

## Bob's Corner

Sometimes, although many readers would argue that it would be more correct for me to write, "All the time," I don't know where this column will head. My fingers and brain can work independently of my consciousness, and so one never knows what will come forth. Or fifth.

For some obscure reason I was reminded recently of road signs we saw in 1970 while on a family vacation. We were in Las Vegas, N.M., which reminds me of another topic to be addressed here just below. Anyway, our three children were quite young, which has nothing to do with the sign we saw. But the sign read, "Do Not Pick Up Hitch-Hikers. (Courtesy of the New Mexico Institute for the Criminally Insane.)" Needless to say, Jan and I cranked up the windows, locked the doors, and left the area. Kinda' scary.

My minirant, if you will, has to do first, with the shortening of names of many locales, including Las Vegas. A lot of people invariably refer to "Vegas," a slang term that hurts my ears. Also, Las Vegas, Nev. (which some cleverly change to Lost Wages) is not the only city with that name. (See Las Vegas, N.M. above). By the way, Las Vegas, N.M. originally was called Nuestra Señora de los Dolores de Las Vegas Grandes (Our Lady of the Sorrows of the Great Meadows). Quite a mouthful. On the other hand, besides five fingers, we find that Las Vegas, Nev. translates as "The Meadows" or "The Grasslands." Whatever.

Moving on, we find that there are those who call San Diego "Dago," which also hurts my ears. I know, these matters don't rank highly on the list of world situations that need attention. It's just my rant.

Oh, and let's not forget Los Angeles, which nearly all of us shorten to "L.A." I suppose that's OK. Especially when reviewing information about the city's original name. Some say it was El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora La Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula (The Town of Our Lady the Queen of the Angels of the [River] Porciuncula). But some now are saying that the settlement simply was named El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles (The Town of the Queen of the Angels.) Whatever.

Still moving on, we touch on a distant relative of mine, Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, who led the first European expedition to explore what is now the west coast of the United States. In September 1542 he arrived at "a very good enclosed port." It now is known as San Diego Bay.

I've been to Cabrillo National Monument many times, especially growing up in San Diego. Not enough room here to talk about it this week though. Actually, I think telling you the rest of the story from that 1970 trip that included Nuestra Señora de los Dolores de Las Vegas Grandes would be enlightening. Maybe next week.

Whatever.

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**Airports manager 'needs to share his I.V. vision' From Jack McCormack, McSquared Design at Illinois Valley Airport**

In this column last week I read that Josephine County Airports Manager Alex Grossi has a definitive long-term vision for the future of I.V. Airport; and, "That's the direction I've been pointed in for the last five or six years."

Perhaps the advisory board would have been more productive if he had shared his vision with the board and with the public. If Grossi is holding back local use of the airport to make way for future "... medical flights and freight flights," I'm wondering what medical and freight demands Illinois Valley should expect.

I guess it's going to be a pretty big deal, and more than the 10-passenger business jets can handle. Those guys manage to get in and out without hitting any parked cars on Smokejumper Way, as did the smokejumper planes and other fire suppression aircraft for the 50 years before Grossi arrived. But now he says that it's "... pretty obviously a hazardous situation," and alludes to FAA regulations; regulations which apply if you're bringing in airliners.

Emergency medical flights are fairly common, and don't demand any restructuring of the airport. What possible need is there

for airline-size medical flights in the valley? Charter flights for organ donors, perhaps?

What freight will be flown out of the valley, and if it's so bulky that it needs an airliner, why not save 50 grand or so by putting it on trucks? It's not like lumber has a critical sell-by date. Or is the plan for bulk airfreight coming in, something the state highway department won't allow on the roads?

Alex Grossi and I don't chat much these days. Perhaps your reporters will have better luck getting him to define his definitive long-term vision for the future of I.V. Airport, which to some extent will define the future of Illinois Valley.

**Uncle Sam spending needs to come home From Paul Grad Cave Junction**

Sue Norman-Jones' letter of June 27, decrying a proposal to cut timber for revenue and suggesting a sales tax instead, caught my attention, for it seemed to well illustrate the attitude of "if only we had more money, and how do we go about raising it?"

I believe this is the wrong attitude. The right one is: how do we cut big government spending which sucks up so much of our current tax revenues?

