

Bob's Corner

Our grandchildren, like those worldwide, love to share with their grandparents. They offer their food, often slightly damp from being gummed to death; or they stuff their finger-food in our mouths, sharing saliva and odd morsels that look suspiciously like rejected baby cuisine.

And, of course, the end result is that we often share their ailments. Such as sore throats and colds. Is it worth it? Absolutely -- wouldn't have it any other way, although it's kind of weird knowing that an 11-month-old or a 3 1/3-year-old -- like all those lovely kids out there -- comprise cute little germ factories.

As most of you know, we did a bit of traveling recently, and we've found that Chong Wang Airport in Orange County's Santa Ana is more enjoyable than (1) San Diego International/Lindbergh Field, (2) a rusty Quonset hut with a rutted dirt strip near Tijuana, (3) LAX, (4) all of the above. Besides, our daughter can drive from her home in Carlsbad in San Diego County in about the same time it takes to drive from her home to San Diego International. Weird.

Anyway, I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit family in exotic locales like Downtown Santa Ana, and getting lost in Newport Beach. But to "get away" -- wow, it takes some doing before and after. Anyone who owns their own business (I always say that the business owns us) knows about getting ahead before you leave, and then playing catch-up when you return. But it's worth it in the long run, or maybe the home run.

Speaking of running, you can't believe the freeway system down south. Or maybe you can, and that's why you left that area and moved to the Great Northwest. There's like almost constant gridlock, and when traffic is moving, people are driving 75 mph with about 4 feet between vehicles. Scary.

We had some good times though, including taking our daughter and granddaughters to a restaurant that was like being in a jungle. Can't remember the name of the place, but the kids were fascinated. So was I actually. Some of the animated critters, like a crocodile, elephant mom and baby, and gorilla, were extremely life-like. In fact, the gorilla ate part of my lunch. Just kidding.

One area I recall in the old part of Santa Ana had a Dollar Store. A short distance beyond it there was a 99-Cent Store. And not too far from there was a 98-Cent Store. We reached our destination at that point, so I didn't find out if prices kept dropping the farther you went. And speaking of prices. Let's not.



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Letters to the Editor

Earth Day volunteers, supporters appreciated
From Kindi Fahrnkopf
Cave Junction

I appreciate the volunteers who helped with the Earth Day Clean-up at the Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside, sponsored by Siskiyou Project.

I especially appreciate those who did double duty and made the difference; Jim and Susie Wood (their back-loader was a big help), and Stan and Patty Dalegowski, and Bridge and David Baker.

The rest of the volunteers worked so hard too; Romain and Christie, and George and Kelpie, Rich, Jan, Roger, Cathy and Wyldwood. They were such a great team that we made short work of it and removed approximately 10 truck-loads of old appliances, mattresses, tires, glass, and a variety of junk.

Now I hope that people will respect that area, and learn to reduce, reuse, recycle and leave no trace as they enjoy the recreation opportunities we are blessed to have. Rough and Ready Creek has some of the clearest, cleanest water because it comes from the heart of the South Kalmiopsis Roadless Area.

I'm grateful to the U.S. Forest Service for making this project easy for us, especially Rochelle and Mel for helping me recon the piles and map the area, and to Pam Bode for supporting the plan. And last, but not least, to the late Larry Cosby for helping me get the approval and for being so kind and generous with his advice and support.

Due to his dying so unexpectedly on April 17, I didn't get a chance to thank him in person. But I definitely felt a glow after we finished; and I said a prayer for Larry, and knew he would have been happy with the results. He was such a great man who worked to enhance many of the recreation trails and areas we enjoy in Josephine County. He will be greatly missed.

And lastly, the folks at Southern Oregon Sanitation and the Kerby Transfer Station gave us free dump passes. I appreciate them for being so generous in service to Illinois Valley.

The Earth Day events were a big success, and seeing the first of the beautiful, endemic wildflowers starting to bloom was a big thank you from Mother Earth.

Those who steal truth undermining Sabbath
From John Bazen
Cave Junction

Truth, a very hard thing to find, and uncommon commodity, since the dawn of history of man.

I fully agree with our friends, whose sign on Caves Hwy. told this some weeks ago to all who care to read:

"The greatest thief is the one who robs us of truth!"

Sadly, it appears that truth, as with beauty, is in the eye of the beholders.

As the nation's religious communities, get ready for the "Ten Commandments" celebration May 5, 6, and 7, from Washington, D.C. drawing the world's attention to God's unchanging laws, we find that man's "Traditions" have in fact, changed them.

