

Here, There & Everywhere

CHAMBER RANGER - A mixer for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce members and those interested in joining will be held Friday, July 14, the same day as Second Friday Art Walk. (See the ad on page 16). The mixer, sponsored by Rick's Copy Express at Western Plaza, will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Rick's. River Valley Restaurant will be on hand with its mobile barbecue, and Dale Hopper will play his guitar and sing. The gathering will provide opportunities for visiting and "business talk."

'HAWAIIAN SWIM' - Teen-agers in sixth-grade and above can attend a pool party at Cave Junction Swimming Pool Friday, July 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. The event, likely with a DJ, has a \$3 admission fee. Pizza slices and cans of soda will be available at \$1 and 50-cents respectively. Hawaiian dress is suggested, plus swim suits and towels. For more information phone Karen Garcia at 592-6151. Admission will be limited on a first come-first served basis.

COOL IN POOL - Half-price daily admission fees have been extended through the end of July at the Cave Junction Swimming Pool by Mayor Tony Paulson. The following prices are in effect through July 31: Youth (4-17), \$2; Adult (18 and older), \$2.50; Seniors (60 and older) \$2), family of five plus (\$7.50). Ten-swim admission cards are available in the youth, adult and seniors categories for \$35, \$45 and \$35 respectively. The pool on E. River Street is open from 11 to 5 daily except Sundays. Snack items and beverages are available, and the lifeguards are certified.

GOINES TRAUMA DRAMA - Libby Goines, who's heading the planned mural project in Downtown CJ, was injured Friday morning, June 30, and will need surgery. She has no medical insurance. She was on a ladder at a sign she was removing from the wall of the state liquor store on which the mural is planned. She suffered a dislocated left wrist with a serious fracture. "Doctors have informed me that this injury will require surgery with pins or plates installed if I am ever to have mobility in my hand and wrist without pain," said the artist, who operates Singing Loom. "I must have this surgery so I can get back to my mural project, my sign-painting jobs, my weaving, beading, teaching, my music and my whole life," said Goines. Jeannette Bosch has a donation jar at the state liquor store. Goines is asking for checks made out to the hospital where the surgery will occur. She'll provide the details for next week's issue. She said that she appreciates the love, prayers and support so far from the community.

NOTEPAD - The Blackberry Committee planning the silver anniversary celebration Aug. 12-13 will meet Wednesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. in the county building in CJ ... **A free movie**, "The Ride," will be shown behind Abiding in The Vine in Downtown CJ around 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15. There's also free popcorn in the summer series ... **A plasma plea** is issued by American Red Cross, which will conduct collections Thursday, July 27 at I.V. Senior Center. To arrange for a donation time or more info phone (800) 448-3543 ... **Illinois Valley Chamber** of Commerce has been moved to an office behind the main counter at I.V. Visitor Center. The room that was used by the chamber is now a gift shop ... **How many?** MSN offered news last weekend about a Russian plane crash. In three separate stories there were three different victim totals ... **In San Diego** recently, it was such a slow news days that TV reporters were conducting interviews during which people were asked for their reactions to a thunder and lighting storm that had just occurred ... **TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is looking at a new valley chapter. A meeting will be held Wednesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. at Caves Mall. Phone Bob Hall at 596-2261 for details ... A golf tournament, sponsored by I.V. Chamber, is planned for Aug. 12 at Laurel Pines/I.V. Golf Course. Watch for details in this very newspaper ... **Bumper stickers:** *Some people don't know how to drive. I call them "Everybody but me." *If you can read this I can slam on my brakes and sue you. *I'm as confused as a baby in a topless bar. *Honk if you've never seen an Uzi fired out the rear window of a car.

LAST WORDS - I have seen the future, and it is very much like the present; only longer. (Unknown)



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lack of life experiences and knowledge are easy targets for those supporting their habit by manufacturing and selling meth, not to mention that it is big money in the drug world.

Today there are no laws governing the abundant abuse of caffeine by our children. No one is addressing the real issue of caffeine being the start of something bigger. I see children as young as 8 at the coffee stands all the time. Starbucks has just introduced a new drink targeting children. Although it has no caffeine, it does introduce children to the coffee world.

We wonder why today we have such a meth epidemic. Coffee stands, mini-marts, super markets, gas stations, churches, offices, banks -- everywhere you go and on every corner, you see the coffee craze running unchecked.

I know: I spent more than 20 years in the crystal meth, crank, speed world with my more than \$800-a-week habit. Go to any drug support program and you will see a big coffee pot -- "Christian Crank," as coffee is called in the meth world.

