

Bob's Corner

With the so-called Age of Electronics in effect for a number of years, I am one of those still unfortunates looking for ways to adapt. Here are some examples of situations I wish to avoid:

*Direct deposit. I enjoy going into banks and putting in checks and cash myself. I don't like entrusting such matters to inhuman means, especially when a hardware or software glitch or "unprogrammed" gremlin could goof up my account, ensuring that I'll never be able to have credit again until I'm 102.

*Self-scanning check out. Having a clerk "ring up" my purchases is the way I like it. Using a scanner seems like I'm doing a job and not getting paid for it. Besides, the steps (for me) are sometimes confusing.

*Automated phone systems. Like many people, I am flummoxed and generally put off by automated systems that require pushing buttons to reach another recording so that you can reach another recording. I want to talk to a real person, even if I don't know their extension, dang it.

*So-called PCs, or personal computers. Personal for whom? And if it's so personal, why does it keep giving me error messages, long lists of numbers and letters from MIT, or asking me if I want to attack Moscow?

*Automated telephone advertising. Excuse me! I do not want to be contacted by an advertising machine, especially for products and services I never asked about. No, I do not have \$50,000 to invest in treasury bonds from the Nation of Cucaracha. And no, I do not want to donate to the Left-Handed League of Pulitzer Prize Winners. Puleeze! Just leave me alone.

That's it for this week. It's time to unplug my PC before it takes over the whole house.

Wildfire assessments offered

Are you prepared in case of wildfire?

That's the question being asked by Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF). The agency listed three basic suggestions:

*Have you moved flammable vegetation and firewood at least 30 feet away from your house?

*Have you cut your

dry grass and brush?

*Have you cleaned your roof and gutters?

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Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.)
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Fire help lauded From Valley Village tenants

(Editor's Note: The following letter to Cascade Management in Grants Pass was submitted for this column.)

As tenants of Valley Village, we are submitting this letter of heartfelt appreciation and commendation to Ed Brown, Jason Muse, and Larry Seals.

On Wednesday, Aug. 4, with our latest Redwood Hwy. fire, not only your complex was threatened, but also our lives, pets, and lifetime belongings.

The firefighters again performed in an outstanding manner, but we are also well aware that your employees were side-by-side with them saving us from what could have easily been a horrible outcome.

To be that threatened with a wild fire literally within feet of our homes, we are thankful to know that our apartment manager and under-staff would put themselves in danger to help. They went above and beyond the call of duty and performed exemplary jobs.

We want to let Ed, Jason, and Larry know of our sincere gratitude. God bless them.

Logging, 'politics' From Catherine Austin Cave Junction

First, I have greatly appreciated the thoughtful and educated letters that concerned citizens have written regarding the Biscuit Fire timber sales. They have shown deep understandings of the complexities of Nature, concerns for the tourism industry and what the aftermath of logging will leave us with, and the removal of precious biomatter from our biologically diverse region.

Since, it appears to me, that none of these forest service timber sales in the Biscuit Complex would have been up for sale except because of the fire, does this not encourage fire in our public forests? Or perhaps once a fire has started, to let it burn, as the Biscuit did?

Are old-growth trees in Wilderness Areas no longer protected from logging once they catch fire?

I have seen many logging trucks in town this week with just two or three big trees for a load, and I have not seen any burn marks on them. Does "salvage" logging include all the healthy trees in the area as well? As fire is a part of Nature, it seems to me that burnt areas should be left to recover naturally with the biomatter of dead or partially dead trees left in place.

I say "no" to any more genetically engineered monoculture tree farms laced with herbicides and pesticides that grow into the tinder boxes that our public forests have become.

Secondly, I would like to take issue regarding the political bias of this news-

paper. Two weeks ago, VP Dick Cheney visited Medford, and you covered it on the front page with pictures, supporting the reelection of our unelected president, George Bush.

In May, presidential candidate Congressman Dennis Kucinich, who received a considerable amount of our state's primary votes, was in of all places, Cave Junction. He spoke downtown for most of an hour and took questions from the local people packed inside and outside Blue Moon Café.

No one needed any special invitations to have access to this candidate, so differing points of view could have been heard. Yet, your newspaper put this coverage on page 7, making it seem relatively unimportant. On Aug. 12, presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry was in Medford; again no special invitation needed.

How many people feel as gravely concerned as I am about the direction this country is heading? From the immature arrogance that President Bush displays, to the multitrillion-dollar deficit he has spent, to pre-war contracts with

Fire escape tips posted by IVFD

To assist residents who might need to evacuate in case of wildfire, Illinois Valley Fire District offers information and suggestions.

Families should have a standard evacuation route and meeting place. They also should have a list of prized possessions.

For more information phone 592-2225.

Halliburton (Cheney's company) that ripped off the taxpayers, to huge tax cuts for the corporate elite, just to name a few, I am totally sick of this.

I urge support to repeal the "Patriot Act," which undermines the constitutional freedoms America was founded on, before we keep going the way of the dictatorships our CIA has helped install the world over, including Saddam Hussein of Iraq, whom many today blame for 9-11, instead of Al Qaeda.

The deceptions and confusion that the Bush Administration has propagated, culminating in a blood war for oil, is more of a national disgrace than Watergate and Nixon.

Jesus and Iraq From B. Kay Cave Junction

It is common knowledge that Al Qaeda was solely responsible for the attacks of 9-11. It is also common knowledge now that Iraq had no connections to Al Qaeda.

Of course it is also true that Saddam Hussein tortured and killed the Iraqi people in great numbers. So now we, in our wisdom and might, have retaliated against Al Qaeda by torturing and killing the Iraqi people in great numbers.

Oops, wrong people, wrong country, but at least we're getting some bad guys, right? I just can't figure out what makes the way we're killing and tor-

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