

## Bob's Corner

Probably (or "prolly," as former publisher Bob Grant was wont to write), those who read what weakly pops up in this space weekly can't tell where the topic will lead. Neither can I.

For example: For this issue I toyed with several ideas, some of which actually could be mentioned without fear of extradition. My tortured brain also offered a couple of ideas, both of which could lead to public humiliation. So those were rejected.

And that left the strange topic of how people hold handguns. I'm not much of a target-shooter, although I've fired a few rounds. My favorite is a .45-caliber semiautomatic replica of the famous military weapon.

Under training by "Bo Gritz" a few years ago, and then NRA training under a deputy who was the county sheriff's office range master here, I developed a distinctive style. It's called aim, fire and miss. Like many shooters I hold the weapon in a two-handed grip, and hold it in front of my face.

Unlike some movie shooters (actors; not people who shoot at movies), I do not hold the gun sideways to avoid the shell ejection. I like dodging the brass, and I've never been able to catch one. Besides, they're hot and difficult to hold onto.

In the Olden Days, even into the "Dagnet" and "Adam 12," era, officers held their weapons at their hips. Oh, and there was the weird guy, "Baretta," who extended his right arm and supported that elbow with his left hand. Yeah, right-that'd work. "The Lone Ranger," "Range Rider," "Roy Rogers," "Gene Autry" and numerous other Old West shooters also held their six-shooters at the hip. Pretty hip, eh?

Anyway, it seems to me, as I've often been accused of shooting off my mouth, that we need some new ways to hold handguns while we target-practice or hold Dangerous Criminals at bay (in movies).

\*The Classic Under-the-Leg Position: The shooter draws his weapon; cocks it as he brings it to a firing position under his right leg; and pulls the trigger. This could result in a certain amount of distress, but we will not delve too deeply into that. For additional information, get in touch with Limpy Paine.

\*The Hair-Raising Angle: A method most preferred by bald-headed men, this involves resting the weapon atop one's head; and using the famous nose-pointing method perfected by "Scarhead Jones." Be sure and compensate for the higher angle of fire.

\*The Spin-Dizzy Scenario: Used primarily by show-offs. The shooter draws his weapon; tosses it into the air in a spinning motion; catches it (usually); spins himself around twice; and fires. It's important to hesitate momentarily before firing to avoid shooting toward spectators instead of a paper target because of being off-balance or dizzy.

That's enough shooting' the breeze. Next week I'll work on a better caliber.

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### Honor WWII vets From Cmdr. Dan Warden American Legion Post 70 Selma

World War II Veterans Recognition Day in Illinois Valley coincides with dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. on May 29 from noon to 4 p.m. at Lake Selmac Boy Scout area.

American Legion Post 70 wants every WWII veteran to be honored. We know many of them will not be able to attend the ceremony in our nation's capital.

A special donation in honor of WWII veterans is being conducted in conjunction with the Children's Miracle Network. All veterans serve to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. We think that such an activity allows every citizen to participate and honor this generation.

Raising money for our children's hospital at Rogue Valley Medical Center pays tribute to the legacy our WWII veterans fought for.

To register a WWII veteran, phone 597-2979. Let us know if rides are needed.

### Federal spending From Louis Chauvin Cave Junction

Forty-nine percent (call it half) of our federal spending goes to the military (mostly) and interest on our rapidly expanding national debt.

Sixty percent of U.S. corporations paid no tax last year, many receiving tax breaks for either outsourcing or moving dummy headquarters offshore. With this in mind, consider the following quotes:

"Fascism should rightly be called Corporatism as it is a merge of state and corporate power." - Benito Mussolini

"I wouldn't call it fascism exactly, but a political system nominally controlled by an irresponsible, dumbed-down electorate who are manipulated by dishonest, cynical, controlled mass media that dispense the propaganda of a corrupt political establishment can hardly be described as democracy either." - Edward Zehr

"If men use their liberty in such a way as to surrender their liberty, are they thereafter any the less slaves? If people by a plebiscite elect a man despot over them, do they remain free because the despotism was of their own making?" - Herbert Spencer.

### ATM theft From Darlene Kelly Cave Junction

I am a longtime member of a bank in Illinois Valley. On Aug. 19, 2003 and March 19, 2004, I was a victim of burglary, and my checks and credit cards were taken.

Both times, the burglars took my purse containing my credit cards and such.

When I asked for a copy of the ATM video recording, I learned through the bank that holds my cards that the ATM we use in the valley has no recording, so we were at a loss to who was robbing us.

In August, I complained that there needs to be one. In March, I found out there still was no camera. The suspects know that they can steal from our ATMs in the valley and get away with it.

Banks are not providing our valley a secure place to keep our money. It does not cost much a month to supply our banks with a camera.

I hope a camera is put in place to find out who is doing this. It could save a lot of heartache and money loss.

What if you were robbed? Would you then realize the importance?

### 'Rah' Raffenburg From Luz Moore Cave Junction

Voters should really think twice before voting for any of the incumbent candidates. Eight and 22 years of service is quite a long time to serve as commissioners.

People should evaluate what these three incumbent commissioners have accomplished after long years of service.

It is time for change. Let us see what Jim Raffenburg and Dwight Ellis could do for Josephine County.

When my husband and I had a chance to talk with Raffenburg, I particularly felt that he is for the people. Someone who would do good for all the people of Josephine County. He

has shown this already by offering a 10-percent cut in his salary to help fund the sheriff's office.

The sheriff's office should not be taken for granted. These are peace officers who serve and protect our lives and property. We, as citizens, should give them our utmost support and respect. They put their lives on the line for us.

He also talked about youth centers for kids and programs for seniors, and most important of all, putting a system in county government so that all expenditures are accounted for. This is a great move.

It does not matter whether they are a Democrat, Republican, or Independent, I will support whomever I feel will do good for the people. Politics are not new to me. I've

been exposed to politics since I was a little girl and I could easily tell if a candidate is for the people or not.

I am after a politician who will do good for everyone and not just for certain interest groups.

I gave my word to Raffenburg that if he wins, I will help and support him in the realization of a youth center in Cave Junction. Seniors too can use the center.

I will help initiate workshops and seminars for youth to bolster their self development and skills.

It is high time that something be done for them. Of course, this is possible with the help of every caring and loving citizen of Josephine County.

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