

Bob's Corner

We managed a trip last week to Silverton, up north in the Salem area, not only as a chance to get away from the office, but to visit the Oregon Garden and some friends in Salem. The Oregon Garden is a lovely place, and the fall colors were quite pleasing to the eye. Plus there are some interesting landscape designs and various intriguing plants.

Salem has some nice spots too, but I got us lost a couple of times because ... well, because I don't do well in heavily populated areas with motor vehicles racing this way and that. And even though Jan navigates extremely well, I have trouble following directions.



At any rate, our getting away means that certain areas of the business we own -- or is that the other way around? -- pile up. So when we returned home, reaching our front door close to 7 p.m. Sunday, it simply meant that we needed to take a deep breath and wade into the work that we do.

Actually, I've had to go over

those first paragraphs several times, as well as this one, because of bleary eyes and a tired brain. I think I've caught all the typographical errors.

So, because of having to deal with a whole bunch more work before this issue is ready to go to press, I'm going to cut it short and let a few photos from the Oregon Garden tell a story. By next issue, Jan and I probably will be fully recovered. Except after viewing the Oregon Garden, she wants to redo some of our landscaping. Yikes.



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Letters 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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'Thank you' submissions are not accepted as letters.

After 20 years in office, DeFazio hasn't done it From Richard A. Drawz Roseburg

The TV commercial that Peter DeFazio is running against Jim Feldkamp ends with a statement: "Send me to Congress and I will fix the problems." He has been there for 20 years: He is the problem.

Here is something to think about: DeFazio is a co-founder of the Congressional Progressive Caucus along with Bernie Sanders of Vermont, an avowed Socialist. The caucus recently crafted its "Progressive Promise," which advocates socialized medicine; radical environmentalism; redistribution of wealth; the elimination of numerous provisions of the Patriot Act; dramatic reductions in the government's intelligence-gathering capabilities, debt relief for poor countries; and the quick withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

These measures, says the Progressive Caucus, would help "rebuild U.S. alliances around the world, restore international American power and influence, and reaffirm our nation's constructive engagement in the United Nations and other multilateral organizations."

Until 1999 the Progressive Caucus worked in open partnership with Democratic Socialists of America. After the press reported on this link, connections suddenly vanished from both organizations' Websites.

To check this information, go to a computer, and click on DiscoverTheNetworks.org, a guide to the political left.

And people think DeFazio is working hard for the people of the 4th District? I don't think so. It is time for us to change our congressman. We need someone who is working for Oregonians: Jim Feldkamp.

RCC valley commitment; need for approving bond From Gray Conway Cave Junction

Rogue Community College supports the Illinois Valley community, and that is why I intend to vote "Yes" on Measure 17.18.

The college has offered basic skills review and GED preparation in Kerby at the Illinois Valley Learning Center for more than 26 years. Community members have been able to take a variety of Community Education and work force training, and college credit telecourse classes.

A few college classes now are offered, and a high-tech computer lab is available to help students save driving time and money.

The college demonstrates a strong commitment to providing Illinois Valley residents educational, economic and enriching educational experiences. This fall there are nearly 250 students from Illinois Valley registered at RCC, and many are using a variety of services in Kerby to save fuel and time.

I am a longtime resident and taxpayer in Illinois Valley. I am voting "Yes" on

Measure 17.18 because I want to support the college to improve the building in Kerby. The benefits will be enjoyed by my generation and by our future generations, right here in Illinois Valley.

'Observer' allegations should spur action From Andrea Thomas Cave Junction

A recent article in the "Observer" asserts misdeeds and an attitude of loathing toward the citizens in Josephine County by the sheriff's office, specifically by current Undersheriff Brian Anderson.

I have since had the opportunity to read affidavits written by current and former deputies which precipitated the article. These affidavits detail not only perceived malfeasance, but claim various actions committed by an "exclusive boys' club" within the sheriff's office led by Anderson and Sheriff Dave Daniel.

My biggest concern right now is the fear that we as citizens have become so apathetic toward the doings of our government that we will not stand with these brave deputies who have, at great risk, had the decency to come out with the truth because as they state, "The public has a right to know."

It is my contention that we have no right to call ourselves good citizens unless we stand behind those who have the courage to come forward for our benefit. We need to be outraged and demand that these allegations be investigated.

The numbers for those of us who will take the time to do our civic duty:

*Attorney General toll-free (877) 877-9392.

*Police Practices Standard (503) 378-2100.

*Government Standard and Practices Division (503) 378-5105.

Library district rates have him perplexed From Frederick A. Cliby Grants Pass

Property owners should beware. Through intended deceit, ignorance or reasons only known by them, the impression has been created by the proponents that passage of Measure 17.16 to form a County Library District: Establish Permanent Tax Rate Limitation will mean that a permanent tax rate of 55-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning 2007/2008 will be estab-

lished.

The formation of a library district is covered by Oregon Law under Chapter 357 of the 2005 Oregon Revised Statutes. ORS 357.226 states that the district board members are to be elected by the electors.

ORS 357.256 states that the board shall be the governing body. ORS 357.361 sets forth the District Powers which under (4) To assess, levy and collect taxes to pay the cost of acquiring sites for and constructing, reconstructing, altering, operating and maintaining a library or any lawful claims against the district, and the operating expenses of the district. ORS 357.266

Financing district activities; limitation on assessment each year the district board shall determine and fix the amount of money to be raised by taxation, for the purposes of district. The total amount in dollars and cents shall not exceed one-fourth of 1 percent (0.0025) of the real market value of all taxable property within the district computed in accordance with ORS 308.207.

Nowhere in my research can I find any law which allows any waiver including tax matters of Chapter 354 of the 2005 Oregon Revised Statutes.

Toler and connection cited by resident From Tom Kitchar Cave Junction

During a recent radio interview, Josephine County Commissioner candidate Dave Toler denied any involvement with the local environmental group, "Siskiyou Region Education Project" (SREP), admitted that he was involved with the "Siskiyou Field Institute" (SFI) ... and that the one (SREP) had nothing to do with the other (SFI).

Evidence shows quite the contrary, as follows:

SFI is a spin-off of

SREP, over time staffed by many of the same individuals. SREP handles the activism part (protests, letter-writing campaigns, appeals, lawsuits, etc.), while SFI handles public education (brainwashing?). For years, the headquarters of both organizations has been an old house in Takilma.

A look at a local phone book reveals that SREP and SFI shared the same telephone number, until SFI moved to Selma.

In the summer 2004 issue of SREP's publication, "Voice of the Wild Siskiyou" (VWS), a "Dave Toler" is listed with "Special thanks" for being one of SREP's "volunteers". (A "Dave Toler" is similarly listed in the Spring 2006 VWS). There is also a two-page article, "Siskiyou Field Institute," by Sue Parrish, SFI director and member of the SREP staff. This article mentions splitting SFI from SREP and becoming a separate organization.

For all practical purposes, SREP and the SFI are (were) one and the same. Toler has denied involvement with SREP, and yet he is thanked at least twice in two years by SREP for his volunteer work. It looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and smells like a duck.

Disagreement with biomass information From Mary Camp, president, Deer Creek Association, Selma

Should energy or forest health have priority? This is the real issue we're facing, especially in light of the recent discussions about using forest biomass for fuel to make electricity.

If we're prioritizing sustaining the human species, the Deer Creek Association believes that it must be through prioritizing forest health over energy. We see no science-based reason to

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