

Bob's Corner

What's in a name? Plenty. Look at the effort to market the Chevy Nova in Mexico years ago. Not much response, because in Spanish, "No va," means no go.

And there are oddities in names, such as Conway Twitty, who was born Harold Jenkins. Feeling that his name was not particularly appealing for an entertainer, legend has it that he opened a map of the United States, and poked an index finger down twice. He got Conway, Ark. and Twitty, Texas: Thus was born Conway Twitty.

As for movie stars, there are some real changes. Here are some examples: Cary Grant was born Archibald Leach, a name that belies his debonair persona; Rip Torn was Rual Elmore Torn Jr.; Fred Astaire was Frederick Austerlitz; and Michael Caine originally was named Maurice Mickelwhite.

Mel Brooks was born Mel Kaminsky; Alan Alda was Alphonso D'Abruzzo; and Julie Andrews was Julia Wells. Then there's Brigitte Bardot, the French mountain range, whose given name is Camille Javal. Actually, I like Camille Javal better than "BB."

Sometimes, actors pretty much retain their names. Sean Connery is one, although his full name is Thomas Sean Connery. Not to mention Tim Allan, whose real name is Tim Allan Dick, but a promoter felt that he'd be better off using his middle name as his last. Jimmy Stewart actually was named James. Using a nickname seems like a good way to go.

Some may recall Steven McQueen, who became Steve after his first role, in the movie "The Blob." His full name was Terrence Steven McQueen, so there's another case of a guy pretty much keeping his real name. Not so Tom Cruise, though, who really is Thomas Mapother IV: Hey, maybe he's related to Illinois Valley? Probably not. Then there's one of my heroes, the one and only Roy Rogers. His real name was Leonard Slye, which sounds like a name that Harold Jenkins might have used. Conway Twitty? Weird.

As for me, I was Robert or Little Robert until the seventh-grade. Then I became Bob to everyone except my family. A few friends called me Bobby. Others called me Rod or Roddo. Some who were not my friends called me names which we shall not print here. However, during a college journalism conference at Disneyland in the '60s, our adviser called me an "inconsiderate bastard." During dinner he apologized, saying that I was not really a bastard, just inconsiderate.

I don't know why my parents named me Robert, although I think it was the name of one of my grandfathers, neither of whom I ever saw. I do know, because my Dad told me, why my middle name is Rene. He was working at a San Diego aircraft company during World War II, and kept hearing a supervisor named Rene Rodriguez being paged. Hence, I am RRR.

I'm also *El Jefe* to some, which stems from the famous Perry White line in the "Superman" series. Perry was the editor of the "Daily Planet" in Metropolis, famous for shouting, "Don't call me chief!" As I have a Mexican connection in my background, and *jefe* means chief, well, you can figure it out.

So, signing off for this week: Robert "Roberto" Rene Rodriguez, who is thinking of changing his name to Bobby Jefe RRR. Not really, I'm happy to be just Bob. Or as one friend was fond of repeating, "Call me anything you want; just don't call me late for dinner."

City handles sewage flow

Although approximately 600 gallons of city of Cave Junction sewage flowed into three creeks, there was no health risk, city officials said.

There was a problem with a private lift station on Hussey Avenue Monday, March 12, which caused the errant sewage.

It flowed into George and Brooks creeks, and to a creek at Illinois Valley Golf Course. Residents in the area were notified, plus county and state health offices.

Any soil that was contaminated was removed or buried.

IVCDO gains

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years. Said Mona Kool-Harrington, its acting executive director, "The fundraising environment is really challenging right now.

"We really did fill a niche for those people just starting out in business," she said, "but we just couldn't keep up with it.

"The Illinois Valley Community Development Organization is absolutely the best-fit choice to take on this loan fund," Kool-Harrington said.

Health center could open in early spring

Unexpected February snowfall may have delayed action for a few weeks, but Siskiyou Community Health Clinic (SCHC) is a few steps closer to completion.

Sewer and water connections have been connected to the facility; inspections have been conducted; and a certificate of occupancy has been obtained, said Sheila Mason, SCHC Cave Junction regional director.

The clinic driveway is to be paved March 22, weather permitting.

All these developments bring the long-delayed project to a possible spring opening.

"We're going to be moving in during the first week of April," Mason said. "We will be actually opening our doors, hopefully, on April 5th."

Mason said that a grand opening ceremony likely will take place during April or May, "if everything goes well."

"That will give us a chance to get in there, get settled and work out the kinks," Mason said.

--Scott Jorgensen

Letters

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

Typed, double-spaced letters written solely to this newspaper are considered for publication. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered.

"Thank you" submissions are not accepted as letters.

Animal laws needing somewhat less of a bite From James Lombardo O'Brien

"Dog bite victim wants law changed." (The Associated Press 3/7/07).

Insurance companies would have to charge higher premiums for dog owners. A lot more for Great Danes, but not much more for Chihuahua owners.

Looking at a Great Dane side of it, you see someone reach into the truck you were raised in, to grab your master. Your master is surprised. Adrenaline is instant. Surprise and fear are the same to a dog.

If it was a deranged killer reaching in, would you want your dog to just sit there? No, you would want it to bite whatever it could reach and hold on to let you make your getaway. Danes as a rule are very mild and don't make good watch dogs. They love people.

The article mentions your dog killing your neighbor's sheep. You might have to pay three times its value. But if the sheep came to your place and your dog killed it, you would have to pay nothing.

The same should apply. If the Dane got out of the truck to attack a victim, the owner should pay. The victim leaned into the truck for a hug. She trespassed, she should pay. This was truly an accident.

We don't need a new law extending liability.

(Example). Two cows on Waldo Road broke into a nursery and vegetable garden one night. The garden was three months old. The cows destroyed all the vegetables the people were going to eat for the next year and thousands of dollars worth

Correction

*In the March 7 issue, the last name of Tracy Savage was printed incorrectly as Tracy Taylor.

*In the March 14 issue, there was an incorrect date for the first meeting of the Illinois Valley Fire District Budget Committee. The committee will meet on Monday, April 2 at 6 p.m. at administrative HQ.

of nursery plants.

Sure, they could have shot the cows, but they chased them away and rebuilt the fence. It was too late in the year to replant the garden. I got to buy fruit trees for a buck each as they left (moved to the city.) The

owner of the cows didn't bother to come from the next town to see what his cows did.

The people could not afford a lawyer. It took all they had just to move. Would a new law have helped? I don't believe so.

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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, March 21

Mostly clouds with a peek of the sun
High--55, Low--38.



Thursday, March 22

Overcast with spaces of sun
High--55, Low--38.



Friday, March 23

Cloudy w/some showers
High--63, Low--38.



Saturday, March 24

Cloudy with rain & snow later
High--60, Low--35.



Sunday, March 25

Sporadic drizzles
High--56, Low--30.



Monday, March 26

Clearing with breezes
High--54, Low--35.



Tuesday, March 27

Spring sunshine returns
High--69, Low--43



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