

Bob's Corner

Returning to Illinois Valley after a week in San Diego was a breeze, compared to leaving. As some might recall, we were fogged out on Oct. 1 at Rogue Valley International Medford Airport. But we were able to leave on Wednesday the 2nd, arriving in San Diego shortly after noon.

The return trip last Wednesday was smooth, except for some airborne speed bumps while I was attending to business in the forward rest room somewhere over the Golden State. We made the 7:10 a.m. Alaska Airlines flight from San Diego, arriving in Portland at around 9:35 a.m. This enabled us to catch a Horizon Air flight at 10:03 a.m., and with a good tailwind we landed in Medford at 11 a.m. Thank God that our son, Michael, works for Alaska Airlines, and so we are blessed with discount, stand-by passenger fares.

We also are blessed to have Matt Kaplan, a son-in-law who willingly and with good grace arose at 4 a.m. to drive us from Carlsbad to Downtown San Diego. And you know what? Even at 5 a.m. on I-805 and I-5 there was plenty of traffic. Unfortunately, our native San Diego is getting to look a lot like Los Angeles, from a traffic standpoint. But it's still a beautiful city with plenty to offer, whether you were born and raised there or are a first-time tourist.

The only fly in the soup was the 44 bucks we were charged for parking at Medford airport for a week. Dang.

Anyway, in-between those two Wednesdays we had a fine time, visiting with our daughter, Vicki, and Matt (two outstanding parents); and of course their new arrival, Natalie Emma. Plus we spent time with my mom, "Val," and my cousin, Micheline, and her husband, Ron Santana. As well, we had lunch with Matt's parents, Paul and Roberta.

As always, I lament my hometown as it is today because I recall it as it was when I was a child. It's way different now, with a huge influx of people, who each drive two cars, sometimes simultaneously. Tremendous growth in all directions has occurred. Areas that used to be open fields or canyons or foothills are becoming home to shopping centers, office complexes, housing developments and the like. I mean, you have to be careful or you'll become part of a construction project if you stand still too long.

As I said, San Diego is still beautiful, but there are so many people that they often suck most of the oxygen out of enclosed spaces. It's especially tough on people like Jan and me, who have grown used to Oregon during these past 23 years. Even Portland and Seattle aren't as crowded as San Diego, although Seattle is getting close.

On Monday the 7th Vicki, Natalie, Jan and I tried to go to one of our favorite attractions, the San Diego Zoo. But the parking lot was full; Park Blvd. was lined with cars; and the side streets were crammed. And this was a Monday morning. We decided to avoid the zoo on this trip; and ended up in Downtown San Diego, taking a look at the Gaslight District and a place called Seaport Village.

I am not that great a shopper, but I enjoyed looking at all the stuff available. And our credit card began to melt before I decided to drip it back into my wallet. But hey, we were on a vacation, and we tried to keep the purchases reasonable. Whatever that means.

Jan and I also enjoyed wandering around Downtown Carlsbad, which I remember as a wide spot along Hwy. 101 back in the Olden Days. Now it's an attractive, large city, especially for someone like me, who enjoys trains. Coaster commuter trains and Amtrak trains add lots of atmosphere (railroad noises) while you're having a meal or a cup of java. Yep, there's plenty of everything no matter where you go in San Diego, from Oceanside to the Mexican border, out east to El Cajon and beyond, and other directions too.

The "Noose" staff put out last week's issue without El Jefe, which should come as no surprise to anyone. I've been trying to work myself out of a job for years.

As for my beloved San Diego, it is indeed a wonderful place to visit, but I'm really not sure that I'd want to live there again.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note: Views and commentary expressed in letters to the editor are strictly those of the letter-writers.

We no longer will accept single-spaced handwritten letters. Typed, double-spaced letters are acceptable for consideration. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and highly legible also can be considered for publication.)

Library levy

**From Lou Levison
Cave Junction**

Groucho Marx once said, "Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

Inside our Illinois Valley Branch Library there are plenty of books; access to close to a million more with the SOLIS system; new, friendly staff; public-use Internet computer terminals, and good light for reading -- when it's open.

Let's ensure that it stays open 35 hours per week and provides these and many more services by voting "yes" in November for the library levy.

