

Bob's Corner

This was the week that I was going to explain how I single-handedly prevented the outbreak of World War III. Or I was going to explain my foolproof plan for colonizing Mars. However, a friend who knows I need a break, and who also is familiar with my fondness for words and the puns that can spring from them, has provided the following *Humor For Lexophiles (Lovers of Words)*. WWII and Mars will have to wait.

*I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

*Police were called to a day-care center where a 3-year-old was resisting a rest.

*Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

*The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumberfence.

*A butcher backed up into a meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

*To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

*When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

*The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

*A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months.

*A burglar fell and broke his leg in wet concrete. He became a hardened criminal.

*Those who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.

*We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.

*When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, UCLA.

*The math professor went crazy with the blackboard. He did a number on it.

*The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

*The dead batteries were given away free of charge.

*Those who take a laptop computer for a run could jog their memories.

*There was a disturbance in which a dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.

*A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two tired.

*A will is a dead giveaway.

*Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

*A backward poet writes inverse.

*In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

*A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

*If you don't pay your exorcist you can be repossessed.

*With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.

*Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

*When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

*The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

*A grenade that fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.

*You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

*Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.

*He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

*A calendar's days are numbered.

*A lot of money is tainted: 'Tain't yours, and 'tain't mine.

*A boiled egg is hard to beat.

*He had a photographic memory, but it never developed.

*A plateau is a high form of flattery.

*Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

*If you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

*If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.

*When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

*Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

*Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

*Acupuncture: a jab well done.

Letters to the Editor

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

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'Thank you' submissions are not accepted as letters.

Obama, Clinton; priorities From Wally Hardie Selma

We, as Americans, are on the verge of the unbelievable. We have a woman and an African American both running for the U.S. presidency. I never thought this would happen in my lifetime.

One heartbeat ago women fought for and were given the right to vote. My mother was one, and that was considered the impossible. The Republicans riled against that, saying women are not capable of making those decisions.

The thought of a man of color as president was impossible: It would never happen. I remember how some said that Negroes don't have the mentality for any higher office. And now it looks as though Barack Obama stands an excellent chance of making it happen. And could he be worse than the president we now have?

Obama and Clinton have laid out some of the needs for America. Sen. McCain has said we cannot afford those plans of Obama. This war that has no end, McCain has said, he will keep going for a hundred years if necessary to win. Win what?

This war costs us \$500,000 per minute, \$3,000,000 an hour,

\$72,000,000 a day. Perhaps if and when that kind of expense for a war that never had to be comes to an end, we could find monies for some of the necessities: Health care for children. All children. And a health plan for the elderly so that they don't have to choose between eating and dying.

Get county's act together From Ellis Couron Cave Junction

The other day I received a letter soliciting money in support of the Cave Junction Police Dept. Of course, there is no police department, so the letter went in the round file.

But the letter did remind me that in the bottom drawer of my desk I have a red-white-and-blue decal that reads, "Support Your Local Sheriff." I have wanted to display this decal on one of my vehicles since before Bill Arnardo was the sheriff of Josephine County, and have not as yet seen anyone elected sheriff that warranted my support.

I am a retired reserve deputy sheriff, and have some knowledge of what should be happening in law enforcement. Unfortunately it isn't happening in this county. This newest representative of county law enforcement lost me and others when he reportedly went to Salem in his nice new uniform and tried to lobby the Legislature into setting aside the vote of the people that protects our property taxes just long enough for him to get his \$10 million or so.

Of course, the larger picture is the fact that for years the county lived high on O&C money and spent it like there was no tomorrow. I sent several letters to county government years ago and tried

to get some of that money set aside for times like these. But they were so busy raising salaries and building things we didn't need that they couldn't see that far ahead.

Actually I believe that the O&C Counties have a long-standing contract with the federal government and that the contract should be enforceable. The legal and administrative arms of our government are running all over the world giving away billions of our tax dollars to foreign governments as I write, so why should it be such a big deal getting that same government to honor its contract with its own citizens in these counties.

And while I am at it, I don't like to hear that rhetoric about low taxes in these counties compared with someplace else. We are not someplace else. I don't care what other counties have to pay.

I live here, and what benefits I may get from living here has nothing to do with Portland or someplace else. We are not someplace else. The county government here

should get its act together and straighten out the mess that we are in.

If those elected are incapable of doing that and getting it right without always trying to force taxpayers to bail them out, then they should find something else to do.

The bottom line is that the federal government, which contracted to pay us the O&C monies, should find some way to resolve that problem in our favor -- and if and when it does, the county should take care of those funds as it should.



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