

Letters to the editor

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Reader response to readers

I felt the need, if not for balance, to respond to Dennis Hoke and Robert Hirming's separate op/eds of late, from an outsiders perspective, albeit having a lot of years in the area as well. Let's just say for starters that sometimes perception IS reality, especially to a 'non-native'. Not seeing the forest for the trees (or pot plants) comes to mind.

To put succinctly as possible (which is and isn't easy) too many here are living in a Fool's (Gold O'Pot) Paradiso. Well, enjoy it while it lasts, because you ARE now officially part of The Cartel---THAT much IS certain.

Careful what you ask for. Resistance is futile, and apparently unnecessary...or isn't it? Let's see, you've got hyper-regulatory types running THEIR game upon the MOST Reg-resistant of types: Outliers, hippies, pot growers, et al. Now, how can that end well at all? Hmmm...why it can't, of course, you sillies. In fact, it's gonna get VERY ugly fairly damn soon---it's already well on it's way.

You free range fools have put yourselves squarely in the noose, consigning voluntarily to Uncle Sam's Animal Farm. Moreover, you have internecine and resolute differences between indoor vs. outdoor growers. What Pot snobbery, bias? Not all happy campers? Hey, concomitant with MJ---wanton greed and arrogance. The worst part, actually, is that they ARE institutionalizing it and, ergo, y'all. Hey, Hey the County Commissioners are openly in on the deal. Even the airport advisory board is paving the way, why else would they have put that fence up a few years back. Why not? There's already a military-length runway...can you say Mena, Arkansas?! Just ask the Billiary (i.e., the Clintons)

Do you not realize that the gov't has the patents on all of the MJ strains? Oh, yes...build up to break up...and down. Once recently, same day, I saw a truck trailer at a soil place, as well as a Mercedes van at the post office---both from Texas. Geez, I wonder what they're doing here? This region, and THIS area in particular, IS in fact attracting the riff-raff from across the U.S of A. It IS becoming the Amsterdam of North America...not good: Dennis correct; Robert clueless...well, he is from Takilma...just kidding.

And speaking of fences, THEY are requiring y'all to build these fences AND to monitor your on-goings, even down to counting mites on plants, from what I've heard. Maybe THEY have multi-uses planned for those fences, hmmm...lot of 'fences' going up, even while national borders are going down...

So short term gain, long term pain? Well, the 'pain' is already here, in the conspicuous forms of greater discord, car 'accidents', car jackings/abuse/abandonments, arson, murder, and even ..bomb threats?!? It isn't gonna improve in the direction that it's clearly heading.

CJ is already rated the worst city in Oregon; GP is #5, so they shouldn't talk, but they do...the bigger, ugly, meaner sis picking on her smaller, even uglier sib...but who really cares, right? And the trouble is that it shows. Too many believe that they're grabbing the brass ring, when in point of fact it's just the key link in the chain that's being used to bind you.

It won't be getting better ad infinitum, because when the market for pot gets glutted, there WILL be a culling...and then maybe all of those compound fences will start to serve other purposes. Can you say, 'Pablo Escobar'?

State of Jefferson? At this rate, much more apt to be Bogota, Cal-Ore-gone! God Bless The New World Disorder.

Jack Faust
Madison, Wisconsin

White Lies Matter

All Lies Matter! Remember when many Republicans and far fewer Democrats would not vote for a liar? Old man President Bush promised "no new taxes" then his establishment friends convinced him to raise them anyway. His lie cost him a second term!

Bill Clinton was such an amiable "good ole boy," his occasional deviations from the truth were easily forgiven.

GW Bush certainly seemed to lead us astray with his promise of weapons of mass destruction that did not exist in Iraq.

President Obama lies eloquently and he started out with a bang. There were few truths in his sales pitch for Obamascare. Of course his on-going "misstatements" from red lines to paying millions of dollars in unmarked currencies other than American to Iran, he said was for decades old debts but some hostages were released when the secret unmarked plane with the cash landed in Tehran. Just like a ransom except Obama also said "we don't pay ransoms."

Hillary lies with alacrity, but not every day, she restricts her lies to campaigns and interviews.

Do you believe when all the candidates on a debate stage agree to support any of the others if they win and they do not do it, they lie?

Do you know what they call a party that unites under one banner after a hard fought primary victory? Winners!

Do you know what you call a party that believes like Mitt Romney and his purists estab-

lishment friends, they would rather let Hillary win than support their parties nomination? Your right!!