Is Norman aware that we spend \$100 billion a year on farm subsidies, which are collectivist giveaways of your money to farmers, the majority earning well above the average American's income and many owned by wealthy corporations?

The bipartisan collectivist mantra is "rob the non-union worker, the small businessman, the small investor and the artisan, and give the loot to the wealthy corporations." A thousand cotton farmers alone receive \$10 billion in subsidies.

Then let's look at the \$100 billion plus that we spend defending the European socialists, who then turn around and use that money to provide all kinds of collectivist perks to their people, and massive farm subsidies to their very affluent farmers. Let the European socialists pay for their own defense, instead of sucking off of the U.S. taxpayers.

If we divide the more than \$200 billion saved each year by eliminating these two programs alone, and

that money were to be turned over to the states, it would provide \$4 billion for each state in the union.

Further dividing that sum by the 30-odd counties in Oregon, we find that Josephine County's share would come to more than \$115 million, almost 10 times what the county was seeking from Washington.

As we see law enforcement and the libraries shutting down, remember that the money that would have paid for those services is going into the pockets of French farmers, and giant American agri-corporations.

When we recall that these are only two programs, and that there are many other useless and unconstitutional programs that could be cut, we can see why the American people continue to live without those basic necessities like law enforcement that would make life in America so much better.

Our current county fiscal woes are the price of collectivism and continuing to vote for bipartisan collectivists.

**9-11 demonstrators unhappy with 'News'**

**From Toni Starr, Gina Pitts, Sara Austin, Catherine Austin, and Rachael Starr Cave Junction**

We are extremely disappointed by the quality, accuracy and depiction of our 9/11 Truth street action that took place Wednesday, July 11. First, you mistakenly reported that it occurred on July 12, which is neither true nor representative of the 11th-of-every-month actions occurring nationally.

Second, we did tell you

at the time that we will meet in front of the county building at noon on the 11th of each month, and resent the implication that we were attempting to withhold this information.

Third, you reported that the deaths on 9-11 included those of 19 terrorists, when it has been proven in the mainstream press that at least seven of the "supposed" hijackers are still alive. Fourth, we feel that you misquoted our statements to make it appear that we were uncertain and had no basis in fact to substantiate our accusations of a 9-11 cover-up.

We have spent thousands of hours researching the events of Sept. 11, 2001 and subsequent reports. All the information is completely verifiable and accessible through the Internet.

Several Websites are available. We invite your readers to join us as we stand for 9/11 Truth on the 11th of each month at noon to demand a new and truly independent investigation.

If you are serious about reporting the news, you should avoid the term "seems" when covering a story. You failed to verify facts given you at the time. You must strive to be reputable and conduct your own investigative research, which it "seems" you have yet to do.

**What's going on?**

**Who's on first?**

**From Bill Schneider Cave Junction**

Between treasonous vice presidents and presidents, and tire-slashing contractors, what the hell is going on?

And what exactly is (Continued on page 3)

## Weather Watch

### Cave Junction

Wednesday, July 25

Hot and sunny with wind  
High--91 Low--59.



Thursday, July 26

Brilliant sunshine and warm  
High--99, Low--55.



Friday, July 27

Warmer with much sun  
High--98, Low--55.



Saturday, July 28

Hot and sunny with an occasional cloud  
High--95, Low--54.



Sunday, July 29

Mostly sunshine  
High--94, Low--55.



Monday, July 30

Passing clouds & sun  
High--93, Low--52.



Tuesday, July 31

Hotter still with sun  
High--99, Low--53.



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

\*Fri., July 13: 91 - 53  
\*Sat., July 14: 87 - 57  
\*Sun., July 15: 83 - 57  
\*Mon., July 16: 83 - 59  
\*Tue., July 17: 75 - 57 0.43  
\*Wed., July 18: 73 - 58 0.48  
\*Thurs., July 19: 78 - 54

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

\*Fri., July 13: 86 - 50  
\*Sat., July 14: 86 - 54  
\*Sun., July 15: 83 - 51  
\*Mon., July 16: 84 - 59  
\*Tue., July 17: 71 - 53 0.37  
\*Wed., July 18: 72 - 58 0.39  
\*Thurs., July 19: 76 - 54

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