

## Bob's Corner

For some reason, the subject of buses rolled into my mind (or a reasonable facsimile of same) for this week. Some folks spell the plural of bus as busses, but not me. For me, busses are kisses; I assume you could get bussed on buses.

As a boy I rode buses with my Mom from the Linda Vista area of San Diego to Downtown San Diego. With all the stopping and starting, it sometimes seemed that we'd never get there. Many times, it seemed that the airliners landing at Lindbergh Field were going to touch the bus roof.

Often, way back when, we'd get off the bus near the foot of Broadway, close to the Lane Field baseball facility, and transfer to a clanging trolley car, which would take us up Broadway and hang a left around 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> street I believe. We'd ride the trolley to the Balboa Park merry-go-round and the San Diego Zoo.

Sometimes, when returning home in the early evening, the bus would be crowded with workers from the aircraft factories along Pacific Coast Hwy. And during the summer months in San Diego (January through November) it would be hot in the bus. Usually it didn't bother me much, especially if I had any popcorn remaining from the huge five-and-dime store downtown. My Mom would buy me a 10-cent bag that was about 3-feet tall. Plenty of popcorn there to keep me occupied while she shopped, and for the trip home.

Lots more people seemed to use buses in those days. I used to have a bunch of bus tokens, but they disappeared. I've ridden Greyhound buses several times, not only to El Paso, Texas from San Diego; but from San Diego to Baker, Calif. Don't go to Baker unless you really have to. It's situated in the Mojave Desert between Barstow, another place to avoid unless you want to fry eggs on the sidewalk, and the Nevada border.

In the seventh- and eighth-grades, I was forced to ride the St. Rita's School bus, an ancient vehicle with a driver of the same vintage.

As a high school freshman, sophomore and during part of my junior year (until I turned 16 and got my driving license) I rode a lot of San Diego Transit buses. Way too many. At one point, when we lived in National City on the south edge of the city of San Diego, I had to take three buses just to get to school. Had to leave the house fairly early too.

I'd take the W bus from a stop not too far from our home; get off in Downtown National City and ride the V bus to Downtown San Diego; then transfer to the O bus at Horton Plaza for the ride up to the North Park area and St. Augustine High. For going home, strangely enough, I'd reverse the process.

I was glad to finally be licensed to drive, as taking those buses was not a lot of fun. Encountered some interesting people though, including Sailors, Marines, construction workers and tuna cannery employees. We macho high school boys always sat in the rear of the bus, where we could listen to the dirty jokes, salty language and weird comments from some of the aforementioned.

Rode Mexican buses a few times from the Mexico/U.S. border; once all the way to Ensenada, Baja California, some 80 miles south of Tijuana. I'm here to tell you: No one gets in the way of a Mexican bus. But enough about buses. It's time for a bus stop.

## Letters to the Editor

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

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Typed, double-spaced letters are acceptable for consideration. Handwritten letters that are double-spaced and highly legible also can be considered for publication. Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.)

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### What's Necessary From Lucy Angel O'Brien

The deputies here sometimes perform unnecessary car stops. For example: one license plate? One light dimmer than the other? Let's use some kind and sensible discretion.

A woman's child is picked up by a stranger in a kidnap gone awry, and it was not worthy of pursuit and further investigations? Something is wrong.

Let us merit what needs to be done and omit what is truly unnecessary.

We appreciate law and order when it has all well-being in mind. And when it is not, it is not just.

### Scottish thanks From Sharon Coots The Shire of Myrtle- holt/Caversgate Cave Junction

We appreciate the editor and the other wonderful people who braved the weather to come to our annual Scottish New Year/Hogmany feast.

Although the turnout was small, because of the weather, a good time was had by all.

We especially appreciate George and Anwyn Leverett of "Around the Hearth" for their wonderful music; and the poets, story tellers and "Bonnie Knees" contestants for the fabulous entertainment.

We can only hope we have better weather next year.

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### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14

\*School Board Meeting  
at Lincoln Savage  
7 p.m.

\*Belfour - here - lunch  
& after school senior  
graduation orders  
**THURSDAY, JAN. 15**

\*Wrestling at  
Mazama - 5:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, JAN. 16**

\*Boys basketball vs.  
Henley - here  
3:45/5:30/7 p.m.

\*Girls basketball at  
Henley - 5:30/7 p.m.

\*After game dance  
until 11 p.m.  
**MONDAY, JAN. 19**

\*Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day - no classes  
**TUESDAY, JAN. 20**

\*Finals week

Reality is merely  
an illusion,  
albeit a very  
persistent one.

- Albert Einstein -

I try to take each  
day one at a time,  
but lately, they all  
attacked me at once.

No, I couldn't live in  
Switzerland, They poke  
holes in my cheese.

- Kevin McKinney -



**LEGIIONNAIRES LEND HEART** - American Legion Auxiliary 70 Junior members filled Christmas bags with homemade cookies, candies, personal hygiene items and other goodies for veterans at the White City Domiciliary just before Christmas. The senior auxiliary members and veterans joined the junior members in singing Christmas carols throughout the Dom after the gifts were distributed. (Photo by Auxiliary 70).

### Short life From Lou & Nora Trujillo

**Cave Junction**  
Alex Gardner, 42, passed away while on his postal route in Grants Pass on Monday, Jan. 5.

He was a loving husband to Lori and an excellent father to his son, Alex Allen, whom he leaves behind.

His son will graduate this year from high school, and the family was planning to send him to college in the fall.

Now, this plan has been put on hold (his father was the major source of income). Even though this young man works for Jeff and Karen Stiles, co-owners of Oregon Caves Chevron in CJ, and maintains a 4.1 grade average, college may now not be possible. What a loss this would be.

A bank account has been opened at Home Valley Bank, P.O. Box 129 in Cave Junction, for donations for this deserving family.

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