

## Letters to the Editor

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### Vote no on 17

Measures 17-53, 54, 55, & 56 are the most insidious attempt to seize power and usurp our constitutional rights I have ever heard of. I am ashamed that it was nearly accomplished here in Southern Oregon. Those who drafted and attempted to push it upon us obviously think we are too stupid or lethargic to react until too late. These people are traitors to all of us who elected and trusted them to serve a democratic people.

We need to clean up our

county government. Let's start by throwing out all those we elected to defend our freedom and run our civic affairs. They have all failed us! Don't vote for any incumbent. When we have installed all new people in every elected position, only then can we expect change. Only then can we regain respect as voters. People of Southern Oregon, ours is supposed to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Vote no on 17, Vote no on incumbents!

**Lee Percell  
Cave Junction**

### Vote no again

Measures 17-53, 17-54, 17-55 & 17-56 now being challenged in the November 5 election, allows Jo. Co. Commissioners to repeal the original 90-16 Solid Waste and Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and appoint agents to enforce the recent Ordinances 2013-2, 2013-3, 2013-4 and 2013-5 adopted by Commissioners April 17, 2013.

If not defeated with a "No" vote in the November 5 election, many questions come to mind. Assuming the following agents are appointed, includ-

ing one Chief Hearings officer, three subordinate Hearings officers, two Code Enforcement, two Law Enforcement and one Animal Control officers, how are they to be initially funded since it takes time to investigate, issue citations, set and hold a hearing, issue subpoenas, consider motion to squash a subpoena, serve notices and respond to appeals?

If one of these officers expects to make \$75,000 per year, he would need to collect seven \$10,000 fines or assess an accumulated 375 days of \$200 per day fine. Then there are costs for Sheriff's services, court process, etc. Are these costs derived from county budget or added taxes? If seven 1 year jail sentences are imposed per month at a cost of \$100 per day, \$36,500/year each, \$255,500/year for seven prisoners, do you think more taxes would be imposed since all collected fines are paid to the department that issued the citation? Maybe the county Commissioners would donate their salaries to help offset the added taxes?

A "yes" vote on these measures could cost taxpayers a bundle.

A "No" vote keeps Ordi-

nance 90-16.

**Robert Thomas  
Cave Junction**

### And another no

On Nov. 5 we will vote on 4 ordinances that will decide the fate of private property in Josephine County. Also, the right to warrant less search and seizure, fair trial, to know and defend yourself from accuser's jury trial appeal. Code enforcement officers and courts with the power to make us all potential Nuisance criminals.

All of our rights, constitutional, Bill of Rights, federal fair trial laws are violated. The commissioners believe we should give these rights up so they can persecute and confiscate property from us and our neighbors for profit.

Remember, Hitler and the National Socialist Party (Nazis) were voted into power. Socialism of the few, by the few, for the few, at the expense of the many. They too claimed they were going to fund government (through taxes and seizures), clean up the riff-raff (seizure & prison), control funds (national security & crime), provide health care (National Socialism) and

make Germany safer for the good people and tyranny. The rest of the story is history. Do we have to repeat it?

**Mark Wichers  
Cave Junction**

### City Voters Beware

Regarding solid waste ordinances, do not be caught unaware of what you are voting for. According to the explanatory statement in paragraph three of measure 17.53, this ordinance does not apply to property located within the cities of Grants Pass and Cave Junction. This may be true at present, however page J6 sec.5.1(A) allows exempted cities to "enter into an inter-governmental agreement with the county." Therefore, if these ordinances pass, your city government will likely adopt these ordinances.

Nearly everyone is in violation of some part of this ordinance. If passed, anyone may file a complaint against you for some meaningless violation, even if they live miles away. For instance, a simple garden compost pile is out of compliance. A small composting manure pile from your backyard horse or chicken coop is con-

sidered hazardous.

A vehicle, either usable or not, is considered hazardous to public health for as little as having rust or not being currently licensed. A vehicle stored outside, while possibly visually displeasing, is not hazardous. When a vehicle ceases to run, it either stops leaking or leaks very little compared to the same vehicle while in use. Under operative conditions, fluids are constantly being replaced as they spew past bad seals and gaskets. The vehicle leaks everywhere it travels. Vehicles are not prime pest vectors. Next to nature or a dump, farms with large hay storage, silage, grain, large manure lagoons or piles are the largest vector breeding grounds. This needs only to be managed wisely.

Due to lack of public demand for these ordinances in news media and public meetings, they have the appearance of a public official gaining enough power to satisfy a personal vendetta or neurosis. Alternately, it could be a plan to bring in revenue through citations.

**Ray Smith  
Cave Junction**

## Obituaries

**Michael Allen Hendrickson, age 26, of Cave Junction,** died Monday, October 14, 2013 as the result of an automobile accident.

A memorial service will be at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, October 27, 2013 at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Please sign the family guest book at [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com).

Michael was born July 18, 1987 in Lodi, California. In 1997 he moved from Sacramento, California to Sams Valley. He also lived in Grants Pass before moving to Cave Junction where he attended Illinois Valley High School and played football. He worked for Rogue Valley Door then Grayback Forestry for three years as a faller. He most recently worked for Rough & Ready Lumber pulling green chain.

He enjoyed making people laugh; 4-wheeling and bon fires, working in the woods, hunting and fishing. He loved his family and friends and hanging with his buddies.

