

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**REMEMBERING ‘PEARL’** - “You don’t have to be a U.S. president to get a ship named after you: sometimes you just need to be a Mess attendant, and be in the wrong place at the wrong time.” So said Jim Fuller, commander of Glenn Morrison American Legion Post 70 & Auxiliary. To learn more about this odd turn of events, anyone can attend the 65th annual observance of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941. Post 70 & Auxiliary will conduct the observance of the 66-years-ago attack. The program will be held Friday, Dec. 7 at 9:45 a.m. to coincide with the Hawaiian time attack at 7:45 on “The Day of Infamy.”

**ANTI-VIOLENCE EVENT** - The first event to be hosted in The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance’s (IVSHA) new advocacy center, Home Valley CARES in Cave Junction, will be the Regional OCADSV (Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence) annual training. It encompasses domestic violence and sexual assault programs from around the state. It is the first time for the training to be held in Southwestern Oregon, and IVSHA said that it is pleased “to host these important and mandatory trainings for domestic violence and sexual assault professionals” from throughout Oregon Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 6 through 8. They will gather at the former Home Valley Bank location from throughout the state to attend training on sexual assault, stalking, anti-oppression and cultural competence, as well as a “Train the Trainer” class to be held Saturday.

**‘SANTA’S VILLAGE’** - A “Santa’s Village” is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15 at the county building in Cave Junction by Illinois Valley Merchants Association (IVMA). Santa will attend with presents and games, said IVMA. The organization has tickets available for two drawings, and a portion of the proceeds are to be donated to the Illinois Valley Christmas Basket/Toy Program. Tickets are available for a complete Christmas dinner basket, and a fully decorated Christmas tree. For more information phone 592-4118.

**‘NOOSE’ DEADLINE NEWS** - Strict deadlines of 5 p.m. Thursdays are on the calendar for *Illinois Valley News* issues preceding the Christmas and New Year’s weeks. Christmas will fall on Tuesday this year as does New Year’s Day. Because of printing and delivery schedules, the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues must be assembled earlier than usual. So, if you want something in either of those issues, those “somethings” must be in the *News* office by the deadlines.

**VACCINE AT LBMS** - The Lorna Byrne Middle School Student Health Center has received some new vaccine, and is ready to immunize students if needed. Five types of vaccine are available: Hep B, Hep A, MMR, Tdap (Tetanus/diphtheria and whooping cough), and HPV (the new vaccine for girls to help prevent cervical cancer). “We would be happy to review immunization records to see if any are due,” said Carolyn Litak, physician’s assistant; and Marshall Hamilton, registered nurse. They added, “If you don’t have insurance, Oregon Health Plan, or have insurance that does not cover immunizations, we may be able to give your child these immunizations for free. We will bill private insurance if immunizations are covered, but will need to schedule an appointment so we can obtain the vaccine.” For more information phone 592-6978.

**OPERATION JOY** - Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce announces that Operation Joy is under way. It began in 1991 with the objective that all residents in area nursing homes would receive a Christmas card or letter. School children, church group members and families can help spread “Joy” to nursing home residents by participating. Names of nursing home residents are available at the chamber office at 1995 N.W. Vine St. Additionally, new Christmas cards can be left at the office. Phone 476-771 for more information.

**NOTEPAD - Antique Alley** Custom Rod Shop, run by Howard Hill, inadvertently was omitted from the business directory in last week’s issue. Hill’s well-known work is at 7330 Caves Hwy., and he can be contacted at 592-2013 ... **Clothing donations** are sought by the family advocate at Lorna Byrne Middle School for the “many students who aren’t as fortunate as others.” Sought are donations of shoes, (boys large sizes), jackets, and pants. “Our biggest need right now is shoes,” said the advocate. “If you have any clothing items that you don’t need, please keep our Lorna Byrne students in mind. Feel free to phone 592-2163 with questions about sizes or special needs” ... **Holiday greetings** can be sent to injured U.S. soldiers. Use: Operation Holiday Thanks, c/o E.D. Hill, Fox News Channel, 1211 Sixth Ave./17th Floor, New York, NY 10036 ... **A new library** Website is at josephinelibrary.org ... **Speaking of libraries**, the free one at Selma Community Center generally is open Mondays through Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. If the office is open, residents can volunteer their time ... **CJ Cares** turned in final figures from its Thanksgiving dinner: 300 diners were served at Jubilee Park, and 68 meals were delivered to homebound persons. Thirty turkeys donated by various persons, and 50 pounds of ham provided by Taylor’s Sausage, disappeared in 80 minutes. Now CJ Cares is preparing for its Christmas meal ... **Christmas decorations** (indoor and outdoor by chamber members) again will be judged by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. They must be ready Friday, Dec. 14. Phone 592-3326 for more information ... **A pool tournament** at I.V. Senior Center is planned for Saturday, Dec. 15 beginning at 11 a.m. ... **Brown Barn** Laundrette is appreciated by the Senior Thrift Store in CJ for its help washing oversized items including quilts and jackets ... **Actual headlines:** \*Ex-public defender agrees to reveal talks with dead client. \*Funeral home renews planting program. \*Seniors to tour morgue, eat ribs. \*With city burial ground full, mayor proposes a ban on dying.

**LAST WORDS** - To the American People: Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world. (Calvin Coolidge)

Wherever there is a human being  
there is an opportunity for kindness.

- Seneca -

## County board votes 2-1 to employ chief administrative officer

Job Opening: Chief administrative officer for Josephine County.

Salary range \$76,000 to \$96,000 per year.

That’s the upshot of a 2-1 decision by the county board of commissioners in Grants Pass on Friday, Nov. 30. Commission Chairman Jim Raffenburg voted against the

plan; Vice Chairman Dave Toler and Commissioner Dwight Ellis voted “Yes.”

