



## Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

Before I get down to the issue at hand I would like to thank the Illinois Valley Lions Club for another amazing Labor Day Festival. The men, and more importantly, their wives deserve a big round of applause.

Now let's get down to business. While sitting at my desk I watched a guy on a bicycle carrying a spray tank. He seemed to be having some issues so I kept my eye on him. Then to my

dismay, I saw him lay his bike down and walk to the side of a building and empty his bladder. While I might expect to see this occur at night, I was quite shocked at 10 a.m.

Monday, I chased-off a panhandling guy and his dog from the bushes of Dairy Queen. He got up and moved to the sidewalk and went back to work; there was nothing more I could do.

Maybe it's because my desk overlooks Redwood Hwy or "Main Street" as I call it that I see more. Maybe I am dialed into it because, as you know, transients panhandling and generally lounging around are just one of my many pet peeves.

It appears the city is not concerned with how passersby view Main Street? They seem to be more concerned about silliness like marijuana lawsuits instead of helping the business community. But I have a great solution, the city has a beautiful, shaded grass area in front of City Hall, and certainly plenty of foot traffic to panhandle from; I support the idea of sending them all to the beautiful park located at 222 W. Lister Street - City Hall.

Now I cannot fully put the brunt of this on our city

officials or law enforcement; we need to take some of the blame as well. At the risk of broken windows to my office, I always chase away the transients in front of our building. Once, I even made the police blotter during an incident that did not go as smoothly as I would have liked.

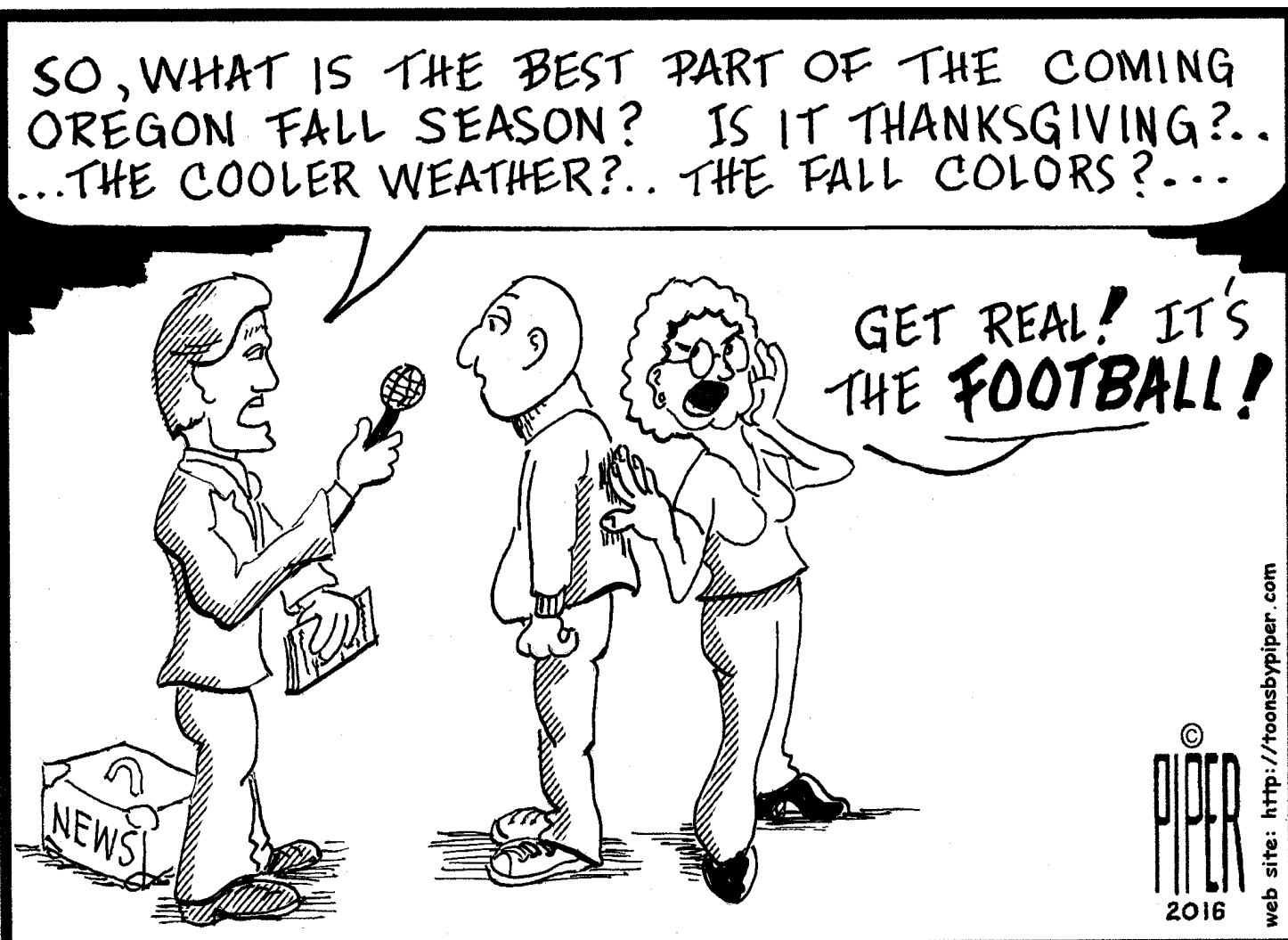
I want to ask all of us to step-up. The city needs to enforce the codes on the books. If the city does not have anything on the books, codes need to be created and enforced. Both the business community and YOU, Joe Public need to encourage the city to help us. We all need to politely ask the transients to move along.

