

Bob's Corner

Life with a bunch of two cats has its ups and downs, its trials, tears and plain ol' comments from one of us (probably me), who says things like, "Gee, that was cute. Now I'll phone for federal assistance to clean up the mess."

Such was the case recently when I heard such a clatter that I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter. The noises I heard resembled a minor riot involving an irate woman, a crazed cat, and two highly agitated dogs. After picking up the pieces, and cleaning up the mess, I discovered what had happened:

Jan was sitting on a futon and, after only one sip, had placed a full cup of coffee with soy milk and brown sugar on the window ledge. Meanwhile, "Bubba the Stupid," our 16-pound Siamese gato, had gotten himself entangled in one of those bags with sturdy twine handles. In attempting to relocate himself, he discovered that the evil bag was pursuing him, as one of the handles was around his neck.

This made him crazier than usual. So he managed to leap from the floor, scamper across the back of the futon, smack into the back of Jan's head, and then fling himself onto the window ledge, all the time frantically trying to rid himself of the devilishly pursuing and maniacal bag.

When he hit the window ledge, the cup and its contents went flying, literally. He then tore out of the room and into our bedroom, where he ran into a small space at the bottom of the head of our bed. In so doing, he managed to rip off that terrible pursuing bag, except for the handle and a tiny piece of the bag. He looked like he was wearing a bib or maybe an odd price tag.

So I had heard the commotion of the cat in the bag, Jan exclaiming in surprise, the cup hitting the wall and floor (carpeted of course), and our two dogs barking like dorks at the whole situation. I thought maybe war had been declared in that room. But no, it was only a cat. Whew. Glad that's over.

Moving along to the Tibetan monk we adopted, I have lost his photo and personal information for about the 12th time. I keep misplacing it. Must be old age.

Anyway, Jan and I attended a performance in Ashland a couple of weeks back, featuring the famed multiphonic singers of Drepung Loseling Monastery in Karnataka State, India. Although I don't have name memorized yet, I recall that he is from India; he is 19 and has been at the monastery since he was 12.

The performance we attended was part of the "Sacred Music/Sacred Dance for World Healing." The handful of monks we saw were on a 14-month world tour, and we were impressed with their dress, instruments and voices.

The narrator advised us in hushed tones, that kept all of us in a state of awe and anger, to be truthful, about the human rights violations inflicted on Tibet, including its monks, by Chinese Communists. It was a bit odd, as we strive to be peaceful, to find ourselves getting ready to strike back at those who have destroyed 99 percent of Tibetan monasteries, libraries, schools and the like. Also, we were told that Tibetans are not allowed by the Chinese to speak their own language; nor practice their religion.

I know that peace is the answer, but why do my hands keep turning into fists? It's just the realization that the Chinese Communists wiped out some 10,000 Tibetan monks as part of their invasion. We decided, besides prayer, that we can help by making a monthly donation to support "our monk's" education and training. It's a start.

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WHALE OF A TALE - Blue Marlin Inn at the south edge of Cave Junction recently received a 95+ clean bill of health, including the most major areas, from Josephine County Health Dept. Posing with the certificate are (from left) Eugenio San Juan Cortes, Laron Estes, Barbara Hicks, Wendi Davis, Chris Woutila and Ashley Durham. Blue Marlin also announced new winter hours. The restaurant is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11:30 to 8; and Sundays from 11:30 to 7. In addition, reservations will be accepted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for 15 or more persons wanting to dine between 5 and 8 p.m. (Paid advertisement)

Combined effort results in drop in CJ crime rate

Increased night work by the city of Cave Junction deputy, coupled with that of I.V. Citizens Patrol is helping curtail crime.

So noted city contract Deputy John Auburn of Josephine County Sheriff's Office in his report to the city council, which it reviewed during its meeting in city hall on Monday night, Oct. 27.

"The number of burglaries (one) and stolen vehicles (zero) continues to decline when comparing September to October," wrote Auburn. "I feel this is due to increased night patrols and that a large portion of the burglary problem is still incarcerated in the Juvenile Justice Center" in Grants Pass.

City council ...

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the matter come to the council again, but in workshop sessions.

In another matter, the council heard a presentation from Illinois Valley Youth Soccer Club asking that soccer fields be included in the Jubilee Park Master Plan. After discussion, the mayor instructed Gary Biggs of the public works department to check the park on the possibility.

A club representative told the council that more than 100 youth participate each year and that there aren't enough playing fields. In an aside, Dyer commented that the city needs more park space.

In other items, the council:

*Again tabled a proposed ordinance dealing with public drinking, vagrancy, and drunk and disorderly conduct until more input is received from various agencies and other municipalities. The city has been told that under state law its ordinance dealing with the matter cannot be enforced because the matter is "a social problem."

*Conditionally approved annexation of 5.02 acres at 415 Schumacher St., noting that applicant William R. Clinton, of Sonoma, Calif., will have to deal with sewer and water connections, plus bringing the street up to city standards when he applies for a partition.

*Heard a presentation by Southern Oregon Women's Access to Credit for a pilot project involving the city at no cost, but

ated in the Juvenile Justice Center" in Grants Pass.

The citizens patrol, he noted, "seems to be working out well. I think the word is spreading that the citizens of this city are not going to tolerate people breaking into their businesses."

He listed 291 calls or incidents that occurred during September.

Auborn said that "a large number of stolen checks" are being passed at some businesses. "I encourage all business owners to verify funds and demand identification on all checks when they do not recognize the person writing them," he noted.

took no action until the city of Grants Pass decides whether it will participate.

*Approved 5-0 a plan to improve the softball field at Jubilee Park. Dave Toler made the presentation as project coordinator, noting that \$1,500 have been donated; that Grants Pass Active Club donated \$1,000; and that in-kind equipment work totals some \$4,750. The surface material of the infield will be changed from decomposed granite to a dirt/Turface surface as used on many professional infields.

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 Roast Pork Shoulder

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