

Bob's Corner

Many thoughts going through the sieve at the top of my head this time of year; the holiday season it's called. Perhaps it should be called, for many, the depression season. Not that I am particularly sad, but this season invariably brings bad stuff for a lot of people.

As a jolly journalist to these many years, I've noticed that the number of family fights, assaults, suicides and other unfortunate situations escalate during what's supposed to be a joyous time. What gives? Are we so inundated with memories of happier times, or reasons that we feel unhappy, that they rise to the surface to the tune of, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

Are some of us so annoyed with ourselves at broken promises (to ourselves and others), plus failed efforts, that this time of year hoists them to the top of our yule trees? Are we frustrated with what we've not got, thinking that we deserve more? Reminds me of a statement attributed to Nathaniel Hawthorne: "Happiness, in this world, if it comes at all, comes incidentally. Make it the object of pursuit, and it leads us on a wild-goose chase, and it is never attained."

Jan and I sat together last Sunday morning and listened to a variety of holiday tunes, hymns and the like, instrumental and vocal. In both our cases, the melodies reminded us that we miss our three children, based on the memories of Christmases past. Not to mention all four of our grandchildren, including two that we have not seen in some seven years (not by our choice).

Personally, my gourd became filled with recollections of Christmas times with my Mom and Dad. It struck me that this will be the first time in my life that my Dad will not be around for Christmas, as he died in February. Many of my thoughts were of how hard he worked to be the best Dad he knew how to be. Not perfect, but he tried his best, based on his background and abilities. He gave me my first electric train, a Marx. And many other gifts, including my first bike.

But those are not why I miss him, or what I remember best. What I recall best are the times I felt close to him emotionally. A thought comes to mind, "Each of us is the accumulation of our memories." And now my Mom is without him too, after being married dang close to 60 years. Hope that we can visit her this season, as she enjoys talking over old times.

Regarding my somewhat unholiday holiday thoughts, maybe we should think, in-between cups of egg nog, lead-weight fruit cake and annoying thoughts of how much stuff we'd like to buy and give as gifts. Think about what? It's an anonymous saying that goes, "Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money."

Here's hoping that yawl have a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, or whatever puts you in a good mood this time of year. It all puts me in the mind of a Sanskrit proverb I came across:

Look to this day
For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision,
But today, well lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

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Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary expressed in letters to the editor are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

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OSP/District attorney
From Raymond Karczewski
Cave Junction
Dec. 10, 4:20 p.m. I received a phone call from a man identifying himself as "Griff Holland" of Oregon State Police, badge# 672, commission #1072-01, who stated he was working in Salem with the Oregon Dept. of Justice.

Holland stated that paperwork was sent to him via the Oregon DOJ from the Josephine County District Attorney's office, as the latter claimed it didn't make any sense to them. Holland referred to documents: Conditional Acceptance/Proof of Claim and Invoice/Verified Statement of Account. See: <http://www.arkenterprises.com/prfclaim.html#Claim>

I told him I would rather not talk over the phone. He asked if we could talk in person. I told him I would rather not talk at all. I said that if he had an investigation to do, to go ahead and do it. The paperwork speaks for itself.

He said that's what he was trying to clarify, adding that "legally, the papers don't stand for anything." I told him I was a Sovereign person and not a subject of the corporate county or state. He then asked, "What does that mean?" He said the Josephine County D.A.'s office asked them to come in to look at the case. I told him I had been be-

fore the courts and challenged the court's jurisdiction, stating that the Josephine County D.A.'s office knows damn well where it stands and refuses to address the problem of jurisdiction as outlined in the Conditional Acceptance/Proof of Claim document.

I told him I was not going to discuss the matter over the phone.

Holland asked several times if I was familiar with "simulation of a legal process." I did not answer the question, telling him I was not going to discuss the matter over the phone. The conversation ended when I stated my suggestion to him to look over the paperwork; then take it to the lawyers with DOJ and let them decide what they are going to do with this matter; that I will "stand on the paperwork. Note that although I did not respond to the court's unlawful invitation" to appear in court on Dec. 2 -- thereby bringing into focus the issue of jurisdiction by either arrest or dropping the charges -- here it is Dec. 10 (as this is written), and the Josephine County courts and D.A.'s office are tap-dancing like hell in bringing in the Oregon DOJ and state police.

The plain and simple fact is that D.A. Clay E. Johnson has failed to prove the claims in the Conditional Acceptance/Proof of Claim within the 10-day period and is thereby in default. As such, there is no existing privately sworn affidavit which brings a claim upon this living, breathing, flesh-and-blood, sentient, natural person, and therefore no case.

Turtle symbol
From Lynne Vanderlinden
Cave Junction
What a difference a week makes. After attending the Dec. 2 salvage logging meet-

ing, I had a whole 'nuther letter drafted -- one bemusing the angst (to be honest, I termed it paranoia and bull-headedness) expressed by the environmental community running the show concerning logging for dollars.


In it, I questioned how much dead and diseased timber was really necessary to make a "healthy" forest, pondered the loss of O&C timber revenues (if you don't like tax increases and levies, study up on it for yourselves -- I'm tired of explaining), and tried to point out the real possibility of a truly diverse, balanced economy here through not only salvage, but long-term, sustainable logging.

I guess last week's proposed letter is a moot point now, isn't it? The Siskiyou Project, Klamath-Siskiyou Willlands Project, their sponsors and donors (which includes you, if you pay taxes), have finally attained a long sought-after goal in their agenda. Just like their turtle totem, they've rolled Rough & Ready Lumber Co. over on its back. I finally understand the symbolism.

Now that they've brought the valley (145 families and dependent businesses) to its collective knees, the time is ripe to bring on their national monument, national park,

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Tournament - 11 a.m.
SATURDAY, DEC. 21
Christmas vacation

IVHS School Menu - Sponsored by
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THURSDAY, DEC. 19
Grilled ham & cheese, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese sub, ham & cheese sub, chef salad, Mandarin chicken salad, vegetarian pizza, pepperoni pizza, nachos, lasagna & breadstick
FRIDAY, DEC. 20
Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese sub, roast beef sub, chef salad, Mandarin chicken salad, Hawaiian pizza, pepperoni pizza, beef tacos or hot dog & fries
MONDAY, DEC. 23
Christmas vacation

A big THANK YOU from the Illinois Valley Bikers
The 20th annual IV. Biker Toy Run is now over but the fun for the kids begin!

The participation, support and generous donations provided by the community were overwhelming and enabled all goals to be met. The saying 'Christmas is for the kids, rings true again this year and is only possible because of the dedication and spirit of the community. A special thanks to the staff at the Junction Inn for their assistance and the use of the lounge area to hold the Toy Run event.

"If you name has been omitted from the list, please accept our apology."

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| Dave Stricklan | Klamath 1st | Tropical Tan |
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| Donary's Pizza | Lube-N-Shine | Ubbill One |
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