

Bob's Corner

In an effort to provide a respite for my coruscating brain, I am reverting this issue to some material I found while searching for rare coins in my closet. Found no rare coins, but did locate a petrified mouse and the following, and forthwith offer it (not the mouse) for your dining and dancing pleasure. Lave sus manos, and don't forget to tip the waiter.

Abilities of newspaper personnel:

***Publisher** - Leaps tall buildings in a single bound.

Is more powerful than a locomotive.

Is faster than a speeding bullet.

Walks on water.

Gives policy to God.

***Editor-in-Chief** - Leaps short buildings in a single bound.

Is more powerful than a switch engine.

Is just as fast as a speeding bullet.

Walks on water if the sea is calm.

Talks with God.

***Executive news editor** - Leaps short buildings with a running start and a favorable wind.

Is almost as powerful as a small switch engine.

Is faster than a speeding .BB pellet.

Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool.

Talks with God if a special request is approved by memo.

***City editor** - Barely clears a Quonset hut.

Loses tug-of-war with locomotive.

Can fire a speeding bullet.

Swims well.

Is occasionally addressed by God.

***Assistant city editor** - Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap over a building.

Is run over by locomotive.

Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury.

Dog paddles well.

Talks to animals and trees.

***Copy editor** - Runs into buildings.

Recognizes locomotive two out of three times.

Is not issued ammunition.

Can't stay afloat even using a personal flotation device.

Talks to walls.

***Reporter** - Falls over doorsteps when entering buildings.

Says, "Look at the choo-choo!"

Wets himself with a water pistol.

Plays in mud puddles.

Mumbles to himself.

***Head secretary/receptionist** - Lifts buildings and walks under them.

Kicks locomotives off the tracks.

Catches speeding bullets in her teeth and eats them.

Freezes water with a single glance.

She is God.

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 written solely to this newspaper are considered for publication. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered.

Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.

Memorial Poppies From Tina Hammerlein, Glenn Morrison American Legion Unit 70 Auxiliary Cave Junction

In November 1918, Moina Belle Michael, "The Poppy Lady" from Georgia, distributed poppies to businessmen, asking that they wear them as a tribute to those who died in the battles of World War I.

During the early 1920s at its national conventions, the American Legion and its Auxiliary adopted the poppy as their memorial flower. It was mandated that contributions received from the distribution of the poppies be used only for aiding veterans and their families.

For more than 80 years, the American Legion Auxiliary has sponsored the Poppy Program to remind America that millions have sacrificed their lives and health to keep our nation strong and free.

During these trying times of war, and through the evil acts of terrorism, it has become more apparent that we need to show our gratitude and support our country's Armed Forces men and women. This includes those who have paid the ultimate price so that we can remain living in a free country.

There is not a better way to say, "Thank you," than to wear a poppy as a reminder that we will "always remember."

'The War on Terrorism' From Raymond Karczewskic Cave Junction

I have already given the state of Oregon and county of Josephine a public relations, face-saving out via the negotiation of a settlement for the monies now due and payable according to a lawful commercial judgment, available at arkenterprises.com/tortjoco.html.

I'm giving the state and Josephine County an opportunity to walk away with some face; to allow them to clean up their mess and save a few from jail time. I've got 'em dead to rights on their fraud regarding prosecuting this sovereignty issue, and they know it.

They are just bidding their time, hoping that all-out martial law will be declared so that open warfare can be declared on the Sovereign People, their declared enemy as evidenced by Patriot Acts I and II.

My boycott approach mitigates all that, since there is no resistance to the Evil; yet a nationwide mandate is delivered by the people to their servants. What's a crooked politician to do to retaliate -- What a dilemma, huh?

The days of crooked politicians/judges/prosecutors are numbered -- they should get out of town. I believe that my personal boycott in facing down two crooked Josephine County judges and a district attorney has already resulted in two announced resignations/retirements and the actual retirement of District Attorney Clay E. Johnson. The state and county got the message. So will everyone else.

I cannot rely on government officials to honor their oaths of office. I cannot rely upon them to do the job they have been charged to do by virtue of their offices. Hence, the state and county understand that the jig is up.

This matter is never going to go away unless they clean up their house and settle with me for the damages I claim they have caused to myself, my wife and family members, through what I believe are their infringements on my/our Unalienable Rights.

I claim on my behalf kidnapping, robbery and hostage-taking, false arrest and imprisonment, and what I see as state and county media participation in inflicting incalculable damage to our reputations and health.

