

Here, There & Everywhere

SAFE HOUSE EVENT - A Fireside Ceremony at Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance will be held Friday, April 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the I.V. Family Resource Center on E. River Street. The free, public event will include performances, refreshments and a candle-lighting ceremony. For more information: 592-4147.

‘KNOCKERS’ BENEFIT - More than 100 prizes are offered as part of a fund-raiser, “Knockers Benefit,” to help Cave Junction resident Holly Shinerock, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She has no insurance, according to an announcement, and all proceeds from the benefit from Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3 will go to her. Besides a raffle, there will be a pool tournament, silent auction, concert and bake sale at the Junction Inn. Raffle tickets are available at Coffee Heaven, Taylor’s Sausage Country Store, the state liquor store and Nacho Mama’s. Silent auction items are displayed at Taylor’s. Check the ad elsewhere in this issue for additional details.

CLASS ACTION - Three choices for dinner are included for a benefit at Illinois Valley High School Saturday, April 16 for the Class of 2005 all-night, drug-and-alcohol-free graduation party. The benefit also will include a 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.

TEEN SCENE - Nine Illinois Valley High School students were recognized by the Josephine County Commission for Children & Families Tuesday night, April 5 in Grants Pass. They were honored during the 13th annual “The Sky’s the Limit” celebration. IVHS award recipients, among 10 receiving awards: Tanya Carey, Patrick DeCelles, Tabitha Jackson, and Amanda Withers. Also recognized for positive life changes were IVHS students Gordon Carrier, Joshua Coronado, Blair Fink, Damon Hobbs, and Ginni Lyles. The program recognizes teen-agers who have faced adversity, but are making good, positive changes, said the commission’s Sara McDonald.

‘LOVE & LOGIC’ - Coalition for Kids in Grants Pass is offering, “Becoming a Love and Logic Parent,” to help parents and grandparents raise respectful, responsible children Tuesdays, April 5 through May 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Classes will be held at the coalition’s center at Hamilton House, 233 S.E. M St. The class is designed for those seeking answers or who just want to improve parenting skills. To register or for information phone 479-1929 ASAP because openings are limited.

CHICK CHECK - Children need to be protected from potential salmonella infection caused by handling baby chicks, said Oregon Dept. of Human Services. Since 1996, baby chicks have been linked with seven Oregon disease outbreaks affecting 71 people. Use cdc.gov/healthypets/easter_chicks.htm for more info.

LBMS RECKONINGS - Lorna Byrne Middle School will conduct spring parent-teacher conferences Thursday and Friday, April 14-15. Report cards will be available. Appointments can be scheduled by phoning the LBMS office at 592-2163 Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOTEPAD - Illinois Valley Arts Council will meet Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m., at A Creative Space, above Blue Moon Café in Downtown Cave Junction ... **Desirea Cumberworth**, a freshman at Illinois Valley High School, served as an honorary page at the Oregon House of Representatives during spring break under the tutelage of Rep. Gordon Anderson (R-Grants Pass)... **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. Check the ad in this issue for details ... **Who is responsible** for that speed bump across the middle of the railroad overpass on the Grants Pass Parkway? Odd place for a speed bump ... **Michael Kelly Blanchard**, a Gospel singer, song writer and story teller, will present a benefit concert for food for Grants Pass Gospel Rescue Mission Saturday, April 2 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Christian Center’s Hull Youth Center. Admission is at least two cans of food ... **Wall plaque:** Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy ... **Space sign:** Dentist Parking Only. All others will be extracted ... **T shirt:** Manure Occurreth.

LAST WORDS - To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short. (Confucius)

IVFD to the Rescue

Monday, March 21 *10:50 a.m., Medical assist (M.A.) with American Medical Response (AMR), 500 block Schumacher Street. *10:50 a.m., districtwide medical standby (DiMS) for AMR. *4:05 p.m., M.A., 100 block Ollis Road. Tuesday, March 22 *12:05 a.m., M.A., 500 block Schumacher Street. *8:36 a.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 block Deer Creek Road. *11:43 a.m., M.A., 26000 block Redwood Hwy.	 *11:46 a.m., DiMS. *1:52 p.m., M.A. 600 block Mesa Verde Drive. *1:54 p.m., DiMS. *2:13 p.m., illegal open burn, 28000 block Redwood Hwy. *8:07 p.m., M.A., 100 block Finch Road. Wednesday, March 23 *1:20 p.m., illegal open burn, 5000 block Takilma Road. *6:46 p.m., DiMS. Friday, March 25 *11:40 a.m., structure fire, 595 Mona Way, *11:42 a.m., DiMS.
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Please don’t drink and drive.

Letters to the Editor -- The Public Forum

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logging, that almost everyone had some part of in one way or another. Then about 1974 came the land boom, and all kinds of outsiders who bought inexpensive land, put up barbed wire fences and “No Trespassing” signs and brought all the things with them that they came here to get away from.

Following them came the streetwalkers, panhandlers and drug peddlers that gave the Cave Junction Police Dept. fits trying to control. One of those newcomers even wrote a nasty letter to the editor about those hoodlums (high school kids) who were defacing the East Fork of Illinois River by painting the big rock by first bridge with the high school graduation year -- something that the kids had been doing for about a hundred years.

