

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.)

Reader urges vaccinations

Are you unvaccinated? If you get sick with coronavirus and are unfortunate enough to need hospitalization it could be expensive. Many insurance companies are lifting the waivers that covered covid hospitalization costs in 2020. According to Michigan Medicine out of the University of Michigan folks with private insurance could get a bill for \$3,800 for their hospital stay. Folks on Medicare advantage plans could pay \$1,500. The good news is that the vaccine is still free.

Donalee Hyland
Takilma

Lions Club Labor Day Festival is back for 2021

Labor Day Weekend has been the social event of the year for the residents and visitors of the Illinois Valley for many years. The Illinois Valley Lions Club will once again host the festival at Jubilee Park Sept. 4, 5 and 6.

The theme this year is “Together Again” and we will strive to make this an enjoyable event for everyone of all ages. The Tuff Truck races will be held Saturday and Sunday prizes and trophies. The parade will be held on Labor Day, Monday down Highway 199. Other fun to be had includes softball, corn-hole and bingo. The beer garden will be open near music and space for dancing and also a karaoke contest. There will be vendors of all types from food trucks including the famous Lion Burger stand. And as always, for the kids we have the greased pole, Tarzan swing and a game booth dedicated to the little ones.

During the year, we have been selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Harley Davidson that can be seen inside of Taylor’s Sausage. This year the bike is a Gorgeous 2020 Sportglide. Remember, this is a fundraiser, so be sure to buy your ticket! The winner for the Lions Club Harley-Davidson raffle will be drawn on Labor Day at 6 p.m. after the fundraising live auction at the pavilion stage.

Please come out and join us for the fun. If you want to have a vendor booth at the festival, there is an application is this week’s edition. Any-

one interested in volunteering to help setup on Friday, during festivities on the weekend or dismantling things on Tuesday. You can contact a local Lions Club member for more information or call 541-592-4135. The volunteers have always been a big part of Labor Day and we can’t say enough how much it is appreciated.

Lions President
Rick Morgan

Dear Governor Brown,

My name is Fernando Cortes Arce, I am a legal resident of Jackson County in Oregon, successful cannabis and hemp entrepreneur, OLCC and ODA license holder, Hispanic American father of three.

I write this letter on behalf of myself, my family, and the Hispanic community of Southern Oregon.

We are deeply concerned about the racial charge that’s being implicitly and systematically attached to the launch of bill HB 3000.

On May 10th of 2021 KTVL published an article with an interview of Sheriff Daniel of Josephine County, in which he said:

“I think the cartels have discovered that we have limited funding, have limited enforcement, and they have moved in”.

Instead of clarifying that the word cartel wasn’t being meant to be connected to an ethnicity in particular, he added “they bring Hispanic workers to conduct these grows.”

This language promotes a false

association between the Hispanic community and illegal grows.

After the announcement of HB 3000, Steve Marks, Executive Director of the OLCC had a widely-published quote:

“What’s going on in southern Oregon with the cartel takeover of cannabis growing through the guise of hemp and our role in being able to enforce that is all incredibly important”

Again, using “cartel,” and referencing a “takeover.”

Hispanics will not be seen or treated the same by the rest of the community after this. It has hurt not only us but the very fabric of social unity and it erodes the core principles our country is built on.

This is why I felt it important to bring to your attention, for the benefit of everyone. We need unity, not division, we need healing, not racist rhetoric coming directly from state officials.

The spike in hate crimes against Asian Americans with the emergence of Covid should be data that’s recent enough those in power to remember the impact that words can have over their followers.

This has nothing to do with the crimes in question, this is about assigning a color to the crime, implying that the cannabis black market problem is a problem that is Hispanic in nature. It’s unfair, it’s dangerous, it’ll cause hate crimes, and it’s not even true.

Please, stop calling the illegal marijuana grows “cartel” and stop linking them to Hispanic communities. Call them criminal organizations, crime syndicates, illegal commercial marijuana grows, just please stop calling them “a cartel invasion.”

Sincerely,

Fernando Cortes
Jackson County

Editor’s note: This is a condensed email letter from Cortes that was sent to all public officials and media outlets in Oregon.

