

Bob's Corner

In the Olden Days, when we in the real Press used hot lead (for type-setting) there were what we called Gremlins. These impudent rascals would tangle our fingers or befuddle our brains, so that errors would result. Sometimes we could call them typographical errors.

We in the Fourth Estate give them other terms too, none of which I can list here because this is, after all, a family newspaper. Suffice it to say that we abhor errors, mistakes, glitches, misinformation, blunders, boo-boos, slips, inaccuracies: I could go on. But I won't.

One of the worries we have, what with producing a weekly newspaper (weekly, not weakly), is that when we goof, we can't do much about it until the next issue. So the galling error festers, although sometimes we can lessen the pain by providing the correct information to those who telephone.

So that brings us, unfortunately, to last week's escape ... er ... issue. Not only did we mess up three times (that we know of), but all three foul ups were on page 1. Nice place if you're going to show off your bungling abilities. And here they are, for your edification:

*The headline that read, "Fed funds for JOINT?" should have read, "Fed funds for JOMET?"

*The second-to-last paragraph of the election story mistakenly noted that 16.44 percent of voters cast "No" ballots. The actual number is 61.44.

*And last, but not least, a headline read that the clinic open house was to be held Saturday, when actually it was Friday. The story correctly read that it was on Friday, as did the ad on page 16.

There are easily half a dozen excuses, justifications, defenses and pretexts I could provide for our muddling up. Want to hear some? I didn't think so.

Fouling up is our least favorite activity around here what with everything being in black and white. But gaffes (Gremlins) will pop up periodically because we're not perfect, which is somewhat of an understatement.

Let me just say that we're sorry about our faults. In fact, mea maxima culpa. The captain goes down with his ship: The editor takes a deep breath and promises to press on.

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.

IVHS Career Connections program open to businesses From Bill Moore Selma

Illinois Valley High School, in partnership with Illinois Valley Community Development Organization and several employers, has initiated the "Career Connections" program at IVHS, which began in early April, and will culminate in a Job Fair at the school on Wednesday, May 30.

This program is quite an innovative approach to matching students with potential employers, while providing educational training addressing work ethics, problem-solving, resume-writing, customer service, interpersonal relationship, etc. -- all targeting the requirements that every employer looks for in potential new employees.

The participation and interest of the students has been commendable, with 18 students originally registering and participating in the classes. I have attended several sessions and found that not only were the students and instructors focused and involved, but I learned a few new aspects of employer-employee relationships myself.

The key to ultimate success of this program is that our local employers support this program. Whether you may have one employee or 50, or if you have opportunities for training or apprenticeships to help both you and the students, we need your help and participation in the Job Fair. The Career Connections program can become a true model program, directly linking our local employers with their future employees, through the educational system.

Area employers who see merit in this program should contact Jennifer Marsden at 592-2451 or Bob Schumacher at 592-4440 for more details on the Job Fair, and how to help IVHS students and their own businesses grow.

Cave Junction development not to her liking From Linda Schluter Tedder Cave Junction

Why, oh why, are the good citizens of Cave Junction selling out to the company which has bought property in Cave Junction to put in a small shopping mall (don't need it, don't really want it).

Cave Junction is a beautiful town of like 1,600 people. The developer sees turning this jewel into a place with an additional 5,000 people. Why? He doesn't even live here.

Look what's going on with Redwood Hwy. Widening a road is never good. I hope that folks don't sell out to a medical center and assisted living facilities because I feel they're being fooled.

Notice that here in Cave Junction we don't have a real police force. Many of us are obtaining a license to carry concealed weapons. Only thing we can do is vote against anything to increase taxes.

This is a wonderful town. Kids can walk to school, and many residents don't even lock their doors. But hey, with development nothing is good. Look at Southern California where developers have turned it into a toilet.

I think that the developer needs to pack his bags and

just go. People remember what a beautiful town this once was. He has no real connections here.

Blame Game by leaders following rejection of levy From Lew Lyons Cave Junction

It started as soon as the voting stopped. Once it was clear that the voters of Josephine County had shown that they would not allow the huge increase in property tax, the powers-that-be began wringing their hands, even though they knew the O&C funding would end at this time and place.

Everything that does not go with the plans they set out will be blamed on the voters not being willing to pass their uncalled-for taxes. Let the blame fall where it belongs, on poor planning for the future. Telling us that called-for services in the future will not be answered is not much of a change for Illinois Valley.

Failure of the levy was not a surprise. As my dad used to say, "Read 'em and weep." Make do with what you have and work on getting funding from other than just property owners only.

Be prepared before you head out on the highway From Matt Garrett, director, Oregon Dept. of Transportation Salem

This Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 will mark the kick-off of one of the busiest construction seasons in Oregon's history.

Work on the Oregon Dept. of Transportation's OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program has shifted into high gear, with 63 bridges currently under construction and another 55 entering construction later this year. Already, 56 highway bridges have been completed and opened to traffic since the bridge program started in 2003.

Across the state, you'll see ODOT workers and Oregon contractors working hard to repair, replace and modernize vital highway corridors and highway bridges. Travelers on Interstate 5 alone will pass through 19 active work zones between Portland and Medford.

I can't overstate how important this work is for Oregonians. Our highway system is the lifeline that keeps our state moving forward. Our economic competitiveness depends on our ability to move people, goods and services more efficiently in our growing economy.

Our commitment to motorists is, "Better roads ahead," and I'm happy to say we're seeing the truth in that statement every day.

No travelers, especially people on vacation, want to be slowed on the way to their destinations. That's why we've taken steps, where possible, to schedule work at night or during off-peak hours. We've also coordinated projects so that truckers, commuters and visitors get where they're going as smoothly and safely as possible.

Still, it's possible that delays could be encountered.

To minimize that inconvenience, ODOT has two

great resources for up-to-date information about construction and traffic for anywhere in Oregon. Be prepared before hitting the road by visiting TripCheck.com or phoning 511.

And, when you see ODOT construction teams, remember that they are working to make Oregon's roads and bridges safer. So please, slow down in construction work zones.

Visit oregon.gov/ODOT/C O M M / video_podcasts.shtml for a video message from me about the 2007 construction season and how to be prepared -- Better roads are ahead for Oregon.

He questions reality of freedom in USA From William Schneider Cave Junction

Words cannot express the emptiness I feel when I think about how easily the people of the United States of America have turned their backs not only on the victims and immediate families of 9/11/01, but on truth itself.

I can never again see the U.S. flag as anything more than a corporate logo, for it surely does not represent unity or freedom. Not any more. Maybe at one time when I was young. I can only

compare the events of 9/11 on America as a horrible rape committed by family members possibly with help from others afar.

I do not see a United States of America. I do see states of America -- State of Denial, State of Apathy, State of Complacency, State of Confusion, State of Mindlessness and the biggest state of them all: a State of Turning Back the Truth, Honor and Integrity. A Texas-size state that fits like a glove. A state our president is surely a part of. Along with other members of the sitting administration.

Until we get to the cold, hard facts of truth about 9/11, I will never see America as anything but a sadly pathetic state of affairs. Not to be trusted, not to be honored and certainly not to be celebrated by waving the corporate logo on the end of a stick saying, in the words of Michael Moore, "We're free, we're free. We live in a democracy. Whoopee."

There are mountains of evidence pointing to complicity by members of our own government in the attacks of 9/11. The failure on the part of the people of America to address this before this administration is finished will
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Laurel Cemetery Chapel

Potluck: Noon

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Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley



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