

Sports

Cougar baseball squad gets new head coach

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The 2013 baseball season at Illinois Valley High School has just begun and former assistant coach Javier Aranzubia will be stepping up as head coach Bob Johnson, a MLB 1971 World Series winner with the Pittsburgh Pirates, steps down. Johnson initially began umpiring in Southern Oregon at a

time when, according to Aranzubia, a lot of umpires didn't like driving out to the rural areas such as the Illinois Valley. Johnson, however, loved it and decided to buy some property and build a house here. Aranzubia was initially signed up to serve as head coach when Johnson fell ill with pneumonia, though after surgery and a swift recovery, Johnson was cleared to coach and Aranzubia performed as assistant coach under him for the past three years.

"He's really done a good thing for the school," Aranzubia said. "He's brought so much experience and enthusiasm to the team and when the kids would see his World Series ring, it would inspire them to play harder." Aranzubia graduated from IVHS and played baseball for the Cougars. "Every year we had a different coach," Aranzubia said. "They say it takes three to four years to get a new program properly established. Bob

did a good job bringing me along, as well as bringing kids back to the fundamentals." Aranzubia considers himself very fortunate to have to coached under such a prestigious player. He's hoping all he's learned will pay off this season as four starting seniors graduated last year. "We've got a really good group of kids coming out this year, though," Aranzubia said. "Some new kids who look promising as well as a solid core

of experienced players." Among the returning starters are senior Nathan LaFlamme, an ace pitcher and first baseman and senior left fielder Tyler Andrews. Others include Zack Welch, Seth Arias, Lander Nordall, William Hoelzle, Tevin Inge, Kai Alvarez, Eric Miller and Conrad Davis. The first game scheduled for the Cougars is at home Thursday, March 14, against Butte Falls.

Coach King crowned Co-Coach of the Year

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Head Coach for the Illinois Valley High School's Girls Varsity Basketball Team, Loren King, recently accepted at the Winter Sports Awards on February 25th the Co-Coach of the Year award. The award, given to him and Richard Vasey of St. Mary's by the Southern Cascade League, speaks for more than just the abilities of the coach. According to King, "It's a team award, which says

the team has done a good job. I don't get it unless kids have done well." And that's just the type of person King is: selfless, caring, and coaching on behalf of the well-being of the young student-athletes of Illinois Valley; not to mention the countless kids he's coached and taught throughout his professional career. "The sense of achievement for the girls and the program - where they come from and where they are now - gives a really nice feeling when they see what hard work can do," said King. "It's been a really nice to see how the

community has come together to support them." King's coaching career was influenced by his own high school coaches, particularly his football coach. "I loved sports," said King. "They kept me out of trouble and kept me in school. I wasn't struggling academically, but I knew I could make more money in the woods than any of my teachers were making at the time." King had also considered signing on with the military

during his junior year, but a football injury prevented him from doing so. During his recovery, his football coach talked him into finishing school. Eventually, King graduated, and after working in the woods for a brief stint, he landed a track scholarship at Portland State. It wasn't long after that Uncle Sam provided King with a job in the Coast Guard as a machinist. He'd also worked

as a rescue boat engineer and shipboard instructor. Upon completing his services to the country, King went back to college; competed in track once again and earned a bachelor's degree in education. He soon began teaching science and math. By this time, King had become a Christian, which helped him to gain focus, and decided on dedicating his life to teaching. He thought he'd take it to the next level

and get his master's degree in environmental science at Southern Oregon University in Ashland. With this newfound knowledge, King took a job with the Southern Oregon Forest Service wherein he worked with the Youth Conservation Corps as a Field Director in the Ochoco National Forests.

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On February 20th Peter DeFazio called upon the Federal Government to "order a moratorium on the use in the coast range of all pesticides potentially capable of containing or breaking down into TCDD (dioxin) or structurally related compounds. Documents indicate there may be 20 or more pesticides that fall into this category."

Representative DeFazio points to documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that indicate the EPA has been aware since 1980 that over 60% of deer and elk tested had dioxin in them.

He goes on to say, "Worse, dioxin was also identified in human mothers' milk samples and numerous domestic water samples taken from the same area. The family had been drinking the water for seven years, during which time they suffered chronic respiratory, gastrointestinal ailments, two miscarriages, and a child born with defective lungs, liver, and learning disabilities. The husband subsequently died of heart disease at the age 38."

DeFazio warns "The best evidence available suggests that western Oregon residents continue to be exposed to increasing levels of dioxin in their water, soil and food, associated with abnormal increases in birth defects, involuntary abortions, cancers, and reproductive disorders." Documents obtained, "suggest the possibility of a Public Health Emergency in Western Oregon."

Timber corporations have been spraying thousands of pounds of pesticides on their clear-cuts for decades. Throughout Oregon citizens live near and/or next to these clear-cuts, along with the toxins. What makes the above information most interesting is the fact DeFazio's Moratorium request was written February 20th, 1985, by then Lane County Commissioner Peter DeFazio. Read his entire letter at: www.preciousdirt.org - under About - Interesting.

If Representative DeFazio's current O&C Trust, Conservation, and Jobs Act passes, thousands more acres of protected federal lands will then be managed under the Forest Practices Act. This means more clear-cuts, followed by more toxic chemicals. This bill represents a clear and present danger to our state. Oregon's private forests have been decimated by a profit-driven cycle of clear-cutting and pesticide applications. These activities have negatively impacted the communities and environment surrounding these forests, as recently shown by the documented human exposures to forestry pesticides in the Blachly / Triangle Lake area. Even though Representative DeFazio once understood the dangers of these practices - calling for an end of some forestry pesticides applications over two decades ago - the Congressman has now opted to protect special interests like the timber industry over his own constituents.

Today's timber pesticides include Atrazine, banned in the EU in 2003, 2,4-D, half of Agent Orange and Glyphosate, a known endocrine disruptor, but three of the many toxic poisons, designed to kill, that continue to be sprayed throughout our community and state. ALL pose hazards to our Health, including the Health of our Air, Water Resources, Land, Animals and Community. The last thing our publicly-owned O&C Forests need are more clear-cuts, bringing more pesticides.

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Down

1- Pinchy crustacean; 2- Soothe; 3- The King ___; 4- Shorthand pros; 5- Accord maker; 6- Of like kind; 7- Drug-yielding plant; 8- Yield; 9- Condescend; 10- Take five; 11- Vogue rival; 12- Light gas; 13- Hail, to Caesar; 22- Merciful; 24- Worries; 26- Harass; 27- Sierra ___; 28- ___ luck!; 30- Tree used to make baseball bats; 31- "Who's there?" response; 33- Not to mention; 34- Lobster state; 35- Type of sanctum; 36- ___ beaver; 38- Stifled laugh; 39- Light wood; 41- Bentley of "American Beauty"; 42- Rocky hilltop; 47- Recluse; 48- Not disposed to cheat; 50- Communication medium; 52- Stories; 53- Leisure; 54- December day, briefly; 55- Makes brown; 56- Freelancer's encl.; 57- Tolkien tree creatures; 59- Wishing won't make ___; 60- Rich soil; 61- "Orinoco Flow" singer; 62- Author Fleming;

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