

Bob's Corner

One great aspect to the use of PCs is that when I'm worn out from working, because we let our editor-in-chief have a vacation, I can look back and find a previous column. Like this week. So here (again) are some mostly amusing lines that ran three years ago:

- *Save the whales. Collect the whole set.
- *A day without sunshine is like night.
- *On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- *I just got lost in thought. I wasn't in familiar territory.
- *Approximately 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- *It's 99% of lawyers who give the rest a bad name.
- *I feel as though I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
- *Honk if you love peace and quiet.
- *Remember, half the people you know are below average.
- *He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- *Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- *The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- *I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.
- *Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
- *Monday is an awful way to spend one-seventh of your week.
- *A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- *Get a new car for your spouse. It'll be a great trade.
- *Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
- *Always try to be modest, and be proud of it.
- *If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- *How many of you believe in psychokinesis? Raise my hand.
- *What's the speed of dark?
- *How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- *If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- *When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- *Hard work pays off later. Laziness pays off now.
- *Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just do not have film.
- *How much deeper would the oceans be without sponges?
- *Eagles may soar, but weasels do not get sucked into jet engines.
- *Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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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 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.

Positive reactions
From Fred & Karen Luevano
Cave Junction

Several times the *Illinois Valley News* has included Lue-Van-O's in articles, which has brought us positive reactions. We just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate this.

Monument expansion
From John Roth
Cave Junction

Josephine County Commissioner Dwight Ellis was quoted in *Illinois Valley News* (June 24) as saying, "It seems like Congress is just trying to grab more and more land. Any time there's a land grab by the feds, I am against it."

First, the land in question is already federally managed. Second, it is not owned by Congress or other "feds," but owned by all of us.

Knee-jerk reactions like this are often based on an ideology both anti-history and anti-science. For the past eight years, the most ideologically driven administration we have ever had declared war on the science of managing federal lands. Now, with the new administration based more on science, Ellis laments and imagines that the Oregon Caves expansion is already "a done deal."

Since Dwight moved to

Josephine County in 1988, why didn't he comment when Oregon Caves solicited public input on the proposed expansion starting in the 1990s? Nearly all of the thousand or so letters and verbal comments the monument received supported the expansion.

It's also not a "done deal." Anyone can still contact their federal and state representatives whether or not they think the expansion would enhance tourism in Illinois Valley or better protect a "crown jewel" of our nation.

The monument so far this year has had at least a 10 percent increase in visitors on cave tours over last year, an amount reflected in increased local tourism. Since most other areas of Oregon are not showing a comparable increase, some of this may be due to the increased marketing by the monument, the monument's concessionaire (I.V. Community Development Organization), the Friends of Oregon Caves, and local people too numerous to mention.

Does anyone think that having a monument big enough to have a recognizable shape on the Oregon State Highway Map might make it easier for tourists to find us, rather than the dot the monument now is?

We should not let knee-jerk reactions not based on facts get in the way of a proposal that could have a positive economic effect on our community.

Ellis fear unfounded
From Greg Walter
Cave Junction

Commissioner Dwight Ellis expressed concern over protecting the water quality of our iconic Rogue River and Oregon Caves ("Huge expan-

sion proposed for Caves Monument," *Illinois Valley News*, June 24).

As a small business owner, I'd like to shed some light on these common-sense proposals offered by legislators Peter DeFazio and Ron Wyden so that Ellis can sleep better.

He might be pleased to know that every acre of the proposed expansion of Oregon Caves is already owned by the American people -- no feared "land grab" here. The

bill would simply change the agency in charge of managing the land to better protect the monument's water supply. I think that's a good thing for the area's most-visited attraction, and so does the local rancher who holds the grazing permit. He is voluntarily retiring his permit.

More good news: The acres of land that DeFazio rightly aims to protect around the Rogue River are already public land too. Protecting the

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Ryan Nolan 592-2914

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