

Bob's Corner

This was the week that the editor was going to write words of a profound nature; the kind of composition that would cause unemotional men and wild beasts (same difference) to pause in their stalkings (and maybe their stockings). They would pause, and then be so strongly affected by the sheer emotion of the writing that their lives would be forever changed. Or they would do something goofy.

But not this week.

Instead, the editor will keep it short because he has been deeply involved in one of these endeavors that make the hearts of strong men beat faster and cause them to break into a cold sweat. That's right. He helped his wife with two redecorating projects.

Once again it has come home to me that men and women do not speak the same language. Still, we managed to nearly finish both projects with only two fistfights, five shouting matches, and one threat of divorce or bodily dismemberment.

And we had a good time besides. Now I've got to go rest from these intensive labors. And take a language course.

Cougars score a Skyline Conference volleyball win

Following its first Skyline Conference victory on Thursday, Sept. 18 against Hidden Valley in Murphy, Illinois Valley's volleyball team has a 1-3 record.

The Cougars' victory was comprised of games with victories of 25-18, 18-25, 18-25 and 15-13.

For I.V., freshman Leilani Tausaga was a big help, serving the final four

points of the match.

I.V.'s Kim Hamilton turned in another strong game with 15 digs, 14 kills, seven blocks, three assists and five aces.

Also for the Cougars, Serena Barry contributed 15 assists and seven kills.

The Lady Cougars will play Thursday, September 25 against Phoenix at Illinois Valley High School.

Letters to the Editor

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

Typed, double-spaced letters are acceptable for consideration. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and highly legible also can be considered for publication. Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.) ***

**'Stand up and shout'
From Jim Frick
Cave Junction**

Why aren't Illinois Valley and other Josephine County residents complaining to the U.S. Forest Service, and in particular Scott Conroy? (Supervisor of the Siskiyou and Rogue National forests).

Why do we have a forest service if we are not harvesting the renewable resource it produces? OSU scientists said that 2 billion -- that's 2 billion -- board feet need to be harvested in the Biscuit Fire Complex area.

Our fire insurance premiums have skyrocketed, and our government is responsible for this by not providing defensible space around this valley.

If we could harvest even 200 million board feet we could finance schools, benefit our community with jobs for locals, and lessen our increasing tax burden.

Is timber a crop and is the forest service really managing this crop?

The Healthy Forest Act of 2003 promotes harvest. What is the holdup?

We should stand up and ask why the forest service supervisor is allowing the economic loss to Josephine County residents.

**'Fireworks ordinance'
From Ellis Couron
Cave Junction**

I see in the Sept. 17 issue of "I.V. News" that the Illinois Valley Fire District "directors" are trying to pass an "ordinance" preventing fireworks in the valley, a decision that would affect those who live here.

Apparently we will be subject to their "ordinance" whether we have had any vote or say in the matter whatsoever. This is supposed to be a democracy we live in.

You remember government of the people, for the people by the people, where topics are voted on, and the majority rules. The last I heard, the fire district is a tax-paid institution working for the people.

Where and how did it get to the point of issuing orders to its employers as if we are all children needing guidance by Big Brother? Please understand that I don't care about fireworks, but I do care about tax-funded public agencies issuing ordinances not voted on by the people.

We might as well have the sheriff and one or two deputies or the commissioners, the butchers, the bakers or the candlestick makers designing and enacting ordinances that they would like to see in effect.

Sometime back, the

state fire marshal decided that the 5-gallon propane tanks we use could only hold 4 gallons, something he soon found out he couldn't do either.

Rumor has it that when the Biscuit Fire started it was left to burn because someone responsible for fires decided that it was of no immediate danger.

As I see it, those working for the fire district were hired for their ability to put out fires; not to make judgmental or legal decisions affecting our lifestyles.

**'Made in China'
From William Reid
Cave Junction**

Have you been shopping lately? Guess what? Your cart probably is full of "Made in China" items.

It seems that everything from toys to tools to tech items is made in China. Behind this startling influx of Chinese items is more than a loss of jobs to China. Look at what is not in your shopping cart.

Today, China's economy is dependent on sea lines of communication for its increasing flow of exports, as well as its importation of gasoline and oil. Nearly 50 percent of all global trade passes through the straits around and through the waters of the South China Sea. This fact is not lost on the Chinese, and therefore China is moving toward domination of its maritime frontiers as a first strategic move.

The People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) has adopted an aggressive growth plan. The first priority is establishment of a large attack submarine fleet with the ability to control the sea lanes in the South China Sea. Currently, PLAN's 52 submarines include five Han Class nuclear attack submarines.

China also is constructing, with Russian help, more advanced Type 93 submarines. China also depends on newly constructed subs of older design and the more modern diesels of the Ming Class.

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Who's New?



NEW BABY - Parents Noelle Katherine Hare Rice and Robert Daniel Rice and sister Olivia Mae Hare Rice announce the birth of Meira Joann Hare Rice on Sept. 8 at 2:23 p.m. at the Legacy Emmanuel Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 21 inches in height. The baby's grandmother is Sandra J. Hare of Cave Junction. (Photo contributed)

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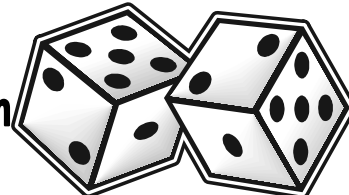
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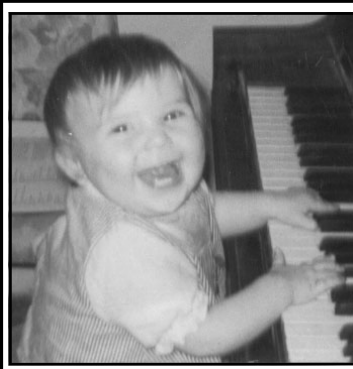
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