

Bob's Corner

Had a visit last Saturday from the #1 favorite cousin from my List of Favorite Cousins. Good ol' Frank Robert Smith finally made it to Cave Junction, after about a five-year gap since his previous visit.

We had a grand time, although only for the few hours he was here. But we had a good, enjoyable family visit, a quick look around part of the valley, and then dinner at a Cave Junction restaurant. All good stuff.

Frank, although "only" about 10 years older than I, was a fine mentor for me while I was growing up (still in process too). He was a father figure for me, and I've let him know how much I appreciate that, although it embarrasses him.

He took me in tow during my family's annual visits to El Paso, Texas, birthplace of my parents. And when Frank moved to San Diego County, when we lived in National City, he stayed with us for a time while gaining employment. He hauled me around there too.

We talked over "old times," although he claims that he doesn't remember them as well as I. Thank goodness.

When he was drafted into the U.S. Army he left his really cool Oldsmobile in our garage. Don't recall whether it was a '50 or '52, but it had a hot engine, and was black with white-and-pink pinstriping (look it up). Anyway, while Frank was in basic training I was to care for the car; you know, run the engine once a week; check the radiator. But, I decided to drive it out of the garage and up the driveway. Only dented one side a bit. Frank was very forgiving.

And we reminisced about summers in El Paso: the time he was fired from his newspaper delivery job because he decided to do it from his car (about a '49 Ford with loud

dual exhausts) instead of by bicycle; the times we smuggled his buddies into a drive-in movie theater by placing them in the trunk of the '49 and then moving the rear seat so they could enter the car; and the time I tried to steal his Lionel electric train set by stashing it in my mom's suitcase. It didn't fit. Hey, I was real young.

We shared many memories, as well as current events and family happenings. He's become a golfer, and lives near San Francisco. Frank still has a positive, humorous take on life. He taught me a lot, although sometimes the lessons fade.

But I'm working on them. And it was great to see him, as we made plans to get together again. I'm hoping it won't be five years, but much sooner.

By SCOTT JORGENSEN IVN Staff Writer

During its 28-minute meeting on Monday, Sept. 14, the Cave Junction City Council was informed that it will have to rescind an ordinance passed earlier this year to form a Local Improvement District (LID) for work done on Redwood Highway.

City Recorder Jim Polk told councilors that he received an e-mail on Friday, Sept. 11 from Ann Sherman, a partner at the Portland-based law firm K&L Gates.

That e-mail states that "...we are not able to give an unqualified opinion that the City can issue assessment bonds payable from property taxes on the LID properties."

Gates wrote that "...the primary obstacle is that the City does not have the authority to levy a tax on property outside of the permanent rate."

"In your case, the local improvement was under-

taken by the State and the developers, and, therefore, we do not feel we can give an unqualified opinion that the City has the authority to impose the assessments," Gates wrote.

Polk added that he is drafting an ordinance to repeal the section of the city code that enables property owners to petition the city to form an LID. The section allowing for Advance Financing Districts (AFD) also would be eliminated, Polk said, but the city wanted to retain its ability to form LIDs.

In another matter Polk told councilors about a letter dated Wednesday, Sept. 9 and sent to the city by Jerry Reedy, a project manager for Copeland Sand & Gravel.

Reedy wrote that the company installed a 10-inch water line extension adjacent to Redwood Hwy., which was finished in June 2008. Payment for \$69,202 was sought from developer

Larry Osborne, but never received, Reedy wrote.

Copeland hasn't dedicated the improvement to the city, but the city also is not financially responsible to pay for the extension, Reedy wrote. The company can either disconnect, remove or sell the line.

Copies of plans for the construction of a water main for the Kerby Water District (KWD) project have been received by Copeland, Reedy wrote. The project would connect to the water line extension, but not until Copeland has been paid for its work.

"For a payment of \$73,700, we would relinquish all interest in the water line and provide dedication to the City of Cave Junction, the Kerby Water District, or whoever is the appropriate party," Reedy wrote.

Polk asked councilors for consensus to respond to the letter with the input of City Attorney Pat Kelly.

Councilors gave consensus, but no formal vote was taken.

Councilors also voted to declare a pair of nuisances.

The first was for barking dogs at a residence near the 500 block of W. River Street. Polk said that the city first received a complaint letter on Feb. 11.

