

Bob's Corner

Faithful readers might recall my painful story of several years ago regarding my tremendous lack of mechanical/building/fixing objects talent. But I type well.

I have built a few items in the past. Some of them actually stayed together long enough to stand up before collapsing in a pile of twisted nails, oozing glue and sawdust. Some of us have no aptitude for such matters. Fortunately, my wife and three children all have engineer-type brains, and can figure out stuff. Good thing.

Still, it took me years to let Jan take the lead after we'd buy an item and the box had the dreadful, fateful words (for people like me): "Assembly Required." Yikes. I'd break into a cold sweat and start trembling. Not to worry though, as Jan has the genius to figure out anything. But I used to try first to "show her" how to do it. Perhaps a bit too much machismo? Didn't work. Almost went to divorce court a few times over those "Assembly Required" items.

Anyway, this brings us, strangely enough, to last week when we got some new light fixture shades. I can handle this project, I thought. So much for thinking. But wait -- I was able to get the tall ladder into the bedroom, climb it and figure out how to remove the glass shades to replace them with the fabric ones. It was exciting to be way up near the ceiling and discover that at least two of our four cats had climbed the ladder from the other side and were having some sort of Cat Game called, "Let's Scare Dad by Shaking the Ladder." They also enjoyed, "Try to Trip Him While He's Climbing Down."

It took five separate ladder round-trips, with help from our herd of felines, to remove the old shades and bulbs. Then on my sixth excursion, I discovered that the new shades wouldn't clip over the light bulbs because the bulbs were too large for the clips. Off I went to get new, smaller lights. Jan had me take one of the old lights to be sure I got a proper size.

That was a mistake, as I thought of one dimension, and she was thinking three-dimensionally.

Because although I got smaller bulbs, it wasn't until I made another creaky trip up the ladder, with my cat escorts, that I realized the bases were too small. I had gotten bulbs with Christmas tree bases, when I needed bulbs with regular bases. Arghh. Off I went again for more bulbs.

Could not find bulbs of the right wattage. Phoned Jan, who advised me to wait until the next day and try another store with more variety. That worked.

Meanwhile, we left the ladder in our bedroom overnight. The cats loved it. Played games nearly all night. Next time, I'll have them do the job. I'm sure they could handle it better than I. Did I mention though that I am a really good typist?

P.S. The day after the complicated installation procedure we decided to put back the glass shades. And you don't even want to hear about the problematical situation we encountered. It was because of my replacing the plastic rings for them so far down on the light base the day before that it took extreme dexterity and patience to remove them. But the mission was accomplished. Again with help (she took over) from my wife. Some days life is just full of twists and turns.

(Disclosure! June 28, 2006 is when Bob originally ran the preceding.)


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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.

Ideology trumps science **From Gregory Anderson** **Cave Junction**

I never thought I would live to see the day that ideology trumps science. Until something is proven, it is nothing more than an idea or a theory.

Obama and his fellow geniuses in Congress are feeling the pressure from realists throughout the world that man-caused global warming is the biggest con job in history. Speaker "Polemic Pelosi" was able to perform a "cram-down" to narrowly pass another bill that will cost our economy and our children and our grandchildren dearly.

Again, before even one House member had an opportunity to read the 1,300 pages of tripe. In fact it was reported that there was not even a copy of the legislation on the House floor when it was passed.

Humming the tune of "Yes we can," they are bringing the change we can believe in -- much to the detriment of our economy, our society, and our country. Remember the promise of transparency and 48 hours to know what is in a bill? That obviously never came to pass. That disappeared with our audacity to hope that our president was telling the truth.

The Obama/Al Gore worshippers refuse to admit that they lose ground, as scientists and other skeptics become more educated to the real science. They need the ideological fervor of the global-warming hucksters to promote this rubbish. Currently more than 700 scientists disagree with the U.N. position on global warming. This is 13 times the number that authored their 2007 climate summary.

Last year the newly elected government of New Zealand immediately suspended the weeks-old cap-and-trade program. The Australian Parliament is preparing to kill its own carbon-emission scheme. This explains why the Obama-Reid-Pelosi team is trying to jam the carbon tax play through before the voters learn of the real scientific facts.

Recently, one of the foremost experts on polar bears was "disinvited" from a conference in Denmark. Why? Because his knowledge and evidence runs opposite to the liberal group's ideological beliefs.

The EPA has been trying to suppress a study that shows there has been no global warming for a decade and that the CO2 levels are nowhere near what they would have to be to be a danger to the planet's inhabitants. The only danger is the cap-and-tax pushers causing huge outsourcing of jobs and taxing the country to match California's fiscal destruction.

This will make Congress's corn ethanol fiasco -- which is producing higher food prices and lower gas mileage without affecting CO2 emissions -- look like child's play.