Robbers of truth?

Please, show this dummy where in God's World, the Sabbath, the Day of Worship, has been changed from sundown Friday, the sixth day, to sundown Saturday, the first day?

This was first laid down in 331 A.D. by the Roman Emperor Constantine as, "Let all shops in towns, close for rest, on the 'Venerable Day of the Sun'," as this man was a "self-converted Christian," sadly though in "name only."

So who are the "greatest thieves of truth?"

Sadly, we are, for most do not bother to read any portion of those 66 letters God wrote to His children. For if enough of

us, do in fact read, learn and know His Word, we would have insisted that all of the "Divisions" would hold to God's Sabbath worship, instead of Satan's-supported day of Sunday, right?

After all, what are those Ten Laws? Ideas? Suggestions? Or a buffet that allows any church of man to pick and chose which they will follow? Or if in fact they follow one or nine or all 10?

Fasching zeal good for sheriff's office
From Harry Bradley
Cave Junction

I am a retired law enforcement officer with 32 years experience. Half my career was with the California Dept. of Justice.

My duties involved working with various agencies throughout the state, resulting in personal contact with officers from federal, state, police and sheriff's departments. As in all organizations there are always "stand-outs," and that was my opinion of Don Fasching.

I was mostly impressed by his enthusiasm and zeal to fix the current sheriff's office instead of whining about not enough funding. His experience with the San Diego Police Officers Association in the Legal Defense Committee would be an asset to help prevent some of the large payments the county has paid in civil law suits filed by its employees. That money would be better spent on fielding more deputies.

I am sure the three other candidates are upstanding citizens of our community, but at this time I have a few questions:

Is Undersheriff Brian Anderson free from pressure from the deputies' association to make management decisions contrary to their desires? What management and budgetary experience does Deputy Kelly possess?

Gilbertson's occupational, education and government experiences listed in the Voters Pamphlet are very impressive; however is it germane to running the Josephine County Sheriff's Office?

Some folks take issue that Fasching is a recent arrival to our area -- in his own words, "the new kid on the block." As a reminder, large successful corporations in this country do not limit their choice of CEOs to people living in the neighborhood.

Don Fasching is the choice of me and my wife, Lorraine, for sheriff, and we hope it is also that of others.

Toler devotes talents to benefit community
From Carolyn Fosmore
Cave Junction

During a public hearing before the Cave Junction City Council on April 24, Larry Osborn made negative comments about Dave Toler by stating that those opposing the proposed Primrose care facility have not contributed a dime to the city.

It's a shame that Osborn cannot recognize people like Dave, who have lived in our community for many years and have done so much for our community.

For example, the three new fire stations in our valley, that support our volunteer firefighters toward protecting the hundreds of homes Osborn is developing, would simply not be there if Dave Toler had not volunteered hundreds of hours of his time to chair the successful bond campaign for those stations.

Then there is the beautiful Lorna Byrne Middle School that again supports the new people moving into Osborn's homes. Under Toler's leadership, nearly 45 percent of the Three River School District's bond came to Illinois Valley to build the new Lorna Byrne and renovate Evergreen Elementary and Illinois Valley High schools. Unlike anyone I have seen, Dave has fought successfully to ensure that Illinois Valley gets its share of public resources.

Or how about the I.V. Senior Center expansion project, which is moving forward thanks to many more volunteer

hours that Dave has devoted to this project to ensure that this much-needed project gets the funds needed to make it happen.

I could also talk about hundreds of volunteer hours Dave put in to prevent a prison larger than the city of Cave Junction from being built just outside the city limits. I bet not too many people who have moved into this community during the last 10 years would have done so if this were a prison-dominated town.

Or how about the improvements to Dome School? Again, much of that time was volunteered by Dave to provide a fantastic kitchen, sufficient water for the children, and handicapped accessible restrooms.

Dave Toler has appealed one of Osborn's projects because he believes that putting seniors in the middle of an industrial district is not the right thing to do. While Dave has not made a lot of dimes for the work he has done for our community, his efforts have helped to produce the kind of community that Osborn apparently feels is worth investing in.

Brian Anderson choice for county sheriff
From Carol Dickson
Cave Junction

I have been a resident of Josephine County for 38 of my 50 years. I have worked for Josephine County and the state of Oregon and am currently retired.

With the exception of Don

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**Lorna Byrne
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wonderful
community
members for
their volunteer
work at our
annual
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