

## Bob's Corner

This is the week I was going to try to describe a World War II British-made war movie we watched recently, and the problems with understanding dialogue in British English. But speaking of problems, did anyone else have the same difficulties I suffered in school with the third of the 3 R's: 'rithmetic?

It's still a wonder that I got passing grades in that gruesome subject. Although I have to admit that some of the teachers kicked me on to the next grade with "D's." After I made up certain assignments. I always told my parents that D stood for Dandy, but I don't think they believed me.

The subject in the beginning wasn't too tough, as I recall. But after bouncing between public and parochial schools since kindergarten, I began a seven-year career under the tutelage of Catholic nuns and priests in seventh-grade (I wasn't in seventh-grade for seven years, by the way). But suddenly the subject seemed out of reach of my brain. Whether this was due to my illogical nature or my lack of attention is still a matter of contention.

It began with fractions and decimals, Roman numerals, and "elementary" algebra. And it steadily worsened. Somehow I made it out of eighth-grade, entered classes at an all-boys high school, and sank slowly into the sunset under the weight of too many numerical problems.

Not only was I faced with two more years of algebra (where I began to really dislike x and y), but the curriculum included geometry, trigonometry, physics, and chemistry. I can't recall how math figured into chemistry, but I remember carrying around a slide rule that I never did learn how to use. However, I looked cool carrying it.

Those classes were all Greek to me. Still, I liked the illustration of Pythagoras, who was Greek, in my geometry book. And I never learned to properly use a protractor and compass either. It was all a massive math mystery.

It was bad enough trying to understand theorems and postulates, progressions, angles, forms and all the rest of that stuff, but then they threw in objective problems. For example: If Mr. Smith leaves St. Louis at 5 a.m. and drives to Denver at 55 mph; and Mr. Jones leaves San Francisco at 6 a.m. and drives to Santa Fe at 62 mph, who will stop for breakfast first? Something like that. Or: If Farmer Green has a reservoir holding 50,000 gallons, and there's a 2-inch pipe draining it at the rate of 60 gallons per minute; and there's a 3-inch pipe filling it at 70 gpm, how soon before Farmer Green receives a government grant?

Anyway, it's all an enigma to me. Still, I looked in a dictionary for help, and here's what I found:

Arithmetic - "the method or process of computation with figures." Mathematics - "the systematic treatment of magnitude, relationships between figures and forms, and relations between quantities expressed symbolically." Wow, isn't that clear?

It figures.

## 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. Handwritten letters that are double-spaced and highly legible also can be considered for publication.

Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.) \*\*\*

### CJ City Hall From Gary W. Potter, aka 'G-Dub' Cave Junction

What is the function of city hall? What is the "city of Cave Junction?"

I see it on the bill they send me for water. I see it on the bill I get for a business license. I see it on a letter from the mayor telling me that I am blocking the vision of vehicles entering the roadway. In his letter to my business he cites no laws that I have broken. A mistake?

I might add that "City Hall" itself must be breaking the same law by issuing permits for patios, restaurants, and even the new stone work on the Select Market sign.

Now either the mayor thinks that he can dictate the law to whomever he pleases, or he has made a mistake. He is human.

But all of that is beside the point. My letter is to address the information that the "city of Cave Junction" feels isn't important.

I am talking about a letter from the "city" to the businesses of Cave Junction along Redwood Hwy.

I am talking about a simple letter telling us their plans to cut down trees, tear up sidewalks, leave uncovered holes overnight, pour concrete, dig up more pavement, leave more open holes, and hopefully come back and fill them.

I am talking about a letter they never sent. I just wonder how much trouble it would have been to draft a letter, look up our addresses and mail said letter to us?

When the trees were cut, no one swept up after. When the sidewalks were torn up, there were no barricades or warning signs of construction. The holes were left open (under fresh, falling snow) with no warning to pedestrians. I was injured stepping into one.

When the crew came to pour the concrete, the same concern for safety was followed (none). "Spike" got his electric wheelchair stuck in the freshly poured concrete.

