

## Bob's Corner

My stuff keeps disappearing. Then sometimes it reappears in places where I already looked for it. This is most distressing, which is a nice way of saying that it ticks me off and gives me a royal pain – somewhere.

It's a household malady that also affects my wife, Jan. Just the other afternoon she was looking for a book that she had been reading that morning. She looked in our bedroom. In both bathrooms. In the room we use as a library. In the living room. In the kitchen. Not there. The book disappeared off the face of the Earth. A little eerie. Even spooky.

So I looked for the book. I literally checked our library shelves four separate times, and then proceeded in that room to look under the couch, on the window ledge, in the closet, and in the dresser. Then under the dresser. No book. I went through the entire house, including the guest closet and the garage. No book. We thought maybe senility had smacked us or that we were simply unobservant. Then we became suspicious of our 16-pound Siamese, "Bubba." It would be just like him to hide the book and think it was real funny. You know, cat humor. I questioned him to no avail.

Then our son, Mike, came over. We told him about the missing book. He took pity on his aging parents, what with our tears of frustration, not to mention the gnashing of teeth. He looked around the house, under the living room couch cushions, and so on. No book.

Then he decided to check the library. I told him that his mom and I both had exhausted the space, but he went in anyway. (He's stubborn from Jan's side of the family.) I went in after him. As he began checking the right side of the bookcases, I again looked from the left side. On the second shelf I checked, there was the book. In plain sight. Dang! How could it have been there the whole time and neither Jan nor I see it? Frankly, I think I heard diabolical laughter from tiny voices in that room.

You know, gremlins or leprechauns, or those strange creatures who keep taking stuff from kitchen drawers and putting them in another place, or rearranging all our stuff in the drawers. Thus, when we look for Scotch tape, it's not there. But the creatures have replaced it with thumbtacks. If I were looking for thumbtacks, they would have replaced them with tape. Weird.

Same situation holds true with a storage cabinet in the garage. Whenever I try to find, say, a hammer or pliers I know I put in there a few days earlier. They're gone! Instead, there'll be a level or a screwdriver that I don't need. Sometimes I spin around real fast to see if I can catch the gremlins watching me, but they always hide too fast. But I still can hear their giggling.

Maybe those goblins have stock in some stores. For example, if I can't find, say, a box of finishing nails, despite tearing apart the house and drawers trying to find the ones I know I have, I'm forced to buy more. Then when I'm ready to put away the new box, I open the cabinet, and viola! -- there are the eight other boxes of finishing nails from previous "can't find" situations.

Frankly I'm weary of always looking for stuff that was there a short time earlier. Now, where did I put those car keys ...?

## Letters to the Editor

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

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Typed, double-spaced letters written solely to this newspaper are considered for publication. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered.

Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.

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**'Great article'**  
From Melanie Tehan  
Selma

Project Linus thanks Christina Hill for the great article in the March 23 issue of "Illinois Valley News." She did a fantastic job.

I shared it with the group, and several members wanted copies. Some commented that another newspaper didn't even give us a paragraph, even though a photo and information were provided.

We appreciate Christina and "Illinois Valley News." Our group is impressed.

**Death penalty**  
From Catherine Austin  
Cave Junction

I recently saw the movie, "The Passion of the Christ." Besides showing the graphic brutality that Jesus endured, all the while praying for forgiveness for his perpetrators, I was left with two strong messages of what Jesus stood for.

First, he told his followers that his one commandment to them is to love one another as he loves them. Second, that the reward is in loving your enemies, for it is easy to love those who already love you.

Sounds like pretty straightforward stuff to me. I don't consider myself a religious person, but I can definitely understand this, and appreciate it, without participating in any organized churches or religions. After all, it was the church of the time that persecuted Jesus.

I am deeply troubled by the trend, with our current Administration in the White House, to claim alignment to Christian faith while unilaterally starting wars, violating human rights on detainees (torture), and executing prisoners domestic and abroad. While Bush was governor of Texas more than 150 Americans were put to death in his state; he did not stop a single one.

With all the obsession over the Terri Schaivo case by the government, the major media, and the religious people, there is an enormous crying out that, "It is better

## Corrections

\*In the March 30 issue there was a misquote in a page 1 story, "Major Downtown Cave Junction mural project posed to council."

In her comments to the Cave Junction City Council, Libby Goines did not say that Lane Cosner is "the only area artist capable of handling such a large project."

Her actual statement was that, "There are only a handful of artists in our valley who have the skill to render such a large painting."

