



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

Sometimes when I really get worked up about a topic, I voice record my ideas and thoughts so I can use them in my column. Other times I think, there is no way I will forget this, and yet I do. My great idea just vanishes. So here I sit,

wondering what I was going to write about this week. I have no idea and I was going to say the heck with it and not do one, and then I see this big empty space and realize that I just need to put some words on paper.

I could expound on the recent tragic police shootings or maybe the recent tragic shootings of police. Or maybe I could bring up the presidential campaigns. And, yet another "very safe" topic could be the public safety levy. I know very few people have opinions (let alone strong ones) about levies.

All four of these topics would surely get one or two of you stirred up enough to send a scathing letter to the editor or a sweet letter of kudos in agreement. But really, in the end, what would that accomplish, and isn't that what Facebook is for?

So, I will write about the city. The residents of Cave Junction have two city council seats and the position of mayor to choose this year. The paperwork to put your name on the ballot is ready to be picked up at city hall. If you live in the city and would like to be a part of the solution or in some cases the problem, now is your chance. It might be nice to see the city

take on real issues for a change. Arguably one of the poorest cities in Oregon, to date, has spent almost \$50,000 fighting the state over selling marijuana. Now the city is looking to tax a product that it does not allow to be sold within the city boundaries.

Another issue of note regarding marijuana and the city is that they actually spent time in a city meeting discussing the merits of using the word cannabis versus marijuana.

I'll end on a positive note. Nearly 100 people showed up to celebrate the life of Mark Brockman July 17. Aptly named, "Mark Brockman Day" after a stunt Brockman pulled a few years back. Brockman even had T-shirts made in honor of his day. Mark Brockman is one of the kindest men I have ever met. His loud, booming voice was unmistakable. Most of the time he was either calling you out for your nonsense or telling a joke, but either way it was jovial and welcoming. He is missed by many.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy! ~ djm



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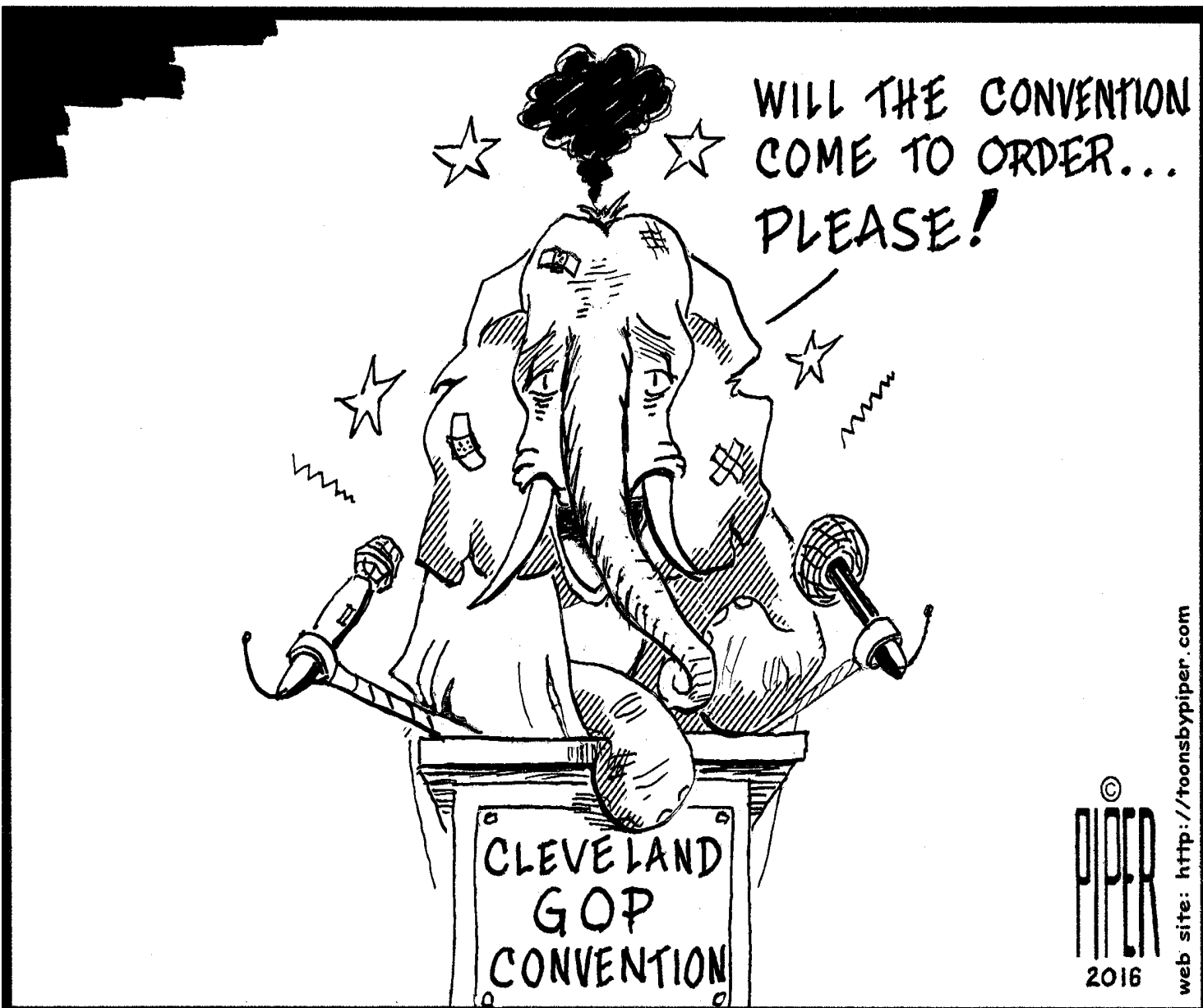
Karl Beck, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2016.

