

Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor,

John Plute makes three statements in his letter to the editor on October 6 and each one is factually incorrect:

1) Jack Dwyer lives in Selma on Deer Creek contrary to Mr. Plute’s erroneous assumption that, because the AP article lists La Pine, OR as the dateline, Mr. Dwyer would live outside of the Illinois Valley. When I inquired with the AP reporter, Andrew Selsky, about why he used La Pine as the dateline, this is what he said:

“La Pine is what we call the dateline of the story, and by most journalism standards, the reporter whose byline is on the story must have been physically present at the cited locale. I did some of my reporting from La Pine and was never in Selma. However, Jack’s property is described in the story as being near Selma.”

2) Mr. Plute also made a false statement about my residency when he said: “Everybody knows Chris Hall lives in Grants Pass with his girlfriend.” How would anybody know such a thing? I proudly live and work in downtown Cave Junction and have done so continuously since Decem-

ber 2018.
3) And, Mr. Plute is wrong that the bulk water the city sells does not need assurance that it is beneficially used with a municipal purpose until it is finally consumed. City sales of water are regulated by statutes and rules explicitly requiring “Beneficial Use” and “Municipal Purpose.” It’s called Oregon Water Law. Private sales of groceries and building supplies are not regulated requiring beneficial use and municipal purpose; therefore, Mr. Plute’s statement is a false comparison that has the consequence of highlighting his misunderstanding of the problem and spreading misinformation.

ORS 540.510 Appurtenancy of Water to Premises, Section 3 states: “(A) Any water used under a permit or certificate issued to a municipality, may be applied to beneficial use on lands to which the right is not appurtenant if (B) The use continues to be for municipal purposes and would not interfere with or impair prior vested water rights.”

Irrigating illegal cannabis crops is not a beneficial use with a municipal purpose.

The City of Cave Junction has put its water right at risk because, “Everybody knows” the vast majority of municipal bulk water sales are used to water illegal cannabis crops.

Sincerely,
Christopher Hall
Cave Junction

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners.

This opens with simply asking “why?”

The Jackson County Commissioners declared a state of emergency recognizing urgency in combating the Illegal cannabis problem.

You have not. Why?
Is it fear of impingement on peoples’ freedoms? Big government bearing down, using tools such as the National Guard, if need be? Those same freedoms now brought against the same populace. Does the mafia own us, using the ideology as a blunt tool against us?
Or is it the expense from county coffers to pay for all this?

What about the expense to legal cannabis farmers faithfully following a myriad of laws needing bailout funds for the sudden drop in crop values? (Ref. Humboldt Co. Supervisors) How about the expense of having to fix bridges and roads from the stress loads of illegal unlicensed trucks carrying 30 tons or more of water daily for illegal grows?

Putting aside trying to live next door to these operations, driving law abiding people out. Never mind the state’s responsibility, rolling out poorly enforced laws, zoning, human trafficking, and water theft, even from churches, all at a time of record drought and wells running dry.

Why not impound the

illegal trucks long enough to make illegal plants wither and die in the summer heat? Quickly bailed out of impound, those trucks perpetuate the problem. These are a few of many problems tangled in all this, and they keep popping up.

Why?
Greg Walter
Redlands, Calif.

Support Measure 17-101 in the IV

To the voters of the Illinois Valley, we urge you to vote “YES” on Measure 17-101. A “YES” vote will extend the current local tax option levy that pays for four full-time professional firefighter/EMT positions in the Illinois Valley Fire District. This is NOT a new tax. This is a continuation of a current tax that has been in place for the last five years.

Please support the IVFD so they may continue to provide you and your family with professional, courteous, efficient response in your time of emergency need. Every dollar raised through the continuation of this tax will pay for 100% of the four positions. All of the

monies will stay in the IV and will only be used for the four FF/EMT salaries.

Every year the calls for emergency response increase. In 2020, there were over 1,400 calls for wildland fires, medical emergencies, structure fires, and motor vehicle accidents. With these four fully funded FF/EMT positions, you are providing the Illinois Valley communities and IVFD with 24/7 coverage. The current “out the door” average response time is under 1 minute. Prior to these full-time positions, the average response time was in excess of 10 minutes. In a situation where minutes count, this significantly improved response time benefits you and everyone in the Illinois Valley.

Please join us in voting “YES” on Measure 17-101. Thank you for your vote.
Cheryl Johnson, President
on behalf of the Board of Directors
Illinois Valley Fire District

Dear Editor,

Allegedly, at a rally around the flag meeting in Grants Pass our State Repre-

sentative ex commissioner Lily Morgan denounced “liberals as anti God and stated its “Republicans against darkness” These are irresponsible statements by Morgan. I am using the Democrat local newsletter as my source.

I have always believed in God as my ultimate judge. God will judge Morgan as well.

Morgan has a long history of deplorable judgement. She wanted the homeless run out of Grants Pass.

