

Bob's Corner

Sorting through 30 boxes of accumulated volumes in preparation for a yard sale was one for the books. In fact, Jan and I felt as though someone had thrown the book at us, so to speak.

After sorting through quite a few of the dusty tomes, deciding which to keep for various sappy sentimental reasons, or because we might actually learn something, I needed a break.

As is my custom, this involved working on the checkbook while watching an uplifting, highly intellectual video. In this case, a few episodes of "The Three Stooges." Nothing like scholarly works to keep the old brain sharp. Some have said that I tend to identify closely with characters such as the "Stooges," but I don't believe it.

Anyway, hitting the books with an eye to winnowing our vast (some would say half-vast) collection was fun. That is, for those who think that pulling fish hooks out of their fingers is entertaining. One slight difficulty with the book sorting was that "Bubba" the monster cat, and doggies "Bingo" and "Rocky" wanted to help. They did this by wandering in and out of the stacks of books, and getting underfoot with great skill. They seemed attracted by the aromas of the boxes, which we've kept stored for, oh, maybe the last eight years.

Despite their assistance, the work proceeded fairly well, although we never did completely finish it. The problem was that Saturday morning arrived much sooner than it ever has before, so we just put out the books we'd managed to review.

Like most folks, our chore also was hampered because we kept stopping to read parts of the books to see if we really wanted to discard them. In addition, with the cat and dogs bumping into the separated stacks, looking hopeful that we'd stop working and play with them, the job just went more slowly that anticipated.

And Jan finally had to tell me to stop imitating Curly by making "Wooo, wooo" noises whenever I managed to place a book into the "sell" pile. Not that I identify with the "Stooges," but for some reason I slapped her on the forehead; shouted, "Nyuck, nyuck, nyuck" and called her a wise guy.

Maybe that's one for the books too.

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.)

Appreciate help From Jenny and Dennis Peters

Cave Junction

My son and I appreciate everyone involved in assisting us after we hit a deer and crashed our beloved pickup truck.

We want to note Illinois Valley Fire District, American Medical Response, Oregon State Police, "Illinois Valley News," Don Young, Three Rivers Community Hospital, and my fellow crew members at Oregon Caves Chevron.

We especially appreciate EMT "Darren," who heard the crash and found us. We're forever grateful.

Lost 'Flower Children' From Dodie Vandermark Selma

The people who work at the Illinois Valley Open Door in Selma have been very sad since March 31, when one of our dogs was taken out of her yard.

We have had two female dogs since they were babies, "Tulip" and "Petunia." We called them the "Flower Children."

The night of March 31, someone opened a gate and let them out. They took "Petunia" and left "Tulip" to run. The girls are never apart from each other. When you see one, the other is there. I have driven around looking for "Tulip," hoping I would find she had only gotten lost, but since I saw no trace of her, I know someone must have taken her.

I will ask no questions, and there is a reward for her safe return. It is time for her shots and heartworm medication.

If anyone can help, we will feel complete that Petunia is home where she belongs.

Alcohol awareness From Steve Lytle Medford

The fight to keep alcohol out of the hands of our youth requires the tireless and positive efforts of each citizen of our community.

That is why Gold River Distributing Co. is reminding everyone to promote safety and responsibility by observing April as Alcohol Awareness Month.

Beer wholesalers will be sponsoring many programs designed to educate the public about the dan-

gers of illegal underage drinking. They will range from educational speakers in schools who encourage students to stand up to peer pressure, to materials to help parents talk to their children about alcohol.

These responsibility efforts, with the efforts of parents, teachers, youth and community leaders, have contributed to the steady decline in illegal underage drinking and drunken driving during the past two decades.

Voting power From William Schneider Cave Junction

The heart-wrenching show I'm sure many saw recently on PBS, "The Ghosts of Rawanda," laid bare and hammered home the apathy and disregard for human suffering displayed by governments throughout the world, and what the lack of a cohesive representative government can breed.

When I see the madness in the world and the slow but steady disintegration of our rights and liberties here at home, I search desperately for ways that we, the individual people, can make a real change. Two things at the very least: Love thy neighbor and vote.

What is it about our

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Pinios - Gadberry engaged

Kerby residents George and Annie Pinios announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Pauline Pinios, of Fortuna, Calif. to Mike Gadberry, also of Fortuna. A wedding date will be announced. The prospective bride is a 1977 graduate of Illinois Valley High School. Gadberry, a Ferndale High School graduate, is a timber faller. (Photo provided)

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