

Here, There, & Everywhere

ENCOURAGING ERIN - Erin Vineyard, 27, whom many know from her employment at Speedy Mart in Cave Junction, is recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from her brain. Her elder sister, Casey Lunt, said that it's an especially bad type which has spread into her spine. Erin is in Portland, where during the next 12 months she will undergo intense chemotherapy, followed by six weeks of radiation therapy. She's being treated at Oregon Health & Science University. She and her husband, Kevin, have two boys, 10 and 11. Kevin works at Bridgeview Vineyards Winery, and so has insurance to help cover some medical expenses. But there are numerous other costs. An account in Erin's name is set up, and donations can be made at any branch of Home Valley Bank. Plus, there's a donation can at Speedy Mart.

TREES, PLEASE - A public workshop to delve into public land restoration ideas for Wild Rivers Ranger District, based in Cave Junction, will be explored at Illinois Valley High School on Friday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gathering will be hosted by the U.S. Forest Service. "I look forward to working with the communities as partners in having our public land become more resilient," said Joel King, district ranger. For additional information, or for those with special needs for attending the open workshop, phone King at 592-4001.

PIE TIME - A pie social will be held Friday, July 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Historic Schmidt House at Fifth and J streets in Grants Pass. The annual event is sponsored by Josephine County Historical Society. Phone 479-7827 for more information.

SELMA CLASS - A free food preservation class will be taught Saturday, Aug. 4 at Selma Center's commercial kitchen by Oregon State University Extension Service. Besides learning how to safely dry, can and freeze fruit, vegetables and meat, each class member will take home a jar of salsa processed during the class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, phone 597-2110 asap.

'FOR JANNA' - The Susan B. Koman Cancer Foundation's S.W. Oregon Chapter will be the recipient of proceeds from a benefit in memory of Janna L. Carter. The fund-raising dinner will be held Friday, Aug. 3 by Weeping Spruce Herb Farm at 27893 Redwood Hwy. near Great Cats World Park. The menu offers a full-course dinner, either vegetarian or meat entrée. Wine will be sold; complimentary nonalcoholic beverages will be included with dinner. *Merlin the Magician & Tayazo* will perform live New Age and Native American flute music. Phone 592-2009 for information and reservations.

PLAYGROUND NEWS - For those wondering what happened to the teeter-totters and the metal animals on springs at Jubilee Park; they had to be removed. Mayor Tony Paulson said that the city's insurance carrier mandated removal of the somewhat older equipment because of liability issues. The city hopes to be able to announce a plan for new, improved items sometime down the line.

NOTEPAD - Elvis and Wolfman Jack (excellent facsimile performers) are among highlights for a special scholarship fund-raiser for IVHS, sponsored by Z Coffee. The event will be held Friday, July 27 at Rogue Theater in Downtown Grants Pass. Tickets are available at Z Coffee in CJ. See the story on page 5. ... **Hot wheels** 'n' roaring are planned by Illinois Valley Lions Club with a Tough Truck event as part of its annual Labor Day Festival. Phone Jerry Sommers at 659-3899 to sign up. And check the ad in this issue ... **JoCo Veterans Service Office** has moved back to the county courthouse in Grants Pass in Room 60 on the basement floor ... **Dan Daniella & Oregon Rain** will perform at Riverside Park in Grants Pass on Tuesday, July 31 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Grants Pass Chamber series of free concerts ... **King's Chinese Cuisine** in Cave Junction is closed until Thursday, Aug. 2 due to a family emergency ... **Jason Nightingale**, of Wordsower International, will speak Sunday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at Takilma Bible Church during an all-congregations service ... **Spotted on** the rear window of a car in Grants Pass: Keep Oregon Clean. Stay in California ... **T-shirts:** *No one cares about your blog. *Relish today. Ketchup tomorrow. *Life is a game. Deal me in.

LAST WORDS - *When the character of a man is not clear to you, look to his friends. (Japanese proverb)

*One needs to be slow to form convictions, but once formed they must be defended against the heaviest odds. (Mahatma Gandhi)



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Letters to the Editor

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Dick Cheney hiding? In the words of Jon Stewart on the Daily Show, "We don't know Dick."

And speaking of contractors, this guy must have been drunk or something to do something so stupid. Just suppose for some reason the people whose tires were slashed needed to get to a hospital or had some other emergency.

Does he have any idea how it could have ended for him had it been any number of people other than who it was whose tires he slashed? Like Tony Soprano's niece. I venture to guess he knew the threat level before he acted, knowing that whoever it was wouldn't come creeping in the night. Or in broad daylight.

How law enforcement deals with this incident will surely be noted next time hands are stuck out pleading for our money.

Speaking of law enforcement, why are Dick Cheney and George Bush not impeached? We spent \$40 million investigating Bill Clinton's sexual trysts and only \$600,000 investigating 9/11/01. An event that, according to some polls, more than 100 million Americans believe was either allowed to happen or was actually orchestrated by our government. One out of three Americans is no "small lunatic fringe with the 9/11 virus," as one wise gal put it.

Yet the most grievous

crime ever committed against this nation by people inside our government goes unaddressed. People are more enraptured with Paris Hilton. Oh yeah, and the coming Circus '08. You know, with the Black guy and the girl running for who-the-hell knows what these days. God, I feel like slashing some tires.

On a certain Website there are 100+ senior military, intelligence service, law enforcement and government officials, 160 engineers and architects, 140 professors and 80+ entertainment and media professionals all questioning the government's pathetically weak, untrue criminal report as to what took place that fate-filled day. And that's just a few.

I doubt seriously, in lieu of the evidence I've seen, that there is anyone in Washington, D.C. who really in their heart believes that Al Queda blew up the Twin Towers and Bldg. 7 at the World Trade Center. However, as I have said,

honor and integrity have gone to hell under this administration and apparently in most of U.S. government and law enforcement.

How can something of this magnitude with so many unanswered questions pointing to complicity or actual orchestration by people in our government go unaddressed?

None of the candidates running for office have mentioned this elephant in the room. None of the candidates are even in the same league as the criminal element involved in 9/11. Who of them could carry that torch lit by the fires of hell?

The same people will be running the show in '08 that are running it now. Behold on the horizon the 22nd Amendment, which I believe gives the president the power to postpone elections in time of war. What a scenario.

We are in deep s---, and we are the only ones who can pull us out. And no amount of tire slashings ever fixed anything.

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