(Editor's Note: Sorry!)

\*In the March 23 issue there was an error in a page 16 article headed "City permits show work."

The article should have read that H.D. Patton is building a single-family residence at 585 W. River St., and not a remodeling job for Ken and Sherri Armstead at 317 Millie St.

to err on the side of life."

People have been put to death who were later found to be innocent. The United States is one of a minority of countries (like Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, North Korea, and China) left in the world today that still have a death penalty, or conduct torture.

Perhaps we have more in common with those we claim to be our enemies than we realize.

**'G-Dub's great'**  
From Elaine Horn  
Cave Junction

What a great resource we have here in our valley. I feel very lucky to have G-Dub's shop in Cave Junction.

I had a minivan with a wheelchair lift in it, and every time I had a problem with the lift I had to go to Medford or even Klamath Falls to get it repaired -- until I discovered that G-Dub could repair just about anything.

When he repaired the wheelchair lift, it stayed fixed. So when I recently bought a new/used van and needed the old wheelchair lift taken out of the minivan and installed into the newer full-sized van I called G-Dub first. But I also called two other businesses that specialize in accessible vehicle modifications.

One said they could do the job for about 50 percent more than G-Dub's quote, if I got both vehicles to Medford; and the other person finally got back to me almost two weeks later after I had called twice and sent an e-mail, quoting me a price more than four times G-Dub's quote.

And again, that is not taking into consideration getting both vehicles to a

shop more than 100 miles away.

Of course I'm writing to say that G-Dub did an amazing job, and I could not be happier with his work. The 13-year-old wheelchair lift is working as smoothly as it did when it was new. In my opinion, he is a real genius when it comes to electronics. As a matter of fact, G-Dub picked up both vehicles and delivered them back to my house. As a person with a disability on a very limited income I appreciate a job

well done at a reasonable price.

In this age of technology, where everything changes so quickly, we often aren't given the option to fix something when the newer, brighter, faster, smarter and more expensive replacement is so easily obtained. Let's save the landfills and our budgets.

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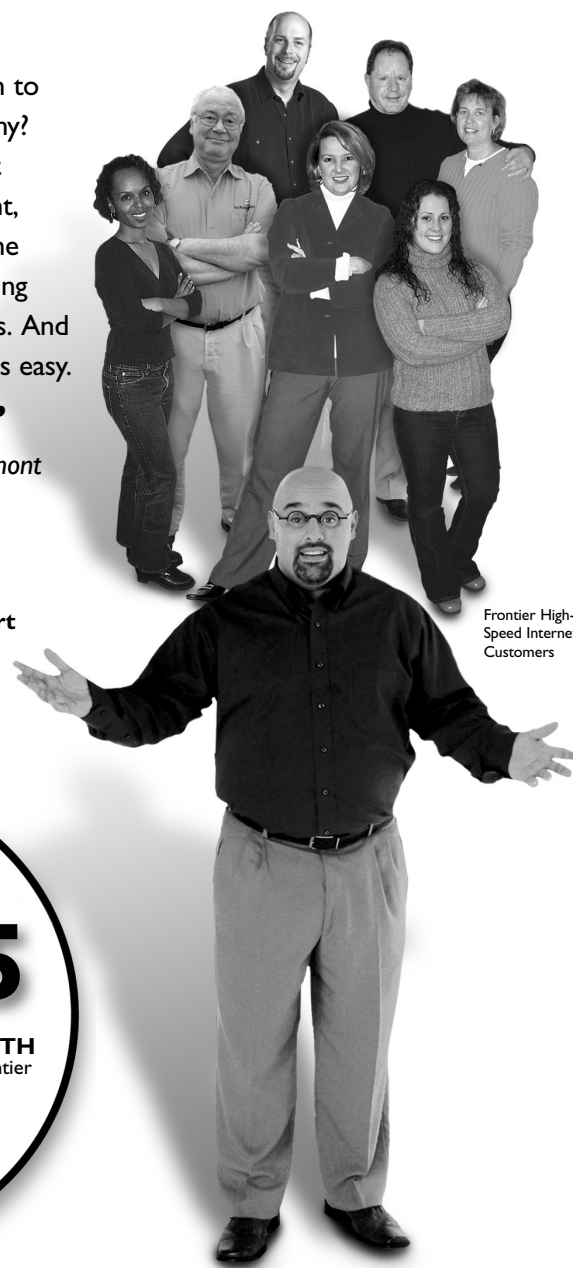
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