

Bob's Corner

Sleep. Slumber. Nap.
Snooze, doze, 40 winks, catnap, dead to the world. Sawing wood. Nod off.
Sometimes my mind meanders mostly to the topic of rest in the form of sleep. In fact, as I become older I find that sometimes sleeping is the highlight of my day. I've got to get a different hobby.
My mother's side of the family was legendary for its ability to sleep through most anything. My father's side of the family, especially my dad, was famous for being extremely light sleepers. They were nervous types. My mom's sisters were easy-going.
Here's an example of my dad's skill. When I was a high school freshman he gave me a portable radio. He warned me about having the volume too high, so I closed the door to my bedroom, got under the bed covers, and turned on the radio with the volume as low as possible without turning it off. It was so quiet that I had to hold the speaker against my left ear to be able to hear. No sooner did I turn it on though, than he stormed into my room to tell me to turn off that dang thing -- or words to that effect.
Unfortunately, he startled me so much that in my haste to turn off the radio, I turned the knob the wrong way so that the volume came on full. Then I made the mistake of laughing about it. Dead dad was quick to forgive though, although from then on I only listened to my radio where he couldn't hear. Like in the garage inside the car when he wasn't home.
On the other hand, besides five fingers, we have my maternal aunts, who were known for their dedication to the arms of Morpheus. The "worst" was Aunt Mary, who had so much trouble arising in the mornings to go to work that she often got up only 30 minutes before she had to clock in.
That might sound like a long time, but she had to take a taxi because those aunts never had a car, and it was too far to walk. So in the half-hour available she "had" to have her coffee and toast, apply makeup (to her face), comb her hair and do other morning stuff. Unfortunately, she always included phoning for a cab before it was feasible to be ready to go. Often, the cabbie was left hanging at the curb until he'd give up and drive away without her. This happened so often that after awhile no cabs would respond to her calls.
My observation is that I have a mix of the Rodriguez/ Cordova sleep idiosyncracies. I can sleep well, but I also can have trouble sleeping. Just the other night I went to bed and slept for six hours without awakening. But there have been times when I fight with the pillow, tossing and turning, and wondering whether I should read a book, take a pill, hang out with the cats, get up and check the Internet, have a cup of Sleepytime Tea, or phone for a cab. Kidding about that last.
Hopefully this column has not put anyone to sleep. But if it has, then I'll know what to do the next time I need a siesta.

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Valley holiday help (now)

From Carol Ronan
I.V. Family Coalition
Cave Junction

The Holiday Basket and Toy Program have been Illinois Valley traditions for more than 13 years. Low-income families can count on the programs to provide a hearty holiday meal and Christmas gifts for their children.

Historically, we have been the distribution site for the Holiday Basket Program, and this year the Illinois Valley Family Coalition assumes the role of manager for the Toy Program. We are depending on the generous support of donors to help provide toys to more than 600 children this year.

We ask for donations of new, unwrapped toys or cash to purchase toys for this year's program. All donations stay in the valley and are tax-deductible. We are seeking donations early so that we can take advantage of summer and fall toy sales, allowing our cash donations to go further.

Donations can be mailed, or checks or toys can be left at the coalition office on E. River Street next to I.V. High School and across from the Cave Junction pool.

To volunteer to help, or for more information, phone 592-6139, Ext. 303.

'Losing control of JoCo'

From Guenter Ambron
Cave Junction

I haven't done the full research on this, but the

sources I'm finding reflect that for decades the Far Right has had significant influence on Josephine County government. Much of the county's charter is written by the Far Right. Currently, one county commissioner fully represents their voice.

This leads to the question: Should a political opinion that represents no more than 15 to 20 percent of county citizens have a majority of influence on our county government?

Recent events indicate that the current board of commissioners is looking toward a future where there is a more balanced proportion. This move is causing a political earthquake. Commissioners Dave Toler and Dwight Ellis are providing an example of how people with different political beliefs can still work together.

The commissioners recently decided to stop participating in a KAJO Radio monthly talk show with Carl Wilson, Paul Walter, and Commissioner Jim Raffenburg being the leading voices. Walter runs Newswithviews.com. Paul Walter has stated many times that he and KAJO have close ties and work on projects together.

Only KAJO and Newswithviews.com have come to the defense of Raffenburg for fabricating official documents. In addition they have defended his call to take back a pay cut retroactively -- demanding \$17,000 from the county. Remember, he promised to take this pay cut in his election campaign and shamed county workers during the strike for not taking their cut as he had.

Stacy Stumbo, of the Grants Pass *Daily Courier*, reported on Raffenburg's falsification of documents. She deserves recognition for her courage to write this story, although the sources credited could have been better identified.

In contrast, quotes from Raffenburg on Newswith-

views.com: "The casual reader might think my language regarding a fellow commissioner (Toler) too strong. But these are not 'normal' times, for this county. Based upon my personal observation the very principles of our Republic are under a subversive assault from adherents of an alien political philosophy. The assault has been gradual, but relentless.

"This (Toler's) agenda is to convince you to 'voluntarily' abandon as

many freedoms as you can, in the name of the environment. They will then suppress whatever freedom is left, by removing your ability to influence your own political future. Sound familiar? Now you know why I am so opposed to Commissioner Dave Toler's agenda."

Raffenburg is suing the *Daily Courier*, but Toler and Ellis have pledged not too reverberate.

Let's do well in choosing our leaders, as they reflect our values.

Got questions for the candidates?

Bring them to the I.V. News office
or email them to letters@illinois-valley-news.com
(subject: forum questions)

PUBLIC FORUM

Monday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.
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