During a July meeting, councilors agreed to let the dog owners construct a kennel for the dogs to try and mitigate the situation. A 30-day extension was subsequently granted, but expired on Aug. 13, Polk said.

Neighbors provided written testimony to the city verifying that the dogs still are not kenneled, Polk said, as well as a list of times that the dogs have barked.

However, Polk said that a kennel was purchased by the dog owners on Sunday, Sept. 13, and that they seem "to be making some effort" towards resolution.

Polk asked councilors if

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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.

Government programs From Bob Armstrong Grants Pass

Government programs began in the Johnson Administration that were to "eliminate poverty as we know it."

All with the intent of redistributing wealth. It did, \$4.6 trillion later, the same amount of poverty and a bunch of wasteful programs. A total disaster and a failure

The U.S. Postal Service -- runs a deficit of nearly \$1.2 billion a year. Medicare -- bankrupt, Social Security -- bankrupt. Dept. of Defense contracts with cost overruns in the billions of dollars. California issuing IOUs. Senators and congressmen who vote themselves full salary retirements after serving one term in office and with health care like none other for life.

A president who appoints an avowed radical Communist to be his "Green Czar" (Van Jones); a man who believes in population control by forced abortions, limiting family size and even putting sterilization chemicals in the drinking water (John Holdren); another (Mark Ward), who believes that the government should take over and control all the media. Yet another, (Cass Sunstein) believes that the very young and the elderly should not have the same level of health care as those from teens to age 50.

Still another (Ezekial Emanuel) who stated that, "Services provided to individuals who are irreversibly prevented from being or becoming participating citizens are not basic and should not be guaranteed."

Obama has 36 such "Czars" none of who go through a vetting process.

The irony is that some people want government to take over the health-care system in this country. Unbelievable.

Firefighter response From William & Glenn Woodbury O'Brien

We appreciate all the firefighters who saved our property and home two weeks ago.

The professionalism, courtesy and speed with which the alarm was answered were incredible. The firemen said, "Don't worry, Bill, we will have a pumper to your property all night."

Upon returning the next day, everything was saved, and the fire had come within 100 feet.

9/11 truth 'obvious' From William Schneider Cave Junction

I saw the 9/11 *Conspiracies* on the History Channel. What an incredibly watered-down theory and rebuttal session.

In light of the truth, shame on *Popular Mechanics* magazine and the "9/11 Omission Report." The government would have you believe that all laws of physics and mathematics were suspended that day.

Two points are most screamingly obvious. First, the collapse of the building was at free-fall speed. Figure it out. No resistance from below anywhere. How does a thousand-foot-plus skyscraper made of steel and concrete disappear with no resistance in 10 seconds? Survey says explosives.

Secondly, each floor only had 10-15 feet to fall

onto the next floor. How would that turn every floor of this massive construction into powder every 10-13 feet? Survey says ... well, you know.

And I know the difference here is that some folks have the ability to think and do the math while others prefer denial and trust in a government that has lied through its filthy mouth while looking you right in the eyes since Pearl Harbor. Only Pearl Harbor was an attack allowed to take place, whereas 9/11 was an inside job.

You wonder why Dick Cheney is so adamant about going forward and not backward with investigations into the criminality of the past administration?

Oh yeah, one more point. What happened to the massive 47 steel columns that ran up the middle of the towers? *Popular Mechanics* conveniently left them out of its diagrams of how the

building was constructed. They, too, just disappeared. Poof. Gone. And Building 7 down smooth as a baby's butt in 8 seconds. Poof. Gone. Figure it out.

I would think that it would hurt way too bad to sit down on this one.

Oh yeah, one more point. How could anyone read the logo on a plane flying by at 500+ mph? Like at the Pentagon. Oh, there's a whole lot more to the Pentagon and Shanksville than we saw on TV. A lot more. I could go on and on, but it is my true intent to simply cause one to consider the science of the matter and the conspiracy theory presented by the U.S. government which is proven at every turn to be a lie.

See for yourselves. I have in-depth step-by-step debunking of the government's lie on several DVDs and would be most happy to share the truth with anyone who wishes to see it.

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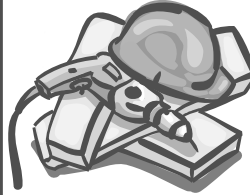
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