

Letters to the editor

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(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

Want to know exactly how much you will pay if Measure 17.74 passes?

Multiply 0.00142 times the Assessed Value of your property. This will be the new tax owed in addition to what you already pay.

0.00142 x Assessed Value of Property = Additional Taxes Owed

Now ADD that amount to what you already pay!

Can you afford this for the next four years?

Most people cannot. With every additional

property tax obligation, we increase the risk of losing our homes. Even renters could be adversely affected, since landlords usually charge more in rents to offset additional taxes.

We have voted down eight similar levies since 2004, but once again, this is put before the electorate. It brings to mind a famous quote by C.S. Lewis:

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience."

Don't succumb to fiscal tyrants. Save your home and defeat this levy.

Vote No on Measure 17.74.

**Sandi Cassanelli
Merlin, Oregon**

Dear Editor,

Having been employed and worked in the same building as Mr. Moore, on

two occasions I needed to get a special job done for a retirement gift, and I needed the specialty of one of his crew members to do the work; to put it bluntly Mr. Moore did not cooperate on the completion of the gifts. This is a personal story, but upon talking to others in our building I found that his lack of ability to work together was not unusual.

His commute bus company to and from SFO and the lower bay area was only a means to line his own pockets. He bought used, heavily worn equipment and over sold the seats by 15% (sounds like the airlines). This left riders standing or sitting in the aisles. His driver's pay amounted to them getting a free ride to and from work. I can't count the number of times that I gave some of his riders free rides due to his buses being broken down.

I don't believe that he has demonstrated the skills necessary to be mayor. I do realize he was mayor of Cave Junction before and having lived here during that time I did not see any changes to our city that mattered. If Mr. Moore is so concerned about law and order in our city, why

didn't he volunteer for the Cave Junction Patrol.

He and his wife, Luz, a realtor, had houses built in Hanby Vista that were sold to people outside of Cave Junction to be rented out. I've spoken with some of these renters and they all complained about the quality of construction in these homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore left Cave Junction for greener pastures when the real estate market dried up. It appears now that he wishes to develop an area northeast of Hanby

Vista with inexpensive (read cheap) homes that will destroy the re-sale market for homes already established in Hanby Vista. Mr. Moore owns property down by the river which he could develop with low cost housing.

Sincerely,

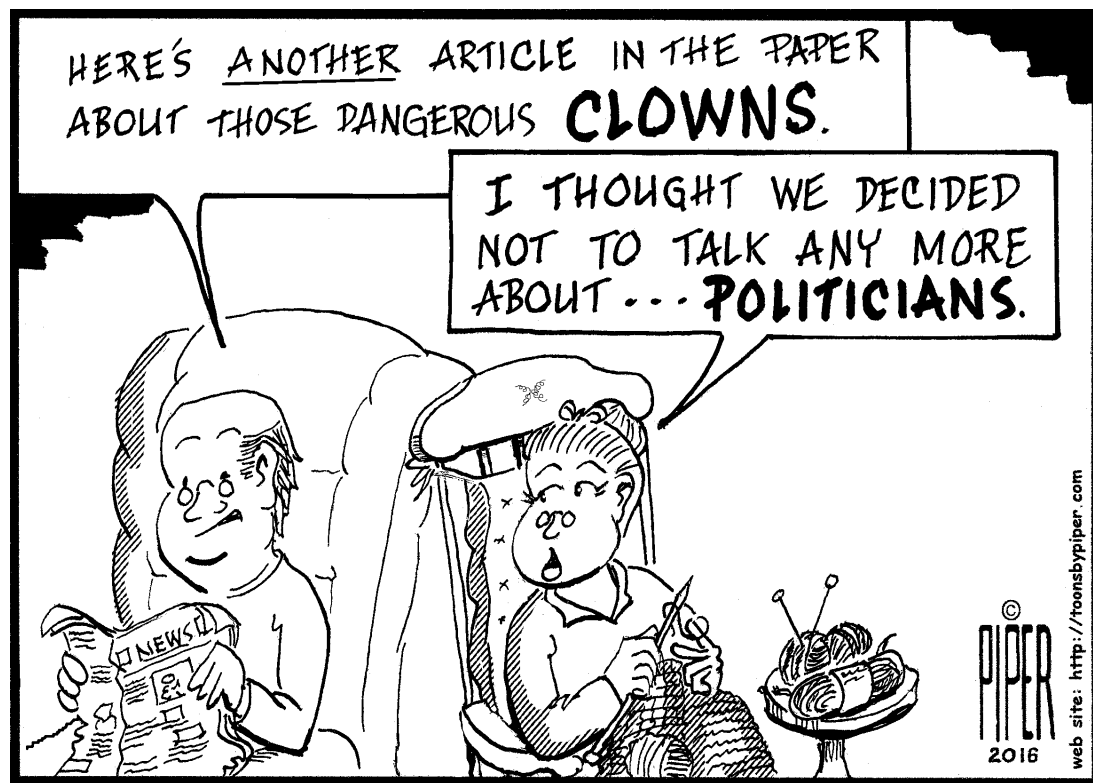
**Michael Sitton
Cave Junction**

Dear Editor,

Another election, another property tax increase proposal. Our society and children would be much safer if

our officers did their job and enforced the laws. How often do you read and hear about a driver being pulled over with no license or registration or insurance and merely given a warning. Why obey laws when there is no punishment? They should have their car impounded so they won't and can't do it again. Demand JoCo Deputies do their job to protect us!

