

## Bob's Corner

Upon receiving last week an invitation to a reunion of my high school graduating class to mark (celebrate?) 45 years since we escaped ... er ... left the campus, a number of memories, as usual, bubbled to the top of my consciousness like dropping Mentos into a two-liter container of diet cola.

So with all that geyser-like fizzing, the first recollection naturally gravitated to my life in the snack bar at dear ol' St. Augustine High School in San Diego. It was my good fortune to work in the snack bar during my junior and senior years. And that's how I became employed by Canteen Service of San Diego, and later had a flock of terrifically weird experiences in such diverse locations including, but definitely not limited to: Camp Pendleton, the San Diego Zoo, and North Island Naval Air Station, not to mention any number of bowling alleys, bars, schools and other sites with vending machines.

But back to the snack bar -- one had to be at least a junior to work there, and it seemed as though only three students applied. Me and two giants with unusual senses of humor, who both played varsity tackle positions on our Saints team. We ate like kings (snack bar kings) for one semester. We were initially allowed to eat and drink as much of anything we wanted as our pay. Unfortunately, we consumed to excess, and so the pay was changed to a dollar a day.

But we were allowed to leave the classes before recess and lunch five minutes before the bell, and return five minutes later than anyone else. So that was a plus. To tell the truth, I was known for being able to smuggle food into class in the pockets of my car coat, which were popular at the time. So my senior annual notes that I was the "Snack Bar King." It could have been worse.

I am looking forward to seeing what my former classmates look like. It will be interesting to see how two score and five have affected those guys. My class has had two other reunions, gatherings to note 20 years and 40 years, neither of which I was able to attend. Being the sentimental guy (pack rat) that I am, I still have my 1961 annual. I know what my long-ago buds are doing for work because of an overpriced fund-raiser publication I purchased. Most of them are retired. Me, I'm just tired.

But with memories of being the Snack Bar King dancing in my head, I'll be heading to my native San Diego later this year. Maybe I'll take some Mentos to hand out.

## Library whacked ...

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happen, according to the Real Library Committee. It was formed to preserve the library system in Josephine County and save it from extinction.

Believing libraries to be the bedrock of education and a civilized culture, the committee collected more than 9,500 signatures in a petition drive to put this proposed library district on the November ballot. This library district will be led by its own independent board of directors, serve all of Josephine County, and be funded by a permanent tax rate solely dedicated to library use.

While many fear any idea of new taxes, the actual amount per household will be minimal. In fact, noted Mommyer, for less than the cost of one latte per week or half of one pizza per month, the revenue will provide:

\*Six days -- totaling 60 hours -- per week of library service.

\*Satisfactory levels of qualified staff.

\*Strengthened library services in the county.

\*An increased number of books and materials.

\*All funds needed to staff current locations as well as any future library buildings.

Regarding new taxes, through a Meyer Memorial Foundation Grant, a library consultant prepared a feasibility study. It concluded that all the necessary library

services can be funded for 55-cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

### Tax Example Given

The Real Library Committee said that any home's assessed value is far below current market value. In any event, on a home assessed at \$180,000, the library tax share would be \$99 per year or \$8.25 a month. "For a family of four that's a real bargain!" he said.

One person attending the meeting asked, "What does it say about a community that will close its libraries while opening up strip clubs?"

Perhaps the best answer to that rhetorical question came from some of the quotes included in the presentation. Asimov once wrote, "... when I read constantly about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that ... American society has found one more way to destroy itself."

And "Cosmos" author Sagan observed, "I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about ... our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries."

The committee agrees, and is seeking helpers for its campaign team.

For further information and to help, contact Carolyn and Bill Kohn at 476-9280; Susan Cohen, 479-4757; Joe Mommyer 659-9696; Cessa Vichi, 592-3291; or Whitney Lard, 218-5656.

## Letter 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.

"Thank you" submissions are not accepted as letters.

### 'Wages of sin' outlined because of hedonism

From John Bazen

Cave Junction

God wants to remove from us any killing sins. Satan, wants to kill us, with sin. Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

How does this apply to humanity today? We need only look to the two "Pestilences" man deals with today, HPV (Human Papilloma Virus), and HIV/AIDS, virus. The first virus, the CDC states, kills 30,000

women annually, and estimates that 30 percent of sexually active people carry it.

With AIDS killing millions around the world, it has expanded out of the "gay" community to all segments of society, to now being an "Equal Opportunity Killer," that all see, but for those who espouse the "gay" lifestyle as normal.

Many perhaps ask, "Why?: Job 4:8: "Those who plow iniquity and sow trouble, reap the same." Is this where man got this saying? "What we sow, we also reap?"

It seems that most of us are not the least afraid of reaping what we have sowed because we "Just wanna have fun," and many are "dying" to do just that. Therefore, unless they change, they lose, and Satan wins.

If any doubt that this is written of, read Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, and see how this compares with our daily news.

## \$300 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who shot and killed our mostly white calico cat, Abby.

Abby was found dead on Monday, June 26 approximately midway from front to back and near the property line between our lot, 397 Kirkham Road (The Schwindt residence) and 475 Kirkham Road (The Gates residence).

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## Vehicle vs. tree crash takes life of Wilderville woman

Wilderville resident Rhonda L. Omdahl, 50, died of injuries in a motor vehicle crash Friday, June 30 on Hwy. 199 near Wonder at approximately 2:50 p.m., said Oregon State Police (OSP).

O m d a h l w a s northbound near milepost 11. She was on a slight curve to the left when her vehicle went off the road, traveled approximately 12 feet and struck a tree, according to OSP.

It appeared that the vehicle had become airborne. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Traffic was hampered for approximately two

hours. Southbound traffic was especially affected, with several miles of vehicles backed up toward Grants Pass.

The victim was the wife of Randy Omdahl, production manager at the Grants Pass "Daily Courier."

Besides OSP, emergency responders were American Medical Response, Rural/Metro Fire Dept., and Illinois Valley Fire District.

The crash scene was approximately a quarter-mile north of the Wonder Store.

## Bridge work alert issued to river rats

Because of construction-related hazards, swimmers are urged to stay out of the work zones of four Illinois River bridge projects along Oregon Hwy. 199.

"Construction workers take a lunch break, only to come back and find kids jumping into the river right in the work zone," said Joe Thomas, Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) project manager.

"The work zone is a very hazardous area and not a place for swimmers," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, hazards in the water and on the structures include pilings and rebar.

"We're asking people to stay off the bridges and avoid swimming under them as well," Thomas said.

Four replacement bridges are under construction along Hwy. 199 between Cave Junction and the California border. The \$16 million project, using Oregon Highway Improvement Act funds, began in 2005 and is scheduled for completion in 2007.

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