When the sidewalks were done, there was a 6-inch difference between the sidewalk and the rest of the property in front of my store. This alone is a safety issue, not to mention hundreds of smaller pavement pieces left behind.

The yellow curbside before deconstruction was left unpainted, allowing cars to park on the northbound traffic lane of Hwy. 199.

I also was shocked to see the work crews in the right-hand lane of traffic with dump trucks and men with no signs or flagman to warn approaching traffic.

Those of you who know me are probably wondering where I got the time to write this letter. Well, there was a backhoe in front of my door, and I couldn't conduct business.

Don't drink and drive!

## Approved CJ budget near \$2.3 mil

By MICHELLE BINKER  
Staff Writer

In a 4-0 decision, the Cave Junction City Council approved a nearly \$2.3 million budget for fiscal year 2004-05.

Councilman Tony Paulsen was absent for the budget and appropriations votes, which occurred during the council's regular meeting Monday night, June 28 in CJ City Hall.

The \$2,299,143 appropriation will pay for 10 city employees at a total cost to the city of \$504,785, and includes a

\$12,142 pool fund, new for the '04-'05 year.

It's anticipated that a number of community service items which the city supports financially, such as the Senior Meals program, CJ Cares, and the Illinois Valley High School Grad Night "safe party," will be covered by an Oregon State Sharing Funds request.

Money from this fund also has been allocated to help pay for certain special events at Jubilee Park, provided the funds are requested from the city. Any

funds so allocated and not requested will be split between the park and the swimming pool, explained City Recorder Jim Polk.

The city has received such requests from I.V. Little League and I.V. Chamber of Commerce.

The council also conditionally approved a subdivision application submitted by Larry Osborn for Manor Community Developments. The 50-lot Hanby Vistas neighborhood will be in north CJ west of N. Old Stage Road on Hanby Lane.

## Boatman gets scholarship from CJ city

Illinois Valley High School graduate Christopher Boatman has been awarded a \$250 scholarship by the city of Cave Junction.

One of six applicants for the scholarship available to city residents, Boatman stood out for his involvement in student government and his commitment to saving money for his education. He was also awarded scholarships from I.V. Senior Services, the Four Way Community Foundation, and the Gilmore Scholarship fund.

Boatman, son of Verl and Gail Boatman of CJ, plans to study physics engineering at Oregon State University at Corvallis in the fall.

Be fire safe!

## Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce presents Concerts in the Park



Gospel  
Thursday, July 1  
6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Jubilee Park  
FREE ADMISSION

Co-sponsored by:  
Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce,  
Century 21/Harris & Taylor - Jim Frick,  
Ameriplan USA & Baskets by Occasion.  
Next week's concert will be  
country and western performance by  
'Valley Country Band'  
Thursday, July 8



There's something in a simple hug that  
always warms the heart; it welcomes us  
back home and makes it easier to part.

- Jill Wolf -

## IVCRT Meeting Schedule - July, 2004

Making Things Happen!

Day	Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Thurs	7/1	Workshop	7:00-9:00PM	County Bldg.
Tues	7/6	Executive Comm.	5:30-6:30PM	IVCRT
Wed	7/14	Social Ventures	6:30-7:30PM	IVCRT
Thurs	7/15	Board Meeting	7:00-9:00PM	County Bldg.
Mon	7/19	Community Relations	5:30-6:30PM	IVCRT
Tue	7/27	Projects & Programs	5:30-7:00PM	IVCRT

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**EVENTS:**

**Thursday, July 1:**  
UBA★ Open mic with host Fred Epping  
Dinner Special:  
Tortellini & shrimp salad with artichoke hearts - \$8.95

**\*Friday, July 2: Wally Aiken - 'One Man Band'**  
Dinner Special:  
Chicken with creamy mustard sauce over pasta - \$9.95

**Saturday, July 3: DINING ROOM CLOSED**  
For reunion parties - DELI OPEN UNTIL 8 p.m.

**\*Sunday, July 4: CLOSED to go to the horse races!**

**We're open at 6:30 a.m.**  
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