Survivors include his companion, Charly Davis of Cave Junction, Oregon; his father, Terry Hendrickson of Cave Junction, Oregon; his mother, Kathleen Hendrickson of Grants Pass, Oregon; a sister, Nicole Hendrickson of Juneau, Alaska; paternal grandmother, Mary Hendrickson of Sacramento, California; maternal grandmother, Donna Wilkerson of Galt, California; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and a valley full of friends.

**Corina Kay Cowancoots, age 62, of Cave Junction,** died Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at her home.

A potluck and gathering of family and friends will be at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Corina's home. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com).

Memorial donations may be made to Helen K. Spears Cancer Center, 510 SW Ramsey Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527.

Corina was born January 22, 1951 in Portland, Oregon to Frank & Patricia Cowan. Growing up she would sneak over to her grandma's house where she met Norma Jean before she became Marilyn Monroe. She graduated from high school in Portland. Corina served in the United States Navy as a corpsman at the San Diego Naval Hospital. After serving for three years she worked as a go-go dancer in Portland for several years. She later worked as a fry cook for Burgerville USA and won awards for being the fastest and most accurate fry cook in the business. Three years ago she moved from Crescent City to Cave Junction. On August 11, 2013 Stephen Jay & Corina Kay celebrated their tie dye wedding at their Cave Junction home. Everyone who came was given a tie dye shirt to take home with them.

She was an avid gardener and over the years she kept exotic birds. As a child she had a garage full of fish in aquariums.

Survivors include her husband, Stephen Jay Cowancoots of Cave Junction; her mother Patricia of Florence, Oregon; three sisters, Paula of John Day, Oregon, Anne of Port Angeles, Washington and Cathy of Creswell, Oregon.

Preceding her in death were two brothers and one sister.

**Linda Mae Gilmore, age 66, of Cave Junction,** died Sunday, October 13, 2013 at her home.

No services are planned. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com).

Remembrances may be made to American Diabetes Association, Oregon Affiliate, 4380 SW Macadam Avenue #210, Portland, Oregon 97239.

Linda was born July 18, 1947 in Hollywood, California to Alfred & Sylvia Windsor. She spent her early years in Artesia, California. In 1972 she met and later married James Gilmore. In 2006 she moved from Los Angeles, California to Grants Pass and two months ago moved to Cave Junction.

Her hobbies included playing bingo at Spring Village and Seven Feathers, shopping on the Home Shopping Network, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy M. Free and a son, Robert M. Gilmore both of Cave Junction, Oregon; seven grandchildren, Joshua, Tia, Jeremy, Julia, Bryanna, Jared, and Bryson; two brothers,

Robert Windsor of Cave Junction; and David Windsor of Oakland, California.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Gilmore in 2000.

**Steven Michael Rubins, 63 of Cave Junction,** Died in an automobile accident Sunday, October 6, in Cave Junction

Rubins was born December 1, 1949 in Lawrence, Kan. to Alfred and Mary (Ernst) Rubins.

Rubins attended Laramie County Community College, in Cheyenne Wyo.

Rubins worked in many trades. He was a logger, treeplanter, commercial fisherman, plant material wholesaler. He owned and operated Siskiyou Wildcrafting until his death.

He was an avid hunter, outdoorsman and "mountain man." He had a great reverence for nature and took an active role as steward of the land. He was a dedicated bowhunter and member of the National Bowhunter's Association. He was also an accomplished artist and craftsman, and was passionate about raising his German Shepherd dogs.

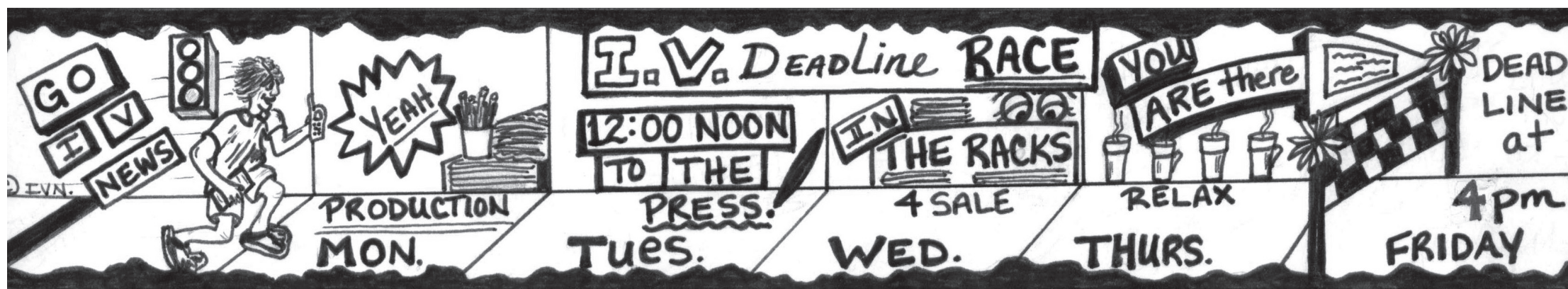
He is survived by one son, Samuel Rubins, Portland Ore.

Graveside service will be held at his home Sunday, October 27 at 1 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of: Hull and Hull Funeral Directors.

Call 541-660-8605 with any questions.

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