

Bob's Corner

Many people believe (erroneously, for the most part) that those of us in the wonderful wacky world of journalism know most everything about everything there is to know.

This is not entirely true. Still, many of us in the Fourth Estate have a wide range of facts, statistics, inside information, factoids, figures and stuff in the dusty attics of our minds. And we often are aware of much that the “general public” is not. But we are not (usually) omniscient. However, those guys on the corner drinking from brown paper bags know everything. It’s true. Just ask them.

Others who know everything are girls from age 10 and older; boys from when they’re around 15 until they get married; every newspaper city editor in the world; and certain people who address city councils. The latter not only know everything, but they know stuff beyond that. (You figure it out).

As a nightside young reporter (working from 2:30 p.m. until at least 10 p.m.) in San Diego I fielded a number of phone calls. They were usually from inebriated people of both genders, but not simultaneously, wanting to know some fact or other. Because we newspaper people know everything. At least 99 percent of callers were in bars and wanted to settle bets. I’d listen to the question and make a decision.

Did I want the caller or the co-bettor to win? It depended on the caller’s attitude. If he or she was polite and didn’t cuss too much, I’d give them the answer they wanted: “Yes, you’re right, it was Gen. Horse Puckey who won the Battle of Horehound Heights.” But if they didn’t meet my criteria, I’d go the other way: “No, your buddy is correct. It was actually Chief Arrowshirt who defeated Gen. Tornshortz at the Battle of Hambone.”

Why do we know so much? It’s because we have to be specialists in generalities. Longtime reporters have read a lot of books, magazines, encyclopedias and other newspapers. We’ve attended many meetings, tragedies, special events; spoken with many people of many ages at many levels. Plus we’re horrified that someone might ask us a question to which we don’t know the answer.

So we always have to be ready. And most often we can provide a proper answer. Really.

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Finding lost men a God happening From Dave Tromler Cave Junction

My son, Jon Tromler, came to me and said, “Dad! This morning as I was having breakfast I heard on the scanner that a fella’ and his friend had gone off the road somewhere near Bolan Lake.”

Jon said he tuned into the message and realized he had been listening to the scanner for about four hours, and he had become very anxious, as he felt he could find the missing men who were calling 911 from somewhere in the mountains off Happy Camp Hwy. The Jeep in which the men were riding took a sudden turn off the road to Bolan Lake.

My son put his small motorcycle in back of his pickup truck; grabbed his 7-year-old son and headed for Bolan Lake. Jon had made contact with 911 to let them know his intentions.

As he was driving up Happy Camp Road he passed a search-and-rescue truck a short time later. Jon made the turn from Happy Camp Road to Bolan Lake, and after the turn-off he realized that he was running

out of fuel.

So he pulled his truck to the side of the road and got out. He said that he thought he heard a cow bawling, but realized there were no cows in the area. Then he realized that he found the men who were lost for nearly two days.

At this time, Josephine County Search And Rescue drove up, and Jon waved and hollered that he found the missing men. Those in the rescue truck rolled up the windows and locked the doors -- wonder what they were thinking?

Jon didn’t wait for them to get their bearings back, but jumped 30 feet down and slid another 60 feet to where a man was mentally lost sitting on a rock asking Jon to find his friend. Jon found him about 30 feet from the man in shock, but he was not functioning.

Jon hollered back to the rescue people to come and get the men. He then went back to his truck: the one he forgot was out of fuel. He managed to get it back to Happy Camp Road and coast down the mountain and into my driveway and told me this story.

Then he took my car and a can, and resupplied his truck with fuel.

What a guy! As his dad, I’m busting with pride.

Jon truly does have a sixth sense. Tune in to God.

Confidence lack seen toward sheriff’s office From Richard Thomas Cave Junction

Since its inception in

May I have been attending the Cave Junction Security Council meetings. The turnouts for the first two were very small.

To these tiny audiences council founder Cpl. Sean Rarey, of the Josephine County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO), spoke very candidly. He addressed what JCSO could and couldn’t do to address citizen safety concerns, mostly property issues and concerns over vagrants in Jubilee Park.

Any complaints about what the sheriff’s office couldn’t do were easily explained away because of its lack of resources and our valley’s size and rural nature. The purpose of the meetings was to prioritize what JCSO could do.

July’s meeting was a lot different; there weren’t even enough chairs for everyone. There were a lot of different people with many different concerns, and amid the chaos I think some important issues were lost in the frustration: one being the incident July 8 when Cory Bockstiegle sustained injuries that caused him to lose a piece of his brain and half his skull in a brutal beating.

I think a lot of people were there to let JCSO know that resolution of this matter should be a priority.

This was never really mentioned, as the night of the 8th brought too much controversy over our contract deputy’s alleged response at the scene, so the issue of Bockstiegle was overshadowed. Rarey said that the meeting was not the forum for a dis-

cussion about Deputy Cory Krauss and the issues surrounding the incident, so the topic was dropped.

I saw a great deal of relevance in the discussion. It raised questions about people’s confidence in JCSO. I think that the usual low turnout to these safety meetings has something to do with the people’s frustrations turning into apathy and a lack of trust that JCSO is here to help.

For example, when Rarey mentioned “work” and “Cory Krauss” in the same sentence the entire crowd got a laugh. To me this all seems indicative of some real problems in our valley. And without a cooperative community with confidence in its law enforcement the concerns over our valley’s safety and security will only grow more numerous.

IVHS not included in Rotary contest From Craig Glynn Cave Junction

The other day I was set to buy one of those floating duck toys in a contest sponsored by the Grants Pass Rotary Club Foundation, as I like to help our Illinois Valley schools. The ducks were for sale in a Cave Junction bank.

But lo and behold, upon carefully reading the promotional info for the fundraiser, I noticed that -- guess what? -- Illinois Valley High School is not included. Proceeds are to help Hidden Valley, North Valley and

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