

Bob's Corner

We experienced an adventure in coastal Carlsbad recently in San Diego County with our daughter, her husband and our two grandgirls. The trip wasn't supposed to be an adventure as such, but that's how they sometimes turn out.

Let me just say that unless you have ever assembled a set of bunkbeds with the innocently dedicated assistance of a 4 1/2-year-old and a 21-month-old, you have not experienced life. Or exercised patience with a sense of humor. This particular adventure actually started the day before when Vicki drove us to a Levian department store in Mission Valley.

To say that it's a big store is like saying that quite a few people live in China. This store has a cafeteria, a play area for children, and a staffed baby-sitting room. The parking lot is Huge. The store interior is frighteningly enormous to those of us who don't especially enjoy shopping. I think the place also has its own police department, air force and medical center. But probably not.

Anyway, after we ate in the cafeteria, I got to be with Ella Valentina (she's the 21-month-old) in the play area while Vicki, Jan and Natalie went on safari. They hunted down bunkbeds and the associated accoutrements. We had a bit of commotion at the checkout because of the cart awkwardness caused by large cardboard product containers. Further tumult resulted because the girls wanted some gummy candy, which they got (to avoid additional hubbub), and which we all shared (the candy).

Well, this is getting too long. Allow me to simply note that we used store-supplied twine, managing to "secure" the two large boxes containing the bunkbed ingredients to the top of Vicki's car. Then we drove home somewhat cautiously, although I got a headache and a sunburn from watching the boxes through the sun-roof.

Demonstrating my mule-like strength, I unloaded the boxes. Next morning I unpacked them, and hauled them upstairs. Then it was, Let the Assembly Begin. Thank goodness that Vicki and Jan understand how to put stuff together. And I take directions well.

The whole idea was to move Natalie and Ella into one room, which meant that Natalie was displaced from what was her room. This always happens when we visit, but this time her former room was to become a permanent guest room, instead of a part-time one.

Obviously this registered with Natalie in the way a child will perceive. Because when Vicki told her, so as to make it easier when we left, that we would depart in two days, Natalie looked at her and said, in all honesty, "I thought they were going to live with us!" Wow, what a feeling.

I think we'll be going back.

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact, are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

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.

Be ready for self-defense with training, weapons

From Steve Lyons
Cave Junction

With the impending loss of O&C funds, and the public safety levy also likely to fail, it will be incumbent upon the "citizens" to be prepared to defend themselves, their families and their businesses.

The criminals will not be held in jail; will not be afraid the "Law Enforcement" will come when called for; and will be on the prowl.

I encourage all able-bodied citizens to choose a weapon they can handle, take a weapons safety class, and get a Concealed Weapon Permit. Learn under what circumstances to use that weapon. Find out what your rights are under the law.

You have to be in "fear for your life." The only deterrent to crime is the fear of "swift-and-just" punishment.

Remember this: The life you save could be yours, your parents or your children. You may stop a rape or robbery.

Don't be a victim. Dave Toler fears vigilantism -- but I call it "self-defense."

Wonderful neighbors gain her appreciation

From Peggy Nevins
Cave Junction

I am so fortunate to have such generous and thoughtful friends, especially Lloydene Davis, Ronald and Daryl Rossiter, and Junior and Jonnie Crutchfield.

I live a mile above my nearest neighbor, and am without phone and electricity. A cell phone will not work. I use a Coleman lantern for lights, and propane to cook and heat.

Every time Junior Crutchfield comes my way he never fails to stop and wait until I come out and wave at him so he knows I'm OK.

I was trapped with 3 feet of snow in my yard and long driveway; and every day either Ron or Daryl Rossiter came up in their four-wheel-drive vehicles to

see if I was OK or needed anything.

I really appreciate my wonderful friends.

Panic City can be avoided with money for sheriff

From Ken LeGaux
Selma

Here's your sign.

How would you like to go to work every day and not get paid? Put your life on the line, take on everyone's problems, work ungodly hours, be there at a moment's notice, drive your vehicle at dangerous high speeds.

Plus, hope you can make it back home to your wife and family and tell them you just can't make the rent or house payment, buy good clothes for the kids, or pay medical for the family, to name a few things we need for the basics. Let alone some extra bucks for a little pleasure with the family.

No one should have to live like that, right?

Law enforcement officers in all areas shouldn't have to either, but it seems as though we are asking them to do just that. They have families too.

So here's your sign. If we don't pick up the tab, here is what you're going to face real soon:

Druggies, felons, etc. are going to run your life for you, and there is nothing you are going to be able to do about it. Rape, robbery, destruction, murder and the like are waiting at your door steps right now.

