

Bob's Corner

This was the week that I was going to talk about a subject of vital importance to an area of life that is so significant that once word gets out, the world will never be the same.

Either that, or I was prepared to write more about our four cats and two dogs, and provide photos. However, a couple of them are so camera-shy that if they even think I'm going to photograph them, they hide or stay in motion to avoid being digitized.

Despite those two fantastic topics, I'm tired, so here for your enjoyment are some comments given me by a friend, who found them in a newsletter:

*Save the whales. Collect the whole set.

*A day without sunshine is like night.

*On the other hand, you have different fingers.

*I just got lost in thought. I wasn't in familiar territory.

*Approximately 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

*It's 99 percent of lawyers who give the rest a bad name.

*I feel as though I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

*Honk if you love peace and quiet.

*Remember, half the people you know are below average.

*He who laughs last thinks slowest.

*Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

*The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

*I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

*Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.

*Monday is an awful way to spend one-seventh of your week.

*A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

*Get a new car for your spouse. It'll be a great trade.

*Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.

*Always try to be modest, and be proud of it.

*If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

*How many of you believe in psychokinesis? Raise my hand.

*What's the speed of dark?

*How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

*If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

*When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

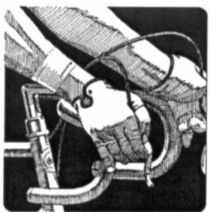
*Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

*Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just do not have film.

*How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

*Eagles may soar, but weasels do not get sucked into jet engines.

*Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.



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Freedom not free; U.N. action cited From Marvin D. Sprinkle Cave Junction

Everybody getting set to have a good time during the 4th of July holidays? Going to the beach? Spend quality time with friends and relatives? Watch fireworks?

Yeah, sounds great. Hoping with all the lousy weather we've been having this year that it doesn't rain on our parade?

There will be another little thing on at that time that most folks don't know about. There will be a resolution being debated in the United Nations. It will be regarding whether the United States will be subjected to the rules of the U.N. If it passes we will lose our Bill of Rights and our Constitution and will no longer have the freedom as we know it now.

No -- you're right!

There has been no notification of it in the news. And there won't be. Simply because there are a great many people in high places in our government that want this to be kept as quiet as possible.

This is no time to be pointing fingers. It is a time for everyone to put down whatever it is they are doing and phone, write, drive, hitch-hike or crawl to let their senators and representatives know that they don't want our country to be under anybody's rule other than our own.

Why do you think people from other countries want to come to the United States? Because there is no other country in the world that has the freedoms that we possess. We are the last bastion of freedom. Let's keep it.

Let our congressman know this now because if we wait too long we may not have another chance. Freedom isn't free. And it comes with no guarantee.

Public libraries 'should not be money-pits' From Marilyn Arnold O'Brien

In the response to Jennifer Berubee's March 27 comments in another newspaper regarding my "bashing" our library: My problem is with the proposed tax district, not the library.

There are very successful libraries throughout the country supported through donations, fund-raisers, membership cards and fines.

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The library board needs to get the law changed to allow more sources of support so that the public who uses the library can pay for it.

Public libraries should not be money-pits for property owners, most of whom are on fixed incomes. I don't want to see libraries close, but why does it have to be the property owners shouldering the entire burden?

I agree with Cheryl Walker's March 30 statement in another newspaper that the library needs to have funding and control completely separate from city and county government. But the minute you slap a library tax district or levy on property tax bills, you irrevocably meld the entities and process required to actually fund the library. If the county collects library taxes, then those funds are in government hands, grasped fiercely when shortages are perceived.

Walker cited the library closure of 1992 as a perfect example of just such an occasion. That makes me wonder: Does the 4-H Club ever truly receive the \$10 or so per year that I am taxed for on their behalf? There's another private interest that managed to find its way onto property tax bills, benefiting annually by 3 percent.

O&C funds that help many programs, including our libraries, may not be disappearing after all, according to Democratic Sens. Wyden and Baucus. Their plan is exciting, and I hope they succeed in getting their bill passed. But let's remember that those funds and all tax monies will continue to be siphoned to the libraries through the government, at the discretion of our commissioners.

Want a healthy, separate, public library system? Put diverse, solid funding solutions in place (via new laws); maintain a cohesive, enthusiastic board of directors; and stay far, far away from government.

DeFazio chided for 'no' vote on forest help bill From Jennifer Gaskill Springfield

The passage of Second District Rep. Greg Walden's Forest Restoration Bill has, of course, been receiving a lot of press.

Not only in Oregon newspapers, but in numerous papers across the country. It is nice to see that each article credits those who worked so hard to get the bill passed through committee.

What each, and so far, every article that I have read fails to do, is point out the fact that our Rep. Peter DeFazio voted against this bill. Why is it that this isn't pointed out, considering the fact that he voted against something that is so incredibly important, not only to the people of his district, but also to the future economy of Oregon.

The voters need to know what their congressman is doing, or in this case, not doing, for the people of his district. In the 20 years that DeFazio has been our representative, we have lost more than 14,000 timber related jobs.

DeFazio finally has the opportunity to help bring back some of these jobs to the Fourth District, and he votes "no."

Selma Center building has many contributors From Marcy Sowa, board chairman Selma Community and Education Center

On March 22, the "Illinois Valley News" printed a photo of the pole building at Selma Community and Education Center (SEEC). The caption identified some of the major contributors to the project.

However, this last included only donations received as of December 2005 and, unfortunately, updated information was not requested by "I.V. News" prior to printing the picture.

Since December, we

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