

Bob's Corner

Sometimes ye olde editor feels like the main man in the 1955 sci fi humor novel, *Martians Go Home*, by Fredric Brown. At one point the principal character, "Luke Devereaux," decides to write his magnum opus after consuming some substance or other, I think, that alters his perceptions. I don't use such material, unless you count decaffeinated coffee or low-fat microwave popcorn.

Anyway, our boy Luke, bedeviled along with the rest of the world population by the arrival of a billion little green, sarcastic and mischievous men from Mars, sits for an extraordinary period of time at his typewriter, pounding the keys. After this creative marathon, he's about ready to collapse. He looks at the stacked pages he's typed and eagerly picks up the bundle to review his work. Although this is not verbatim, the "work" begins with a fairly coherent paragraph about a gunslinger in the Old West. The reader is told that the hero fires his six-gun.

And on the rest of that page, and on all the 500 or so pages after, the following word is repeated without change: "Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang" ad infinitum. Reason I feel like that writer? Because we all here at the *News* work the so-called *long* hours each week, pounding the word processor keys. We don't write "bang, bang, bang" to the brink of insanity, but sometimes it feels as though that's where we're headed.

Our goal is -- always has been and always will be -- to produce the best newspaper that we can for the Illinois Valley community. We take some flak occasionally; we even field some compliments here and there. You would think that after working in this sort of endeavor for more than 40 years I'd realize that no one can please everyone all the time.

One area that's a constant battle is in the realm of advertising. We're still working to get out the word that consistency with us is a key word. One or two ads here and there simply is not the best approach. Look at the giants including Sears, Chevron, Hershey's and a multitude of others: They spend millions each year to keep their names and products in our faces. Not mention our hearts and minds.

During the 21 years that we've operated the *News*, we've seen numerous efforts to do what we do each week come and go. Well, it's said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Also in years past we've seen some outfits that have taken lots of dollars from valley merchants for ads: ads that sometimes were never run and for which there was no refund.

So, as we like to say, we're an equal opportunity advertising medium. You say that advertising here doesn't work? Here's my standing offer: I will give any business a free ad of any size with full color. The only caveat is that I get to choose what product or service is offered, and how much it will cost.

Then tell me that advertising here doesn't work.

Bang, bang, bang ...

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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.)

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.

Twain, Eisenhower cited aspects of war From Crystal Griffin Cave Junction

In *Letters From the Earth*, Mark Twain, one of our greatest historians, makes the following comments regarding our entering the war against the Philippines.

"I pray you to pause and consider. Against our traditions we are now entering upon an unjust and trivial war, a war against a helpless people, and for a base object -- robbery. At first our citizens spoke out against this thing, by an impulse natural to their training.

"Today they have turned, and their voice is the other way. What caused the change? Merely a politician's trick -- a high sounding phrase, a blood-stirring phrase which turned their uncritical heads: Our Country right or wrong!

"An empty phrase, a silly phrase. It was shouted by every newspaper, it was thundered from the pulpit, and the superintendent of public institution placarded it in every schoolhouse in the land, the War Department inscribed it upon the flag. And every man who failed to shout it, or who was silent, was proclaimed a traitor -- none but those others were patriots.

"To be a patriot one had to say and keep on saying, 'Our country right or wrong,' and urge on the little war. Have you not per-

ceived that the phrase is an insult to the nation?"

Following is a quote from President Eisenhower:

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in a final sense a theft from those who are hungry and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed."

Armed population seen as terrorist deterrent From Raymond Ronald Karczewski Cave Junction

It recently has been brought to the attention of the American public that in the Ed and Elaine Brown home imprisonment/siege in Plainfield, New Hampshire -- following a bogus federal trial and court verdict via the IRS "Law that never was" -- that the Plainfield government establishment declared that it shall not offer law enforcement protection to its citizens.

Asked to return the money paid for such protection, the government refused. Has it taken the money of the People under false pretenses? Is not the protection of its community and people the primary duty of government?

Being a retired police sergeant from a California police department, and a simple man of Truth, a Christ, a Sovereign Son of God and man of the People, such notion of government's purpose to serve and protect the People has always been my understanding.

Are we not being daily told by our government homeland security officials, and others charged with the protection of this nation's security, of their "hunches" that a planned attack upon the American People will occur this summer. This is already July.

Are we comfortable with government's performance in the New Orleans disaster? That pretty much told the American People what to expect when disaster comes to their community. Are we prepared?

Unless I am just one who is not getting the accurate news by our major media, (that wouldn't happen, would it?) government so far has been unable to produce any evidence of either the IRS "Law that never was," nor has it produced any actual Al Queda subjects or evidence gained therefrom, other than gut-level hunches, that an attack upon our country, our American way of life is imminent?

What kind of protection is that? For what are the American People paying their hard-earned money? If the government is failing us, why do we not understand when told that that we are on our own and that the government will not protect

us? Doesn't anyone else understand that it means we must protect ourselves in time of foreign or domestic attack by America's enemies?

The solution I offer to the insanity of our failing court system, terrorism and possible martial law is simple. It is absolutely effective when it comes to the preservation of one's life and property, and the life and property of family and one's neighbors. But it is a solution that cannot be organized.

How unstable, how insane, have we become in America to be constantly under the threat of attack by our enemies, foreign and domestic, and told to turn in our guns, that we have lost our right to self defense, and that it is a crime for one to exercise that Right to Life, to Liberty with a gun.

There are forces out there, down the street perhaps, behind the organized government move toward gun confiscation. All the while we are being told that a terrorist attack is imminent "by hunch." And they have no duty to protect us?

Here's the solution. We have a God-given, unalienable right to life, which includes the right to self-defense and the defense of others, our loved ones,

family and friends.

Absolutely no one can take away that unalienable right. No one.

From this moment forward, all must take responsibility for their own lives and exercise their rights. We must not rely upon empty promises, unfulfilled promises made by those who openly admit they have no duty to protect us in our time of need.

Those who haven't got what it takes to exercise a peaceful, nonviolent, spiritual act of boycott should strap on a sidearm, and go about their daily business.

When every able-bodied man and woman, thousands, perhaps millions are seen to be walking around America in their homes, streets and businesses with their own self-protection strapped onto their hip or shoulder holster, what enemy would be fool enough to consider an attack upon the American People?

This is definitely a different solution than the average approach to safety which has never worked and which will never work.

For more about the solution people can visit www.arkenterprises.com/raysovl.jpg and www.Arkenterprises.com/rescind2.jpg.

Many will talk the talk, but who will walk the walk?

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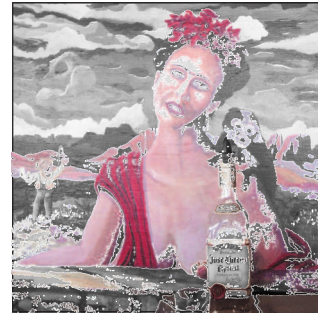
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July 21 Larry & Candy

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Fri., July 6: 98 - 66
*Sat., July 7: 94 - 60
*Sun., July 8: 99 - 61
*Mon., July 9: 103 - 65
*Tue., July 10: 102 - 64, .15
*Wed., July 11: 91 - 59, .09
*Thurs., July 12: 85 - 56

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

*Fri., July 6: 93 - 66
*Sat., July 7: 91 - 56
*Sun., July 8: 95 - 58
*Mon., July 9: 96 - 61
*Tue., July 10: 100 - 57, .01
*Wed., July 11: 90 - 57, .25
*Thurs., July 12: 84 - 55