

Letters to the editor

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Open Letter to the People of the City of Cave Junction

The Fourth Amendment to the Bill of Rights reads: The right of the People to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. The Bill of Rights was adopted by the States to place restrictions on the Federal Government, to protect the People and to keep them secure in their homes. When adopted in 1791, no one alive 229 years ago could conceive of using carcinogenic chemicals sprayed across entire cities to “kill weeds”. I believe this Amendment means that the People of Cave Junction have the right to be secure in our persons, our houses, including the right not to be poisoned by local government. The City has violated our fundamental right to be secure in our ‘person’ and in our homes, by spraying a massive volatile exposure

of poison into our soil, air and water on April 8th. This is particularly an issue because our tax dollars were used to purchase delivery of these known carcinogens, purchased with the intention to spray the general Public. Why would the City knowingly incur this magnitude of liability? How can sane people condone such behavior? My education taught me that to remain silent, to do nothing gives tacit consent. Citizens have the Right to petition for redress of government harms. Government must be able to listen to Citizen Protest and respond to Citizen concerns, or Democracy has died. The practice of criminalizing dissent calls my civil protest ‘vandalism’. This dehumanizes everyone, and denies every Citizen of the right to petition for redress of harm conducted by government. If it were vandalism, I would have done under the cloak of night and caused real harm. Good People of Cave Junction, do you support the City intentionally pressing a felony charge against a citizen who has engaged in civic protest openly by daylight, causing harm to no person? Do you have the right for your views to be heard? Do you support the City herbicide spray program? Do you support the City’s felony charge against a resident Citizen? Yours faithfully, **Christine Perala Gardiner PhD Cave Junction**

What is: THE TRUTH? In today’s world of conflicting views, and conflicting news, how does one make any sense out of what’s going on in this country and the rest of the world? I have survived 77

winters here on earth, and along the path we call life, I have several times been in situations where knowing the truth was critical, and sometimes made the difference in life or death situations. So, along the path, I acquired a few (what I call) tools which are concepts that have aided me in determining truths, both big and small, and they haven’t (to my knowledge) failed me yet. There are obvious truths, such as, we need air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat etc. These truths are self evident. However, there are other truths that exist, and yet even other truths that have been hiddn, that are just now beginning to emerge from under the huge pile of lies that have been heaped upon them. So, in these (what seems to be) critical times, being able to recognize what is true and what is not true. (A lie), could be an asset. So, just in case some one might be interested, here are the tools I use: First and foremost, is that truth stands on it’s own, needing no support, PERIOD next. Truth having no need to defend, itself, will withstand any, and all attacks, and still remain the truth, look at where their other three fingers are pointing, if you want to know the truth. When a new paradigm claiming truth comes along, and challenges the old existing, an entrenched paradigm, it will first be ridiculed, laughed at, made fun of and made to appear absurd and beneath consideration. (Conspiracy theory’s, flat earthers, ha ha, and so forth). If that doesn’t work, the next step is for the defending paradigm to vehemently attack the challenge with every weapon in it’s arsenal, including, everything in it’s bag of lies and dirty tricks. If that fails, the new truth will prevail and stand as self evident. Mr. Publisher: At a

town hall meeting in Kirby May 20018 concerning the use of the term Fake News, you said two things that I feel need to comment upon, First: When asked how we the people can be assured that the news we are getting from the mains stream media is the truth, you, as well as your media colleagues assured us that there were laws in place to make sure that the public wasn’t being lied to. During the Christmas time lull in government (December 26, 2016) on his way out; Obama signed into effect a new bill from congress as part of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act. (NDAA) The countering Disinformation and propaganda Act. In George Orwell’s book 1984 (which I’m sure many of your readers are familiar with), there is The Ministry of Truth who’s job it is to decide what news the public can hear, and what it can’t. This new act, gives the government these very powers. They can totally control what is presented to the public as The News. This new act, also makes a sneaky end run around a bill passed at the end of WWII by then president Harry Truman, the Mundt Act, which forbade the government from using propaganda (LIES) against the American people as it did against some during the war. (Japanese, German, and Italian Americans for example.) This new act also allows the government to use propaganda (LIES) against the American people in instances where terrorism is suspected. WHICH MEANS???? I’m surprised that you journalists were unaware of this information. Or were you? The other thing you said that I take issue with, is that you said that you have worked in big media, and assured us all that there was no back room conspiracy going on. While what you said is true I find

