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For the Sentinel

# The Chatterbox

## A brief respite from madness and mayhem

It is with a broken heart that I sit down at my desk to write this column. The recent shocking shootings of citizens and vindictive murders of police officers in the USA has left me speechless. And the terrorist attack in Nice, France that killed and wounded hundreds... took me to my knees. These crimes are so heinous that it will take the Wisdom of Solomon to stop the madness. I am not Solomon. Therefore, I am not going to pontificate about how to bring peace to the warring factions of our society. I am going to make an effort to lighten up your day as I empty my email inbox. It often brings a smile to my face and it's good to take a moment and realize that life goes on when the world around us seems to be blowing up.

Let's begin with a piece that someone sent me from a university in Wisconsin. Every year the school's administration tries to give faculty a sense of the mind-set of incoming students. Reading this you will understand the generation gap. There's a reason we don't understand today's kids and they don't understand us either:

"The students who are starting college this fall were born in 1998. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up. Their lifetime has always included AIDS. Bottle caps have always been screw-off and plastic.

The CD was introduced seven years before they were born. They have always had an answering machine. They have always had cable TV. They cannot fathom not having a remote control. Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are. They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter. And movies? Well.... They never think about "Jaws" when

they go swimming. They don't know who Mork was or where he came from. They do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who he is! They never heard: "I'd walk a mile for a Camel" "Where's the beef?" or "de plane, Boss...de plane."

That's today's students. Now check out this 50-year span of word play contrasts for those who were students in the 1960s:

### Maturity Changes Things

1966, Long Hair  
2016, Longing for Hair!

1966, KEG  
2016, EKG!

1966, Acid Rock  
2016, Acid Reflux!

1966, Moving to Calif. because it's COOL!  
2016, Moving to Arizona because it's WARM!

1966, Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor  
2016, Trying NOT to look like Brando or Taylor!

1966, Seeds and stems  
2016, Roughage

1966, Hoping for a BMW  
2016, Hoping for a BMW!

1966, Going to a new-hip joint  
2016, Receiving a new hip joint!

1966, Rolling Stones  
2016, Kidney stones!

1966, Disco  
2016, Costco!

1966, Parents begging you to get your hair cut  
2016, Children begging to get their heads shaved

1966, Passing the drivers' test  
2016, Passing the vision test

1966, "Whatever"  
2016, "Depends"

And finally, here are some quotes from well-known individuals who are a little closer in age to my generation. Some are amusing. Some are pithy, but all are food for thought:

"America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked." David Letterman

"I've been married to a communist and a Fascist and neither would take out the garbage." Zsa Zsa Gabor

"Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself." Harrison Ford

"Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke." Robin Hall

"Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million." Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind: every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder." John Glenn

"We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea." WH Auden (social poet)

I'm going to close by agreeing with the last quote. Good will must begin with us. Whoever we are, whatever our religion, we should be willing to apply the Golden Rule to all: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It may not save the world, but it's good Karma.

Keep smiling, and may God help us all!

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Wisdom Seekers on Thursday

Cottage Grove's Wisdom Seekers Club meets at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening (monthly on the third Thursday) at the Healing Matrix, Seventh and Main streets. This conversation (with free cookies), about science, philosophy, and almost anything else welcomes anyone to attend and join the host, astronomer Steve Kilston, in offering and listening carefully to ideas and insights on any topic.

### Backpack donation

On Saturday, July 30, TCC and A Wireless are teaming up to donate 235,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children through TCC's annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway.

Between noon and 3 p.m., more than 1,300 participating TCC and A Wireless stores are inviting local families to bring their children to the store to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, glue and more. The participating TCC store in Cottage Grove is located at 1498 E. Main St., Suite 101.

### Mass Appeal coming to Opal Center

The Opal Center for Arts and Education announces the upcoming production of Mass Appeal, directed by David Work, a comedy that will run July 21-23 and 28-30; doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m.

The stars of this show are local actors Matt Woodward and Jim Curtiss. Father Tim Farley (Curtiss) is highly popular with his parishioners due to his charm, wit, easy-going manner, and entertaining (but un-challenging) sermons. One Sunday, seminarian Mark Dolson (Woodward) interrupts Farley's sermon to challenge his stance on the ordination of women. The pastor is outraged yet intrigued by the young man, and asks to have him assigned to work with him.

### PeaceHealth Cottage Grove makes to-know list

PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center has been named one of the 50 Critical Access Hospitals to Know by Becker's Hospital Review. This is the second year PeaceHealth Cottage Grove has made the Becker's list of outstanding critical access hospitals in the nation.

The Becker's list is based on rankings and awards from respected organizations, including iVantage Health Analytics, Healthgrades, the National Rural Health Association, Truven Health Analytics, Women's Choice Award and the Leapfrog Group. Included hospitals earned recognition from one or more of these organizations within the past two years.

### Phi Kappa Phi

The following local residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Justin Baird of Cottage Grove, initiated at Eastern Oregon University

Emma Feldkamp of Roseburg, initiated at Eastern Oregon University

Jameson Baird of Roseburg, initiated at Eastern Oregon University

Rachelle Capone of Roseburg, initiated at Eastern Oregon University

These residents are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

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