

Bob's Corner

It's so much easier to fly via commercial carrier to visit family instead of driving there. Not much scenery though, but the time saved is incredible. Like two hours for a direct flight from Medford to LAX vs. 18 to 20 hours by car from Cave Junction to Carlsbad.

But I do not enjoy arrivals via aircraft. It seems impossible that those massive hunks of metal and plastic traveling so fast and with those tiny wheels can land safely. But they do.

Take-offs are OK; I don't mind them. Jan likes take-offs and landings best, but not me. And I still don't enjoy the pre-boarding inspections. You know, where you have to show your boarding pass and ID; take off your shoes and belt; get rid of anything metallic; take your PC out. I'm OK with it; just don't enjoy it. Don't like the guy with the rubber glove either.

Here's a great question: Why -- after you've gone through "security" -- do the announcements continue about watching your luggage and not letting anyone give you something? Didn't they come through "security" too. You've all been checked through; been deemed safe. So why do the warnings continue? I can't figure it out.

On our most-recent trip we were lucky to fly from Medford to LAX, where our daughter, Vicki, picked us up for the car trip to North San Diego County. It's an easier drive from LAX than from Lindbergh Field in San Diego, believe it or not. But for our return, seats for the flight we had planned to take from Santa Ana (Chong Wang Airport) filled at the last minute, so we knew that we'd never get aboard with our stand-by status.

This meant we had to scramble to catch an Alaska Airlines flight from San Diego to Portland. But we made it. Then we had a four-hour layover (*boring*) in the City of Roses airport before we could get a Horizon Air flight to Medford.

Still, I can't complain (although I do) about flying stand-by. Overall, it's a kick, especially that kid with the big feet behind me. Seriously, it's always great to get home, and our four house cats were so glad that we made a purr-fect landing.

Free summer meals set

Three Rivers School District (TRSD) is offering its Summer Food Service Program at several locations throughout Illinois Valley.

The program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to all children within the TRSD and Grants Pass School District areas. It helps children in low-income areas have regular meals during the summer months.

Meals are available at many sites, including High Pines Campground & Mobile Park at 24542 Redwood Hwy. in Kerby.

Lunches are scheduled to be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Mondays through Fridays until Aug. 21. For more information, phone Becky Quarles at 592-8582.

The Illinois Valley Section of Boys & Girls Club at Evergreen Elementary School, 520 W. River St. in Cave Junction, also will serve as a meal site. The program runs Mondays through Fridays until Aug. 21.

Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and 3 to 3:30 p.m. Phone Scott

Thornhill at 592-4771.

Also at Evergreen, beginning Monday, July 6, meals will be served Mondays through Thursdays. Breakfast will be from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.; lunch from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Phone Janie Heller for details at 592-3136.

Community Bible Church at 113 S. Caves Ave. will serve lunch from noon to 12:15 p.m. for one week only, ending Friday, June 26. For more information, phone Marilyn Arnold at 592-3896 or 660-9620.

Illinois Valley High School at 625 E. River St., will have meals Mondays through Thursdays from July 6 through 30. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 8:15 a.m.; lunch from noon to 12:15 p.m. Phone JoAnn Bethany at 592-2116.

From Aug. 3 to 7, meals will be available at Glenn Morrison American Legion Post Hall at 2110 Caves Hwy.

Breakfast will be served from 8:45 to 9 a.m.; lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. Phone Teresa Matz at 592-6149.

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 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.

**Robots and chains
From Shannon Wilson
IVHS graduate
Eugene (previously Selma)**

Valedictorian Sarah Austin's address during the Illinois Valley High School graduation ceremony on June 4 was impressive.

However, much of the ceremony focused on rewarding those who conform to the rules of the system: the system that wants no one questioning authority or the pre-determined class one is subjugated to become. Let's face it, a worker and consumer slave is what those who follow or blindly rebel are trained to become by the system.

The size of your house or the degree one holds does not change this fact.

That is why I let out a "Who!" when Austin stated, "Don't become a robot." I equated that to mean avoid becoming an obedient slave to modern civilization, imperialism and consumerism. Sarah and others in her class may not know this yet, but they are being groomed to becoming just that, another cog in the gears of corporate and imperialist power.