Karl was married to his spouse for 28 years during which time he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and soon after was sealed to her in the LDS Temple for Time and Eternity.

Karl stayed very active and served in the Church for as long as his health allowed. He loved the knowledge of Eternal Families and hoped to share that with his children and grandchildren. He worked on having those in his family who had passed on, being sealed together.

Karl is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, nine grandchildren, many extended family members and many, many friends and ward families.

A Celebration of Life will be held in his memory at a later date for family and friends.



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Save the date

July 21

Thursday, July 21, 6:30 - 10 p.m. join us for I.V. by Candlelight at Jubilee Park. Kelly Thibodeaux is playing at 6:30 for the Chamber's Concert in the Park series. This is a special fundraiser for CJ Patrols. After the concert candles will be provided for a candlelight walk through the park and downtown. After the walk Dutch Bros. is providing drinks and also S'mores by campfire will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Ford Family Institute.

July 25

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners will be hosting a Town Hall Community meeting in the Illinois Valley

The meeting is scheduled for Monday July 25, 2016 6:30 p.m. Cave Junction County Building 102 South Redwood Hwy. Cave Junction, Oregon.

All County residents are invited to attend

July 29

4-7 p.m. at the Historical Schmidt House Barn Corner of 5th and J Streets We will have a pie baking contest. Sign up at the Research Library 512 SW 5th Street Call 541-479-7827 for details. Food, Fun and Entertainment Any questions please call Josephine County Historical Society 541-479-7827 or Christina Carver Publicity Director 541-507-7618 tchilimom@yahoo.com.

July 30

Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association is holding a one-day Beginning Beekeeping class on Saturday, July 30, 2016 in the Medford area. Anyone who would like to attend can get more information at: <http://www.southernoregonbeekeepers.org/news-and-events/fall-bee->

school, Cost: \$35. Registration deadline is July 29, 2016 and is limited to the first 100 people. Register by mail (before July 23).

Aug. 6

Saturday, Aug. 6, the I.V. Senior Center will be serving up its monthly Country Breakfast. Starting at 8 a.m. for \$6 the Center will be serving eggs, bacon, hash browns, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, chicken-fried steak, biscuits 'n gravy, coffee and juice. This is all you can eat and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Aug. 13 & 14

Pressure canner testing at the 'Croons, Nelson Family Farm, Redwood Highway, Cave Junction 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Aug. 20

Pressure canner testing at the "It's The Berries" 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.,

Inside the building, RCC Learning Center/Belt Building, Redwood Highway, Kerby

Sept. 11

Pressure canner testing at the Illinois Valley Grange, Holland Loop Rd, Cave Junction, 8-11 a.m., Sunday

Continuing

*Fire & Emergency Services Career Exploring is open to young men and women from our local schools with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of fire or emergency services. Fire & EMS Exploring is a hand-on program that exposes young people to fire and emergency services. The most popular career exploring includes firefighter, EMT, paramedic and nursing. Career exploring combines some classroom training with hands-on les-

sons and you will learn first aid, fire safety, emergency medicine, leadership methods, teamwork and much more. You will develop emergency management skills and physical fitness and have the opportunity to participate in local and national competitions, community events and real firefighting scenarios in a training setting. Call 541-592-2225 to benefit from this college and career readiness program.

*The C.J. Substation is now open as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The phone number at the Sub is 541-592-5151. We are looking for more volunteers to expand the hours; applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at the Sub Station.

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