

## Bob's Corner

Haven't been getting the best rest, what with Bubba Big Foot honoring me each evening with his royal 16-pound feline presence. On my chest. While I'm sleeping. At least twice nightly. Using his six-toed, catcher's mitt paws, he pats my face and demands to be touched, no quarter given. He especially likes to be scratched behind his ginormous ears. Or he'll curl up on whichever of my hips is available. And take a nice bath. Hard to sleep with all that licking, slurping and accompanying movements going on.

I know that I should be thrilled at the privilege he's bestowing. If it's not Bubba, it's Charlie, the black-and-white whirlwind. He likes to walk on us. Especially at night while we're snoozing. Sometimes he'll playfully bite us. Jan says it's a sign of his affection. Yeah, well how would he like it if I bit him? (Just kidding).

Charlie often is stalked by Mama Maui, she who birthed Bubba. Maui doesn't tolerate much, especially smaller black-and-white cats with a smart Alec attitude. So those two often end up in so-called Mexican stand-offs, usually with appropriate sound effects. (Cat sounds, not gunfire).

Meanwhile, sweet Flint Eastwood, the all-black kitty with lovely green eyes, maintains a gentle watch on all the happenings. He does enjoy periodically playing with Charlie. But sometimes I can't tell if they're playing or trying to disembowel each other. With appropriate sound effects. Bubba sometimes plays hide-and-seek with Charlie. Or maybe it's hide-and-kill.

Anyway, all of them except Maui are well-known for jumping off objects and landing like a 50-pound sack of cement. How they can make that much noise on their furry little cat feet is intriguing. Especially in the after-midnight hours. Especially when it also involves what sounds like a relay race to the death up and down the hall and around our bed. With appropriate sound effects.

Little Rocky the Pomeranian stays out of the way.



'Charlie' and 'Bubba'

He's not feeling well these days. We keep finding little piles of food he couldn't keep down. And he has stiff legs. As for Bingo, the 50-pound Australian shepherd/terrier/blue healer/whatever, well, he often gets involved in the relay races.

He enjoys a few gruff grunts and a bit of chasing, for which he gets yelled at. He's not supposed to chase cats in the house.

Actually, he's not supposed to chase cats outside either, but he is a dog with natural tendencies. Mostly he gets along, but occasionally has to show his authority. (Yeah, right -- authority over cats. Ha!)

One of these days, when *los gatos* are really tired or decide to hang out in another room, we'll get a full, uninterrupted night's sleep. With appropriate sound effects.

### MY TRUTH

At my age and experience (65), I'd like to say to all age-appropriate women in this valley that I believe profoundly in Love, Fidelity and Truth-Telling, and that for the past 25 years I have held faithfully to those anchors.

No woman can say that I broke my vows, even by subtle deed or whispered word. More importantly, I never allowed another to think that they could break through (you know the type).

No man can say that I ever spoke a demeaning word, dark remarks, or showed lack of respect for my mate.

This is my truth. I walk it, talk it, I live it. So if these values mean as much to you as they do to me, I'd love to talk. My bio goes like this: artist, vegan, no bad habits (porno, hard drugs), very fit, kind of a Buddhist on steroids, can talk on most subjects, passionate, and told I dress out pretty well. You can find me in Selma carving wood or e-mail me at

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'Thank you' submissions are not accepted as letters.

### Neighbor's dogs have him barking back From William Schneider Cave Junction

Some folks around; decent, I thought. Seem to not really care that I beg for the peace of the home that I bought, destroyed by the dogs over there.

Some folks try, and some folks don't, to keep peace in the summer night. A barking dog going on and on, and the whole world knows it ain't right.

People's dogs are theirs and theirs alone, both its poop and voice. I don't want to share their dog with them, but some leave me no choice.

If they force me to share their dog, then I'll share some of mine, the noise, the crap, and all of that, and I'll share it every time.

I've got their number, and I'll call any day or night. The whole world knows that a barking dog going on and on ain't right.

### Wasn't Oregon Lottery listed as a solution? From Carol Ramos Cave Junction

I could be wrong, but it seems to me that when the Oregon Lottery began years back, it was touted as a panacea for our financial ills.

But now we find counties throughout Oregon gasping for money like fish out of water because of the lack of O&C safety net money. And that's thanks, of course, to our dear friends, the unreasoning, radical tree protectors.

Anyway, I thought that the lottery was going to help us with funding to make things better. What happened?

## O&C fund plan gains nods

U.S. Reps. Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) and Greg Walden (R-Hood River) enlisted 94 fellow members of Congress to join them in a letter to leaders in the House and on the Appropriations Committee urging them to include language to reauthorize and fund a one-year extension of the county payments program in the Emergency Supplemental Bill.

The county payments program, also known as the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, expired last year and must be reauthorized to continue.

Last year, the county payments program provided nearly \$280 million for Oregon counties for services like schools, roads and law enforcement.

Counties receiving funding under the program,

## Annual meet schedule gets approval by state House

Annual legislative sessions have been approved 46-11 by the Oregon House.

SCR 1 establishes a schedule for the 2007 session, and provides for a special session during February 2008.

### He says global warming is real; needs attention From Bob Kreizel New York City

In response to "Global warming needs debunking," (Jan. 14, "Illinois Valley News"): There is no real debate about the facts of global warming in the scientific community.

It is widely agreed upon among the world's leading institutions, including the recent report last week by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change of the United Nations, that humans are indeed playing an active role in significantly adding to global warming by introducing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

The most important single one of which is burning fossil fuel (coal and oil and natural gas), which releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

The Oregon Petition by OISM was deceptive and included what appeared to be a reprint of a scientific paper and a cover letter from a former president of NAS. A blunt statement issued by NAS made it clear that it had nothing to do with the petition and further stated that "even given the considerable uncertainties in our knowledge of the rele-

## Correction

An article in the Jan. 31 issue regarding a possible countywide tax levy contained an omission.

The article stated that one levy option "would cost between \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value." It should have stated that the levy option "would cost between \$2.25 and \$2.50 of assessed property value."

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An article in the Jan. 24 issue incorrectly identified John Miller, of Illinois Valley Development, which is working on the Willow Subdivision. The individual quoted in the article actually is John Chmelir, of the same company.

vant phenomena, greenhouse warming poses a potential threat sufficient to merit prompt responses."

Investigations into the qualifications of the 17,000 signers showed that less than 1 percent had identified themselves as physicists, geophysicists, climatologists, or meteorologists. The petition also had funding by Exxon Mobil.

I suggest that if people want to learn more about the

consequences of global warming and how they can take an active role in reducing greenhouse gases, they should visit [nasonline.org](http://nasonline.org) or [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov) or watch the movie, "An Inconvenient Truth." We are the problem, and we need to be the solution.

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