

## Bob's Corner

Speaking of millstones -- I mean milestones -- this November will mark the 30th anniversary of the editor and his wife making their first trip to Oregon. Thought I'd get it out of the way now and avoid the rush come November.

It was the occasion of our 10th wedding anniversary (there's another one!), in 1974 when we lived in the then-hamlet of mostly rural Poway in San Diego County. Jan's parents agreed to live in our house and take care of our three children while we headed north in our funky GMC van towing an even-funkier 14-foot camp trailer.

It was an interesting trip because we didn't have a specific goal in mind, except to see what was out there. Come to think of it, if some guy in Roseburg hadn't been on a long coffee break, we might have moved there. I was all set to buy a used mobile home and park it on a site there in Douglas County, but I was so impatient that I got tired of waiting for the salesman to return. Actually, I'm glad.

Heading back south, "we" decided to go home via Hwy. 101 and Hwy. 1. That meant taking Hwy. 199, and that meant we discovered Cave Junction and Illinois Valley. We loved it. I remember having a snack at the New Café (now PJ's) and putting some cash into a coffee can for donations to bring a physician to the valley. The state liquor store was in a building right across from what's now King's Chinese Cuisine.

We went to see the late Marshall Hughes at Elmore & Speith that's now Oregon Mt. Real Estate. We decided to buy land in O'Brien at the end of Naue Way. Back home in San Diego I tried to get a job at the "Illinois Valley News," but feisty Bob Grant, now deceased, wouldn't hire me.

Make a long story short: We ended up in Brookings for eight years at the "Curry Coastal Pilot" thanks to Jan's encouragement, and our mutual desire to escape the crowds and congestion in SoCal. Lo and behold, we met Grant because I finally convinced him to print the valley newspaper at our printing plant.

Another long story short: He was going to keep running the "Noose" for more years, but medical conditions caused a change in the schedule. We had talked about maybe running the valley rag, but way in the future. We took over in February 1986; been here since, watching the valley grow and change, sort of.

Oh, and speaking of other anniversaries, this November will mark the 40th for Jan staying married to one blessed man. Gee, we've been together for two-thirds of our lives. What a trip.

## 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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**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.)**

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### Political bucks From Paul Dillon Cave Junction

Green Group rhetoric would have you believe that timber outfits buy their politicians.

However, you might find it shocking that some environmental groups and individual members are contributing more than twice the amount our local mill did to their candidates of choice. You can see for yourself by going to [www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org) and type in your ZIP code to see who contributes to the candidates in your area.

I don't have big bucks, but I do have something more valuable: my vote. This November I'm spending it on Jim Feldkamp for Congress, and Dwight Ellis and Jim Raffenberg for county commissioners.

### 'Blowing smoke' From Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Project, Siskiyou Regional Education Project, and Trout Unlimited

Sen. Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) announced during a hearing of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee recently that he would use a legislative rider to enforce the largest public lands logging project in modern history.

The proposed logging covers 30 square miles.

Smith is attempting to circumvent the legal process by introducing a legislative rider that will strip away all forest and river protection laws for the Siskiyou Wild Rivers Area and slam shut the courtroom doors to citizens leaving roadless areas, ancient forest reserves, wild and scenic rivers and salmon runs at risk of being destroyed by the chainsaw.

Forest riders are a devious way to do away with environmental protections and increase logging on national forests. In the past, forest riders such as the 1995 Salvage Logging Rider have been a source of great controversy, denounced by members of both parties in Congress.

The conservation community has made good-faith efforts to find a solution to managing the Siskiyou Wild Rivers Area to protect communities and allow Nature to restore itself.

Smith is misinformed about the facts on the ground and in the forest. Smith said in a committee hearing recently that the 9th Circuit Appeals Court has stopped all logging in the Biscuit Fire area. That is incorrect, and here are the facts that contradict the senator's statements:

\*Of 11 timber sales offered by U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has enjoined only five old-growth timber sales that were exempted from administrative appeals by the agency.

\*Of those 11 sales offered, three outside of designated old-growth have signed contracts and are not blocked by the court,

and three other never even received bids from the industry.

\*Between 10 and 29 million board feet have already been logged along roads.

\*Reforestation is now taking place.

\*Prescribed burning was not part of the final decision of the USFS.

\*The USFS decision would log a total of 370 million board feet (92,500 log trucks) of trees on about 19,500 acres (30 square miles) of national forest.

\*The agency's preferred alternative and Smith's rider would salvage log 8,173 acres (12.77 miles) of inventoried roadless areas.

\*Some 23,000 comments were received on the Biscuit logging FEIS; 95 percent opposed the agency's proposal.

\*The conservation community supported several alternatives to the massive logging proposal that would have restored the burned area while providing jobs and making community protection a priority.

### Backs Brock From Elaine Wood Selma

Jim Brock has always been there to answer any questions I've had about county government.

He has reached out to the Illinois Valley through consultation and personal appearances, proving he is a commissioner of the people. His background as a pastor has made him a good listener.

He has brought about

progressive changes throughout his eight-year tenure on the Josephine County Board of Commissioners. Examples include his work in improving the Illinois Valley Airport and our county parks.

Brock always works with a positive attitude while seeking alternatives for a better future. He represents good management, unencumbered by special interests, and he deeply believes in the positive nature of our citizens and appreciates their diversity. I hope all county residents look beyond the costly brochures and the well-funded campaign his opponents have produced.

Look instead at Brock's accomplishments and learn more about his hopes for the county and his love of public service. I also believe that Jim and

Cherryl Walker would make a great county team.

Brock is not a glad-handing politician, beholden to any one group. His integrity is evident when you know the facts. Let's move into a secure and sustainable future. I will vote for Jim Brock for Josephine County commissioner.

### On peace, war From Catherine Austin Cave Junction

"The people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy ... All you have to do is tell them that they are being attacked ... and denounce the peacemakers for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country." (Nazi Reich Marshal Herman Goering at the

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**The new Southern Oregon EAS Region consists of 18 exchanges, which are Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Central Point, Murphy-Provolt, Shady Cove, Phoenix/Talent, Prospect, Butte Falls, White City, Glendale, Selma, Cave Junction, Wolf Creek and O'Brien.**

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