'Checking out' business **From Ellis Couron** **Cave Junction**

Last Saturday "Old Bud" pulled into a local business and bought some 30 dollars worth of merchandise and

tried to pay for it with a personal check that was from a banking establishment across the street.

Then I discovered that this place of business had a check list, not of those who had written bad checks, but of only the trustworthy and allowed to write checks. I asked how did one get his name on that list, only to be told that no new names were being accepted when clearly I could see that there had been new names added at the bottom.

Now, I don't know who all is on that check list, but I have lived here for more than 30 years and have done most of my business with checks that don't bounce, and I have bad feelings about anyone who apparently believes that my checks are not as good as someone else's.

And anyone who believes that "Old Bud" will ever spend another nickel in that place of business is, as we say down in the Holler, "whistling up a gum stump."

Of rights & privileges **From Raymond Ronald** **Karczewski** **Cave Junction**

With regard to Christopher Smith, perhaps we can clear up the confusion which exists in our respective positions. When I responded to his letter, I did not put a face to the name. I responded to words on the screen, words on the printed paper.

I respect him as a man of integrity. My use of the word "ignorant" was not meant as a personal attack, but as a word denoting "unawareness" of facts existing beyond one's understanding.

I live by God's Law, and Common Law; I recognize the U.S. Constitution to be a contract between the Sovereign People and its Servant Government. My Unalienable Rights are derived from the Creator. The Right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. The Right to Life includes the right to Self Defense. The Right to Liberty includes the Right to Travel.

No man-made government can rescind those rights. Such rights cannot arbitrarily be converted into privileges, as when one is told they must be licensed, must seek permission from government in order to travel from point A to point B via the normal travel conveyance of the day.

In years past, that "normal travel conveyance of the day" was the horse. Today it is the automobile.

In Common Law, a crime is committed only when one damages another man or causes damage to another man's property, or infringes upon another man's rights. It is the Law of Responsibility. If no Claim of Damage to another person or property, or infringement of

Rights exists, no crime exists. That is Law.

Unfortunately, modern-day man has been psychologically conditioned to think that victimless "Color of Law" legislation creates a crime when it does not. That is the illusion of law that extracts power from the people and bestows it upon bureaucrats, legislators, judges, prosecutors, and policemen via a mountain of "corporate policy" masquerading as law.

Such victimless offenses are founded in contract law, between corporate "persons." It is gained by government through one's consent, misguided or otherwise. Today's modern-day courts are not lawful Article III courts, but operate as unconstitutional Administrative Courts which gain their power and control via Maritime Law, administering contract law. The average tax-paying citizen is completely unaware of the deceptive system they support with their tax monies.

I am a living, breathing, flesh-and-blood, sentient, natural man. I am not a "person," a corporate entity as defined in the vehicle code. Therefore its rules and regulations, merely corporate policy, have no jurisdiction over me unless I waive my rights or consent to them.

The limited Administrative Court operating in America today is based in Maritime Law, Contract law has no jurisdiction over me unless I grant it jurisdiction through my consent or waiver of Rights. The law states: "There, every man is independent of all laws, except those prescribed by nature. He is not bound by any institutions formed by his fellowmen without his consent." (Cruden v Neale, 2 N.C. 338 (1796) 2 S.E. 70.)

It was after many years of ignorance, some as a police sergeant carrying out the training provided by the Cor-

porate State, that I understood the significance of binding oneself to a contract which on its face was invalid for lack of disclosure, that I took the measure of rescinding my license in 1999.

Since I am not engaged in commerce since 1999 while using public roads, and I use them solely for travel, the Police Powers granted government via the U.S. Constitution to regulate commerce and traffic do not apply to me as a non-person in the vernacular of legalese as long as I do not commit a Common Law crime.

I am a responsible man. I understand Smith's concerns for the irresponsibility for the drunk driver who took his grandmother's life, but even Smith must see that a license was irrelevant to the issue.


It is only when man will act responsibly that our society will change. That is a tall order for those who have allowed others to do their "thinking" for them.

God bless Holger **From Ali Madjdi** **Grants Pass**

Holger Sommer inspired, infuriated and confused a lot of people in our county, where in some ways "Business as usual" has meant back-room dealings for more than a century.

He wasn't always right, or get the law right, or the right law, or win his appeals, but he was always there if there was so much as a whiff of chicanery in the air. On his own time and dime.

A saint he wasn't -- he had a big ego -- but a hero he was. A stickler for rule of law, Holger was a thorn on the side of legal tricksters. Holger Sommer reminded us all, that our county is still a part of America, the land of freedom and rule of law, though at times it may seem like Josephinistan. God bless Holger.


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