

## Bob's Corner

Not to be too catty, but we've become quite familiar with the Jellicle Ball, as described in part by T.S. Eliott:

Jellicle Cats are black and white,  
Jellicle Cats are rather small;  
Jellicle Cats are merry and bright,  
And pleasant to hear when they caterwaul.

Jellicle Cats are white and black,  
Jellicle Cats are of moderate size;  
Jellicle Cats jump like a jumping-jack,  
Jellicle Cats have moonlit eyes.

One path to our familiarity involves *Charlie*, the personification of a Jellicle feline, who showed up at our front door one Halloween night. He waltzed in and made himself at home. He said, without saying it, "I'm here. I'm in charge. Live with it." But he kept wanting outside, and became an expert at slipping out when we least expected it. We were extremely fearful that he'd meet his Maker, as we live on a busy street.

Our Carlsbad granddaughters love him as much as we, and so several months back we somewhat reluctantly transferred his care to them. He's able to go in and out, as they live on a quiet cul-de-sac with lots of undeveloped areas around. *Charlie* has thrived in San Diego County. However, our daughter, Vicki, has experienced some of the same situations we encountered. Here are some of her comments:

"I have had to use museum wax on anything taller than 4 inches so that *Charlie* can't knock items off their shelves or perches. He makes himself at home at my neighbor Donna's house anytime it suits him. She leaves her back slider open so her cats can come and go, and *Charlie* thinks it's for him.

"One day she was in her backyard doing gardening and glanced at an upstairs window and there was *Charlie*, hanging out in her bedroom looking down at her. She has caught him in her kitties' bed and eating their food too, while her cats are home!

"He loves going outside. He has brought us countless lizards, several mice and even a bird but keeps winding up on our roof; I have to pop the screen from an upstairs window to get him in. *Charlie* also considers himself 'Guardian of the House.' A friend came by while we were all away, and was attempting to leave a surprise for the girls. *Charlie* promptly attacked.

"His internal clock is set to wake up around 4 a.m., so he comes in our bedroom, and meows and bangs our bathroom cabinet doors until we wake up. One of us has to catch him, take him downstairs and put him in the garage until 6:30 when we get up."

Vicki also related that the same neighbor got a trip to an ER 'sort of' because of the black-and-white creature, who formerly called Cave Junction his home. Apparently, *Charlie* was in the woman's somewhat disorganized garage. She was dressed for going out, possibly wearing high heels, and wanted to remove the creepingly clever critter from her environs. Unfortunately, while trying to scat the cat, she fell and suffered two punctures on one shin. Ow!

So our buddy, who is growing up Down South, continues his Jellicle ways. Meanwhile, we have acquired another Jellicle, and little *Jellirabbit* exhibits most of the same behavior as his elder cousin. We call him *Jellirabbit* because he has a pink nose and long ears.

We have experiences with three other Jellicles. *Sally* was Vicki's longtime kitty cat, but she's now in Meow Paradise. Actually, we were stunned to find, by looking at a photo, that *Jellirabbit* looks exactly like her. Then there was *Trick or Treat*, another black-and-white wonder, who showed up at our home in Poway, Calif. one Halloween night. Oct. 31 seems to be a favorite time for Jellicles?

And there was *Skippy*, who was the *I.V. News* shop cat for a few years way back when we first got here in the late '80s. He was a cool cat, who liked to climb into a box of "popcorn" packing material and sink slowly to the bottom for a nap. He was brought to us by two women after the previous shop cat went away. Unfortunately for *Skippy*, he used up all nine lives during an encounter with a chip truck across the street from our office.

So some of the feline line has left, but the living link is not leaving. And now, it's time for my catnap.

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### County fund solution: Sell unneeded property From Fred Krauss Selma

Josephine County is strapped for cash to operate the sheriff's office.

The county has 30,000 acres of land which was repossessed for nonpayment of taxes in the 1930s. It now has a forestry department with 10 1/2 employees and a budget of \$1.6 million.

My recommendation is for Josephine County to do as Jackson County did, and sell all the land not needed for parks and other county activities. I estimate that the timber on 30,000 acres would be worth approximately \$30 million. If we sold that land we could also put it back on the tax rolls and generate tax income.

Why should Josephine County be in the land business? The \$30 million, if just put in the bank, would make \$2 million to \$2 1/2 million a year in interest. This money would be well-used for the sheriff's office to bring it out of financial stress and to help run our jail and sheriff's office more proficiently.

### Bush should obey laws or be convicted by them From Bill Pfohl Kerby

Torture should not be tolerated in our form of government. This will allow them to do this to us.


It does not matter where on Earth this government does this torture. It should not be tolerated. If the president knowingly allows this torturous act he should be convicted to the full extent of our real established laws. We convicted the Japanese and Germans for this same torture technique in a time of a very real world war.


It seems that if you convict others for using this torturous sword then you should be convicted by these same twin-edge sword standards that our country has established to be wrong. Convict this president and any president in the future who thumbs his or her nose at our established laws of our lands.