Here's my foolproof plan for taking back our country.

May 18, 2005: Day 108. Join National Corporate Consumers Boycott already in progress. 'Tis the peaceful way to show corporate government who's boss.

Do not surrender your guns: be prepared to use them for self-protection in the event martial law is declared. Begin impeachment proceedings on President Bush and other treasonous national leaders.

In the next two national, state, and local elections, wipe the slate clean. Without exception, vote out all incumbents. Vote in new leadership. The obvious outcome: We will have a new government and the "Meek shall have inherited the Earth."

People should do their part to put the free back into the "Land of the Free."

'Pride, love, devotion?!' From Cliff R. Hargrove Selma

I have lived in the Pacific Northwest for 35 years. I love Oregon.

When I retired from the government in Washington state I moved here; yes, I moved here not only for the countryside beauty, but for the Oregon people. They reminded me so much of the beautiful people in Texas: kind, friendly and hard working, people who would help their neighbor and stand up for what they believe in.

It saddens me to see these people's pride, love and hard work taken away by the government and their little friends, the environmentalists. We have stupid judges making stupid laws. What do we do? Nothing.

I went up on Eight Dollar Road Tuesday, May 17. It was the first time I had come in contact with the "tree huggers." They blocked the road (for a little while), but what I was looking at is what I could not believe: those males (I guess they are males). We have boys in middle school more men than these whatever's. I saw people with Illinois li-

cense plates on their cars, their signs made of cardboard being held on wooden stakes protesting our logging, our local boys' jobs.

We see people move here; Sierra Club big time. We see Siskiyou Project, Earth First!, Klamath Siskiyou Alliance water head councils; 99.9 percent of these people act as if they have never had to work a hard day in their lives.

I remember when Billy Boy Clinton was president, and he had someone named "Babbet" for interior secretary. Ol' Babbet was going to make a monument out of the Siskiyou and most of our surrounding area. What happened? We all got together and met at the post office right here in Selma, and we waited and we waited, but no Babbet ever showed up.

They ended up going to Medford and telling the people there that they met with us and they decided to do this another day. Lies, lies. No one met with us; no one has ever met with us to talk about the problems we have.

Do you know that this unpatriotic government in this state has no honor in our own state flag and some places not even for America? Take a look at our sheriff's station, our fire stations, our forest station. Where are our American and Oregon flags?

Where is the pride not only for our great country but for our great state? Take a look around and see how many state flags do you see.

Someday I hope to see changes. People of Southern Oregon should stick up for what is right, like that day in Selma. Some day I hope to say, "These nice folks in Southern Oregon have had enough and they are doing something about it."

God Bless America, and God Bless Oregon.

'Need help' From Jeff Christensen Cave Junction

The city of Cave Junction has cut off our water that the city had been providing to residents south of

the Illinois River Bridge (at an added monthly fee) for more than 30 years.

ODOT is replacing the bridge, and say they have no financial responsibility for the water line attached to it. The city says, because we are outside the city limits, they have no obligation to us either, and thus offer no compensation of any kind.

I was curious as to what kind of deal was struck between the city and the original owners of this property when water was first provided. So I asked the city recorder (Jim Polk) if I could have a copy of these records. He said that the records were in a pile of boxes and that it would take a lot of work to go through, but that he would provide them. That was more than six months ago.

I have inquired about them several times since, and I always get the same pile-of-boxes story. I wrote letters to the district attorney and the attorney general asking them for help in obtaining these records -- still no records. I asked Polk again last week when I would see those records. He said if I wanted to pay for his time he would search for the records.

I could not believe that a city official was asking me to pay him to do his job. That is tantamount to holding public records for ransom. It is the city recorder's job, paid for by tax dollars, to maintain and supply records for the city. Under the Freedom of Information Act I believe I have a right to these records, but I don't know where else to turn.

That is the reason I am writing this letter asking for help. Polk should be told to do his job, by letter, phone calls and in person, and that the very least he could do, after he and the city council so callously cut off our water, is to provide the requested records to which we are entitled. I am hoping public pressure will persuade him to release these records.

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Finished work, remaining clay, and tools must be picked up by Thursday, May 26, as the pottery will be permanently closed at the end of May.

Don't you wish you had a job like mine? All you have to do is think up a certain number of words! Plus, you can repeat words! And they don't even have to be true!

- Dave Barry -

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