Although Sarah's address was intellectually over the heads of most in the audience, it surely impressed a few. But how quickly will those who spoke these words to their audiences across the land, as well as those who understood the deep meaning of it, conveniently forget?

That next night I hiked down a long mountain road 20 miles from any town with the full moon as my guide. I had a backpack, sleeping gear, and enough food for a day without the assurance of seeing any human being for the next several days. I had no fear of what I might en-

counter (I did encounter a 300-pound black bear) because I was free and where I wanted to be without the constraints of the system's chains that bind most.

**'Government Motors'
From Vince Stroginis
Selma**

Our so-called "President" Obama has nationalized what used to be General Motors, so now GM has become Government Motors.

The man in office is no friend of the USA. Not only has he put us and our kin into unbelievable debt by having billions of dollars printed to "save" the economy, he calls vicious dictators his friend. He bows to foreign potentates. This man is a loser.

And our "president" obviously is biased in a vindictive way. Just look at the car agencies chosen to lose their franchises. A study I read shows that their owners are Republicans. This is unreal.

Then there's the plan for an "Obama-nation," a green

country based on the bias of the president and his wife, plus their cohorts. Telling car-makers what cars to make for the U.S. public; is this what the government is for? I have no faith in Mr. Obama.

**Nice valley
From Roger Benson
Bend**

My family, friends and I enjoyed our outing last week for the annual McGrew Trail event. It was fun, and we had a good time in your valley.

There's not much in O'Brien, but the Lone Mountain RV Resort is real nice, and an asset to the area.

Your main street in Cave Junction is typical of many small towns. It could stand some cleaning up. We noticed one restaurant with lots of weeds and thought it was closed. We saw some tramps sitting around too, smoking and drinking. Not nice.

Overall, we like your community. We hope to keep coming back for the McGrew Trail outing.

CJ Council passes \$3.1 million 2009-10 budget

**By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer**

In another of its harmonious meetings, the Cave Junction City Council voted 3-0 to pass a \$3.1 million budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

Approximately 18 members of the public were present for the meeting Monday night, June 22 in city hall. No comments were received during a public hearing regarding the budget.

It includes a \$931,000 general fund, a \$127,500 allocation for law enforcement services through the Josephine County Sheriff's Office and \$183,684 in debt service. It is based on a tax rate of \$1.89 per \$1,000 in assessed property value, the same as for the current fiscal year that will end Tuesday, June 30.

Councilor Margaret Miller moved to adopt the budget; Councilman Carl Jacobson seconded; and they and Mayor Don Moore voted approval. Council members Dan Fiske and Trisha Arias were absent.

Also discussed by councilors was a request by Wells Drive resident Heidi Kleve about keeping chickens.

In a June 5 form filed with the city, Kleve asked that Ordinance 8.08.030 be amended. It reads that "except for household pets and as otherwise permitted by ordinance, no person shall keep or maintain livestock, swine, poultry, ruminant or pseudo-ruminant animals within the city."

Kleve is asking that the ordinance be changed to al-

low no more than five laying hens within city limits for personal egg production. She stated that her intention is not to sell eggs, slaughter the hens for food or introduce any roosters.

Moore said that he is open to the suggestion. He offered the idea that a committee be formed to examine the issue.

"I think there are really a lot of beneficial things we can do with this," Moore said.

The council also held a public hearing regarding a Local Improvement District (LID) for a portion of Redwood Hwy. at the north end of the city. It included widening of Hwy. 199, and there is a question about payment.

Petitioner Dan Hughes, an attorney based in Grants Pass, expressed his support for the LID. River Street resident Daniel Dalegowski spoke against it, stating that he is "rather displeased" with how the LID has been presented.

Dalegowski said he is dissatisfied with the work. He said that the LID is for the benefit of the project developers.

"I don't agree with their point of view," he said.

The public hearing was continued to a second reading, scheduled for the council's July 13 meeting.

Councilors also held public hearings on the city's use of state revenue-sharing funds and the city's 2009-10 budget. No testimony was offered by residents on those two matters.

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