of minutes.

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?

Before calling others tree-hugging hippies, who have put their lives on hold for our backyard, people need to educate themselves on both sides of the situation. People from all walks of life are deeply concerned for our one-of-a-kind tourist-attracting national forest.

Is it too much to ask the people who live in the valley to do their part in preserving the beauty that has been given us, instead of selling it for money that won't directly go back to us? People need to stand for something, or they'll fall for anything.

I live on Eight Dollar Road, and have watched all these atrocities first-hand. Both sides need to comply so we can enjoy our summers in one of the most beautiful places around.

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

I was appalled by your decision to place Scott Conroy's editorial on the front page of your March 16 edition, as if it were an objective piece of journalism.

Conroy is spouting federal government rhetoric, which ignores real science in the interest of multinational timber corporations.

His labeling of the local citizens, who are standing up to protect local oldgrowth forests, as the "conflict industry" is ludicrous propaganda. The federal government received more than 20,000 letters, 95 percent opposing salvage logging in the Biscuit, while it supported corporate timber industry interests and ignored the economic effect on Illinois Valley.

Conroy is heavily invested in selling the federal government's lies, and is concerned that this local movement may get in his

Why is the timber industry so interested in oldgrowth forests when there are millions of acres of fir plantations all over Southern Oregon? Because each oldgrowth tree can be exported to foreign countries for thousands of dollars.

While multinational corporations make huge profits from old-growth, our local loggers work and our local mills run whether they are cutting old-growth or plantation trees. Many plantations present serious fire risks to I.V. residents and require thinning now in one of the driest years on record.

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

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than on plantation. In the meantime, local business people are voicing concern that logging in the old-growth reserves will hurt their tourist-dependent businesses. Destruction of the pristine areas in Illinois Valley damages our tourist economy and quality of life.

Scott Conrov is trying to sell the governmentbacked multinational Timber Corp. interests to the fine people of Illinois Valley, and "Illinois Valley News" is presenting it as if it is fact.

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**

I was shocked to read the outrageously biased letter on the front page of the "I.V. News" last week, and believe the placement was a poor decision.

There is a wellestablished tradition in journalism of placing opinion pieces on opinion pages to differentiate them from staff-written articles, which presumably have been subjected to some level of factchecking.

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." The piece by Scott Conroy violated any possible definition of "unbiased," as he failed to provide any other account of the events he wrote about.

He clearly was directing his writing to the emotions surrounding the protests of the Biscuit logging and failed to provide information about the nature of the injuries attributed to the two loggers or their identities. This is important because their being blocked by a van that was said to have been placed on the road by protesters is offered as a justification for closing the forest to the public and to attempt to discredit and invalidate protesters and their message.

This is truly poor quality and unprofessional work on the part of "I.V. News," as well as the forest service that is extremely disrespectful to members of our community who deserve better.

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.



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.

Tax bill Filing Status 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.

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I.V. Firefighters to the Rescue

Monday, March 14

*9:03 a.m., green bridge, \$8 Road, medical assist (M.A.) with American Medical Response (AMR). *9:08 a.m., districtwide

medical standby (DiMS) for

*11:10 a.m., M.A., 5400 block Deer Creek Road. *5:09 p.m., smoke investi-

Rockydale Road. *6 p.m., grass fire, 5400 block Caves Hwy.

gation, Redwood Hwy./

Tuesday, March 15

*11:02 a.m., illegal open burn, 24300 block Redwood

*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 Hwv.

(mutual aid with Rural/Metro Fire Dept.). *5:27 p.m., MVA, 4300 block Thompson Creek Road.

block Jeannie Way *10:32 p.m., M.A., 200 block E. River Street.

*9:18 p.m., P.A., 400

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