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**Rotary Club of
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TODAY

We all know our county is facing a crisis in funding the services we ask and expect to have as citizens. There is no simple, easy, painless, or quick solution to the problem facing us. Many of our fellow citizens don't recognize, understand or believe a problem exists. Others don't care as long as they don't have to do anything, especially pay taxes to support government services. To some, the money the county once received from the Federal government, in lieu of property taxes on Federally owned land, was and remains the county's due. But, reality has reared its head and despite the denial and protestation, we either face up to our responsibilities as citizens or Josephine County will face bankruptcy.

Today we will hear about a citizen-based effort to inform as many of us as possible about the future we will have if we don't step forward and meet these challenges, and the possibilities for a stronger, safer and more prosperous way of life for our county if we do accept greater responsibility for our own well-being. The group has developed a website (<http://www.jocotoday.com/>) called JoCo Today to help spread the word and we'll learn more about it and the larger effort from Roy Lindsey and Brian Bayley.

FACTS ABOUT STUFF

Asked to make a special dish to mark the Naples visit of Queen Margherita Teresa Giovanni of Italy in 1889, tavern owner Don Raffaele Esposito took a traditional oven-baked flatbread (known as pizza) and, instead of brushing it with the expected basics (olive oil, herbs, and spices), he layered it with fresh tomatoes, a cheese made from the milk of water buffalo, and basil—because those ingredients were red, white and green, the colors of the Italian flag. The queen loved it, and Margherita pizza was soon a menu staple all over Southern Italy.

NECCO stands for the New England Confectionery Company which is the corporation that manufactures and distributes the candy.

GREETERS

*Lynn Costantino
Tom McGill*

SONG & PLEDGE

Phil Wells

INVOCATION

Kay Brashears

NEWS

Carl Wilson

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Denise Davis

**"A WISE MAN
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~Samuel Johnson

NEXT WEEK

*Rotary Ambassadorial
Scholar
Heather Huhtanen*

COMING UP

July 30
*Vocationals by
Steve Dahl and
Bob Hileman*
August 6
Wildlife Images

ROTARY NEWS AND NOTES

Dates With Rotary:

July 18

Last chance to sign up for this fellowship activity at Rogue Music Theater. Sign up today and reserve your tickets! We wish to thank Al Francis and Batzer Construction for donating their sponsor tickets for our use at this event.

July 26

Rotary Club of Illinois Valley's First Annual 18-hole Golf Tournament. Proceeds to benefit the children of Illinois Valley. This is a first time event for the new club. It's scramble golf so anyone can play.

August 2

Courier Flea Market—Duck Derby Booth
We need T-shirts and children's books.



Please start bringing these items to Rotary.

August 13

Offsite meeting at Fire Mountain Gems with a representative from the United Nations.

November 18

Board meeting with District Governor Mike Fischnaller (evening)

November 19

General meeting with District Governor Mike Fischnaller

Stay Connected To Rotary:

Our club: www.grantspassrotary.org

Our District: www.district5110.org/

www.sharerotary5110.org and

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

THERE IS A FREE LUNCH

There is not only a free lunch, there are many of them, together with free breakfasts and dinners and plane rides and fun in other countries. Group Study Exchange is extending the deadline for team applications until August 29. This is an amazing opportunity for a 25-40 year old professional who wants to learn more about the world. One team will go to India and one to the Philippines. Contact Georgette Brown if you know of someone who would be interested.

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UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES

The Darwin Awards recognize those, most often no longer among us, who for whatever reason made poor choices. The awardees for 2008 are:

Ninth Place

In Detroit, a 41-year-old man got stuck and drowned in two feet of water after squeezing head first through an 18-inch-wide sewer grate to retrieve his car keys.

Eighth Place

A 49-year old San Francisco stockbroker, who 'totally zoned when he ran,' accidentally, jogged off a 100-foot high cliff on his daily run.

Seventh Place

While at the beach, Daniel Jones, 21, dug an 8-foot hole for protection from the wind and



had been sitting in a beach chair at the bottom when it collapsed, burying him beneath five feet of sand. People on the

beach used their hands and shovels trying to get him out but could not reach him. It took rescue workers using heavy equipment almost an hour to free him. Jones was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Sixth Place

Santiago Alvarado, 24, was killed as he fell through the ceiling of a bicycle shop he was burglarizing. Death was caused when the long flashlight he had placed in his mouth to keep his hands free rammed into the base of his skull as he hit the floor.

Fifth Place

Sylvester Briddell, Jr., 26, was killed as he won a bet with friends who said he would not put a revolver loaded with four bullets into his mouth and pull the trigger.

Fourth Place

After stepping around a marked police patrol car parked at the front door, a man walked into H&J Leather & Firearms intent on robbing the store. The shop was full of customers and a uniformed officer was standing at the counter. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a hold-up and fired a few wild shots from a target pistol. The officer and a clerk promptly returned fire, and several customers also drew their guns and fired. The rob-



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MEETS THURSDAYS AT NOON

WILD RIVER PUBLICK HOUSE

7/17—TBA

GREATER GRANTS PASS

ROTARY

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MEETS FRIDAYS AT 7:00 A.M.

GRANTS PASS GOLF CLUB

7/18—ODOT

ROTARY CLUB

OF ILLINOIS VALLEY

MEETS TUESDAYS AT NOON

JUNCTION INN

7/22—SISKIYOU FIELD INSTI-

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ALTERNATIVE MEETING CYBER MAKEUPS

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ber was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics. Crime scene investigators located 47 expended cartridge cases in the shop. The subsequent autopsy revealed 23 gunshot wounds. Ballistics identified rounds from 7 different weapons. No one else was hurt.

Third Place

Paul Stiller, 47, and his wife Bonnie were bored just driving around at 2 a.m. so they lit a quarter stick of dynamite to toss out the window to see what would happen. Apparently they failed to notice the window was closed.

Second Place

Kerry Bingham had been drinking with several friends when one of them said they knew a person who had bungee-jumped from a local bridge in the middle of traffic. The conversation grew more heated and at least 10 men trooped along the walkway of the bridge at 4:30 a.m. Upon arrival at the midpoint of the bridge they discovered that no one had brought a bungee rope. Bingham, who had continued drinking, volunteered and pointed out that a coil of lineman's cable, lay nearby. They secured one end around Bingham's leg and then tied the other to the bridge. His fall lasted 40 feet before the cable tightened and tore his foot off at the ankle. He miraculously survived his fall into the icy water and was rescued by two nearby fishermen. Bingham's foot was never located.

First Place

Zookeeper Friedrich Riesfeldt of Paderborn, Germany fed his constipated elephant 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally got relief. Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich, 46, was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded. The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr. Riesfeldt to the ground where he struck his head on a rock as the elephant continued to evacuate 200 pounds of dung on top of him.