Reader says CJ editorialized

First, I would like to thank CJ Schatza for his opinion piece in

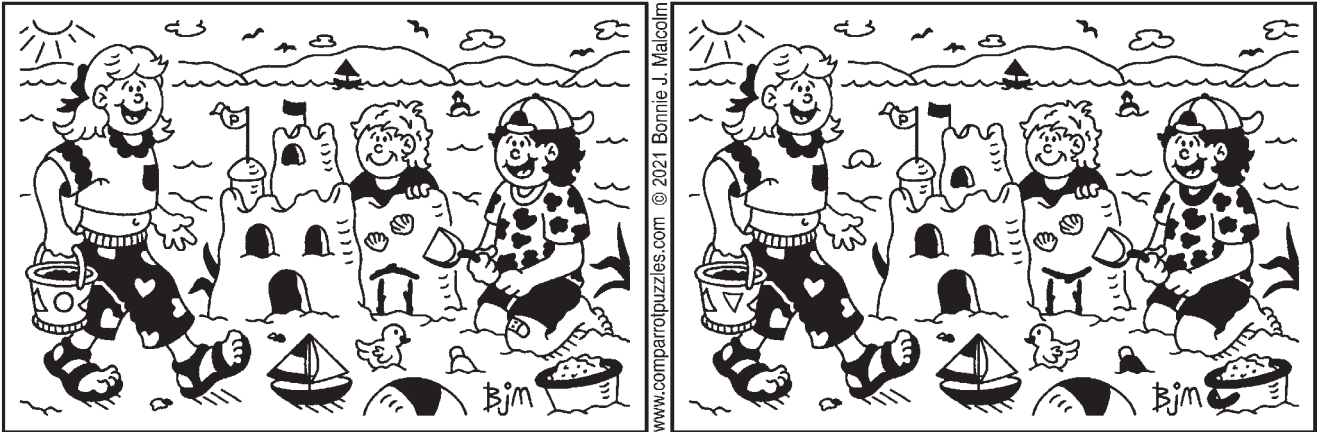
the IVN, 7/21/21, Titled: Citizens Speak Out During Commissioners Meeting. The dissemination of creditable information from creditable sources, and placing them “in context” with the full story is a golden opportunity to add to the knowledge base of one’s community and a publication’s subscribers, of which I am one. Unfortunately in the case of Schatza’s opinion, in his article, is lacking, significantly, as its focus seems more a slam on the charter of conscientious citizens in earnest to convey cited relevant information from sources not approved by the gated “Official Narrative” keepers. They being the highly paid (off) legacy media, of which Big Pharma has considerable shareholder interests. CJ makes statements like “unsubstantiated theories” while unchecked by any research, thus rendered it mute of fact (checked). Personally as a journalist I would call that person to secure their resources before such an inconsiderately lobbed statement. Over the years, in local politics, I have appreciated the effort by Dan Mancuso to seek out the facts and effect correction, as an editor, by officials or anyone reproaching them, and during debates where he was a moderator. So let’s look at CJ’s statement “unsubstantiated theories that COVID-19 vaccines are causing death and destruction” as he states.

Gunter Ambron
Cave Junction

Publisher’s note: The information cited in the meeting was based on the coronavirus commonly known as SARS and not the novel coronavirus which is called “SARS-CoV-2” Coronaviruses such as SARS and MERS are nothing like the SARS-CoV-2. Additionally three people have died from blood clots that were formed after the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. After review of the additional data, doctors have come to the consensus that there is no evidence at all that the vaccines contributed to the other patient deaths that are listed in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) database. ~ djm

ComParrot
by Bonnie J. Malcolm

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



Solution: 1. Bandage on leg is missing. 2. Grass behind sandcastle is missing. 3. Handle appears on pail. 4. Ball appears in water. 5. Bottle in sand is colored in. 6. Neckline on shirt is colored in. 7. Stick by sandcastle is different. 8. Wave behind boys has moved. 9. Flag on sandcastle has moved. 10. Window has moved. 11. Duck is facing other direction. 12. Design on pail is different.

Save the date

July 30

Glow ball golf tournament!!

*Friday, July 30, arrive at 7 p.m. to sign in and eat dinner, golf starts about darkness (8:45 or so). 4-person scramble format, no minimum drive number, Anyone can play, no experience necessary, Dinner is included, 3 glow balls are included per player, more may be purchased for \$9 each, \$50 per person, beer and Whiteclaw available for purchase. If you have questions call the Illinois Valley Country Club--541 592 3151

July 31

*Cans for Kids, 3-year anniversary celebration behind Chevron in Cave Junction Saturday, July 31 at 10 a.m.