After getting through all of that, we now have a small group of know-it-alls, who have dedicated themselves to arranging the valley and its lifestyles to suit their way of looking at things, whether the rest of us like it or not.

There was the Biscuit Fire that came close to getting into the valley proper. And if it had, probably would have caused all of us a lot of problems.

Now that the forest service is trying to get some use out of the burn residue, these folks have decided that the whole burn area is sacrosanct, and they are determined, legally or illegally, to keep everyone out of it.

Isn’t it wonderful how these folks know how to use the legal system to support their cause, but when things don’t go their way they are found hanging under bridges and living in trees.

I don’t know about other valleyites, but I wouldn’t appoint these kinds of folks to represent me nor vote for them as caretakers of the valley’s forests.

As I used to tell the guys in the military, who didn’t like the lifestyle, “I don’t see an anchor attached to your back pocket.

“So if you don’t like it here, pack up your ditty bag and move on.”

Was Jesus a liberal?
From Crystal Griffin
Cave Junction

My husband and I have just returned from a vacation to Arizona and Mexico.

There has been talk about drug trafficking at border towns. El Presidente Fox showed up unannounced in Los Algodones to assure the “snowbirds,” as we are called, that it is completely safe to visit Mexico, and that they are taking steps to protect visitors and to keep law and order.

Many guards and police were there to protect their president. It took quite a while longer to get in and out with such an important person in our midst.

I hear many people say that we need smaller government. It appears that those in Washington, D.C. take that to heart on one hand by cutting services to the people.

In Mexico there is very little government. They have no welfare system. People beg, wash your windows, sing, or sell their wares to make money.

Once you get past the section of vendors you begin to see the poverty. Many houses (you could call them sheds) have no electricity or running water. I gave a small girl a dollar, and she

promptly ran and bought a bottle of water for her family. They have minimal social programs, and minimal jobs, although several millionaires live in Mexico.

Speaking of small government, we encountered terrible road conditions all the way down to Mexico. One way to put our people to work would be to fix the roads, thus supplying jobs.

To have social programs, we have to pay taxes. For people to pay taxes, they have to have jobs. We now have big government in our country. We have the largest deficit in our nation’s history. We have given tax breaks to the very rich, and many corporations pay no taxes.

The idea is that they will put more people to work with the extra money they make. However, we know, thanks to Lou Dobbs, that corporations not only get tax breaks, but they send jobs overseas to avoid paying health insurance costs. They are able to employ cheap labor to make cheap goods to sell back to us.

It seems that many Americans voted against themselves in the last presidential election. One side stands for health care for all its citizens, as well as jobs. They stand for protecting the environment with clean air and water for all.

Yet the people voted to continue to send our young men and women to a far-

away war, one that we all pay huge sums of money to finance.

How about we bring home all our soldiers and place them around our borders, and at ports and airports. I would feel a lot safer knowing that 300,000 illegal foreigners would not be coming into our country every day.

Regarding Social Security reform, we already have IRAs, 401Ks and tax breaks to save. Our government must encourage its citizens to save for their retirement. President Clinton did it, and the amount saved increased from 2.4 percent to 5.5. We do not need to be motivated by fear. Positive, simple steps can be taken to solve our problems.

Many Americans have a narrow view of the world. One, because we don’t get much international news. Even though we own the

airways, we have to pay corporations for their shows. In theory, they are supposed to supply us with public announcements and the like. When one travels to other countries, you get an idea how unpopular are our government’s policies.

Take a trip. Find out for yourself why there are demonstrations around the world against us.

And lastly, look up “liberal” in a dictionary. It means open-minded and generous. It stands for democratic and progressive ideas, and freedom of religions. Do you suppose that Jesus was a liberal? Did he tell churches and government to give more money to the poor, the disabled, and disadvantaged?

Maybe we should read the Bible ourselves and stop listening to “experts” with their interpretations.

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Benefit Happening

at the Junction Inn

Friday, April 1 - Sunday, April 3

Knockers Pool Tournament
Raffle with more than 100 prizes
Food by Kate Dwyer Catering
And Much, Much More
All proceeds to benefit the
Holly Shinerock medical fund

Music

Friday - DJ Night

Saturday - ‘The Toyes’ only \$10
Plus sets by
‘B Wishes’ and ‘Mawg & Friends’
and featuring
John Trejillo of ‘Shadowz’
Bob Luna of ‘S.O.B. Band’
Brian Rogers of ‘The Toyes’

Sunday - \$5 Cover
‘New Dawn’
‘It’s a Mystery’

Music 6 p.m. ‘til?
21 and older

Pool Tournament

Entry Fee \$100
50/50 Payback
Cash to top 25% of field

Prizes to all
Double Elimination
Best 2 out of 3 advances
Call pocket, 8-Ball

For Information,
Pool Tournament entry
and Donations:

Molly 592-5452

Silent Auction

View items on display at Taylor’s Country Store

Custom burlwood chair from It’s a Burl
Art by Karen Stiles, Trish Kenny, Pearline Gavlick,
Dave Kendall, Jim Nordal, Cone Ten Pottery and More

Raffle Tickets \$20

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