I have talked with people in the medical field many times, and they too agree that caffeine is a problem and could easily lead to a meth addiction. Today, this is not a low-life drug you find on the streets. It has become easy and cheap to obtain and is widely used by all races and

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classes of people.

Today I don't use meth. I stay away from caffeine as much as possible, and that's hard due to the amount used in our everyday life and the lack of legislation disclosing its usage.

Is it time for legislation against caffeine abuse in the food industry? Maybe for our youth younger than 18 at least, and it should be treated like the rest of the adult drugs such as cigarettes and alcohol with regulation, disclosure, and age limits.

During the past 15 years, coffee stands have sprung up everywhere, and it's big business. Meth has been around strong since the '60s. However it was in the hard-core drug world. In the past 15 years it too has grown and we have to wonder why?

Today, meth is just a continuation of the coffee craze for some, and one of the most sought-after designer drugs used by our youth.

If you don't believe this, ask your office to abstain from the use of coffee, tea, or anything with caffeine for one week. I bet that better than half won't even get through the first day.

Every time I hear our legislators talk about the meth problem I have to ask if they just had a cup of coffee for the stimulation before they came out to tell us about this devastating epidemic.

I urge lawmakers, the medical field, and news media to take a hard look at the crystal meth problem and not

just pass the blame.

Economics of Mike's Gulch logging criticized From Guenter Ambron Cave Junction

Throughout the Biscuit post-fire logging controversy, elected officeholders, academics and the U.S. Forest Service, have made numerous statements about the economic benefits from this logging.

On April 27, 2006 a Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest spokesman was reported in the press as stating that the Biscuit post-fire logging had put almost \$7 million into the federal treasury.

On June 9, 2006 USFS sold the 9.3 million board foot Mike's Gulch Inventoried Roadless Area sale for \$32.05/thousand board feet (mbf). With the additional \$12.05/mbf deposits for roads

and slash treatment, this means that USFS will take in a total of \$44.09/mbf.

The forest service's own lowest estimates for costs (\$70.13/mbf) explained in its detailed response to a continuing lawsuit reveals that Mike's Gulch will lose a minimum of \$243,786 in taxpayer funds to administer the sale with no extra funds generated for rehabilitation activities.

The economic losses on Mike's Gulch and across the entire Biscuit sales program are contrary to a principal rationale for the program stated in the Biscuit FEIS (Final Environmental Impact Statement).

Another statement from the FEIS: Revenue from salvage materials would pay for restoration activities within the Recovery Area including planting, road improvements and others.

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The Teen Community Services Work Project received more than 30 applications from I.V. teen-agers looking for work. Teens will complete Work Ethics and Tool Safety training before being assigned to a job.

We need customers to help these full-time students find work for the remainder of the year.

ANYONE can hire these teens. Seniors and Disabled persons are eligible for reduced costs based on income. Contact the Coalition and someone can take your application over the phone.

Get those projects done and help a teen develop work experience.

If you are a teen-ager, also contact us to get signed up. Contact:



Illinois Valley Family Coalition
535 E. River Street, Cave Junction
Phone 592-6139
A community organization helping those in need.

Holiday death toll eight

Eight traffic deaths occurred during the 2006 Fourth of July extended holiday period, equaling the average number of fatalities during this holiday weekend since 1970.

That's based on preliminary information from Oregon State Police (OSP) and ODOT.

Between 6 p.m. Friday, June 30 and midnight, Tuesday, July 4, eight people died in eight separate traffic crashes on Oregon highways.

Two additional traffic-related deaths occurred Friday afternoon. Last year, eight people died in seven separate fatal crashes during the holiday period. Prior to last year's Fourth period, there were 10 fatalities in 2004, seven fatalities in 2003, and nine fatalities in 2002.

The fatal accidents included one Friday, June 30, at about 2:50 p.m. OSP investigated a single-vehicle crash on Hwy. 199 near the Wonder Store. Rhonda Om-dahl, 50, of Wilderville, died when her vehicle left the highway and struck several

trees. She was reportedly not using safety restraints.

In Jackson County on Saturday, at 10:45 p.m., OSP investigated a fatal auto/pedestrian crash on Interstate 5 northbound near milepost 24. A 40-year old Medford man died when he was struck while attempting to cross the northbound lanes on foot.

OSP troopers working during the extended holiday weekend made 81 arrests on charges of driving under the influence of an intoxicant, two more than were recorded last year.

Troopers also issued nearly 1,350 speed-related citations, approximately 100 citations for safety restraint or child safety seat violations, and assisted more than 600 disabled motorists.



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