**Chris Mallfer
Cave Junction**



Obituaries

Michael "Mike" B Goff

63, passed away on Oct. 11. He was a very good friend to many. Mike was born in Webster Springs, W.Va. on Aug. 22, 1953. He attended West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va. Mike was a father. He was a third generation coal miner, a ski patrol, a commercial fisherman, a cook, worked at carnivals and fairs, he was

part of the Taylor's Sausage team, a Realtor, and he loved dogs and football.

None of these things were who Mike Goff truly was. He was and will always be remembered as a kind and gracious friend by anyone who crossed his path.

Mike is survived by his two sons, Matthew and Phillip Goff; his brother, David Goff; and sister, Vicky Lewis.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This is to give notice that on Monday, Oct. 31, 2016 at 6 p.m., in the Anne Basker Auditorium Annex of the County Courthouse, 600 NW 6th Street, the Josephine County Planning Commission, in accordance with the Land Use Hearing Rules, will conduct a public hearing on the following item:

Text amendments to the Josephine County Rural Land Development Code:

If approved the decision will allow changes to the Rural Land Development Code to address growing marijuana in the residential zones. Other text amendments proposed help address land use conflicts that have arisen as a result of the marijuana industry in Josephine County: fencing, plant location, oversight, building size and overcrowding, odor, lights, waste management, noise, camping, runoff, and citation authority. For a copy of the staff summary and list of amendments, visit: (<http://www.co.josephine>

[or.us/Page.asp?NavID=801](http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=801)).

REVIEW AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. The Planning Commission reviews all applications to amend any element of the comprehensive plan.

The Planning Commission shall make the final decision to amend elements of the Comprehensive Plan and text of the RLDC. The decision shall be in the form of written findings meeting the requirements of state law and Section 31.120.C of the RLDC. If approved, a recommended ordinance to the Board of County Commissioners accompanies the decision.

FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY: Please contact the Josephine County Planning Office Monday – Thursday 8 a.m.-12 noon, at 541-474-5421.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS may attend and express their views. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special physical or language accommodations are necessary for this hearing, please notify the Commissioners' Office at least 48 hours in advance. TDD (Hearing Impaired) 1-800-735-2900.

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Save the date

Oct. 20

Do you ride county buses? Where should the bus stops be? The public is invited to give their input at the Josephine County Bldg. 102 S. Redwood Hwy. in Cave Junction, Thursday, Oct. 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. Josephine County Transit and Community Development personnel will be available to discuss preferred locations and bus shelter designs for Cave Junction and surrounding areas.

Oct. 20

I.V. Chamber of Commerce monthly Board Meeting is Thursday, Oct. 20, 12 Noon at Wild River Pizza.

We have invited Josh Ballock to speak about the up-and-coming Levy.

Our meeting is open to all that would like to attend and as always we are looking for our members to take on a more active role in your Chamber. Please come and get involved!

Oct. 21

The I.V. Garden Club's meeting on Fri-

day Oct. 21 will have Eric McEwen of Diggin Livin speaking on Planting for Pollinators. The I.V. Garden Club meets the third Friday of the month at United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins (across for Shop Smart) in Cave Junction. Social time and finger foods at 12:30 p.m. Meeting at 1 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Oct. 22

FALL PLANT SALE: The Illinois Valley Garden Club will have their Fall Plant Sale.

Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Oregon Mountain Real Estate parking lot at 221 South Redwood Hwy. The sale will start at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the sale support the Illinois Valley High School Scholarship Program.

Oct. 24

7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 222 W. Lister Street, Cave Junction, Oregon, the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction will meet in a regular session.

Oct. 26

Come and enjoy an evening of fun! Oct. 26 at Evergreen Elementary School.

Chili feed from 5-5:45 p.m. in the cafeteria, then into the gym for Zing, Zoom, Zaniac Show~

Seattle's Funniest Prop Comic, Alex Zerbe, also known as "The Zaniac" has performed over 1,500 school assembly programs in 44 states. He's appeared on both America's Got Talent and Last Comic Standing as well as national television in China and France. A natural born motivator and two-time Guinness World Record Holder, Alex knows how to inspire and connect with students of all ages.

Nov. 5

Saturday, Nov. 5, the Cave Junction Lions will hold its 14th annual Turkey Bingo. Door open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Game cards are only 0.50 cents each. Come win a free turkey or win a free turkey dinner. There will be great raffle items to bid on and great food.

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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