

Bob's Corner

Lots of ideas for this week's effort, but none seemed to jell, so I will ramble a bit about commercial airline flights.

First, I am always bemused by the announcement for "preboarding." How can one preboard? You would have to get on before you get on. What they really mean is "early boarding" or "privileged boarding." It's OK with me; just say it properly, please.

Also, we're told to "get on" the plane. Like George Carlin said, and I'm paraphrasing here because this is a family newspaper: "If I get on the plane, I'll be blown off. I'm going to get in the plane."

Then there's the announcement by someone from the "flight deck," which I find amusing. There is no deck; it could be called the cockpit, I suppose. Anyway, the voice tells us what altitude we have reached, and that we can "feel free to move about the cabin." Yeah, right. There is no way you can move about because of the beverage/snack cart or carts in the aisle.

Well, that's OK too, because I've discovered of late that we're supposed to stay mostly seated with our safety belts on "in case we hit some bumps." Bumps?! In the air?

Sometimes the landings are a tad rough. Usually when that happens, someone who thinks they're funny will say, "I guess the first officer got in some practice there."

And I heard about a teeth-rattling landing at one airport, where, as an elderly woman left the plane, she asked, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

I'm not complaining, because air travel is so much faster than driving, walking or riding a mule. Now excuse me, I'm going to munch a crushed sack of airline crackers I found in my back pocket while I was held by my safety belt.

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

*Fri., April 9	58	31	.00
*Sat., April 10	60	32	.06
*Sun., April 11	56	40	.16
*Mon., April 12	53	36	.41
*Tue., April 13	58	42	.05
*Wed., April 14	50	39	.59
*Thu., April 15	67	33	.00

Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded by Good Neighbors Fence Co. in Cave Junction:

*Fri., April 9	60	32	.00
*Sat., April 10	60	31	.03
*Sun., April 11	57	40	.13
*Mon., April 12	56	37	.12
*Tue., April 13	59	42	.04
*Wed., April 14	47	41	.58
*Thu., April 15	66	36	.00

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, April 21

A passing shower
High--53 Low--44



Thursday, April 22

Partly sunny
High--63 Low--46



Friday, April 23

Sunny
High--60 Low--40



Saturday, April 24

Cloudy and cool
High--58 Low--40



Sunday, April 25

Cloudy
High--59 Low--45



Monday, April 26

Periods of rain
High--67 Low--38



Tuesday, April 27

Cloudy with showers
High--59 Low--34



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.

Angel Amber Alert From Linda Butler Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Cave Junction

An angel is missing. She last was seen standing peacefully in the Memorial Garden at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

She stands approximately 2 feet tall. She was abducted from the garden sometime during the past week.

It is heartbreaking to think that someone would not only steal from a church, but take something that means so much. She was placed in the garden in memory of loved ones who have gone before us to meet our Lord -- and we miss her.

If anyone knows of her whereabouts, please have the decency to return her to the church so that she can again take her place in the garden.

Can't change leopard spots From Paul Simon Cave Junction

The reason Josephine County is out of money is that it no longer receives O&C funds, lost when the environmentalists were successful in shutting down the timber industry.

This effort was assisted by the Siskiyou Project, which Dave Toler was affiliated with. Prior to wanting to be our county commissioner,

Toler was a counter-culture hippie from Cave Junction.

Now that he has bathed, cut his long hair and put on a tie does not make him a representative of our communities' needs and desires. He is part of the problem, but he would like you to think he is part of the solution.

His solution is to raise our taxes and make us pay for the \$14 million O&C loss. The federal government owns 60 percent of Josephine County, and the O&C agreement was to share logging proceeds with the county. The Federal government has reneged and now the county no longer receives this income.

Because of Dave's roots he has no desire to try and work with the BLM to create a healthy forest and/or sustainable timber harvest.

I am going to vote for Simon Hare, whom I have known since he was a boy. He was born in Josephine County and grew up on his family's farm. After graduating from Oregon State University he went to work in Sen. Gordon Smith's office in Washington, D.C. He then worked for the Rural Electric Co-op in Washington for six years, where he gained experience working with rural communities and small towns to meet their needs.

