

Former boxer knocks out deer that punched him

GOLDENDALE, Wash. (AP) — You've heard of wrestling bears. How about boxing deer?

Bob McKinney, a land developer, was showing prospective property buyers some acreage in a wooded area 13 miles northeast of the city last Saturday.

Tamed as a fawn two years ago by someone in the area, a deer appeared and at first seemed harmless, McKinney said Tuesday. Several people, including McKinney, pet the animal.

But when McKinney turned his back, the doe rose on its hind legs and began striking at him with its front hooves. McKinney, a former professional boxer, whirled

to face the attacker and took a shot right in the nose.

"At first I thought maybe it was breeding time and it was in love with me," he said. "But it hit me."

McKinney, 58, said he grabbed the deer around the neck and pushed it away, but the animal pressed the fight again. When the deer came at him a third time, McKinney clenched his fist, set his feet and tagged the doe with a right jab.

"I popped it right in the mouth," he said.

McKinney reported the incident to the state Department of Wildlife. He said he didn't think the deer was seriously hurt.

"I wouldn't have hit it, but I didn't know what else to do," he said. "It was getting mean."

Lee Stream, a state wildlife biologist in Yakima, said the encounter was most likely an attempt by the deer to test its dominance over the humans. Wild animals that have been tamed lose their fear of humans, he said, and in the wild, fighting is often a means of establishing a pecking order.

It's not unusual for an animal that's been tamed to attack humans, Stream said.

"This just reinforced my opinion that people should never tame wild animals," McKinney said.



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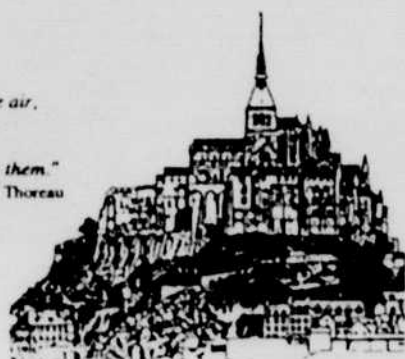
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Candidate criticizes opponent

SALEM (AP) — Republican candidate for governor Craig Berkman says political expediency prompted rival Denny Smith to stop printing a guide to topless-dancing bars.

"Clearly, Smith has seen that his printing of pornographic advertising is a political liability, and he is trying to cut his losses," Berkman said.

Smith responded by saying he was "deeply disappointed" that Berkman was trying to "draw attention away from the crucial issues facing Oregonians."

Oregon T&A Times, which carries ads for topless-dancing bars and massage parlors, is one of about 500 different publications that have been printed by Smith's Salem-based company, Eagle Web Press.

However, Eagle Web stopped printing the magazine earlier this year, prompting Berkman to charge Tuesday that Smith was "trying to quietly put this issue aside" in advance of the May 17 primary election.

"He knows that Oregon voters want a governor with principles," Berkman said. "By printing this publication, Smith has shown that he is willing to put his business interests before his principles."

In an interview last year, Smith described T&A Times as "tastefully done" and defended his company's dealings with the magazine.

"If you're in the printing business, you can't be in the business of censorship," Smith said then.

Smith, a former five-term congressman, declined to be interviewed Tuesday and instead issued a prepared statement in which he sidestepped the issue.

"I have been traveling throughout the entire state since May listening to the concerns of Oregonians, and I will continue those efforts."

Smith's campaign manager, Rosemary Wood, said Eagle Web stopped printing T&A Times at the beginning of the year, but she couldn't say why.

"I wasn't involved in the decision," Wood said. "It was a decision made by Denny Smith and his associates at Eagle Web Press."

Berkman, a Portland businessman, said he thinks Smith should have to explain to Oregonians why he stopped printing T&A Times just months before the GOP primary and how much money he made printing it.

"Smith either didn't know what his business was doing, or he has been defending a sleazy publication," Berkman said.

Meanwhile, in a sign of continued GOP infighting, conservatives are making claims of mismanagement in an effort to discredit Berkman, a moderate.

Vance Day, a conservative who is chairman of the Marion County Republican Party, has sent a letter to party officials criticizing Berkman's performance during his three years as state GOP chairman.

Day said Berkman left the party \$50,000 in debt by giving money to out-of-state candidates while failing to pay the state party's bills.

"Many of us had hoped that Craig would quietly go away," Day wrote. "Obviously, that hasn't happened."

Berkman defended his leadership of the party, saying he took over an operation that was even deeper in debt. He took credit for raising more than \$2 million for Republican candidates, helping Republicans win control of the Oregon House and re-electing two U.S. senators.

Lawyers comment on Packwood

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Packwood's unprecedented stubbornness threatens Congress' self-policing powers, Senate lawyers told an appeals court Wednesday in opposing his request for more time before turning over his diaries in an ethics probe.

Senate Ethics Committee lawyers said in court papers that they have been seeking relevant evidence in the Oregon Republican's diaries for nearly a year and issued a subpoena for the papers - the first ever for a senator - four months ago.

"His unprecedented refusal to cooperate has thwarted the committee's inquiry in the four months since the subpoena was issued," they said in briefs filed Wednesday with the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Matt Evans, a spokesman for Packwood, said Wednesday that the senator had no comment on the court filing.

The Ethics Committee is investigating allegations that the senator made unwanted sexual advances to more than two dozen women, used his staff to intimidate witnesses, solicited job offers from lobbyists for his wife and obstructed the probe by altering the diaries.

The Justice Department also is investigating the job offers. Packwood denies he solicited the offers.

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Jackson has ordered that Packwood's diaries be turned over to the Senate Ethics Committee by Feb. 22. Last week, Jackson rejected Packwood's bid to keep the diaries private until the appeals court hears the case.

On Monday, Packwood asked the appeals court for a stay that would postpone the deadline until after the appeals court rules.

Packwood gave the diaries and dictation tapes to the district court on Dec. 16 under order from Jackson. The judge asked for the diaries after Senate lawyers produced testimony from Packwood's transcriber that some of the tapes had been altered.

Packwood maintains the subpoena for his diaries violates his Fourth Amendment right to privacy and his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

But the Senate lawyers said he enjoys no such protection.

"In addition to questions whether Senator Packwood engaged in a pattern of sexual misconduct over an extended period of time and further abused the power of his office by seeking to intimidate his alleged victims to prevent them from speaking from their experiences, the committee will need to determine whether, during the course of the committee's investigation, Senator Packwood altered evidence of his conduct," the lawyers wrote.

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