Once they know that there is no law enforcement and protection for you and your children and grandchildren, property, etc., you will meet them face-to-face in

the day and late at night. Probably while you and your children are asleep. Or maybe when you return home to find that most possessions are gone.

I realize that this is a pretty dim picture that I am painting. But it is the truth. Once it starts, it is going to be like trying to stop a runaway freight train.

The street won't be safe. Just like some bigger California cities. Mass drugs and corruption everywhere you look.

There are going to be some rednecks, including myself, to be left to take care of the problems. And it is going to get ugly, I am very sure. And we are going to get ourselves in a big mess of trouble.

The sheriff's budget needs to be addressed so that we don't have to have some mighty bad things on our consciences for a lifetime. I know we will do what we have to do to protect our home and family, but it won't be pretty.

It will become a definitely miserable life for a long time to come if we don't do the right thing. And that is to vote "Yes" for a new sheriff's levy. It is not for the county commissioners. The money goes to law enforcement only.

People need to wake up. Remember the \$30,000 for the hunter to hunt cougars? How about having an open season and receive \$50 per license so there is income instead of outgo? And numerous other situations.

Josephine County is going down fast because the sheriff isn't given the money for law enforcement, jail, etc., when we want it to go

there first.

We are all in the same boat. Let's get together and remember these words: Together we stand, divided we fall. This is America; let's show the world that a small area like Josephine County can and will make it happen.

There is no room for druggies and criminals. Let's run them out of Josephine County, now. We can do it with a levy ear-marked for law enforcement only.

Libby found 'guilty' raises his hackles

From Edgar Hayes
Selma

One question: Why was Lewis "Scooter" Libby even on trial? It's a miscarriage of "justice" that raises my hackles.

Valerie Plame Wilson's CIA status was no secret. Many people knew it, and shared the information. Many reporters were told about the status.

Now reporters and government types all have memory problems. The so-called "CIA leak" is some sort of scapegoat situation designed to make the president look bad.

9-11 a government job, based on her studies

From Catherine Austin
Cave Junction

This is in response to William Schneider's letter to the editor in the Feb. 28 "Illinois Valley News," discussing discrepancies in the government's "official" conspiracy story of the events of 9-11-01.

During the last few years I have spent hundreds of hours researching all the material I can find about (Continued on page 3)

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, March 14

Significantly sunny

High--62, Low--27.

Thursday, March 15

Substantial sunshine

High--68, Low--31.

Friday, March 16

Warm, some clouds

returning in evening

High--70, Low--34.

Saturday, March 17

Continued cloudiness

High--70, Low--34.

Sunday, March 18

Returning rays of sun

High--66, Low--32.

Monday, March 19

Chance of continued

cloudiness

High--64, Low--42.

Tuesday, March 20

Cooler with chance of

rain

High--55, Low--29

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

*Fri., March 2: 48-36 0.09

*Sat., March 3: 56-37

*Sun., March 4: 59-35

*Mon., March 5: 64-37

*Tues., March 6: 66-31

*Wed., March 7: 53-35 0.20

*Thurs., March 8: 56-31

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Mountain Wind Farm.

*Fri., March 2: 51-35 0.02

*Sat., March 3: 61-37

*Sun., March 4: 65-35

*Mon., March 5: 69-35

*Tues., March 6: 67-31

*Wed., March 7: 54-32 0.12

*Thurs., March 8: 61-31 0.01

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These classes are not interchangeable as seating is limited at each session. Class size is limited to 11 students.

Session one - Introduction to Computers - 3 classes

This session introduces the very basics for those who have little to no prior experience.

		Class A	Class B
Tuesday	March 20	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Thursday	March 22	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday	March 27	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM

Session two - File Management - 2 classes

Where is my file? It just disappeared!! You will learn where to put your files so you will always be able to find them.

Before you sign up for this class, you should have either taken Session one (above) or you must have beginning knowledge of computer use.

This class is a prerequisite for Sessions 3 & 4.

		Class C	Class D
Thursday	April 5	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday	April 10	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM

Session three - Word - 4 classes

How to create personal and business letters, reports and other documents. File Management is a prerequisite for this class.

		Class E	Class F
Tuesday	April 17	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Thursday	April 19	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday	April 24	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Thursday	April 26	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM

Session four - Excel/Spreadsheet - 5 classes

How to format spreadsheets, sort data, and create formulas to automate calculations.

File Management is a prerequisite for this class.

		Class G	Class H
Thursday	May 3	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday	May 8	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Thursday	May 10	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday	May 15	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Thursday	May 17	3 - 4:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM



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