

Bob's Corner

Despite some of my best efforts, the ailment we call "a cold" grabbed me last week and threw me to the floor; leaving me gasping, coughing and generally feeling unwell. Therefore, I am taking the easy way out this week; hoping that you will find the following to your liking. (A friend gave it to me; I don't know who wrote it.)

The Realtor's hymn: "I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop."

The pilot's hymn: "I'll Fly Away."

The paramedic's hymn: "Revive Us Again."

The judge's hymn: "Almost Persuaded."

The psychiatrist's hymn: "Just a Little Talk With Jesus."

The architect's hymn: "How Firm a Foundation."

The zookeeper's hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King."

The postal worker's hymn: "So Send I You."

The waiter's hymn: "Fill My Cup, Lord."

The gardener's hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming."

The lifeguard's hymn: "Rescue the Perishing."

The criminal's hymn: "Search Me, O God."

The baker's hymn: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

The cobbler's hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul."

The travel agent's hymn: "Anywhere With Jesus."

The geologist's hymn: "Rock of Ages."

The men's clothing clerk hymn: "Blest Be The Tie."

The umpire's hymn: "I Need No Other Argument."

The librarian's hymn: "Whispering Hope."

Plus I add the following:

The cardiologist's hymn: "Come With Your Heartache."

The reporter's hymn: "Go Tell It On the Mountain."

The mortician's hymn: "Some Day We'll Leave This World."

And the young children's hymn: "Why?"

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary 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.) ***

Siskiyou Project From Jody McElroy Cave Junction

In response to Libby Goines' letter ("Illinois Valley News" Feb. 25), I have to say she must have been referring to a different letter than mine.

I in no way blamed CRT for any "mess" in the valley. I suggested people join CRT to help straighten out the mess. I do not suggest "deforestation" as a means to economic security either.

There is a balance possible and even desirable, but with the Siskiyou Project and other such groups, there is no such balance. I would not presume to speak for all people here, unlike the Siskiyou Project with its policy of continual litigation, which has clogged our courts and our forests regardless of how people may feel.

There is and always will be a demand for forest products. We need to find the balance that will fulfill this need and return our forests to a healthy state instead of the tinder boxes they are now.

Let's show the world we can make informed and balanced decisions.

Supports library levy From Stephanie Friedman Cave Junction

Our county library is facing an uncertain future in light of recent budget constraints resulting from the failure of last year's supplemental levy and the budget shortfalls likely to occur in the future.

There are always many issues, concerns and causes that compete for our attention. The importance of a public library is nothing less than a necessity for the continuation of our collective experience in this great social experiment called democracy.

There is simply no way that we, the public, can possibly make informed and qualified decisions that we vote upon, without access to current and diverse information.

Our community faces some difficult and complex issues that have a direct effect on the lives of many Illinois Valley residents:

Unemployment, alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, teen-age pregnancy, crime, illiteracy, an ever-growing population and all of the challenges of meeting their needs, and a controversial proposal to salvage log on our forests.

How can we move on as a community and deal with these issues in creative and effective ways if we are without the resources of our library?

Congratulations to the Cave Junction Goodwill for receiving Goodwill Retailer of the year!

I have heard some people say that they do not want to pay any new taxes. If they are concerned about spending too much money on the library levy, let me describe the amount in a simple way.

The levy calls for an amount of 20-cents per \$1,000. This means if the assessed value of your home is \$100,000 (and remember that the assessed value is usually lower than the actual market value), then you would pay \$20 more for your property taxes.

This comes out to less than \$1.70 per month. Is that too much to pay to have our library have more open hours, books, and resources?

I sincerely hope that our community will pay now in the form of a levy to restore open hours and enable library staff to afford to stay at their jobs; replace the greatly reduced book budget and work toward providing ourselves with the resources we need to help take care of some of our problems ourselves.

Hopefully a "Special District" will be established soon to make the library largely autonomous and finally provide stable funding for the library and only the library.

The county commissioners have stated that they would like to see support from the community about the levy before deciding to put it on the ballot. They requested a collection of 2,300 signatures. We exceeded that amount and will be presenting the signatures this week.



TOPSY-TURVY - A Toyota pickup truck slammed into an embankment and rolled, blocking southbound traffic around noon for more than an hour on Redwood Hwy. near the California border Wednesday, March 3. Driven by Troy Peters, the pickup was southbound when for unknown reasons, Peters lost control, he said. Peters sustained minor scrapes and bruises and was released at the scene by American Medical Response. Illinois Valley Fire District and Josephine County Sheriff's Office also responded. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

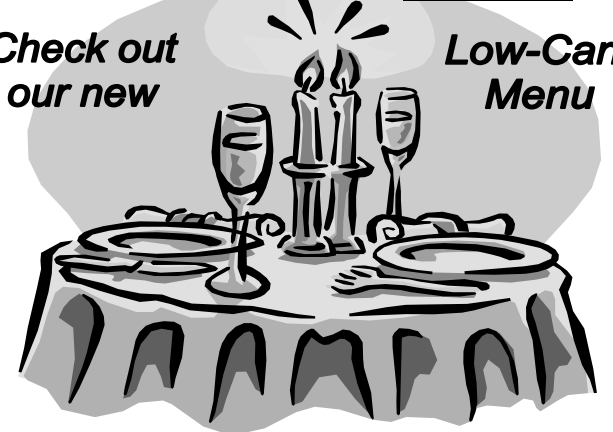
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