

Bob's Corner

Some may have heard of the Bulwer-Lytton Contest, aka “Dark and Stormy Night Contest,” run by the English Dept. of San Jose State University. In this contest, entrants must write only the first line of a bad novel. The 10 finalists in one contest submitted the following entries.

10) As a scientist, Throckmorton knew that if he were ever to break wind in the echo chamber, he would never hear the end of it.

9) Just beyond the Narrows, the river widens.

8) With a curvaceous figure that Venus would have envied, a tanned, unblemished oval face framed with lustrous thick brown hair, deep azure-blue eyes fringed with long black lashes, perfect teeth that vied for competition, and a small straight nose, Marilee had a beauty that defied description.

7) Andre, a simple peasant, had only one thing on his mind as he crept along the East wall: “Andre creep ... Andre creep. ... Andre creep.”

6) Stanislaus Smedley, a man on the cutting edge of narcissism, was about to give his body and soul to a back alley sex-change surgeon to become the woman he loved.

5) Although Sarah had an abnormal fear of mice, it did not keep her from eking out a living at a pet store.

4) Stanley looked quite bored and somewhat detached, but then penguins often do.

3) Like an over-ripe beefsteak tomato rimmed with

cottage cheese, the corpulent remains of Santa Claus lay dead on the hotel floor. 2) Mike Hardware was the kind of private eye who didn't know the meaning of the word “fear” -- a man who could laugh in the face of danger and spit in the eye of death -- in short, a moron with suicidal tendencies. And the winner:

1)The sun oozed over the horizon, shoved aside darkness, crept along the green-sward, and, with sickly fingers, pushed through the castle window, revealing the pillaged princess, hand at throat, crown asunder, gaping in frenzied horror at the sated, sodden amphibian lying beside her, disbelieving the magnitude of the frog's deception, screaming madly, “You lied!”

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

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Typed, double-spaced letters 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.

Political puppies From Ken Stepp O'Brien

We are raising six lovely Welsh Corgies, now 10 weeks old. As newcomers to this endeavor we attempted to teach them to read, and have

kept them exposed to newspapers from around the area in their library, which is approximately 40 percent of their allotted area.

The response to this has been controversial. Since the newspapers are of a Democrat lean we have come to the conclusion, based on what the puppies do to the papers, that they are Republicans.

Now we are uncertain as to the ethics of selling a Republican puppy into a Democrat's home.

Elect honest atheists From Wally Hardie Selma

It has come to my attention during the past several years that various politicians have gone to prison for a

wide variety of criminal offenses.

They took an oath and swore on the Christian Bible that they would uphold the duties and responsibilities of office. But Republican and Democrats have been arrested for fraud, lying under oath, money scams, cheating on their income tax, sexual crimes, and the list goes on. I, as others, have listened as they made promises that down the way they broke, the latest being the governor of Illinois attempting to sell a seat in the Senate of the United States.

If this governor or any of the others prosecuted, and who will be prosecuted, were

atheists they would never have been given the opportunity to be elected, never be allowed for an elective office. Who in their right mind would vote for an atheist? Why, there is no telling of the crimes they might perpetrate.

It is conceivable they could cheat on taxes or lie under oath, and we damn sure don't want any one in office that would do crimes while in office. We must be very sure to vote only for those who attend church on a regular basis and swear on stacks of Bibles that they will never break God's laws. And should they break God's laws they must repent and cry in front of congregations.

Energetic future studied

Gov. Kulongoski last week signed Executive Order 08-26, creating the Oregon Energy Planning Council, which follows the Energy Summit held in August.

The 11-member council is charged with providing practical analysis, advice and assistance on energy planning.

“Even in these tough economic times, we need to address Oregon's energy future comprehensively,” Kulongoski said. “The future prosperity of Oregon's citizens and businesses will be dependent on a well-developed and proactive energy plan that this council can help provide.”

The council will issue an energy planning report to the governor and the Legislature before Dec. 31, 2010 that will include information on Oregon's current energy use and supply. The report also will include analysis of future energy needs, challenges to price and supply stability for Oregon citizens and businesses, analysis of any energy supply gaps, alternatives to meet Oregon's energy needs and short-, medium- and

long-range energy plans for meeting Oregon's energy demands.

“Demands on Oregon's energy supply are going to increase in the future, whether it's from a growing population or a growing economy,” the governor said. “We have set Oregon on a path to a renewable energy future, but also need to make sure we address stability and supply concerns as we make that transition. This council will help us chart that course.”

The governor will address the Energy Planning Council during its first meeting, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 12. The council will provide, as requested, continuing analysis and counsel on energy forecasting, transmission, price stability, alternative energy sources and energy efficiency.

“Energy use and its impact will be a significant continuing issue for Oregon,” Kulongoski said. “This council will help to ensure Oregon develops a plan to keep the state moving forward as we transition to our renewable energy future.”



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