

Bob's Corner

She snatches handfuls of cat food and dog food from their bowls, and, with a shy smile, delicately samples the haul. She even hands some to the appropriate animals, who watch her with open mouths and lolling tongues.

She splashes with great purpose and good aim in the dogs' water bowl. When she wants to say, "Thank you," she exclaims, "Hanks!" She knows lots of words, and has little problem asking for food, drink or whatever.

She has enough energy to power a nuclear submarine, and two destroyers on the side. "She" is granddaughter, Natalie, 21 months old thankyouverymuch, and kindly get out of her way: She has important business down the hall. Or just outside the door. Or in the next room. Just get out of the way.

Came all the way by infant seat from Carlsbad in San Diego County to honor us with a visit. And we are indeed honored that anyone would endure some 900 miles for that visit.

Got a stack of magazines or children's books? Our beautiful Natalie, who has already worked twice as a model and has her own bank account, will take care of them for you. She'll examine each of them carefully, then nonchalantly toss them one-by-one onto the floor with reckless abandon. They seem to look better to her in disarray than in orderly fashion.

We have a small pond with too many goldfish, and Natalie is always eager to feed them and their greedy gaping mouths at the end of the day. She grabs gobs of fish food and tosses it into the pond. At least most of it. Then she carefully lobs the container into the pond. PaPa (that's me) gets flat, removes a shoe, stretches and retrieves the floating container, and hands it back to Natalie. She immediately throws it back into the water. Hey, it's a new game!

Natalie comes into our room and climbs into bed with NaNa (that's Jan). But not for long. She finds something of interest in about 12 seconds that requires her to slide off the bed. Then climb back on. Then off. (It's the energy noted above, plus great curiosity.) Likely it's a favorite children's book that she wants NaNa to read to her. Or perhaps a container of nail polish, and she either wants someone to read the label to her or take care of her nails.

Her vocabulary is growing greatly. In fact, she can count from one to 10 in Spanish, always finishing with, "Diez!" and holding up both arms as though she just scored a football touchdown. As every grandpa' and grandma' knows, their grandchildren are the best. So it is with Natalie Kaplan, daughter of our daughter, Vicki, and her loving husband, Matt.

Oh yeah, Matt and Vicki were here too. But they'll have to wait for their story.

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Wake up America From J.D. Freeman Cave Junction

A foreign nation has conquered us. Why do you think that prices keep going up and up - including the price of gasoline?

The reason is a surplus of false "money."

In 1913 the Federal Reserve Act was passed in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Specifically Article 6, paragraph 2; Article I, Section 8, Clause 5; and the 10th Amendment. Thus a foreign-controlled corporation controls the value of our "money."

People should look these up and study them. Also, learn the 10th Section of Article I.

The act establishing a mint on April 2, 1792 has not been repealed. Section 9 defines the "Dollar" as 371 1/4 grains weight of pure silver. All coins except the nickel and the penny are to be made of silver. Yet today they are made of copper or zinc, merely slugs. Quarters and dimes are coated to look like silver, proving that we are being deceived. A worthless piece of paper claims to be a "dollar."

Our so-called "money" is created out of thin air by the lender writing figures on a piece of paper. This is credited to your account, and you write more figures on worthless paper or use a credit card. All pure imagination.

Article I, Section 10, "No State shall... make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts..."

When the state specifies a certain price for taxes, registration, permit, license or fine, it becomes a debt until paid. Since there is no money in circulation, none of these can be paid.

Because certain of our ancestors allowed themselves to be deceived or forced into passing the Federal Reserve Act, we, the children, suffer.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you... seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your chil-

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Letters to the Editor

dren." (Hosea 4:6).

We are the children. And if we refuse to learn, we deserve our fate. We must understand man's law. Most, if not all courts today are under Admiralty jurisdiction. Use of the Constitution is forbidden today in these courts.

Wake up America; there's a lot to learn. If we would be free, we must have knowledge. Ignorance and slavery go hand in hand. We cannot be ignorant and free.

'Mad TV' From Larry Herman Cave Junction

To the many who have given their lives, I salute them.

To those who would give their lives in the future, I caution them. They are true patriots and have wakened the country to the enemy within.

A rogue government has robbed their minds and bodies; it's time to take back their lives.

To those who have died, having been misled by their unelected officials, I mourn.

It's a fact. It's easy for a government to do awful things in the name of truth. While all the time lying with a smirk on their faces.

It's time to wipe the smirk off their mugs, before would-be dictators become so in fact. The only theater of operations these bozos should act upon is "Mad TV."

What's abuse? From Debra Cleary Cave Junction

I agree that our prisons are places where abuse is rampant. It's difficult not to make the connection to the abuses in Iraq.

My own brother, picked up for vagrancy (homelessness), was raped in prison. This has destroyed his life. The abuse is a course that runs through physical, mental, sexual, and economic realities.

Almost two million people are being held in U.S. prisons and jails. Many of them work, receiving a wage. On the low end, figures like 47-cents an hour are not uncommon. Who profits? Isn't this the same question we're asking about Iraq? American Express and General Electric (owner of NBC - our news filterer) own stock in private prisons.

Are our investments in the stock market supporting more abuse? AT&T, Sprint, and MCI charge inmates six times the rates everyone else is charged to make a phone call.

Chevron, TWA, and Victoria's Secret rely on prison labor for data entry, to book telephone reserva-

tions, and make lingerie at 23-cents an hour.

The Federal Prison Industries Inc. (UNICOR) forces inmates to engage in the production of missile and bomb parts, and other military materials, to be used overseas. Are these the same materials used in Iraq? Isn't this the same strategy that was used in Nazi Germany?

In a time when our unemployment rate is so high, why are corporations contracting for labor so cheaply, in prisons and other countries, when jobs are needed right here in the United States?

The course of abuse flows into our living rooms daily. We see it in Iraq, our prison system, and we see it in our pocketbook. Now is the time to ask for an accounting by those higher up in the chain of command.

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