He has the expertise to help generate jobs and income from co-generation facilities and tying them into the electrical grid. He also is not opposed to developing reasonable timber harvests, and his Washington experience would help in this area. He also has more political experience than Toler's three-year total.

The other option is Toler's "Toll."

Aeromodeling adventures From Laureano Mier The Rogue Valley Flyers

We tremendously enjoyed our visit with Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction, and bringing the wonderful world of aeromodeling and the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) to life with the glider building sessions.

As former director of education at the Evergreen Aviation Museum and the Captain Michael King Smith Educational Institute, I can attest to the many skill sets that aeromodeling brings to students. Astronaut Neil Armstrong; and Burt Rutan, aeronautical engineer extra-

ordinaire and Ansari prize winner, started their distinguished careers as aeromodelers and AMA members.

The Rogue Valley Flyers are designating Sunday, May 16 from 9 a.m. until noon (weather permitting) for Evergreen Elementary students to participate in radio control flight instruction at our Josephine County Skypark on Kerby Mainline. All students and their parents are encouraged to come try their hand at this wonderful sport.

All those students who saw 10-year-old, Tyler Johnson, a Rogue Valley Flyer, perform his barrel rolls and loops at Evergreen need to know that Tyler began his aeromodeling career at Josephine County Skypark as well. Hats off to this young aviator, and his dynamic parents and grandparents who have played a key role in fostering his passion for flight.

We look forward to seeing our future aviators on May 16.

Speaking of weak cases From Ron Ruby Grants Pass

In a recent letter to the editor an author mocked those who disagree with Dave Toler as "right wing wackos."

His supporters seem to think that Toler's Canola business is the real answer. Was it these same "wackos" who banned Canola in other counties in the Willamette Valley because Canola is an invasive weed not worth the risk?

This environmentalist mocked loggers and wants property owners to pay more. These are probably the ones who live in secluded areas that allow them to grow non-taxed lucrative side crops not quite legal and pass it off as medical treatment. They don't care about the security for the county; less law enforcement the better for them. These concerned citizens found any means to stifle Oregon counties from using natural renewable resources with lawsuits claiming endangered Spotted Owl.

Now they are looking for a new "endangered" birdie because the other was a lie.

Not convinced about friends of Toler? Consider the Biscuit Fire and how they prevented 500,000 burned acres from being harvested, and left taxable income for the county to rot. These radical friends of the environment were so generous to the county, they agreed to a 5 percent harvest after a five-year court battle.

The "radical environmentalist" caused the logging companies to pay even a higher price due to vandalism and protests.

So vote for the East Coast-educated environmentalist Dave Toler or vote for someone who wants to use our natural resources wisely, Simon Hare.

Obama 'ear candy' From Gregory Anderson Cave Junction

Barack Obama has proven himself to be the David Copperfield of politics. His sleight of hand (and mouth) makes him a master illusionist.

Example 1. He announced his decision to open areas off the East Coast for oil and gas exploration to create jobs and ease our country's reliance on foreign oil. If in fact jobs and domestic oil production are really his goal, why did he cancel the oil leases already signed and ready to drill when he came into office? Jobs? Oil?

Of course not. That is merely "ear candy" for the masses. His promise is to make liberals feel better about themselves. To the libs, "feeling" is much preferable to "doing."

Example 2. He is pushing for a high-speed train scheme. Few jobs would be created because the companies that build these are in Europe and Asia. They can't truly be high speed like Japan's Bullet trains, as U.S. roadbeds can't handle such speeds safely.

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Hi, I'm Jamie Miner and I'm looking for my children: Ashley K (11/87), Kevin A. (2/89), and Richard M. (10/91).

I made a huge mistake 16 years ago and lost my family. My life is changed — hopefully for the better. I've learned more and lived more.

I hope my children will contact me at (209) 271-4573 and (209) 946-9775.

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Fairgrounds Pavilion, Grants Pass

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