

## Bob's Corner

Went to a conference recently, held in a Portland hotel that's a cut above the usual Motel 2.5 we usually stay in while traveling. As usual, I misunderstood what the clerk told me on the telephone.

He said that the room included a minibar, so I visualized a wet bar, which is fine with me, because who wants a dry one. Anyway, we're used to bringing our own refreshments to hotel and motel rooms; you know, it saves money.

But to my surprise (not being much of a world traveler) I found that the minibar is actually a small refrigerator. That's fine with me too, because I could put our stuff in there. But no. This minthing was crammed with hotel stuff: little bottles of liquor and beer, chocolate bars, and other assorted snacks. Plus, there was a basket full of treats like crackers, nuts and chips. Great, right? Wrong!

You have to pay for these refreshments. A lot. I know that businesses have to make a profit, but what the price list showed for the hotel goodies surprised me. And guess what? Give up? OK, if you eat or drink anything, while you're out of the room, someone sneaks in and replaces it. Wow.

Actually, we used a couple of the hotel items, but just a couple. Well, maybe three. OK, four. But that was it. Mostly we used the items we brought, for which we made room in the minibar by removing some of the hotel stuff. No one seemed to mind.

It was good, I thought, for the hotel to place a price list prominently. I've heard of other folks who didn't realize that not only were the items not complimentary, but that they cost maybe three times what you'd expect to pay in a store.

So when they checked out and saw the amount added to their total, they had to check in for another day to recuperate from the shock.

If a hotel clerk tells you that your room has a minibar, just say, "No."

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact, are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

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### Kerry scary From Wally Sharp Selma

I sure don't want a president in the White House who thinks he can replace God, and that's what I see in John Kerry.

He promises us every good thing, but he can't give a peaceful conscience. My boy shudders when he considers that he could be in the military some day serving under a U.N. commander, and in U.N. forces that are actually against everything that America stands for.

That's where Kerry would take us. And that's only the tip of the iceberg. The chips are down, and we'd better stand up and be counted in this vote.

The issues are too foundational to free conscience to wait it out this time. No political party can solve all the problems in our country, but we can sure expect to be swept out to sea if we willingly elect people whose actions -- and voting records -- deny the fundamental principles that this country was founded on.

My hope is that we reject President Bush and other candidates, who respect life enough to protect innocent babies from partial-birth abortion and the exploitation of stem-cell research, and who will protect the foundation of our homes by genuinely supporting the marriage of one man and one woman.

The effort to stem the tide of terror will be well served, and our troops will be safer with a government here that supports their efforts from the heart; not with the empty words that Sen. Kerry speaks.

### 'Fellow Conservatives' From Lynne Vanderlinden Cave Junction

If I were to judge local politics from reading all the fancy full-page ads and letters to the editor in

"Illinois Valley News" bashing Bush, salvage logging, etc. I'd almost believe that 95 percent of us are Democrats, Psudeo-Environmentalists, or both. OK fellow conservatives - it's time to vote.

Four director positions for Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District are on the Nov. 2 ballot. Undoubtedly the Green Network is already light years ahead of us as to who its write-in candidates are. Control of watershed grant money is just too tantalizing to pass up.

Should you be adverse to further Green Rule, do your own write-in vote for Don Stevens for Zone 4. Don and his wife, Jean, are longtime Illinois Valley residents.

He served as co-chairman of the Illinois Valley Basin Interest Group (IBIG) in the early '90s, and was instrumental in preventing the Siskiyou Project and its pals from capriciously listing our winter steelhead as endangered. Don is a true conservationist and is supportive of the current IBIG tree planting program.

Stevens retired from years of service as a journeyman lineman throughout Southwestern Oregon and has since become a successful entrepreneur in his own home-based business. He has all the right stuff and will bring enthusiasm, dedication and moderation to the board.

A write-in vote for Wade Simpson is also necessary for the director-at-large zone. Most already know Wade, who has held this seat for the past four years and who has done an admirable job.

Clayton Fincher and Carl Summers are already on the ballot for Zones 1 and 5, and both deserve continued support.

My personal plan to tweak the Greens is to vote for Dwight Ellis and Jim Raffenberg for county commissioners; "no" on Measure 34 and "yes" on Measure 37.

I also will be voting for every Republican on the ballot, not because they're Republicans, but because they will not pander to the Greens for the sake of a vote. Those who agree can clip and save this letter.

### Measure 37 'erodes' From Louis Levison Cave Junction

Most of us live in Oregon because we love it.

One reason we love it is because model land-use laws have protected us from uncontrolled growth. We cherish our farmland, forestland, ranchland, wilderness, communities, etc.

Measure 37 aims to undo our laws, which will erode the quality of life we have come to expect.

Measure 37 ramifications will be goofy and unpredictable. Let's say you have four neighbors. The first one is Joe Loser. He inherited his grandfather's place, which has been zoned for single residences for the past 30 years. A developer from California pays Joe to rezone under Measure 37, even filing the papers on Joe's behalf.

The developer then buys Joe out and starts building condominiums. Forget crossing the road to get your mail; too much traffic now.

Another neighbor is Morning Star. She claims that the condominiums, which weren't allowed when she bought her place, have ruined her view, damaged her Feng Shui, and reduced the value of her residence, constructed largely from a school bus, PVC pipe and blue tarps.

The county must compensate her \$71,088.45 for lost value and legal fees. There go Saturday library hours.

Greg Greedy notifies the city that his property is worth less because 22 years ago when his mom owned it, an ordinance was passed that forbid abortion clinics in that part of town. He has no intention of building an abortion clinic, but he is hoping the city will pay him enough to buy a new diesel crew cab.

But the city eventually tells him he can go ahead and build the clinic. Of course Greg doesn't, but

the process, including paying for Greg's legal fees as required in Measure 37, costs the city another \$16,865.76 of taxpayer money. Oh well, there goes extra sheriff's patrol.

The last neighbor, Susie Sweet, has a graduate degree in marine psychology and wants to rehabilitate traumatized goldfish in her house. But an ordinance was passed after she bought the property, banning "kennels, feedlots, and other animal related businesses" from her neighborhood.

Susie filed the required written demand under Measure 37, and to her surprise, instead of getting permission to rehabilitate goldfish, she received a check for \$4,309.57, and now your favorite goldfish is having bad dreams since the cat figured out the little green net.

Let's keep Oregon sane and functioning. I say we should vote "no" on Measure 37.

(Editor's Note: The names in the preceding letter are fictitious and bear no resemblance to anyone living or dead.)

### 'My Fellow Americans' From Sandy Wilson Cave Junction

Why is this election one of the most important in our lifetime?

This election is not about Democrats or Republicans.

This election is not about the United States of America.

Did people who live in Iraq attack us? No.

Did we ever find WMDs in Iraq? No.

Do we have a \$422 billion deficit this year? Yes.

Is our deficit one of the largest in American history? Yes, \$2.7 trillion.

Who pays? Our children.

The No Child Left Behind Law was cut by \$27 billion.

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## Letters to the Editor

## Corrections

In last week's issue of the 'I.V. News,' a headline incorrectly identified Heidi Ward as Steven Ward's

mother. Miss Ward was his sister.

The 'Noose' regrets the error.

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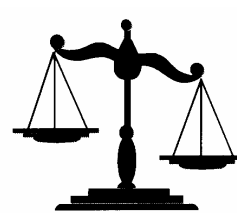


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