Bob's Corner

We've had some welcome summer visitors of late; people we love and enjoy.

First to reach the valley was my favorite male person cousin, Frank, who used to have an outstanding Adam's apple, which has hidden itself with age. He came with his friend, Marlene, and we enjoyed her company also. We only got to visit for two hours. But they were good hours.

We went to Carlos' Restaurante, where the margaritas were just right, and the soul food was fulfilling. Actually I think I did most of the talking, what with trying to fill Marlene in regarding his errant ways as a youth in El Paso, Texas and San Diego.

Frank was not only the best man at my wedding with Jan in the last century, he was my mentor and often a stand-in dad for me. He's maybe 10 or 12 years senior to me; I don't really know. But his sense of morality, honor and common sense have stood me in good stead.

Despite that observation, he still managed as a Texas teen and little beyond to raise a little heck. He never raised hell though, and it was great fun relating some of his youthful extravaganzas to Marlene. Her eyebrows were raised a lot, because Frank obviously had her convinced he was an angel. Naw, he only acts like one with that disarming smile he has.

I love him, and I told him so. Hope to visit him and Marlene down near San Francisco one day.

Last week we had another wonderful visit, this one from our son, Michael; his wife, Christy; and daughter, Kimberly, 7. They stayed with us nearly three days, and we wish it could have been longer. We showed them some of the valley's sights, including Oregon Caves National Monument.

Kimberly, being extremely observant, noted that her grandfather (that's me) looks a lot like "Bingo," the dog, and that "Bingo" looks like me, but not as much. Actually I was flattered. And got a good laugh.

The three of them had been camping along the Oregon coast after leaving their home in Washington state. They enjoyed sleeping in beds after several evenings of tent camping.

"Mikey" enjoys doing things that people tell him he can't. So it was with my contention that I'd have to move our van out of the garage to accommodate his trailer, made from a compact pickup truck bed.

He disappeared into the garage, and I heard slight scuffling sounds. Thinking that he was looking for stuff to take home, saving us from having a yard sale, I pretty much ignored the noises.

Next thing I knew he came into the house, grinning his Mikey grin. And yes, he had gotten the trailer into the garage without me having to move the van. He is just that way. Enjoys doing "the impossible."

Christy is a terrific wife. She and Mike have been married slightly more than a year, and they make a perfect couple. Besides that, Kimberly is extremely well-behaved (thanks to Christy; although we know that Mike has a hand in it also).

Jan obtained special food items for their visit, including ice crème pops. So we not only ate well, but had a fine visit. Summer visitors: We love 'em all.

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'Constitutional rights'

From Lisa Heathman Reno, Nev.

Folks in Southern Oregon have a real problem.

The Josephine County district attorney and sheriff are holding a man (Raymond Karczewski) in custody for a driving infraction, while releasing violent inmates right and left for lack of budget funds.

Driving without a license is usually a ticketable offense, Karczewski's assertion of his constitutional rights have seemed to anger law enforcement agencies to the extent that he has spent almost two months in jail and has had other charges piled on because of the embarrassment and "hurt feelings" he is causing -by actually making the courts prove guilt against any person constitutionally presumed innocent.

The scary part is that not a single charge against Karczewski has ever been proved, yet there he sits.

Does anyone worry about court proceedings that allow no one to witness them? This is what Josephine County calls a "Confidential Arraignment." Is this also what was called, in the movie "Animal House," double-secret probation?

I guess it's what the courts have when they have nothing left. This should scare everyone in Josephine County, and everywhere else, that this type of law enforcement may set a precedent and any citizen can be subject to the Law of the Day, instead of the Law of the Land.

'Dark days' From Ray Karczewski

Cave Junction (Josephine County Adult Jail/Grants Pass)

Our country faces dark days ahead. We, a once free people, are heading for inevitable economic

collapse and tyranny.

but by whim.

Nowhere is it defined more clearly than here in Josephine County. The problem lies with our judges and District Attorney Clay E. Johnson. They no longer conduct their business by law,

D.A. Johnson has defaulted in refusing to answer three documents filed with the court, one accompanied by a sworn affidavit.

By not answering the affidavit point-by-point, Johnson has bound the county to a commercial debt in the amount of \$21,600,000. Liens have been filed and recorded at the Secretary of State's office, Corporate Division, against the corporations Josephine County and State of Oregon.



FIRE SUPPRESSION TRAINING - Volunteers with the Community Emergency Response Team participated in a 'fire' drill outside Cave Junction City Hall last week. A mixture of diesel fuel and gasoline in an open container was used. Illinois Valley firefighters provided assistance and helped direct the training. The city's Gary Biggs is the coordinator for the team, being trained to respond for aid in emergencies. A federal grant is being used to fund the project.

As of July 18 I was arrested for the third time in 11 months for the same bogus charges. The courts are stymied as to how to get beyond the arraignment stage. Each passing day I am incarcerated, damages accrue at the rate of \$60,000 a day.

On July 21 Judge Gallagher blurted "the cat out of the bag." He said there existed no one who had a claim against me. That statement alone is legal grounds for dismissal.

Instead, Johnson chose strong-arm intimidation by charging one who is defending himself with seven counts of "simulation of legal process," i.e. "paper terrorism," all toward "CYA" (cover your ass).

How does it feel to know your public servants are bankrupting you?

'Citizen request' From George Long Grants Pass

Editor's note: This letter was sent to the Josephine County Board of Commissioners.

My name is George

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