I think that when we


## Weather Watch


### Cave Junction


**Wednesday, Nov. 7**   
Still sunny, cold at night  
High--68 Low--28


**Thursday, Nov. 8**   
Increasing clouds, chance of rain late  
High--64 Low--34

**Friday, Nov. 9**   
Clouds; evening showers likely  
High--64 Low--34

**Saturday, Nov. 10**   
Rainy and rainier  
High--58 Low--34

**Sunday, Nov. 11**   
Clouds, rain; then possible snow  
High--51 Low--30

**Monday, Nov. 12**   
Afternoon rain  
High--55 Low--41

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**   
Cold with rain turning to snow  
High--45 Low--31

convicted these World War II torturers they received 10 years and more in political prisons for this same act that our president is now doing on a continuing basis. This makes him a self-made terrorist in his own twisted right and will let the next presidents think that they can get away with this wrong.

This president does these torturous acts on foreign soil to try to cover his tracks. This act of torture is called water boarding, which does most likely drown the victim at times by our president's rubber stamp with the CIA these days. President Kennedy once stated on TV that he was going to take apart the CIA, and I think he died soon after as a result.

This is why great presidents like Presidents Washington, Jefferson and Madison stated that the people of the population should always be allowed to own guns, in the case that our government gets totally out of control. Of course, these days it would not be a fair fight, but at least they made it known that we should never be complacent to a very big wrong like this one in our present government.

If we are to progress in this world we must try to stop behavior like this in every nation including ours. We should shine the light of honor and truth to the world as we have done in the past. A change is needed from within this illegal heart of our government. They must do away with torture and murder and the CIA doing these things in our name. I must confess I made a very big mistake when I voted for this now very mediocre why-not-let-the-CIA-run-the-government president.

People should write their representatives about this.

### War with Iran said pushed by president From Crystal Griffin Cave Junction

De'ja Vu: The drum-beat by this administration is increasing on the issue of going to war with Iran. Here are a few facts:

We are fighting the war in Iraq, Iran on one side and Afghanistan on the other, on borrowed money. Iran has a population of some 63 million people. Iran is a modern country. It is likely we would sink their ships and that they would sink our ships.

The chances of Iran striking America on our homeland may be more plausible. Iran was helping the United States fight the Taliban in Afghanistan. Iran is at least five years away from a nuclear weapon.

America has more nuclear weapons than any country in the world. Read about Hiroshima to understand a nuclear scenario.

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

*Fri., Oct. 26	62 - 39
*Sat., Oct. 27	62 - 34
*Sun., Oct. 28	62 - 36 0.20
*Mon., Oct. 29	65 - 41 0.05
*Tue., Oct. 30	59 - 50
*Wed., Oct. 31	60 - 46
*Thurs., Nov. 1	60 - 39

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

*Fri., Oct. 26	62 - 39
*Sat., Oct. 27	68 - 30
*Sun., Oct. 28	68 - 35 0.01
*Mon., Oct. 29	68 - 39 0.16
*Tue., Oct. 30	58 - 50 0.02
*Wed., Oct. 31	61 - 44
*Thurs., Nov. 1	62 - 36

### Likes Toler approach to timber situation From Jill (Birmingham) Talise

Kerby

I'm a property owner adjoining BLM land. I support Dave Toler's position on a diverse solution to our county's economic crisis.

It is my experience that Dave is highly dedicated to the needs of our community, putting aside any personal opinions. He has good leadership and problem solving skills.

I feel that his "middle-of-the-road" position best reflects the concerns of most of the people I have come in contact with in Josephine County. He is not catering to either the "take-it-all" or "leave-it-all" mentality.

Relying solely on huge increases in logging our heritage forests is a non-sustainable, Band-Aid solution that will ultimately leave us back at "square one" soon, with ravaged public forests and a divided community.

There are great expenses involved in logging, fat profits for a few big companies, lots of money leaving the area, with only a small trickle-down of funds for our local communities.

There are other options besides huge timber cuts or extreme property taxation. For example, a sales tax on goods. It would have a direct route into the county coffers, a diverse populous supporting its public infrastructure and would not affect basic needs such as food or housing.

We should all work together to solve our financial problems in a diverse and sustainable way. Let's provide some real security and an intact environment for our children and their children to come.

I feel that the people of our county will support their communities with reasonable, "middle-of-the-road," long-term solutions.

### BLM's WOPR gets her dander up From Elaine Wood Selma

Commissioner Jim Raffenburg says that the "environmentalist industry" is to blame for Josephine County poverty.

Realtor Jim Frick appears to be more interested in his own pocketbook than tourism dollars for our community. BLM's Tim Reuwsaat says that we'll run out of timber in three years if they don't cut old-growth.

The voters say "No" to libraries or police and fire protection. Common sense is apparently nowhere to be found. And it definitely isn't in BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR), BLM's bid to change regulations, continue dangerous county dependence on timber, bring back clear-cutting to public lands and further bloat egregious corporate welfare.

Even if some forested areas (tree farms) are left standing, BLM's WOPR proposes 13 new areas for exploitation by all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes and four-wheel-drive vehicles, thereby further degrading forest health, water and air quality while shamelessly instituting noise pollution near homes.

What do people do now; having bought their homes believing that BLM land bordering theirs was a good thing, protecting property values and quiet solitude?

WOPR, a 10-pound, three-volume, 1,600+ page paper monster, is padded with ignorant conclusions using inadequate and bad science designed to replace the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP). The public is given 120 days to substantively comment. WOPR is designed to overwhelm the public.

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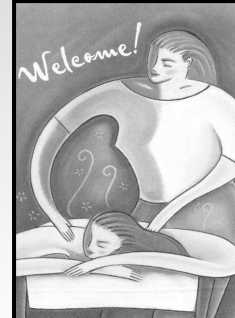
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