Aug. 1

COVID - 19 vaccination clinic at Jubilee Park on Sunday, Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$25 visa gift cards available after shot. Call 1-833-408-3311 for more info.

Aug. 6

*We’re back! Senior Center monthly Saturday Breakfast is back after 17 months. Join us, open to the public Saturday, Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St. in Cave Junction.

Aug. 7

*“Wine Stroll” Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Downtown, Grants Pass
Calling all wine lovers!!! Tickets are now available for the Annual Wine Stroll. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to stroll last year. We are eager to resume hosting this wonderful event for our

community.

The Wine Stroll is hosted by the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. For over 20 years this special event has been held in beautiful downtown Grants Pass. Participants stroll from location-to-location sampling amazing wine and delicious food. The Stroll is set for Aug. 7, 4 p.m.-8: p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at www.grant-spaschamber.org or at the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. Pricing: \$35 Pre-Sale and \$40 Day-Of if any remain.... Price includes commemorative glass, re-usable tote bag and an event map.

Check-In Location Change: Day of the event Check-in will be at Elegance Antiques- 311 SE 6th St, from 2 p.m until 5 p.m. Host locations and Wineries will be released at a later date.

Please note this is a 21 and over event and each participant must personally check in with a valid ID. OLCC regulations also stipulate that children may not accompany adults attending this event.

***I.V. Historical Laurel Cemetery Association presents Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament fundraiser Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. Lions Clubhouse 9110 N. Redwood Hwy. CJ. Call Richard 541-659-8355 or Steve at 541-592-6441.

Aug. 15

*Bingo will be back at the I.V. Senior Center on Sunday, Aug. 15. Early Birds at 12:20 p.m. and Regular Bingo at 1 p.m., Kitchen opens at 11:30 a.m. 520 E. River St. in Cave Junction.

Aug. 24

*Tuesday, Aug. 24: Death Sovereignty/ Advance Healthcare Directives: A workshop to understand how one can have autonomy through the end of life by utilizing legal documents to help appoint advocates and make healthcare wishes clear. This is especially important to those in the queer community and people estranged from family. 6pm at the Earth Scouts Sky Lodge, 9044 Takilma Rd Sliding Scale \$5-10 email: crossroadsdeath-care@gmail.com

Oct. 8

*UPCYCLE ART: Wondering what to do with all that junk? Instead of taking it to the landfill, consider making something special for the 6th Annual Upcycle Art and Furniture Contest! Prizes range from \$50 to \$500 (with categories for kids and adults) and will take place at 24100 Redwood Highway at the Farmers’ Market, October 8th. New this year, come join the trash fashion show! Furniture must be sturdy and clothing wearable. Judging is on creativity and not fine craftsmanship, so think outside the box and make something cool!

Ongoing

**FOOD PANTRY Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cave Junction Adventist/Community Services Food Distribution, 265 S. Old Stage Rd. Volunteers are needed to help stock, date check, sort food, pack boxes and handout food boxes, etc. to volunteer please email cavejunctionacs@gmail.com. Contributions can be made out to the CJ Seventh- day Adventist Church and identify that they are in support of the Community Service by writing “CJACS” in the memo section of your check.

Mail to: Cave Junction Seventh-day Adventist Church PO Box 330, Cave Junction, OR 97523

** The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance after-hours crisis line can be reached at 541-415-9367. The new local crisis line will be answered any hours the Safe House is closed. The line will be answered by an advocate who will be able to respond locally, also recognizing the barriers that may come up due to our rural location. For more information contact the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance 541-592-2515.

** HIV Alliance offers services in Cave Junction every Monday from noon – 3 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church (across from ShopSmart). Services include: Free and confidential HIV and Hep C testing. Needle Exchange and drop box (all syringes welcome), and overdose response and Naloxone training.

*** MONDAYS Neighborhood and Community Watch Meeting / then a public forum Mondays through July, 5-6 p.m. at Wild River Pizza in CJ, backroom, monthly meeting check-in 7/13. All Watch Group leaders. Fire Season briefing, emergency preparedness, 2-way radios available, Alert notification system via text using GroupMe signup. RSVP if you can. Weekly meetings will follow, SD&T. ivemedia/iv-watch.

Then from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. is a public forum, topics: illegal grows, water - drought, homelessness, COVID-19. Also hosted via ZOOM and by phone at Wild Rivers, all welcome. Guenter @ 541-415-1929, ZOOM log-in info. Also at: www.ivemedia.org/iv-watch

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