She made legal marijuana grows on rr5 land illegal resulting in more hemp on more acreage with alleged marijuana amongst the hemp. In my opinion, she urged citizens to grow all the hemp you want despite water theft that she knew could occur. She supported a failed state bill for unconstitutional warrantless searches.

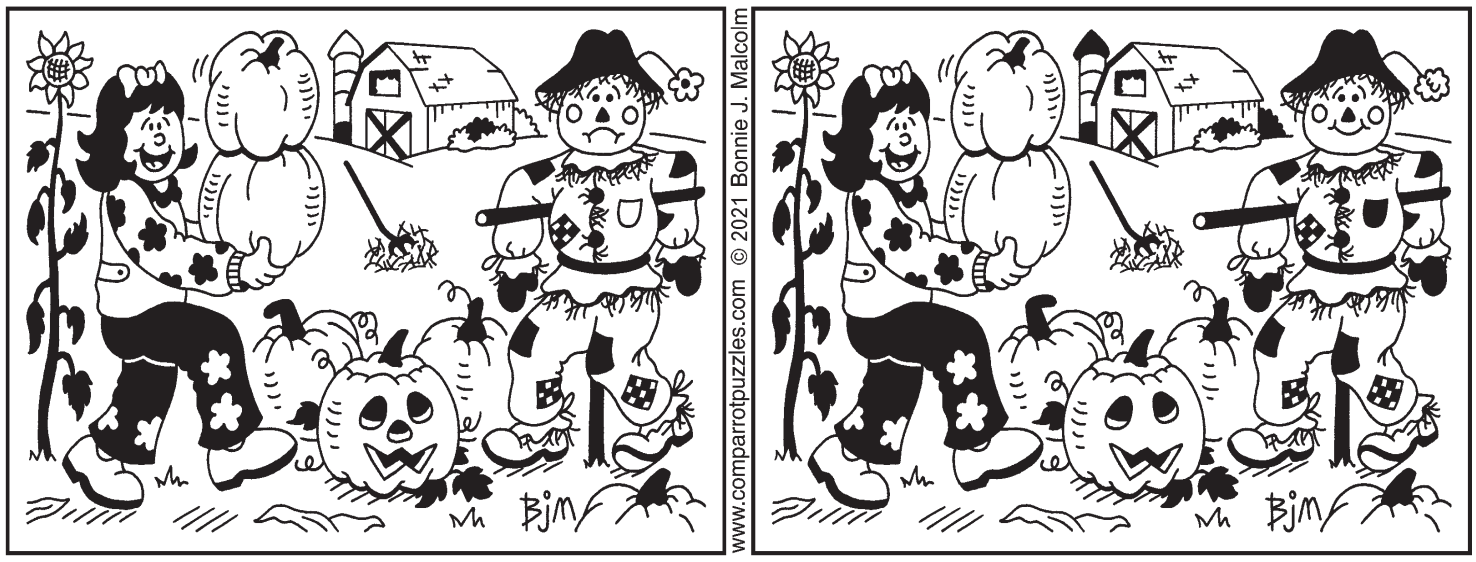
Had She left RR-5 lands alone in 2017 we wouldn’t have the magnitude of illegal grows 4 years later.

The war on drugs failed and will fail. Morgan will also fail by her denouncement of opposing political views.

Mark Seligman
Selma

ComParrot®
by Bonnie J. Malcolim

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



Solution: 1. Tie above scarecrow's shoe is missing. 2. Tuft of girl's hair is hidden. 3. Curl behind pumpkin is missing. 4. Nose on pumpkin is different. 5. Silo roof is colored in. 6. Bush behind barn is colored in. 7. Pocket on shirt is colored in. 8. Stem on pumpkin has moved. 9. Curl behind pumpkin is missing. 10. Flower on hat is different. 11. Pole is longer. 12. Scarecrow is smiling.

BY THE YARD:

- DG & Sand
- Granite, River & Shale
- Bark-O-Mulch
- Pumice (2 sizes)
- Washed Steer Manure
- OMRI Compost
- Compost’N Pumice
- Compost Chicken & Pumice
- 50/50 Mix (Chicken & Steer)
- Oregon Mix
- Coco Peat (fluffed)
- WSDA Composted Chicken Manure
- OMRI ROCK’N SOIL POTTING SOIL
- OMRI 1 LOVE POTTING SOIL



BY THE BAG/TOTE:

- 1 Yard Tote
- Perlite (4CF)
- Perlite (60CF)
- Peat Moss (3.8 CF)
- Peat Moss (55 CF)
- Premium Worm Castings

BY THE BLOCK:

- Coco Peat Blocks

BY THE PALLET:

- Peat Moss
- Coco Peat Blocks

DOWN TO EARTH AMENDMENTS

CULVERTS - GARDEN, GREENHOUSE, HARVEST, IRRIGATION & LANDSCAPE SUPPLY - ROAD FABRIC

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