

## Bob's Corner

Sometimes it's difficult for me, despite my awesomely humble persona, to understand why we receive so many letters via e-mail, snail mail, in person, under the door, and via carrier pigeon and Pony Express.

Or sometimes, people just throw them at us. Usually wrapped around a rock.

Here are some we're received recently, but which did not end up in our letters ... I mean, letters to the editor column.

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Dear Wonderful Editor:

I just wanted to tell you how much I admire your exceptional work. You are truly awesome and should be awarded many prizes and lots of cash.

Your newspaper is the best I've ever seen. It ranks with the finest in the entire world. You are a truly handsome and amazing person, and an outstanding, superior representative of journalism.

Sorry that this letter is written with a Crayola, but here where I live we are not allowed anything sharp. (Name Withheld)

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Editor:

I am upset because many people are not taking responsibility for their actions or their opinions. They prefer to hide behind smokescreens and other such devices of the frightened intelligentsia.

It is not in the best interests of any of us to express our positions on local, regional, state, national or international issues behind a cloak of anonymity. This sort of secrecy must end. We must stand tall for that in which we believe.

By so doing, we will conquer many of society's ills, and improve the lives of many. We must come forth into the light, or we will remain in darkness.

Signed, The Masked Avenger

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Dear Mr. Rodreegus:

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All you have to do for this money is send us your certified check for \$10,000 (just to cover certain expenses which we cannot explain). We also will need your Social Security number, your date-of-birth, and the numbers of all your bank accounts and charge cards.

We look forward to hearing from you, Mr.

Rodreegus. Don't delay, as you need to move fast.

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## Letters

(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.

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### Selma Center recycling rules must be observed From Jan Walker Selma

I would like to list the rules for recycling at the Selma Center because I know that many people read letters to the editor in the "Illinois Valley News" and will hopefully take these rules to heart.

1. No dumping: (take your refuse to the Kerby Transfer Station out Kerby Mainline).

2. No glass: (also take to the Kerby Transfer Station - no charge).

3. Leave only bottle-shaped plastic.

4. Crush your plastic (takes less room).

5. Place only cardboard in the dumpster, and break boxes down, as they take up less room that way.

6. Do not leave cardboard or plastic if the bins are full. Take them to the transfer station - no charge.

On Friday morning, Aug. 18, volunteers cleaned up all the trash that had been dumped behind the center and hauled it to the dump. These trips are costing the Selma Center money we don't have.

Sunday morning another load of trash was behind the center. This is a community center, and those unwilling to follow these simple rules are a disgrace to the community.

If this continues to happen we will shut down the recycling program or perhaps keep it open two days a week with a volunteer to supervise, or we could try some sort of device that will identify those who can't follow the rules.

It would be excellent if none of those choices have to be made.

### Gore's global warming warning called crock From Sam Martindale O'Brien

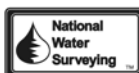
Sorry, but I must respond to Linda Wigger's inaccuracies in last week's letters to the editor about global warming. Frankly, it's a big crock fostered by loony lefties and others using false data.

Real scientists, not the junk science variety, have proven definitively that global warming is not occurring. Before people run about shouting that the sky is falling, they really should study the matter and not be misled, especially by the green former vice president.

The problem is that the doomsayers, including National Geographic, Time and Newsweek, delight in fostering such crocks of sensationalism. Global warming is not happening, but many would like it to because it allows their wacky "environmental" actions to continue.

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### Sees mixed messages in deputy's comments From Don Fasching CJ Citizens Patrol

The monthly meeting of the Cave Junction Security Council was held at city hall on Aug. 21. As before, Cpl. Sean Rarey was the chairman and called the meeting to order.

He began his agenda and eventually made a comment regarding the CJ Citizens Patrol. Instead of commending the group's efforts, he called us "vigilantes" and stated concerns regarding the group's function.

"Vigilante" is defined as, "any person who assumes the authority of the law, as by avenging crime." We, the members of the Citizens Patrol resent Rarey's remarks and are confused by his contradictions. I believe this is the same Cpl. Rarey who made it very clear that we are on our own when protecting ourselves and our property.

He is the same Cpl. Rarey who said that the sheriff is unable to provide basic police service during the night and that we must take an active role in policing ourselves. Members of the Citizens Patrol have done just that. We are not representing ourselves as law enforcement and have very strict rules regarding involvement with suspected criminals.

The purpose of the Citizens Patrol is to deter crime by mere presence. The patrol moves throughout the city during the hours of darkness looking for possible criminal activity. During patrol, we interrupted a person about to steal gas from the U-Haul trucks parked on River Street. He was picked up by a person in a vehicle and was last seen going north on Hwy. 199.

The patrol has observed many individuals and small groups walking around private businesses in the early morning hours. Our goal is to make it uncomfortable for the criminal element and

cause them to think twice about entering the city. So instead of working with us, Rarey labels us vigilantes.

Rarey preaches the value of COP, Community Oriented Policing, but has failed to meet with us and establish a partnership. On one rare occasion, Deputy Corey Krauss was working at night. He drove by us six times and never once stopped to see who we were or what we were doing.

You would think that a deputy would want to know why six people with flashlights were walking in town at 2 a.m. The Citizens Patrol is comprised of dedicated women and men who volunteer their time to help law enforcement and reduce criminal activity in Cave

Junction.

I would ask the residents of Cave Junction to support our efforts, and would hope the sheriff's office would view us as an asset and not a problem.

### 'We are all the children of God' From Zabriell Zadravetz O'Brien

What is the cause of all the wars if we are all the children of God?

War is not our great and terrible disease; war is a symptom, a result. The real disease is the virus of national sovereignty. World peace cannot be maintained by treaties, diplomacy, foreign policies, alliances, bal-

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They will hand these little friends out to children who have experienced a trauma or a domestic disturbance while working their day to day cases. Please donate clean stuffed animals (preferably with tags still attached) and bring them in to any of the Home Valley Bank locations before September 5th. It's the little things that mean so much, especially when a child is involved.

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