

Bob's Corner

(Following is part of a therapy session between Dr. Bill Kostalott, a psychologist; and the publisher of a certain weekly newspaper.)

Doctor: So Boob, I mean Bob, you have questions about why you insist on writing too frequently about your youthful trips to El Paso, Texas.

Patient: Well, yes, I ...

Doctor: How often do you find yourself doing this?

Patient: Well, I ...

Doctor: Don't let me interrupt or influence you. Just go ahead and tell me what you think. What you are feeling.

Patient: It seems to me that ...

Doctor: Did you enjoy being tall on those Greyhound buses, or was it because of all the attention your aunts gave you, or perhaps because once in a strange city, where no one would make fun of you, you could act in different ways than you could at home.

Patient: I would say that maybe ...

Doctor: These are all good questions, and perhaps the answer is tied into the fact that as a young boy you felt as though you were the man of the house at your grandmother's residence, as there were no other men present. I'm also thinking that the fact you often were the only person up from around 5 a.m. to noon, with the run of the house, and able to make great quantities of toast smothered in butter, that you were feeding your ego through your stomach.

Patient: Well, I think that ...

Doctor: What is your perception of all this discussion? Do you think that there is some validity to the toast theory?

Patient: I'd like to think that it ...

Doctor: We need to end now, as our time is up, but next week let's continue to pursue this train of thinking.

Patient: Hey, I like trains too ...

Doctor: Time's up. See you next week.

Patient: OK, well, good-bye, and I'd like to say ...

Doctor: Please pay on the way out.

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'Transport plan' From F. Bellerman Selma

In response to Robert Weber's solicitation for comments regarding the Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP), I have asked that the following be included in the public record of the open house meeting.

I dispute Robert Weber's assertion that Josephine County is capable of solving, or empowered to get involved in, transportation logistics. Further, I deny Josephine County the right to coerce citizens to pay for such a scheme. As a realist, I recognize the fact that misguided efforts will go forward to institute just such a government operation.

Weber, the future transportation czar, has already decided, "When completed, the Rural Transportation System Plan, will be adopted..." (emphasis added). I wish to go on record in opposition for fundamental, as well as practical reasons.

Since it is unlikely that he, or the majority of sheep citizens are able to understand or appreciate the philosophical standards involved in a principled rejection of such government activity, I shall restrict my comments to pragmatic and fiscal arguments. This is not to imply, however, that I can be swayed by arguments to "make government work" or calls to be "reasonable" and compromise. There are few things more terrifying than an efficient government and compromise of principle is treason to liberty.

It is notable that a "wide variety of people and organizations with an interest in the project have been invited to help shape the plan." I wonder which variety of people and organizations have been invited to challenge the plan?

Like it or not, there is a minority who oppose it. Living in the last remnants of the Republic, we should voice our rights and point to the folly that will be paid for by everyone.

Here are some pragmatic objections:

*Our "rural way of life" was chosen precisely to get away from "public" transportation. RTSP is the Californicating antithesis of the way of life many of us chose.

*RTSP surely subsidizes those too poor or lazy to buy a car, own a horse, or ride a bicycle. The expansion of this free ride will attract more with the same mind-set to the area.

*In every instance that has been aggressively audited, the cost of providing paid private taxi service for every public rider fare is lower than the aggregate cost of government associated with the attempt to deliver an inferior product few people want or need.

*In this era when exaggerated transfer payments meet the inevitable budgetary constraints, it is ludicrous to commit additional non-existent surplus wealth to a scheme designed to grow and perpetuate itself without limit.

*Truly alternative solutions have not even been discussed. To whit, why is Red-

wood Hwy. being widened instead of narrowed?

*The space gained could serve as a bicycle-horse-moped path. Rights-of-way exist for a never-realized Oregon-California Railroad. An electric light rail track would be infinitely more "rural," especially if entirely private.

*If all else fails, we can always erect barricades on Thursdays and collect road tariffs for an autonomous Jefferson Republic, but that's a ludicrous idea that has never been tried.

'Letter To America' From Ryan Cox (Written March, 15, 2003)

The strong, the brave, the free. What happened?

Let me start with an introduction. My name is Ryan Patrick Cox. I am an American, born and raised in California. Currently, I am a U.S. Navy Corpsman attached to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, in the country of Kuwait on the border of Iraq. Waiting, waiting for war.

Today I ran across an article in "Time" magazine showing thousands of the American people in New York protesting what I am doing here. Now, to tell you the truth, I don't like being here any more than any of us do. We are underfed, dirty, living in dirt, and angry from being so far away from friends and family.

But when I read that article, it infuriated me, and made me feel ashamed, not because of the actions of the military, but the inaction, or incorrect actions of my fellow Americans back home.


Do they so quickly forget Sept. 11, 2001? How we as a nation were brutally attacked? Do they forget the claims of Saddam Hussein to give money to the families of the suicide bombers, ("the heroes") against the ("evil") West?! Did they forget that? Or are they just afraid of another attack?

How can I put this gently to my countrymen? "Land of the free, home of the brave," you have turned into passive sheep. You let the wolf attack and instead of rising up in your greater numbers and striking the wolf down, you returned to grazing. You prefer inaction now out of fear!

What happened to my

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I.V. Grange Breakfast
Sunday, April 13
9 A.M. to 1 P.M. - Public Welcome
3763 Holland Loop
Adults-\$5/Children under 11-\$2.50
ALL YOU CAN EAT
Waffles, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Ham, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Tea or Milk



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ART WALK
Friday, April 11 - 6 to 9 p.m.
 at the
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Serving: Vegetarian and authentic Italian lasagna, garlic bread & salad
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Head Start School Grounds
620 E. River St.
 Please... *donate items...
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*Friday, April 11 - Art Walk - Mike Selfridge (singer, songwriter and slide guitarist)

*Saturday, April 12 - Buck Harms

*Friday, April 18 - Christian Rock on Good Friday with Common Ground

*Saturday, April 19 - Local Southern Gospel Trio 'Generations' (Hoskins' Girls)

*Thursdays - UBA-Star open mic with Jake Thompson

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