What's the cost? It just so happens that our house is assessed at about \$100,000. That means my family pays only approximately \$20 per year to help keep our library strong, and that helps create the reality that our valley is a great place to live. If that's the reality you want too, vote "yes" for the library.

'Felonious nerd'

**From Ellis Couron
Cave Junction**

Thursday morning, as the wife and I were on our way to town, we had the unfortunate experience of having some fun-loving insensitive nerd in a vehicle going in the opposite direction throw something of some substance at our vehicle as he went past.

Whatever it was hit our windshield and nearly took it out. Glass shards sprayed all over the inside of our car and our clothing. Fortunately we both wear glasses so our eyes were somewhat protected.

By time we stopped and figured out what happened, the laughing, fun-loving insensitive nerd and his vehicle was long gone. However, he should know that a criminal act of this nature used to be called a "felonious assault with intent to do great bodily harm" and is a most grievous criminal offense that can bring a long prison term and is not the least bit humorous.

I don't know what this criminal act is called in our

current permissive society because when I tried to report the incident to our intrepid sheriff's office, the deputy on duty was just not interested enough to be bothered.

What about Ray?

**From George Lee
McElroy**

Cave Junction

A patriot was taken prisoner on Sept. 12. He has refused to eat because of this false arrest and unlawful court action preceding his incarceration. He is accused of driving without permission (a driver license) and subsequent related violations.

Raymond Ronald Karczewski has chosen to exercise his common law right. He has extricated himself from the corporate noose that attorneys have (during the last 215 years) placed around our necks. He has followed the procedures established by the UCC and copyright laws.

The court has refused to respond to his sovereignty, and to date has arraigned him five times. The "don't knows" and the "don't cares" are not obligated to save America. Those of us who enjoy the freedom other patriotic Americans have sacrificed their lives and their freedom for must stand up and object. Ray has decided that if necessary he will sacrifice his life in his quest for freedom.

I am asking people to phone the court (Judge Coon), the jail, and the sheriff and ask when they will be releasing Ray. Ray wants only to lawfully enjoy our Common Law Rights. These rights extend to all Americans, but have been purposely hidden or buried.

Ray, along with many American patriots in this country, has unraveled the web of deceit deliberately designed to transfer power from the people and a Republican form of government to those we rely on to run our government; those in high places dedicated to political sabotage.

We are indeed at war against a collectivist conspiracy. It is a battle between freedom and slavery. Ray is in a battle for his freedom and he needs our help.

For libraries

**From Rachel Goodman
Cave Junction**

"Libraries yes." The bright yellow signs are up, reminding me why I support the coming library levy. I have no problem adding a small amount to my tax bill when the library offers much more than my money's worth in services.

There are lots of books to

read on long winter nights. If what I'm looking for isn't at our small library, our taxes support interlibrary loans with the possibility of borrowing books from elsewhere in the state. I can read and borrow magazines without having to subscribe; borrow videos and audiotapes; and use the Internet without having to own a computer or pay for access.

In these ways libraries contribute to a healthy democracy where children and older people can become better educated whether they have money or not.

Our library is a community center where people of many ages and lifestyles mingle. We have funds now for helpful staff, convenient hours and services worthy of anywhere. Let's vote to keep our library growing.

Profitable season

**From 'Chas' Davis
Cave Junction**

As the summer draws to a close, I would like to extend appreciation to everyone who made the Oregon Cave Chateau a success this last season.

Despite serious obstacles, such as a late start, the Biscuit Fire, and the loss of much of

our staff at the end of August, the season was profitable.

The Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IVCRT), the employees (all of whom live in Illinois Valley), and the local artisans who displayed and sold their arts and crafts in the gift shop also had a profitable season.

Most importantly, the park profited by having a concessionaire to serve the public.

As we've seen at our national forest campgrounds and state parks, public resources that are underutilized or don't "pay their way," become targeted for closure and disposal by our political leaders. In the endless cycle of tax and budget cuts they are considered expendable. That is unfortunate, because our parks are one of the few tangible assets that we will leave to the next generation.

I appreciate the many volunteers who gave their time and expertise to this endeavor. Without the assistance of these patriots we would not have made it.

Hopefully, the IVCRT and Bill Hunt, the new Chateau general manager, will be able to operate the concession again next year.

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