

Bob's Corner

Just so you know from the start, this is another column about someone dying. But it's OK because I've never mentioned him before, and it's unlikely that you ever knew he existed.

I knew he existed because he was a teacher and vice principal at dear ol' St. Augustine High School in San Diego. His name was John Glynn, preceded by "Father," as he was a Catholic priest from the Order of St. Augustine. I especially knew that he existed because for some unexplainable reason, he and I crossed paths way too often, mostly because as vice principal he was in charge of discipline.

Humm, let's review. Smart-mouth student with odd sense of humor placed in fairly strict Catholic boys school. Add to the mix that the student often spaced-out (day-dreamt) resulting in his missing (not hearing) directions, instructions, admonitions and other assorted words of wisdom and instruction. Enter Father Glynn, who, I must admit, I called "Father Glenn" all through high school. It was not insolence on my part; I just couldn't hear the difference between Glynn and Glenn.

The reverend in his black attire and looped belt was not real tall physically. I recall him as approximately 5-6 or 5-7. But because of his fiery blue eyes, Irish temper and Big Dog attitude, he seemed much taller. Plus he had the power to dock your quarterly 100 points, as did all teachers at "Saints." If you dropped below 85 points during a quarter, writing "codes" was required. A code consisted of perhaps the preamble to the Constitution; one hand-written copy for each point below 85. Talk about writer's cramp.

We could be docked with "greenies," as the small forms were called, for infractions including being late for class, open carrying of cigarettes, being out of order in class -- you get the idea. If you amassed a max of five points in one class, you were sent out of the class to the VP's office, and had to attend "Jug," which meant staying after school and doing homework.

I had Father Glynn for only one class, and it had to be geometry. I am geometrically challenged. He did his best to teach the subject, but I recall that the best compliment he could give me was that I drew nice circles. I escaped the class with a "D," which was typical of all my math grades. Well, I did gain a few "C's" here and there. "A's" in English, of course.

Anyway, I liked Father Glynn because although he seemed mean, he really wasn't: He was simply trying to save us from ourselves. He kept a watchful eye out so that if one were headed for trouble, he'd strive to counsel you.

Father Glynn died late last year, although my alumni newsletter only recently related the passing. He served at "Saints" 19 years (1940-'59) after taking his first vows in 1932 and being ordained in 1939. He was a tough cookie, as the saying goes.

It was a pleasure to be acquainted, "greenies" notwithstanding.



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City OK's developers' requests

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Miller made a motion to accept Osborn's request, and councilor Dan Fiske seconded it. The council then voted 4-0 to approve the motion, with Lynne Atteberry abstaining.

The council also agreed to honor a request by John Chmelir, who represents Willow Development Consultants LLC and Illinois Valley Development LLC.

In an April 4 letter to the city, Chmelir asked for approval for second phase of Laurel Pines subdivision.

Sewer lines are complete for all 48 residential and three commercial lots, Chmelir wrote, and storm sewer and waterline work are nearly complete. Curb, gutter, paving and sidewalks have yet to be finished due to winter weather conditions.

He said he wants to be able to place model homes on the property so the builders can have their products ready for market at the end of the summer.

"The whole desire here is to move the process along," Chmelir said. "We're not trying to get out of doing anything."

Chmelir said he would still have to go through the usual processes with the city and county before the plat could be finalized, and that a performance bond has been offered for any infrastructure work that has not been completed. No certificates of occupancy can be issued until that work is finished, Chmelir said.

But Mayor Tony Paulson said that the county never tells the city when those certificates are issued, which has been a problem in the past.

If sidewalks are installed according to the initial agreement with the city, Chmelir said, they would have to be re-done later on in the process.

Chmelir said paving would take place in the next two months, and the model homes would be ready in August or September.

Paulson said that the longest the city let a subdivision go without sidewalks was the six-month extension granted to the Belleau Woods subdivision, located off of Burgundy Lane.

Miller made a motion to accept Chmelir's request, but under the conditions that the infrastructure is accepted by the city, the performance bond is filed and the sidewalks are completed within 12 months of the final plat. Fiske seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Paulson cast the dissenting vote.

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, April 11
Rain, thunderstorms & snow; springtime!
High--53, Low--38.



Thursday, April 12
Cloudy w/chance of showers in evening
High--55, Low--35.



Friday, April 13
Chance of rain but mostly clouds
High--55, Low--40.



Saturday, April 14
Partly sunny but probability of rain
High--58, Low--38.



Sunday, April 15
Rain possible
High--58, Low--40.



Monday, April 16
Odds favor rain
High--55, Low--33.



Tuesday, April 17
Partly sunny
High--59, Low--33



Letters to the Editor

(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.

Thank our parents for providing 'drugs' From Alice Schaffer Cave Junction

This was sent to me by someone else (the author is unknown) and I thought others would appreciate it:

Someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county, and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied that I had a drug problem when I was young, as did most of my friends.

I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I also was drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds, and cockleburbs out of dad's fields.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair a clothesline, or chop firewood. If my mother ever knew that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins -- they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin. And if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

Say you saw it in the 'Noose'

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

*Fri., March 30: 72-35
*Sat., March 31: 62-43
*Sun., April 1: 60-39
*Mon., April 2: 62-28
*Tue., April 3: 71-38
*Wed., April 4: 74-46
*Thur., April 5: 84-38

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Mountain Wind Farm.

*Fri., March 30: 75-33
*Sat., March 31: 69-42
*Sun., April 1: 61-34
*Mon., April 2: 61-26
*Tue., April 3: 73-38
*Wed., April 4: 77-41
*Thur., April 5: 82-36

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They recommend Neighborhood Watch From Robert B. Engle and Rod Walker

It seems that the major topic in town is the comment of our Josephine County Sheriff that he does not have enough deputies to patrol Cave Junction. Further comments, from others, such as our citizens may have to arm themselves for protection because deputies will only respond to calls for help when the situation could be life threatening. One sarcastic comment we heard was the council should post a sign inviting criminals into our city and invited to help themselves as nothing will happen to them. However, it seems that the Grants Pass newspaper has already told criminals that in their articles.

A one man police force is only a little better than nothing. If the man worked 40 hours a week, that still leaves 128 hours without local protection every week.

I was the coordinator for Neighborhood Watch in a part of Cumberland County Tennessee. We were often told that tornados do not hit in that part of Tennessee but one did and killed four of our neighbors and did millions of dollars in damage. As a result, our chapter took on the challenge of buying a system of warning sirens. The phone

company donated power poles and donations were raised at a time when the city council said they did not have the money.

The public can and will help until the Oregon legislature finally has the political guts to find a permanent solution to our statewide fiscal problems. We would like to suggest that the council ask the sheriff to donate a surplus vehicle with their Sheriff and Volunteer signs in place and include two-way communication equipment. If the radio equipment was not available, volunteers could use cell phones. Our local Neighborhood Watch chairman has said that he would ask for volunteers to provide drivers and essentially improve communications with the Sheriff's department for all of the Cave Junction area. We should also ask that other neighborhoods purchase the Neighborhood Watch signs and participate in the program. It works!

The Sheriff has already said that he will do what he can to help this situation. The public should be aware that the Neighborhood Watch members do not carry firearms. They call for help when help is needed. Perhaps a special public meeting could be held to invite public participation in this time of need.

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