Raffenburg said that he is concerned that hiring a CAO to serve in a liaison position between the county board and department chiefs is the first move toward establishing the position of county manager.

In that case, the county

charter would have to be revised, and county government would be overseen by a hired employee rather than an elected official.

The move to hire a CAO follows the resignation of Marie Hill, who is chief operating officer. Her resignation is effective Thursday, Dec. 6.

Raffenburg backs a plan

to eliminate the CAO and COO positions to save money for the county.

The county commissioners would serve in liaison posts and provide input to one another. The saved funding could be used to employ personal assistants for each commissioner for departmental contacts.

## Letters to the Editor

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Buffalo, N.Y. All were U.S. citizens; five were born and raised here. All six pled guilty in 2003 to providing support to al-Qaeda, and are now serving prison sentences.

Also prevented: an attack on the New York City subway, planned for August 2004 (during the Republican National Convention). James Elshafay and Shahawar Matin Siraj were detained after an undercover agent infiltrated their group. Both are in prison.

More recently, six men were arrested during May this year and charged with plotting to attack Fort Dix in New Jersey. Indications are that they planned to ambush soldiers with assault rifles and grenades. Five of the suspects had trained for the mission, and the sixth helped obtain weapons.

The arrests were made after a 16-month FBI operation, which included infiltrating the group. All the suspects are in custody awaiting trial.

Airports remain a popular target. This year, four men allegedly plotted to blow up a jet fuel pipeline near JFK airport in New York. One was a former airport worker, and two others had links to Islamic extremists overseas. This was a true transnational operation. The leader is being detained here in the United States, while two others are being held abroad.

Then, just last month, authorities broke up a crime ring involving illegal aliens at O’Hare Airport in Chicago. A raid netted 24 people accused of using fake security badges to work in restricted areas.

Our many successes prove that the best way to prevent terrorist attacks is through effective intelligence collection, information sharing and coordinated, determined counterterrorism operations that stop criminals before they can attack. Terrorist organizations haven’t given up. They’re still active, as the list of publicly known arrests attests.

The best way to protect ourselves against transnational terrorism is to follow the example set by these impressive post-9/11 operations. We must respect the rule of law and protect our cherished liberties while also conducting active investigations to block terrorist conspiracies before they come to fruition.

We must defend freedom and remain vigilant. That’s the only way to protect Americans during the long war on terrorism.

### Stem cell research From Teresa Cox Cave Junction

Regarding Chris Matthews and funding for stem cell research (*Illinois Valley News*, Nov. 14), I think it’s important to realize that such research itself is not what President Bush opposes. He is opposed to, and will not fund, “embryonic” stem cell research that kills a developing embryo to harvest the individual’s stem cells.

What many folks evidently don’t realize, including Matthews, is that each human has stem cells within his/her body. Were this not the case, our bodies would not heal; make new blood, etc. In fact, there are many medical facilities using adult stem cells and umbilical stem cells to treat disease.

Stem cells are undifferentiated; they do not “know” what they are to become (a liver cell, blood cell, skin cell and so on). There are donations of blood, bone, marrow, internal organs, so why not stem cells? Some people, prior to surgery, even donate their own blood for themselves in case of a transfusion need.

We should not consider embryonic stem cell research without considering when human life begins. A plant grows because it’s alive, and a gardener takes care of what he plants. To suggest that he would uproot a flower so that another flower could be put in its place would be absurd.

Indeed, the flower was alive while still an embryo in the seed. If a seed is “not alive” it will not grow. If something is growing, it’s alive. So the only intelligent conclusion is that embryos are alive; they are growing; they must grow to a certain point for stem cells to even be present.

Thus, embryonic stem cell research requires a living embryo to be killed so that stem cells can be harvested. This is the truth.

When did our lives begin? When did we become persons? A plant embryo within a seed is still a plant. A human embryo within a uterus is still a human. The instant the sperm cell enters the egg cell, the new “entity” begins to grow.

If “it” were not alive, would it grow? The undeveloped plant is still a plant; the undeveloped human is still a human. To grow embryos in a lab within a Petri dish or test tube to obtain stem cells is mad scientist stuff.

Of course, are those who still think it’s better for an unde-

veloped human to die -- so that the life of an already-born, walking human can live -- willing to sacrifice their own undeveloped child? Maybe they’d consider their grandchild, not yet born, but growing?

And what if someone had sacrificed them?

### Bush wins race to bottom From Wallace Hardie Selma

We have been fighting and dying in a war that has lasted longer than World War II, and still no end in sight. A war that conceivably could last four more years or longer.

This Bush administration has expended the finest we have to offer. Men dying in a war that never had to be. President Bush is no longer in a race to the bottom; he has won it hands down.

An economy in terrible condition; the National Guard in the worst shape ever; the

V.A. Administration failing in the care of those seeking mental health; the suicide rate the highest per capita during the past three wars: Where does it end? The list goes on, and we are supposed to merely endure, and hang gold stars in our windows for our lost heroes.

And now, soldiers who were offered up to \$30,000 to enlist; if wounded must now return that bonus; this is unbelievable. The reason given is that if wounded they no longer can fight, so should not be entitled to the money.

Poland will recall its troops next year, as will Australia. When will this damnable war for America end? Americans can no longer endure the president’s inept handling of our government in a continual slide to disaster.

And we must be very sure to not replace Bush with another moron of like ilk.



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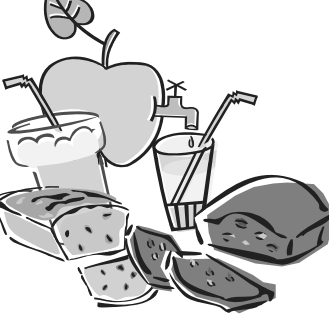
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