your statement misleading, in that the conspiracy that we are talking about here happened a long time ago (quite possibly in the mid 1700’s, and maybe even before that.) The conspiracy WAS to eventually bring the entire population of the Earth together under a totalitarian one world government, very much like the one described by George Orwell in his book 1984. It’s THE NEW WORLD ORDER that most of us have heard of, (regardless whether we believe it’s true or not.) So, what we might have now is an on going agenda, based on that conspiracy, and there is for certain COLLUSION going on in most of the main stream media. My research on this matter leads to possibility that 90% (approx) of all media is owned and, or controlled by giant corporations, and that they have an agenda to collude on. They (the MSM) like to come up with catchy phrases or words which they use on their nightly newscasts. Some of the most notable ones from the not so distant past are: WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, AXIS OF EVIL, CONSPIRACY THEORIES, ETC. Mr. Publisher: (I’m bad with dates), May 8, 9, or 10 2019 the MSM used a word that in all my years, I have never heard used by the news media before, quite likely because of it’s potential religious connotations, and it’s use as a swear word which is how I am sure it was meant. The word was DAMNED. I almost couldn’t believe my ears. I heard it on CNN. Later that evening, I went on line to see if any of the other MSM used the word damned. On the same evening, CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, and MSNBC, ALL used the word DAMNED was also in article’s by THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WASHINGTON POST,

and in an AP article which I read in the GRANTS PASS COURIER. I would be willing to bet that the word DAMNED was used in many other broadcasts and publications that I didn’t listen to, or read. I almost had to laugh while watching news casters trying to figure out how to use the word DAMNED in a sentence. So, Mr. Publisher, are you also going to say that there is no backroom collusion going on in big media, and that the use of the word DAMNED by so many media outlets is just a coincidence???? I DON’T THINK SO. And, if the (MSM) is speaking the truth, why the need to defend itself on a national level, having these town hall meetings all over the country to deny the FAKE NEWS allegations. If the MSM is speaking the truth, why do they need politicians writing articles in news papers defending them, and why did you write an article entitled WE ARE NO THE ENEMY?? It should be obvious to anyone PAYING ATTENTION to what’s going on in this country, that high up’s in government positions, in collusion with the MSM have been caught in an attempted coup to overthrow a seated President of The United States, and take control of the government. The poisonous (bordering on treasonous) accusations, and hate mongering have all but torn this country in half. These evil self serving beings are now lashing out like the cornered rats that they are!! Their vehemement, finger pointing newscasts are intended to create hatred and division amongst the American people, while desperately trying to keep us all from finding out the truth about what’s really going on! This is all I have to say, FOR NOW!!!! - **Steven Meyer, Takilma**

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May 21 - 24
Boatnik CANCELED due to COVID-19

May 31
The 8th Annual Otis Memorial Bike Ride-- with protective distancing this year!-- is happening the last day of May, Sunday the 31st, starting at 10am! We leave from the lower parking lot of the Takilma Community Building and head for Coffee Heaven in downtown CJ-- the half-way rest-stop- - and then we'll pedal back to Takilma, where we finish the ride around 1pm.

This is a free, unescorted, sociable group ride-- spread the word!For more info, call Keeeth at 592-3722, IV Bikespace Coordinator.

JOE’s Place Cave Junction is Open!
We are so excited to announce that JOE’s Place Ministries is opening up for food service, personal activities and socializing.

NEW LOCATION: On Tuesday May 19, 2020 we will be at our new location behind River Valley Restaurant on Hwy 199 at East River St from 3:00 - 5:00 PM for youth ages 12 - 20 years old.

We cannot use the school district property until they reopen.

The youth will definitely see a change in how we offer our services. We will be practicing social distancing, sanitizing of tables, chairs and equipment. We will also limit the number of youth to 25 per state guidelines. All staff members with be giving out food and snacks on an individual basis.

I pray that our youth return for a hot meal and fellowship. Any questions, please email me at roger@joesplaceministries.org.

June 17
CEEN has scheduled the Helicopter Survey for Alyssum for June 17. We will be searching in areas where Alyssum has been found or suspected,

and following Rough & Ready Creek and the Illinois River. The survey is scheduled when Alyssum will be in peak bloom so it can be seen from the air. Alyssum murale and Alyssum corsicum were planted in the Illinois Valley by Viridian, a company from Texas, in a failed experiment to pull nickle out of the soil. Plants escaped the fields and is now listed as a A rated weed in Oregon. Alyssum is toxic to wildlife and livestock due to the accumulation of heavy metals. The survey is funded by a grant from the Oregon State Weed Board.

Through May 31
Cobra Lily: a review of southwest Oregon literature and art is a print journal celebrating our region. Consider sending your fiction, poetry, memoir, essays, history, interviews with interesting locals, photography, paintings, and more (i.e. don’t feel limited to these genre suggestions). Work should focus on the nature and culture of Southwest

Oregon, or at least be the work of people who live in and love our region. The submission deadline for Volume 6 is May 31, with publication planned for late summer 2020. Work can be emailed to co-bralilyreview@gmail.com. Contributors receive 1 free copy and a discount on additional copies. More information at CobraLily.org.

Ongoing
***The Food Bank at Doug Hoskins’ Resource Center/** Assembly of God Church is still open at 481 S. Junction Ave. in Cave Junction Mondays from 2-4 p.m. The new procedure is to line up in your car and a box will be brought out to you. (Directions are available on site.) If you are vegetarian or other special needs a specific box will be brought out to you in your car.

***The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance** after-hours Crisis Line which can be reached at 541-415-9367. The new local crisis line will be answered any hours the Safe House is closed.

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