

Action by the Terminator and Governor Moonbeam for greater good give writer optimistic view

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For IVN**

I've received a few comments during the past few weeks about what Editor Bob calls my "feel good stories." I appreciate the comments, but one friend asked if I would be allowed to write editorials. My response was, "Good Lord, no!" (Unless Editor Bob tells me to do so.) If I wrote editorials, it inevitably would upset some of the people all of the time, and I prefer to leave that lifestyle choice to our city council. I already upset plenty of people without resorting to editorials.

Besides, the whole point here is to smile about something. In the past I've written articles like this about computerized telephone answering menus, grocery store membership cards, and being fingerprinted at the bank. I opposed them all, but then, they weren't what you would call hot button issues of the time.

That being said, I am submitting this "feel good" story even though it centers on politics. The situation is so unique to American politics that I just couldn't let it pass without some acknowledgment.

A while back, California petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency to be allowed to set its own vehicle emission standards. The state government feels the federal standards are too lenient. Several other states have filed similar requests.

OK, maybe a little interesting, but certainly not earth-shaking until one discovers that Gov. Schwarzenegger got tired of awaiting an EPA response. He has filed suit to force a ruling -- and his partner in this legal action is former Gov. Jerry Brown.

Only American politics could create a legal alliance between The Terminator and Governor Moonbeam. If Dell Comics doesn't jump on this premise it is missing an opportunity. Is this a great country or what? The local equivalent would be to discover that John Bowler and Larry Osborn joined together in some class action lawsuit against BLM.

Now, you've got to admit, whatever your feeling on auto emissions (I personally am opposed), that the situation just makes you smile.

Last week another story

came to my attention that involves a similar mismatch. A recent book was written by the grand-niece of Henrich Himmler, the man that most believe to be the architect of the Holocaust. In it, she outlines her life growing up in an extremely pro-Nazi environment. She is not serving in the book as an apologist for Nazi atrocities.

I can be fairly certain of that, even not having read the book because the man to whom she is married is Jewish. That's right, a woman closely related to the creator of "the final solution" has switched her allegiance in a strikingly dramatic way.

These unlikely pairings serve to give me hope. These people have overcome their

personal feelings to try and establish a better world. One can actually envision a future wherein petty political and personal loyalties might take a back seat to the overall benefit of society in general.

If the Terminator and Governor Moonbeam can set aside their obvious political differences to achieve what they perceive to be a greater good, then things can improve.

If a close relative of Himmler can do away with prejudices with which she was raised, there is hope.

Now, if we could just get Pat Robertson to swing his considerable Christian Conservative support to a pro-life, pro-gay presidential candidate.

Audit report shows IVFD handling finances well

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acres in O'Brien in the area of Arrowhead Drive, owned by Robert & Shirley Short.

In other matters the board:

*Heard from the chief that he has received a criminal action subpoena in reference to a case "for the hearing on restitution" by a former

employee.

*Was told by Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik that he's hopeful the district will receive a grant under SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response). The goal is to attain personnel for 24-hour staffing.

*Got word from Schaeffer that he will be contacting the city of Cave Junction

in connection with some streets that are nonstandard for fire equipment.

*Was advised by Rich that Maintenance Battalion Chief Kris Sherman and Volunteer Lt. Kamron Ismaili are in Mississippi preparing to drive back with a new tender paid for mostly by a grant.

*Listened as Rich advised that he is working on a

presentation for January about response criteria.

*Received a glowing letter of thanks from Selma residents Randall & Kass Lubin for the IVFD response at their cabin on Sept. 19. The letter included, "We love you guys; brave, fearless, professional, kind."

"May God bless and watch over you forever."

Obituaries

Robert Gifford
Robert Gifford, 73, of Selma, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007 at a Grants Pass nursing home.

A funeral service was held at First Baptist Church of Selma with Pastor Monte Pope officiating. Private interment was at Eagle Point National Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Stephens Family Chapel, of Grants Pass.

Mr. Gifford was born on Feb. 15, 1934 in Eureka, Calif. to Ernest & Agnes Gifford. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 until his honorable discharge in 1957. He moved to Southwestern Oregon in 1999.

He enjoyed woodworking, playing cards, reading his Bible, and attending church services. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Selma.

Mr. Gifford is survived by

his sisters, Doris Johnson and Phyllis Turek, both of California; and three children, David, Laurel, and James.

Brinda L. Bowers
Brinda Lynne Bowers, 48, of Selma, died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007 at Three Rivers Community Hospital (TRCH) in Grants Pass.

Visitation was held Monday, Nov. 19 at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors chapel. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Remembrances may be made to Southern Oregon Special Olympics, 290 N.E. C St., Grants Pass OR 97526.

Mrs. Bowers was born on Dec. 22, 1958 in Trona, Calif. to Elvy Lee & Barbara Ann (Weimer) Robinson. In 1976 in Downey, Calif., she married Richard J. Bowers Sr., who survives. In 1983 she and her

family moved to Selma from Pasadena, Calif. From 1996 to 2000 she worked as a Phelobotomist II at TRCH.

As a family, her husband and two children were active with Special Olympics. She traveled with nine Olympians to Eugene to compete in basketball, bowling, track & field and baseball. She also was a gleaner to obtain food for lower-income families.

Besides her husband,

Richard Bowers Sr., of Selma; survivors include her daughter, Jennifer Bowers, of Grants Pass; her son, U.S. Army Sgt. Richard Bowers Jr., of Fort Drum, N.Y.; her mother, Barbara Carlson, of Cave Junction; two brothers, Michael Kristopherson, of Cave Junction; and John Kristopherson, of New Jersey; and two grandchildren.

Her brother, Lee Robinson, died on Sept. 18, 2007.

A graveside memorial service for Damon Walker Slack will be held at Noon, Saturday, November 24, at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction.

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