

Bob's Corner

Although an arrangement of the alphabet was written last week for this issue, the editor has opted to devise what you're reading now, as the first offering was quite long. It'll have to wait until next week.

Meanwhile, I'll take just a minute of your time to say that last week Jan and I stayed in a retirement center in Newberg for four nights, just to see what it's like.

We will not be eligible to be residents of Friendsview Retirement Community (called "The Manor" in a manner of speaking) for another four years. But it seems to us that planning ahead is better than planning behind. Something like that.

The Manor is adjacent to George Fox University, and residents can avail themselves of its library, many classes, athletic events, concerts, plays and the like. The pleasant city of Newberg is between Salem and Portland, and approximately a 60-minute drive from the coast. We might not end up at The Manor, but unless we checked, we would not have experienced the place.

Good people and good food. Nice place. Some residents plant gardens. There are various outings and events. Plus, there are railroad tracks near The Manor, and I enjoy train sounds. Whoo-whooh until next week.

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The agenda will include programs, funding and priorities.

For more information phone
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Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views expressed in letters to the editor are strictly those of the letter-writers.

We no longer will accept single-spaced hand-written letters. Typed, double-spaced letters are acceptable for consideration. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and highly legible also can be considered for publication.)

'Environmental patriotism'/Rodriguez shows 'lack of class'

From Annette McGee Rasch

Cave Junction

On Aug. 21, the "I.V. News" printed a letter from Ken LeGaux that began with, "Some people must go because they are local terrorists." LeGaux went on to blame the fires on environmentalists, before the letter ended with, "Lay in front of my Cat and that'd be the last thing you remember."

Showing a considerable lack of class, "I.V. News" Editor Editor Bob Rodriguez titled LaGaux's letter, "Fire, jobs, honor." Calling your political opponents "terrorists," and indicating that you'd run them over -- this bespeaks honor?

Some folks around here like to tell me that we shouldn't "dignify comments like that with response."

I couldn't disagree more. Silence can be a rather aggressive act of acceptance. Silence by those who tell themselves that they are rising above the muck and the fray; folks who don't want to get their hands dirty, waste their time, or offend someone, or worse yet, be seen as uncool -- this silence has consequence.

This is still America. Sounding off is our obligation. Think of it as freedom insurance. Write a letter, and speak up in public when you feel an unspoken truth. With silence is the message to the community that no one minds if local environmentalists and conservation enthusiasts are labeled as terrorists? It's O.K. -- we won't object.

I object, loud and clear, and while I'm at it, I also object to the attempt by the far Right to co-opt the U.S. flag as its own personal banner. My environmentalism is an act of patriotism -- and I resent others labeling my heartfelt commitment, legal acts of environmental advocacy, community volunteerism, or the exercising of my 1st Amendment rights as "terrorism."

Blasts Anderson From Charles Jacobs Selma

When we look at the ads of some of our candidates, it makes them look like saints. Let's take a deeper look at Gordon Anderson:

Approximately four years ago the Grants Pass Museum of Art was located in Riverside Park. The then-Mayor Anderson refused to approve the museum's continued location in the park unless he could have veto power over the art displayed there. The museum refused him the right.

An invitation was issued to the mayor to a debate about censorship, and he accepted. It was to be aired on the "Jeff Golden Show" on Jefferson Public Radio. He failed to show up. The program went on without him.

Later, a public forum was held, which was sponsored by the Unitarian Fellowship at

the Grants Pass Fire House. There was standing room only. Again, Anderson was a no-show. The museum has since moved to its present location on "G" Street.

In an Aug. 6, 1998 article in the Grants Pass "Daily Courier," Anderson said, "The city government should have the final word on what is art and what is trash. I think it is a good thing if the governing body has the last say ... I think the public needs censorship."

The city council unanimously rejected the mayor's attempt at censorship. Anderson said, "I may have to veto this to bring it back." The city's attorney, Ulys Stapleton, informed the mayor that he was overstepping his power to veto.

On Aug. 11, 1998, Anderson compared the right to legislate art with the right to legislate murder. Don Brown, the current president of the G.P. Museum of Art replied, "For a person in his position to use such a specious argument as to equate the crime of murder with the 1st Amendment speaks volumes about his radical thought process."

On Oct. 26, 1998, the mayor won national notoriety. A letter was received by way of Medora Nankervis, museum board member, from the "National Coalition Against Censorship" based in Washington, D.C.

It stated, "The effort to impose a decency requirement on public funding or display of art, for example, is unconstitutional if applied with the intent to suppress a disfavored viewpoint or ideology, according to the Supreme Court's recent decision in NEA vs. Finley. Because it is vague, it is constitutionally suspect."

I wonder if Anderson is successful in becoming our state representative, will he attempt to censor our art, our schools, our college textbooks, libraries -- and even the "Courier"?

Will we join the myriad of nations, particularly those in the Middle East, who now censor all forms of communication?

Read the classifieds

'Stupid' and 'selfish' From J.D. Freeman Cave Junction

We are so stupid. We don't realize that when we borrow from a bank we are putting money in circulation. And when we pay off the loan we are taking money out of circulation.

That balances. There is now no money in circulation. So how can we pay more money to the bank? We can't. So, the only way the bank can profit is not to loan money -- but to have an equitable interest in the business or item.

We are all selfish. We are willing to work hard -- but only if we benefit. If hard work only causes more to be taken from us, we soon do only what we have to. And progress halts. Only with true freedom will we have things such as T.V., comfortable cars, and all the luxuries we now have such as running water -- because they will not have been invented.

Prices keep going up and up, and we are unable to buy many things we need. The harder we work, the less we seem to have. We are tired and don't seem to have the energy to take the time to invent better ways to do things such as the typewriter or the internet computer.

The reason that prices keep going up and up is because the banks have been given the right to create money out of thin air. This causes prices to rise because there is too much money in circulation; thus causing the Natural Law of Commodities to take effect, and so the value of money falls. All because

we let the government ignore the U.S. Constitution.

In 1913, Congress gave its "Power to coin money and regulate the value thereof." In violation of the Constitution (Article I, Section 8, Clause 5, and Amendment X of the Bill of Rights). The "Federal" Reserve Corp. was created and given the power to create credit "money." This also violates international law. Banks now lend credit simply by writing figures on a piece of paper. All because we let the government ignore the Constitution. Then, to make things worse, we write checks or use credit/debit cards.

Therefore, 97 percent of the so-called "money" in circulation is pure imagination. The other 3 percent is worthless paper "dollars" or debased coins copper-coated to look like silver and thereby fool us. "No State shall make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts" (Art. I, Sec. 10, U.S. Constitution).

Wake up. We are not stupid. We have been deceived. Read Article VI and recognize that the U.S. Constitution is the supreme Law of the Land. And -- The Laws of the United States shall be made in pursuance thereof. An Amendment is a Law of the United States. Now compare the 17th Amendment with Art. I, Sec. 3 of the Constitution. The 17th Amendment violates the Constitution and is therefore null and void. Since all so called U.S. senators are now elected by popular vote -- There is no Senate. It is merely an extension of the

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The following gave of their time and donations.

Please forgive us if you helped and aren't listed, it was a busy time and you know who you are.

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