

SILV ON. 11

I HAD JUST WRITTEN A POEM TO MY BROTHER FOR HIS BIRTHDAY. RECALLING OUR TIMES ON OUR GRANDPARENT'S FARM IN IDAHO WHEN WE WERE KIDS, WHEN THE NEXT DAY, FRED NELSON DID HIS COMMENT ABOUT HANGING OUT DOWNTOWN ON FIFTH STREET, CRUISING UP AND DOWN AND JUST BEIN' GUYS. I'M A LITTLE YOUNGER THAN FRED, BUT WE DID PRETTY MUCH THE SAME THING, WITH MORROW'S DRIVE IN AT FIFTH AND BROADWAY AS SORT OF A GATHERING PLACE. THEN THEY MADE FOURTH AND FIFTH STREETS ONE WAY AND FOR WHATEVER REASON, THAT PUT A STOP TO THAT LIFE STYLE. FRED'S COMMENT BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES, BUT MY POEM TO MY BROTHER BROUGHT UP EMOTIONS THAT I DIDN'T KNOW WERE HIDDEN DOWN INSIDE ME. OH FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS! // I OPENED THE TIMES STANDARD A WEEK AGO TUESDAY AND WAS GREETED BY AN EDITORIAL CARTOON THAT REALLY BURNED ME UP. THE CARTOON WAS A CARICATURE OF REX ~~BORG~~<sup>BORN</sup> WITH A DEROGATORY TITLE. I'VE KNOWN REX FOR FORTY YEARS, AT LEAST, AND HE IS ABOUT AS COMMITTED, OR MORE COMMITTED TO THE WELFARE OF THIS COMMUNITY BY HIS ACTIONS IN THE SPORTS FIELD THAN ANYONE I KNOW OF. I IMMEDIATELY E-MAILED A LETTER TO THE EDITOR, WHICH WAS PRINTED A DAY OR SO LATER. I CALLED REX TO SEE WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT, OR WHAT HAD HE DONE TO DESERVE THAT SLAP IN THE FACE. HE SAID HE HAD GIVEN A COUPLE INTERVIEWS TO NEWSPAPERS DETAILING HIS STAND ON THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA. HIS ASSOCIATION WITH KIDS OF ALL AGES WOULD HAVE BEEN A TERRIBLE FARCE, HAD HE USED OR PROMOTED THE USE OF MARIJUANA. THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE CAN'T TAKE A POSITION ON THE CONSEQUENCES OR OTHER FACTORS IN DEALING WITH THE SITUATION. IF YOU'VE LISTENED TO ME OVER THE YEARS, YOU'LL KNOW I HATE MARIJUANA AND ITS EFFECTS ON PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. BUT IT'S HERE, LIKE IT OR NOT AND SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE // I DON'T USUALLY LIKE TO GET INTO NATIONAL

STUFF, BUT I HEARD A WHILE BACK THAT THE IRS HAS ISSUED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF FRAUDULENT REFUND CHECKS TO ADDRESSES ALL OVER THE WORLD. NOT TOO FAR BACK, THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION ALLOWED A NUMBER OF INVESTMENT FRAUDS TO STEAL MILLIONS FROM THEIR INVESTORS. REPORTS SAID THEY WERE AWARE OF THE FRAUDS, BUT DID NOTHING. NO TELLING HOW MANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING AGRICULTURE, ARE GIVING AWAY <sup>MONEY</sup> OR ALLOWING FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS TO TAKE PLACE. IT'S TIME FOR US - THAT'S YOU AND ME, TO GET ON THEIR CASE. IF I WAS INVOLVED IN A MINOR FENDER-BENDER - OR DOOR-BENDER, ON THIS CASE, IN HENDERSON CENTER AT A BUSY TIME OF DAY LAST WEEK, I MOVED MY VEHICLE OFF THE STREET, BUT THE LADY DRIVING THE OTHER CAR WOULD NOT MOVE IT, THUS CREATING A BAD TRAFFIC SITUATION. I TRIED TO TELL HER THAT YOU CAN MOVE YOUR VEHICLE AS LONG AS THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND IT WAS A MINOR ACCIDENT AND THE CARS WERE DRIVEABLE. THE POLICE SUPPORT LADY SHOWED UP, AND SHE STILL DIDN'T WANT TO MOVE HER CAR. A PASSER-BY DIRECTED TRAFFIC UNTIL SHE FINALLY DID, AND EVEN SOME OF THE DRIVERS WANTED TO IGNORE HIM. SO, YOU CAN MOVE YOUR VEHICLE UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. MY NEXT COMMENT WILL BE ON CHRISTMAS DAY - SO I'LL SAY IT TODAY - MERRY CHRISTMAS AND REMEMBER - JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!