

## SPINNING OUR WHEELS

Today is Thursday, and yesterday was Wednesday. Wow. Deeply profound, don't you think? Yesterday's Wednesday was marked by our monthly LVEDA meeting, which for the last few months have been held at the Moose Lodge since the virus maneuverings by the government have made our normal meeting places unavailable to us.

As you may be aware, the main subject of the meeting was the illegal marijuana cultivation that has swamped not only Lucerne Valley but the entire Southern California desert areas. Our chosen desert lifestyle is being disrupted and threatened by these "farms" that smell terrible, that consume our ground water and even dry up wells, that tear up our roads as heavy vehicles haul water all over the place, and that personally threaten the safety of our residents if they are perceived as being too nosy about what's going on at these places. There is strong reason to believe that Mexican cartels are involved at some level. It's upsetting and scary and has turned our communities upside down in a little over a year.

We had an impressive lineup of our representatives' representatives (get that?), and also representatives from the sheriff, CHP, and SB County fire. I am grateful for their overall good and helpful spirit, across the board. The field reps were from our State Senator Shannon Grove, our Assemblyman Smitty Smith, and our County Supervisor Dawn Rowe. We also heard from our amazing and passionate School Superintendent Peter Livingston, along with comments from three of the school board members who were also present.

What off-the-beaten-track, small dusty desert town, or any small town, gets the quality of attention that our little town gets? Much of the credit goes to Chuck Bell's tireless efforts to face the issues impacting Lucerne Valley and the desert, and to bring them to the attention of those who should be able to bring about fixes and

positive change. Add to that, our firebrand Peter Livingston is determined that our kids will get the best school experience we can give them. He is forced to fight the state education bureaucracy and their shifting goalposts in order to keep our school open and functioning reasonably as a small town community school.

Our reps updated us on the effort to stem the marijuana flood, fighting leftist bureaucrats who know little and care less about what we little people have to live with as a result of their policies and regulations. One simple thing would be a huge step in the right direction: make the illegal cultivation of marijuana a felony again, as it used to be. Then prosecute the offenders mercilessly.

The county could also help by passing an ordinance that increases fines exponentially for all of the violations involved in any one growing operation, both on the growers and the property owners. But too many of the County people don't get the urgency of the situation, either, so they diddle around and plan to deal with it maybe in October!

Mention was made that an Assembly bill that would create vaccine passports was set aside for now, partly due to the flood of objections from voters who are outraged by that prospect. Count me among the outraged. That is a gross violation of our personal liberty guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, not that that means anything to our masters anymore. We all need to keep vigilant and blow these government people out of the water any time they attempt these things.

Attendance at the meeting was good, and the attendees asked questions and expressed their frustrated stories of getting little help as they individually must deal with the growers located all around them. Bless their hearts for hanging in there and trying to push for good results within the system.

My takeaway from this and previous meetings is that we are spinning our wheels and getting nowhere. I have a mental image of the government Blob – ugly, without shape, immovable, absorbing any pokes or pushed in any direction. This Blob sends out these people who represent us, or so they thought when they signed up to work in government, at a time when the Blob wasn't quite so blobby. The reps that come to face us Normals, the members of the Public, are being used by the Blob to bring a false hope that something meaningful is being done when in reality the Blob is just blobbing along, stifling anything in its path.

The certified Blob membership – politicians and bureaucrats, union leaders, environmentalists, Big Techies and more – never have to face us directly. They live in their protected enclaves in posh neighborhoods in the Bay Area, Sacramento, and Southern California, and let the rest of California burn up or drown in floods or die in accidents on terrible roads. They send their kids to private schools and don't care about the Peter Liv-

ingstons or the rotten inner city schools. And our good-hearted reps who come to LVEDA are left dangling, bringing this false message to us that maybe something will be done, but without support from the Blob. Overly negative? Maybe at one time I would have thought so, but no longer. If over the last 20 months we haven't seen with crystal clarity the reality of the mess we are in as a nation, a state, a county, a country, then we are blind.

