

Bob's Corner

A few memories from a trip to San Diego County popped up like dark, smoking toast recently when I came across a printed note from the Transportation Security Administration. I originally found it when I opened my suitcase at our daughter's house in Carlsbad.

Under the TSA symbol -- which includes a shield, an eagle, an olive branch and a sheaf of arrows (but no latex gloves) -- were red letters that read: NOTICE OF BAGGAGE INSPECTION.

I was surprised. Because at Medford International I already had been strip-searched, run through a people-sized X-ray machine, held upside-down by my ankles and severely shaken, and my fillings and crowns were inspected. Plus I was interviewed by three armed psychologists to make sure that I am not a terrorist.

Actually, I made that up. Most of it.

Anyway, the printed card noted that, "To protect (me and my) fellow passengers, the TSA is required by law to inspect all checked baggage. As part of this process, some bags are opened and physically inspected. Your bag (lucky me!) was among those selected for physical inspection.

"During the inspection," the card continued, "your bag and its contents may have been searched for prohibited items (maybe my blue golf shirt or calendula-flavored deodorant?). At the completion of the inspection, the contents were returned to your bag." That last part was sweet, I thought, returning my stuff to the bag instead of burning it, putting it through a shredder, or saving it for a rummage sale.

The card also noted that if my bag had been locked, "the screener (interesting name for someone who prowls through your personal stuff) may have been forced (at gunpoint?) to break the locks on your bag." Good grief: Warning -- do not lock your bags. Oh, and "TSA is not liable for damage to your locks resulting from this necessary security precaution." OK, I'll accept that because there's really naught to be gained by protesting. I know, they're just doing the job, and now I've had my fun by being sarcastic.

Maybe on my next trip, I'll make up my own printed card and place it atop my clothing and such for the enjoyment of any TSA employee who goes through my carefully packed items. Maybe a copy of this column?

And now, for your education, using TSA-supplied data, I wish to advise that, "Airlines are required to provide basic security training for all crew members. TSA is required by law to provide optional self-defense classes to crew members who want further training." Did you know that?

Additionally, there's something called the Federal Flight Deck Officer Overview. Notes TSA, "Flight crew members are authorized to use firearms to defend against a terrorist attempt to wrest control of the aircraft. A flight crew member may be a pilot, flight engineer or navigator assigned to the flight. If both pilots are armed, the captain decides who will defend the aircraft and who will fly the aircraft."

Besides all that, several high-tech screening techniques and equipment are being employed at major airports. You can read all about them on the TSA Website.

So, you know what? The threat of terrorism seems to be taken quite seriously. I'm glad for that. And I'm not ever going to lock any of my suitcases, even if I pack my funny shirt with the weird designs.

Happy flying!

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact, are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

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'Thank you' submissions are not accepted as letters.

Talk betrayed vet, fellow comrades

From John Granville, former USMC Lance Cpl. Selma

On Memorial Day I attended the Hillcrest Cemetery memorial service in Grants Pass.

As I sat in my wheelchair, I felt betrayed, being called by name without my permission. That put me in a bad light -- not just me -- but all who served their country the best way we could during the Viet-

nam War. I lost both legs there.

I am sick and tired of hearing that it was a worthless war. One has to examine the reasoning for going to war, which I did at the time.

We, as troops, didn't just decide we were going there to kill people. We did some good there also.

The speaker on Memorial Day (who gave an antiwar speech) needs to know that the refugees were coming down from the north to the south, not the other way around.

We honor the fallen; not the John Kerryes or the politicians. By the way, those of us who were in combat know who was not.

I also remember a man named Pol Pot, who executed more than a million people after we left.

Yes, it cost something to do the right thing, just like in Iraq. I'm proud to have served, and would do it again. Semper Fi.

Howling at the moon, and walking funny

From Wally Hardie Selma

The hue and cry of small-town mentality.

Under no circumstances do the good citizens want a strip club in the community, as it will bring in riff-raff from out of town to ogle the topless girls. Not to mention the local riff-raff.

And God knows what seeing a bare breast can lead riff-raff to contemplate. I have heard said that some even howl at the moon, while others walk funny. This, of course, leads down the road to moral degradation.

Nudity should in all circumstances be outlawed, along with all alcoholic beverages. Nudity mixed with alcohol not only leads to moral decay, but wife beating, swearing at chil-

dren and, in some circumstances, kicking small dogs.

The solution here is a more moral community. We must outlaw all alcohol and all bare breasts. Those caught partaking of drink, and slipping a glance at a boob, must be incarcerated. People who drink alcohol, smoke pot and ogle will be put in jail and fined one thousand dollars a day while doing jail time.

But let's not stop there: Jay walkers and other chronic criminals must do community work for one year, and all will be required by law to attend the church of their choice seven days a week. Speeders will be fined \$500. Out-of-town speeders \$1,000.

We should close all swimming pools and turn them into vegetable gardens. All libraries should be closed. Public schools only through the third grade. After all, that's all great-grandpa had. And if it was good 'nough for grandpa it's good enough for you.

Lastly, all grandparents must be liable and pay for raising not only the grandchildren, but the great-grandchildren as well. Up to age 40. We will of course change the name of this country to "I Wacky," and make President Bush president for life.

Sugars not planned as 'in-your-face' place

From Ron Clinton Cave Junction

Like many in I.V., I've known Sugars owner Larry Goynes for many years. I know him to be the nicest, most honest, upright, smartest person I've ever met.

I have immense respect for him. I'm ashamed of those who have abandoned their friendship with him because of Sugars. Those who have done so probably never were real friends.

Concerned I.V. citizens could do much worse than Larry. He doesn't want Sugars to be an "in-your-face" kind of place. He truly respects the people of this valley. Sugars will fill a needed niche for the people here and in surrounding areas.

Many people may not realize that Larry doesn't need an OLCC license to open. Many such places serve no alcohol, just juice and soda, etc. If you build it, they will come.

The real issues are morality and censorship. Some people think it's not OK for adults to view other adults nude for the purpose of sexual stimulation, even though it's legal to do so. I disagree.

The performers at Sugars will be professionals. That's what they do for a living. Whether they are putting themselves through college or taking care of their families, it's their choice. Those who think that Sugars will be some kind of den for fornication are wrong. It will be a legitimate business.

In retrospect, I suppose that the folks who oppose Sugars should have looked ahead to the eventuality of this issue. Did they really think that it was never going to happen here?

I look forward to having Sugars in our community.

She's pleased at delay for 'Sugars' application

From Marilyn Arnold O'Brien

I sent the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's Shirley Hassberger in Medford an email about my concerns of the coming liquor license approval for "Sugars."

Here is the reply, and I think the best news is that the decision (see the last sentence) isn't going to be

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Corrections

Those dang typographical gremlins caused a couple of errors in the Community Calendar for June. To set the record straight:

*Youth Soccer signups will be conducted at Shop Smart Food Warehouse on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It incorrectly was stated that the signups would be at Jubilee Park.

*I.V. Extreme Sports Festival will be held Saturday, June 17 at Jubilee Park. It incorrectly was stated that the park that date would be site of a reunion for former firefighters from the Siskiyou Smokejumper Base. The reunion actually will be at Illinois Valley Airport.

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I have a background in developmental disabilities and multiple chemical sensitivities (environmental illness) so I take an integrated approach to children's wellness.



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