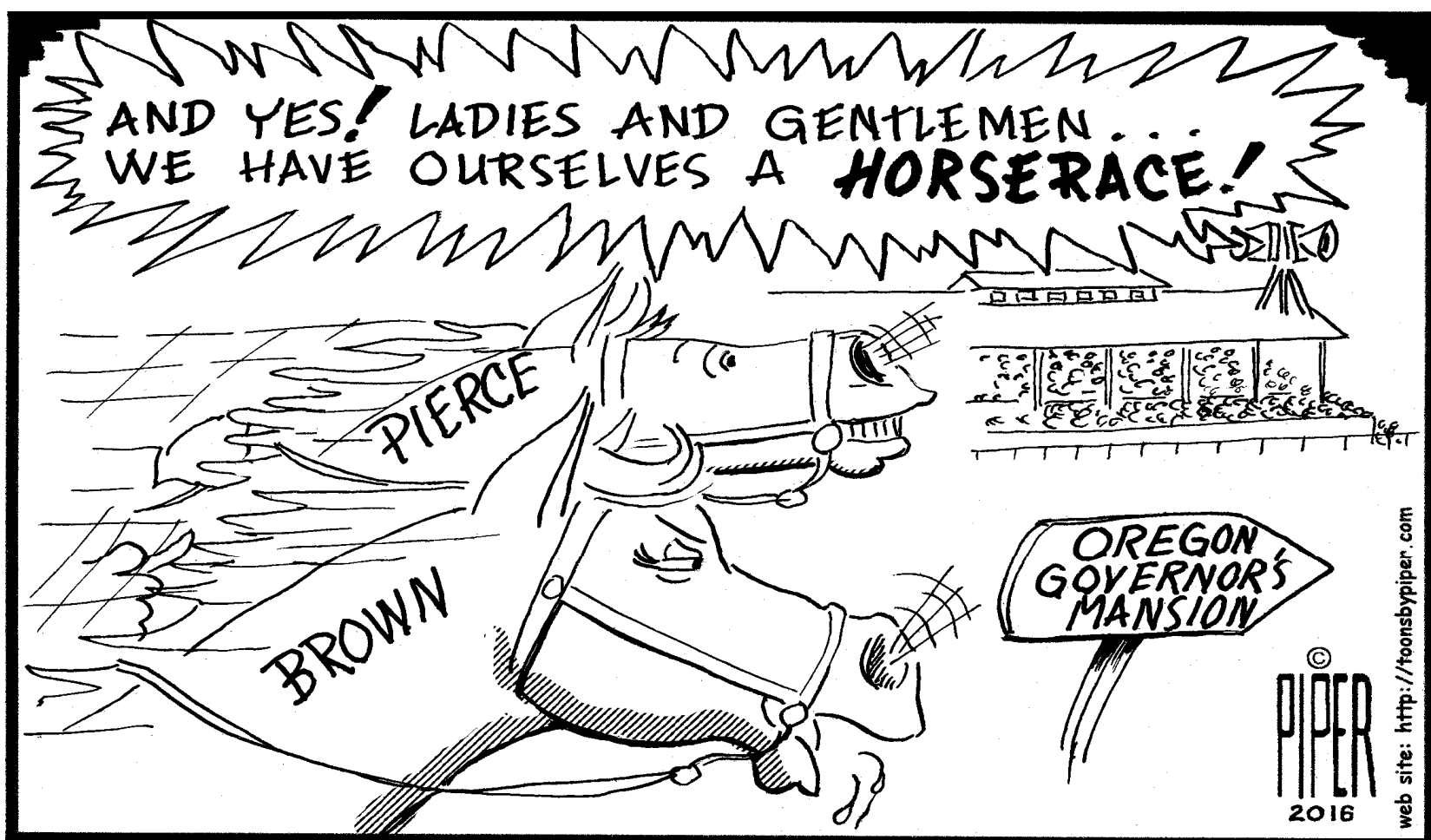
Greg Anderson
CJ

Bankers in my pocket!

Did you know if you use Evergreen bank in Grants Pass your account can be frozen for weeks by a third party client without notification? This is what happened to us, stranding us at the Pilot Truck Plaza. We have money in our account we cannot access because of a third party. We feel this is robbery or at very best theft! We call Evergreen bank this morning to ask why their web site confirms our funds yet our card was denied? They tell us the Pilot Truck Stop has placed a hold on our account. No explanation and no access to our money until Thursday. We cannot go to the festival we were going to stream this next weekend as our funds are frozen. If this is now bank policies then I would strongly recommend that you check with your personal bank and see who really owns your money.

I am not through with this so be prepared to hear much more about it!!! Oh and this would also apply to your smart-phone transactions. Do you really want third party companies control your access at a whim? We use banks to avoid having to have our cash available to theft from criminals....so much for that idea!

Gary W. Potter
O'Brien



Celebration of life

Family members of John Meengs, invite you to attend a Celebration of Life for him at Forks Park Saturday, Oct. 1 from 1 – 3 p.m.

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Save the date

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. 1

Fall has fallen on our area! Saturday, Oct. 1, come and salute that time of the year with a good old country breakfast! The I.V. Senior Center at 520 E. River St. in CJ will be serving up a hot breakfast. For \$6 we will fill you up with all you can eat and get you ready for the season. Starting at 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. our cooks will be working away. Bring neighbors, family, friends, in-laws and out-laws, we'll be here waiting for you.

Oct. 8

9th annual ACORN FESTIVAL Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 at the Selma Community Center on Hwy 199 in Selma 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.

Brought to you by the Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN).

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.

Oct. 14

This Place: Cannabis and Community Conversation

By exploring how the cannabis industry is shaping and reshaping our valley, local resi-

dents can begin to think together about how to engage meaningfully with our places and communities going forward.

When: Friday, October 14, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Where: Healthy U: 535 E. River St., Cave Junction.

This program is free and open to all.

To learn more, contact Healthy U at 541-592-4888 or www.healthyucenter.org.

Harvest Moon Hoedown—an Old-Time Mountain Square Dance Saturday, Oct. 15, Selma Community Center. Doors open 6:30, Dance at 7 p.m.. Admission \$8-10 sliding scale, 12 and under free with an adult. Sponsored by the Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC)

Live music will be provided by the Three Rivers All-Stars: Selma's own 17-year-old fiddle whiz Ari Dwyer, with Jack Dwyer on mandolin, Eric "Swampy" Webb on banjo, Kent Fisher on guitar, and Sue Rutherford on stand-up bass.

Admission is \$8-10 sliding scale. Under 12 free with adult.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00.

Coffee, tea and water will be provided, with homemade desserts available for pur-

chase. All sales will support IRVAC's Learning Through Art program in local public schools. Donations are appreciated!

For information email valentine@cavenet.com or call (541) 597-2839. You can visit the Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/events/178989649200029.

Continuing

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, you do not need 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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