

Bob's Corner

Sometimes even desiccated ... er, dedicated editors-in-chief resort to an easy way out, as with this particular column.

Thanks to daughter Vicki in Carlsbad, Calif., who sent me an item titled, "Things You Should Know (??)," I am yappy ... er, happy to use portions for this week's offering. (However, the parenthetical comments are mine.)

*Money isn't made of paper, it's made of cotton. (But don't try to make underwear out of it.)

*The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper. (But don't try to smoke it.)

*The dot over the letter "i" is called a "tittle." (This amazing fact might serve contestants well on "Jeopardy." Or maybe not.)

*A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top. (For those who are easily entertained. Also, if you plan to do this in a fancy restaurant, let me know and I'll come take a photo.)

*According to urban legend, Susan Lucci is the daughter of Phyllis Diller. (Which prompts me to say that beauty is only skin deep.)

*The 1996 Webster's Dictionary has 315 misspelled entries. (More than the "Noose.")

*On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily. (That could explain a lot about my home life.)

*Orcas, so-called killer whales, kill sharks by torpedoing into their stomachs from below, causing them to explode. (Ouch!)

*Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants. (As a kid I always wondered about that. Also, how come Goofy and Pluto are both dogs, but one acts human, and the other doesn't?)

*There are no clocks in Las Vegas casinos. (And not a whole lot of winners.)

*The phrase, "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law, which stated that a wife couldn't be beaten with anything wider than your thumb. (I am flabbergasted by this.)

*Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a space suit damages it. (Plus they're in really close quarters: "Houston, we have a real problem!")

And a final item, quoting George Carlin: "Boy, I feel a lot safer now that Martha Stewart is behind bars. O.J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden too. But they take the one woman in America willing to cook, clean and work in the yard, and haul her fanny off to jail."

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Punishment is now unfashionable... because it creates moral distinctions among men, which, to the democratic mind, are odious. We prefer a meaningless collective guilt to a meaningful individual responsibility.

- Thomas Szasz -

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

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Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.

Possible pathways

From Sue Lily

Cave Junction

Two letters in the "Illinois Valley News" have identified how nice it would be to have a system of foot paths and mini-parks around the valley.

It is a pretty good idea; one that needs lots of input. It is a great asset to a community's quality of life to direct the walking citizenry on off-road, nonmotorized paths, allowing safe corridors of access for children to schools, library, pool, parks, and other locations.

I'd love to see "Forks" State Park connected to Cave Junction by a footbridge. We could devise a path from Lake Selmac through Kerby to the Illinois River to "Forks" Park and on to Rough and Ready Park to O'Brien.

There are lots of hoops from here to there: private property issues, public agency red tape, trust issues.

Where is this path? How do we pay for it? What about liability issues, and questions about non-motorized vehicles, horses, horse-drawn vehicles, motorized wheelchairs, bikes, leashed dogs, and whether it would be paved or not.

I'm noticing golf carts and motorized scooters in town lately. It is dangerous for them to be on the same road as automobiles, and their needs should also be addressed. There are bike lanes already, a foot path in Takilma, and a horse trail system plan that circumscribes the valley at present.

Creating a system of paths is an idea that deserves an attempt, especially before we add hundreds of new private property owners everywhere, making it even more complicated. It would seem the purview of the IVCDO/Josephine County to umbrella this idea, perhaps beginning with a grand kickoff meeting addressed by a representative of the successful Jackson County Bike Path group.

With gasoline prices rising, these alternatives need to be incorporated into our future.

'Just a thought'

From B. Marston

Cave Junction

Freedom, like respect, is earned and must be constantly nurtured and protected from those who would take it away.

It should be the right of every law-abiding citizen to protect his or her life, liberty and personal property by any means at hand without fear of arrest, criminal prosecution, or lawsuit.

The right to bear arms is central to maintaining true personal freedom.

Chiropractic change

From Jim Minervini, Chiropractic Doctor

Cave Junction

It has been a pleasure to serve the valley during the past five years. The support and patronage are appreciated.

I have decided to retire from chiropractic. For the past year or so, my wife and I have been looking for the right replacement, and have found that in person of Ross Keys, Chiropractic Doctor.

We wanted to leave the valley in great chiropractic hands with someone who would give clients fair and just appraisal and treatment of their conditions, while always remaining in touch with the human side. We feel that we have done that with Dr. Keys.

He is talented and compassionate with outstanding ethics and great patient skills. I have found him to be patient and caring with a broad knowledge of his field, and can wholeheartedly recommend his

chiropractic care.

He joins us in the valley with his wife, Esther Keys, who is a licensed massage therapist, specializing in "deep tissue." She had a very successful Portland area practice, and I recommend her as an effective healer in her own right.

This is a wonderful and energetic husband-wife team who, I'm sure, will add to the quality of life, health and well-being here.

'A better world'

From Susanne

Kindi-Fahrnkopf

Cave Junction

This is in response to some recent letters to the editor. Many misunderstandings are from incomplete communications and over-reaction to perceived meanings.

When one writer expresses an opinion that old-growth trees in our national forests and roadless areas should not be cut for any reason -- and another writer counters that we all use paper in our daily lives and that our homes are built of wood -- both are correct.

The first writer is correct in believing that the world no longer can afford to cut old-growth trees for wood and paper products. This is not sustainable, and our forests have diminished at an astonishing pace since white settlers first set foot on this beautiful continent.

He also is correct in asserting that we now are facing a global crisis of deforestation, affecting all our supplies of building materials, wood products, clean air and water.

The second writer is correct in stating that it is hypocritical to say those things when we all use paper and wood products in our daily lives. Don't we all enjoy the blessings of these fruits of Mother Earth, and realize that many people do not have the availability that we enjoy locally?

Both writers are correct, but the answers lie in the solu-

tions to these problems caused by human overpopulation.

Some solutions will help us create sustainable processes for meeting those needs: paper made from recycled paper, kenaf, hemp and scrap wood. Alternative building materials such as small-diameter logs from thinning projects, plywood made from wood chips, rocks, recycled material, straw bale adobe houses, and so on.

Similarly it is our challenge to build sustainable energy and agriculture systems. We may find solutions in cars which are energy-efficient, alternative fuels, wind and solar power, and better mass transit systems.

We may find solutions to the destruction of our oceans in organic farming practices and fish conservation areas.

All these and many more solutions lie in the willingness of our leaders and scientists to develop the products and processes which will allow the ordinary person to reduce their negative effect on the natural world.

When that happens, it will be easier to employ good options for living. It is not constructive to dig in our heels be polarized in our beliefs, and refuse to find common ground.

It would be better to love and respect each other, and start building a better world.

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