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Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

What's In A Name? Plenty For Jason Boe

A three-letter surname makes Jason Boe's the odds-on favorite for most unique among those serving in the 57th session of Oregon's biennial legislature.

The 43-year-old president of a Democratic-controlled State Senate explains Boe is Norwegian; and there's a fjord somewhere in Norway named after his family -- or vice-versa.

But it's the Reedsport optometrist's given name that provokes the most interest when linked with his position in public life.

The name Jason conjures mental images of the mythical Greek leader of the Argonauts and their quest for the Golden Fleece. And it's not difficult to associate the Senate leader's 30-member upper house aboard the ship of state with the legendary crew of heroes, questing for property tax and school finance reform on a voyage fraught with modern political peril.

Authorities on this business of Christian first names explain however, that parents seldom have that particular Jason in mind when they designate a title for their off-spring. Although Jason does spring from the Greek and means healer -- an art Boe performs on patients' eyes -- present day use of the name stems from Biblical sources.

There are some half-dozen references to Jasons in the Bible. And at least two were associated with wickedness. Naturally enough, neither have namesakes in Christendom. The most popular Jason, the one immortalized as the second-most popular name for male infants today, hosted the Apostle Paul in Greece, authored an apocryphal book of the Bible and is referred to in the New Testament's Book of Romans.

All of this fits Jason Boe to the proverbial tee. Son of a California banker, the Senate President was reared a Lutheran, completed undergraduate studies in biology and chemistry at Pacific Lutheran University, married the daughter (Kathy) of an Hillsboro Lutheran minister and has an only brother, who is ordained in the same faith.

Furthermore, ancient Hebrews adopted the name Jason but in their tongue it is pronounced Joshua -- or Jesus. Name buffs likely will draw many parallels before the current legislative session adjourns, harkening everything from the Battle of Jericho to any one of a number of the trials of Christ.

The most interesting coincidence in this game of names however, may be the fact the Oregon Senate's Jason is particularly fond of the Book of Romans. This particular Epistle of Paul's contains such thoughts as: "The strong must bear the infirmities of the weak."

Asks Jason Boe: "Isn't that the duty of society?"

Romans also carries a message of tolerance -- with Paul imploring for equality of both Jew and Gentile. On this note the Senate President can really hold forth.

"The Ten Commandments spell out the law. But it is Romans that enunciates the Judeo-Christian ethic almost in its entirety."

"It marks the beginning of man's humanness to his fellows and the transition from the old law of 'an eye for an eye' to 'love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

This philosophical background on Oregon's Senate chief may bear on the immense popularity he has achieved among constituents. An unknown in Reedsport in 1955, he was elected to the first of two city council terms three years later and became chairman of his party's Douglas County Central Committee. Then followed three successive terms in the House of Representatives, during which

he served once as Minority Whip and in '69 as Minority Leader.

In 1970 he was elected to complete the last two years of the veteran Al Fiegl's Senate term, when the latter resigned to become a County Commissioner. And he achieved his present four-year seat unopposed after garnering the Republican write-in nomination.

No one doubts the degree of Senate Pres. Boe's principles and ethics. Observers quickly learn his passion for excellence in the Upper House. The modest leader of what he calls a "moderate body" will accept nothing less than the best from his peers and treats every legislative session as if it were his last.

"You get into that habit serving in the House of Representatives with those two-year terms," he explained. "And I've just carried that thinking along with me to the Senate."

Boe first fought for property tax relief during his initial House session and though reluctant to embrace Gov. Tom McCall's tax and school finance reform plan before the session convened, now believes the proposal may be approaching public acceptability.

At any rate he's determined the Senate will not adjourn until property tax relief is at hand and deplores the thought of leaving a less-than-believable reform program "out there dangling at the whim of the voters."

Jason-Boe's middle initial is D. And for those who would indulge the name game further, it doesn't stand for David -- nor even Daniel. There parenthetically, go both the likelihood of encounters with a Goliath or a Lion's Den.

It stands for Douglas, as in Douglas County.

The county, along with a small portion of Josephine, is home to those who sent Jason Boe to the Legislature. By virtue of the will of voters statewide last November however, his party now is in power. He was elected Senate leader by majority Democratic compatriots and just as suddenly his constituency became statewide.

As a boy he didn't like the name, Jason. Quite proud of it and its significance today, Oregon's Jason is determined future students of this state's history will look with favor upon both name and deed.

Likewise, there'll be no confusion about which Jason some future Oregon mother might have in mind if she chooses that name for her baby boy.



Thought we about had the ol' flu bug whipped as of Tuesday last week... but it wasn't so. I was back to the grind alright, Bride was too... but all six of the brood were out of circulation with various degrees of the miseries. No. 4 daughter even had the newmonia... and both her and No. 3 girl-child had what seemed like continuous bloody noses. At least Bride thought so after trying to get them stopped, only to find them flowing again in two or three hours.

Took all six in to the doctor Wednesday afternoon, to discover that by then both of them was nothing to do but put them in the hospital... where they were confined until Friday morning... existing on medication and liquid diets. By the time Bride picked them

up I guess you know they were hungry. So as they were leaving Bandon Bride asked them if they'd like some French fries to nibble on. To say they were enthused with the suggestion would be to put it mildly. No. 3 daughter told Bride that the only solid food they had in the hospital was pills. No. 4 girl added that the only thing they had to chew was Jell-O.