What to do? The only thing I know to do is to turn to God, the only Source of the Justice, Truth, Right, and real Care for others and yes, for ourselves, that we all long for, whether or not we realize or admit it.

Rather than fighting the Blob and the growing darkness all around it, we must turn to the Light, the Light of God's Spirit, and when we do, what a relief!! He is the Creator of the Universe, for Pete's sake! He counts the very hairs on your head, even as they diminish daily and the wrinkles increase! Yes, He demands our 100% commitment and obedience, but what a pleasure to KNOW that our commitment is directed at One Who will never let us down or play games with us deceive us or use us!

Looking out at the world scene – the collapse of the United States; the calamity of Afghanistan; the evil in Iran, Iraq, Turkey, China and Russia and their growing alliance against the West (that's us, folks); the murder of Christians in many places like Nigeria, China, Afghanistan, and more; this virus jujitsu where stories and requirements change daily, even hourly; the untenable multi-trillion dollar budget deficits; and much more – one MUST know that something terrible is headed our way.

We can look at it as terrible, or we can recognize these in the context of God's warnings in the Bible of what lay ahead. That should give us great peace if we reside in His Spirit, and we have the Joy of the prospect of living with Him eternally when this painful life is done. Hallelujah!

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the war in Afghanistan on the twentieth anniversary of 9/11 so he ordered American troops to cut and run in the middle of the night, leaving \$90b worth of US materiel to the Taliban terrorists. Afghanistan is now the best-armed terrorist state on the planet. . . .

Most of the new cases are among the fully vaccinated, both here and abroad. It is the vaccines that are creating the variants. . . .

It's as though he is importing a replacement population by design while trying to kill off those of us who are native born Americans with vaccines that not only do not work but for many have dire side effects such as death, injury and illness. Hmmm. Could this all be part of the globalists' Great Reset? Probably. It all feels like part of someone's grand plan. . . .

This must not happen here. Biden cannot be the dictator he thinks he is. He must be stopped. Every governor in the country must ignore his tyrannous proclamations. All Americans who value their constitutionally guaranteed freedoms must stand up for themselves and refuse to comply with Biden's absurd, dictatorial mandates. This is, or was, America. . . .

Biden's speech demanding every person submit to



What offends Biden? What is he truly worried about? The unvaccinated! In his addled mind, it is the vax resistant who pose the greatest danger to mankind. That the vaccines are failing does not alter his mindset. In his speech Thursday, he falsely blamed the unvaxxed for "the pandemic of the unvaccinated."

## BIDEN'S VACCINE MANDATE SPEECH!

*American Thinker, 9/10/21  
By Patricia McCarthy, excerpts.*

Thursday, President Biden delivered the most insulting, contemptuous and divisive speech by a president in US history.

We all know by now that Joe Biden does not care one iota about the American people. . . .

His is the most destructive administration in history. He set out to undo the many successes of President Trump and he has done exactly that: opened the border to all comers, ended our energy independence, destroyed the economy and job market and instigated the worst inflation since the Carter administration.

His catastrophically idiotic withdrawal from Afghanistan has awakened previously unengaged citizens to the depth and breadth of Biden's malicious incompetence. He wanted to brag about ending

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## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

*From the Web.*

### JESUS IS WATCHING YOU

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around looking for valuables and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off and froze. When he heard nothing more, after a bit he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light back on and began searching for more valuables. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell, he heard "Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out he shined his light around frantically looking for the cause of the voice. Finally in the corner of the room his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. "Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yep" the parrot confessed, then squawked, "I was just trying to warn you." The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, HUH?" Who are you? "Moses," the parrot replied. "Moses?" the burglar laughed. What kind of stupid people would name a parrot Moses?"

The parrot promptly answered, "Probably the same kind of people that would name their Rotweiler dog Jesus..."

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