This is not about homelessness, it's not about putting people down who are down on their luck, it's about keeping beggars off Main Street. It's about being able to go to the store without getting hit-up three times for money.

Will this work? I don't know, but worst case, we should relocate the transients to City Hall where they, as it seems to me, are welcome.

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

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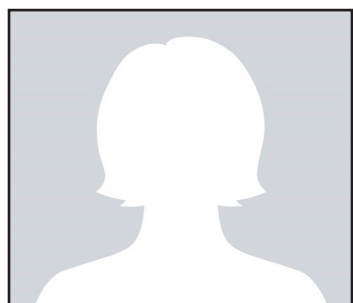
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What is the main change you would like to see in the Illinois Valley?



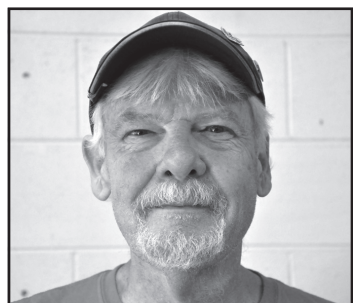
**Diane Chirrick**

"Most immediate would be to support CJ Patrol. Long range would be funding for round the clock police presence."



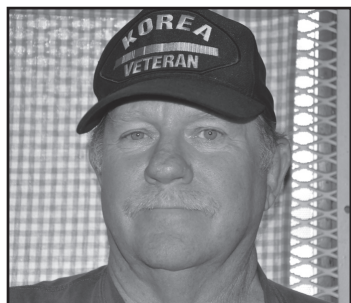
**Kate Bain**

"I don't think the I.V. has any more or less problems than Grants Pass. Cave Junction has a blight issue; the homeless are a real problem."



**Cary Riley**

"It's all about commerce - more opportunities for small business growth."



**Ron Hiler**

"Put the Highway back the way it was with two lanes going each way."



**Mark Dillinger**

"Code enforcement."



**Rocky Jones**

"Build a dam on Sucker Creek."

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## Save the date

**Sept. 19**  
Llama Workshop, Sept. 19, 8680 Takilma Rd. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Expert instruction on care and handling of Llamas, including demo of shearing (with hand shears) Bring sack lunch. More info call Lyn at 541-592-3818.

**Sept. 24**  
Agnes Pilgrim Birthday Party Benefit, book signing, and gathering, Saturday, Sept. 24, Takilma Community Center, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone invited, get her book "GrandMa Says: Wake Up World!" Pledge your support, help organizing needed, call/email for info., or if you wish to participate or perform, Guenter 541-415-1929 or cmec@cavenet.com.

**Oct. 1**  
Southern Oregon Smoked Salmon Fest has a brand new location: Downtown Medford's Pear Blossom Park. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 1-6 p.m., and is an annual benefit for Maslow Project - a local nonprofit organization that provides advocacy and support services to homeless youth and families throughout Jackson and Josephine counties

**Oct. 8**  
9th annual ACORN FESTIVAL Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 at the Selma Community Center on Hwy 199 in Selma OR 11 a.m.-6 p.m. This Indoor/Outdoor Free event includes: • Hands-On workshops on acorns and their processing • Yurok acorn cooking basket demonstration,

Lena Hurd • Historic photos of traditional acorn processing • IRVAC free nature crafts table for all ages • Fun and educational activities all day long • Vendors and oak related displays • Scarecrow contest with \$100 prize 5 p.m. Potluck includes traditional dishes as well as innovative new recipes made with acorns. Bring a side dish, all are welcome. Rain or shine!

Come enjoy the food and festivities As we celebrate the nutritious and delicious acorn!

Come join CEEN as we celebrate oaks & acorns. For more information contact Suzanne Vautier 541-291-8860.

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**Oct. 10**  
10th annual Empty Bowls Project which will be held at Parkway Christian Center on Monday, Oct. 10 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

**Continuing**  
Cave Junction Patrol, LLC is looking for volunteers. CJ Patrol is a private citizen volunteer organization dedicated to effectively addressing heretofore-unchecked property crime in our city and neighborhoods. The primary mission of CJ Patrol is to prevent, interrupt, report, and decrease property crime in the city of Cave Junction. Contact: Phone: 541-592-9665 / Facebook: Cave Junction Patrol Public / Website: cjp patrol.org / Monthly CJP Meetings: first Thursday, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Wild River Pizza Deli, 249 Redwood Hwy.

Have some spare time? The Illinois Valley Senior Thrift Store is looking for volunteers. If sorting, cleaning, staging is what you do, we could use your skills. Earn a free breakfast and a store gift card while you volunteer. Join the crew, make new friends, need not to be a member or a senior citizen to volunteer. Call the store at 541-592-6630 or visit us during store hours.

\*The C.J. Substation hours are changed. We are now open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays (closed Wednesdays) from 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 Substation.

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