

Bob's Corner

Several stupendous, wonderful ideas for this week's column entered my smiling, tattered brain. Unfortunately (for me) they all left almost immediately through the extra holes in my head (fortunately for you).

Be that as it might, I'm going to try using my pocket notebook to keep track of such ideas. Because it's just too much trouble to dredge for new topics, so to speak, (like dragging a river for a missing sack of fish). Something like that.

I suppose this is as good a time as any to recall my glory days in the San Diego Zoo, where I spent two years in low gear. That's right. Never could get my delivery truck out of low gear because of the crowds; not to mention the fact that the zoo roads are not designed for high-speed traffic.

What was I doing there? Staring at girls mostly. Or telling stupid jokes to my maniacal co-workers. But really, my job was to keep filling the vending machines, all of which then sold stuff for 10-cents, except for the cigarette machines. A pack of smokes then cost 25-cents. That was a long time ago. I think today you can't even buy a dime for 10-cents, and quarters cost even more.

At any rate (maybe 10-cents), it was a terrific job for a young guy. I even became used to zoo visitors refusing to yield the right-of-way to my Econoline van. I was on urgent business with a load of Snickers, ½ pints of chocolate milk, and sacks of unshelled peanuts. Who did they think those visitors think they were? Pedestrians? Paying customers? Something like that.

Those were the days when many people were unaccustomed to using vending machines. Or at least they acted as though they'd never seen one. We had to give them advice on where to put the money, how to set the dials, what handles to pull, and so on. The chewing and smoking they could handle themselves.

Besides becoming a whiz at servicing vending machines; muttering under my breath at people blocking my way; and telling dopey jokes, I also learned to imitate certain sounds: the cry of peacocks; the vocalization of gecko lizards; the hoarse cry of seals; the hooting of certain simian critters; the squawking of various parrots. Plus I could walk like a gorilla, although I might have already had that talent. Maybe the hooting too.

Too bad the zoo expedition only lasted two years. If the company I worked for had bothered to secure a decent contract, I'd probably still be in the zoo. Something like that.

Letters to the Editor

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

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Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.)

Bush 'dishonest' From Lou Chauvin Cave Junction

Recently, the Bush cartel issued a statement that the administration "changed its policies to address the terrorism problem, even before 9/11," claiming that the Bushites "went from a policy of swatting flies to putting al Qaeda at the top of the list."

But a look at the record reveals yet another dishonesty: In the face of warnings before 9/11, the administration de-emphasized counter-terrorism; never once convene its own counter-terrorism task force; and threatened to veto efforts to divert national missile defense funds into counter-terrorism.

It also delayed arming the unmanned Predator drone flying over Afghanistan; terminated a highly classified program to monitor al Qaeda suspects in the U.S.; and attacked previous administrations for focusing too much on Osama bin Laden.

It also rejected security recommendations from the government's bipartisan National Security Commission; and downgraded the counter-terrorism office (Clarke) within the White House.

In fact, al Qaeda was so low on this list of priorities that neither Bush, Cheney or Rice ever once, according to unclassified or declassified records, uttered the terms "al Qaeda" or "Osama bin Laden" between the time the Bush cartel took office and 9/11.

'Grace or law?'

From J.D. Freeman
 Cave Junction

From Deuteronomy 25:13-16: "Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small.

"But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

I believe that this passage applies to life on Earth, not in the hereafter. To paraphrase:

You shall not have in

your purse false money. The paper "dollar" today is not a true dollar. One dollar equals 371.25 grains of pure silver.

Quarters and dimes should be made of silver. They are not. They are made of copper, coated to look like silver. They are nothing but false money, slugs of base metal.

Does the above passage from the Bible sound like it applies only to the hereafter? I think not. I believe that it applies to our lives here on Earth.

And this is only one tiny part of what is not being taught.

Hosea 4:6 reads, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law if thy God, I will also reject thy children."

'Lemonade stand'

From Dave Toler
 Cave Junction

Like a soaring helium balloon that reluctantly succumbs to gravity, some things are inevitable, even here in Illinois Valley.

It was bound to happen. As sure as the descending balloon, the law of supply and demand was bound to hit home, even if it's Illinois Valley.

If you've lived here 20, 30 or 40 years, it might be difficult to imagine that the valley could actually be a place where people who are financially better off are actually yearning to be. After all, this is a community that has possessed one of the lowest household median incomes on the entire West Coast for more than 40 years.

But like gravity, the law of supply and demand will eventually have its way. The only question remaining: How are we going to respond?

I learned firsthand about that law when I was a kid. I noticed that my best days in the lemonade stand business came on hot, sultry days when my competitor, Jason, was not on the corner down the street doing the same thing. The demand was strong; the supply was limited. Business was good.

A few things I didn't learn. Despite rising demand and less supply, I kept selling my lemonade at a rock bottom price. I was so excited that people

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'Chili today, hot tamale'

Linda Oncay's (right) chili concoction was chosen 'The Best' on Saturday, April 10 during the eighth annual Chili Cook-Off at Carlos' Restaurante in Downtown Cave Junction. Morris McCaslin's (left) offering received the People's Choice award, and honorable mention went to Joe Williams (not shown). It was Oncay's third victory. Other entrants were 'Tubb' Madden, Gary Price, Maureen Connolly, Lisa Bond and Bob Rodriguez. Judges were Harold Harrup, Kathaleen Ponder, Michael Yanase and Pat Sculley. All entrants received Carlos' eighth-annual cook-off baseball caps. The top two winners' caps include the word, 'Champ.'

CJ woman, son said unhurt in Hwy. 199 roll-over crash

A Cave Junction resident and her young son were reported basically uninjured following a roll-over accident on Hwy. 199 near the California border at approximately 11 p.m. on Sunday, April 11.

A northbound Ford pickup truck driven by Jenny Peters, who works for Oregon Caves Chevron, went out of control and crashed upside-down

when she swerved to miss a deer. Illinois Valley Fire District and American Medical Response responded to the scene and assisted Peters and her son, Dennis, 5.

She was said to be half in-half out of the vehicle in a ditch, but extrication was not required.

(Editor's Note: Information for the preceding story came from I.V. Fire District and Oregon Caves Chevron.)

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One of the most striking differences between a cat and a lie is that the cat has only nine lives.
 - Mark Twain -

Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then.
 - Katharine Hepburn -

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sandwich, chef salad

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

*Beef teriyaki dippers,

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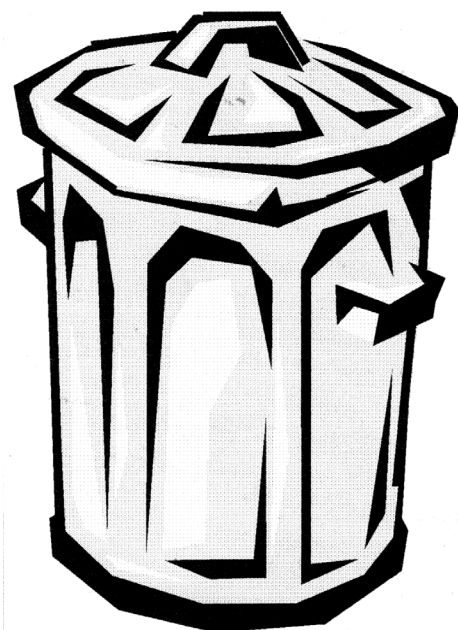
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