I guess then little replies could be considered as meaning they were both feeling a lot better. But just barely. It seems that while in the "Get Well Motel," No. 3 girl contacted the chicken pox, or at least broke out with them while there. Which means some more school to be missed by both of 'em... 'cause No. 4 daughter may get 'em next.

The other four, however, are better... and screaming to get back to school. Except for one little additional problem that middle and young son contacted while down with the flu. Seems like they've got these daveons growing smack to their backs and.....

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I see by a recent news release that Curry County residents can now dial direct to Salem toll-free to find out the status of any bill pending before both houses, the committee to which they were referred and the time and place of public hearings. You can even order copies of the bills over the toll-free line. The phone number to call is 1-800-452-0290. However, if you want to carry on normal conversations with legislators you have to go through regular telephone channels. No free stuff there.

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The chamber of commerce is going to host a dinner for the Port Orford Meteorite Ass. association when they meet here over the weekend of March 31. Jim Wilson and Jerry Smith are co-chairing the event.

The chamber also agreed to spend a little cash on replacing and adding some new light strings across the highway for the next Yule season. The good ol' Coos-Curry Co-op will do the stringing. Makes you wonder how much their community service efforts might be restricted because of the BPA increase and the REA low interest loan fund abolishment... doesn't it?

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The chamber of commerce has declared that it is dues time again. Only \$10 per year for businesses, \$5 for individuals, and \$2.50 for senior citizens. They'd sure take it kindly if you'd pay up soon as you can.

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TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to add a bit more information to the letter from Brice Wagner in last week's paper.

I have personally talked with both Rep. Ed "Doc" Stevenson and Sen. Jack Ripper regarding the McPherson Land Bill presently before the state senate in Salem. Both of these elected representatives of Curry county have told me that they oppose this bill as it will so heavily affect our county in particular.

Both men pointed out to me that this bill is one brought about by the "Valley" and "Portland area" representatives.

I want to stress that in addition to writing Rep. Stevenson and Sen. Ripper, it is imperative that we also write the following people on the Environment and Land Use Committees:

Oregon State House,
Salem 97310: Nancie Fadeley, Chairman; Steve Kaffoury, Vice-Chairman; Ralph Groener; Vera Katz; Pat Whiting; Martin Wolfner.

Oregon State Senate,
Salem 97310: Ted Hallock, Chairman; John Burns, Vice-Chairman; Victor Attyeh; Hector McPherson (originator of bill); Mike Thorne; George Wingard; Jack Ripper.

If we in Curry county treat this matter with our usual apathy, the consequences will be everlasting with only ourselves to blame and complain to.

Write your letters today and relax tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Marge Fisher

Guilty; Jury Finds McKenzie

Former State Rep. Rod McKenzie was found guilty of driving while under the influence of alcohol and failing to leave his name at the scene of an accident in a jury trial held in the Coos County Court-house in Coquille Jan. 10.

A three-woman, three-man jury arrived at the verdict after deliberating about an hour and a half following a two-day trial before District Court Judge Charles H. Reeves.

Reeves fined McKenzie \$305 on the DUI charge, and \$105 for failure to leave his name at the scene of an accident. The judge, however, stayed execution of the sentence for 30 days pending McKenzie's possible appeal of the verdict.

The Sixes sheep rancher was charged with the incident last Aug. 11 but his trial had been postponed because of a crowded court docket.

McKenzie, who served as a Republican Representative in the state legislature for Coos and Curry counties, was defeated in his bid for re-election by Ed (Doc) Stevenson, a Coos county Democrat.

Questions Gov. McCall's Office

Senate Majority Leader William H. Holmstrom, (D-Gearhart), said this week, "I'm deeply disturbed to learn that the Washington, D. C. office of Governor McCall's Administrative Assistant has again been included in the proposed budget for a staggering \$97,262. Especially now that the people of our state are in a state of shock over the Governor's proposed one billion



Economic Controls -Phase III

The economic situation in the United States has been drastically altered during President Nixon's Economic Stabilization Program, commonly called Phase I and Phase II. The rate of inflation, while still quite high, has been reduced and there has been a substantial drop in the rate of unemployment. It is against this background that the President recently surprised most observers by suddenly ending the current system of wage and price controls and establishing a new, more voluntary system of guidelines.

The new system, called Phase III, calls for a panel of business and management leaders to develop guidelines for wage and price increases stressing the goal of a 2 1/2 percent annual rate of inflation. It was suggested in the President's message that firms could continue to follow decisions and regulations of the old Pay Board and Price Commission (which have been abolished) until the new guidelines are finished.

All firms which employ more than a thousand persons are required to keep a record of wage rate changes so that the Cost of Living Council will have the data necessary to monitor the economy. The President's new plan reserves authority to place any sector of the economy which does not follow the voluntary guidelines back under mandatory controls.

Being opposed to any system of long run wage and price controls I am pleased to see the current system ended. However, I remain troubled over the rate of inflation which continues to plague the American economy. While responsible control of federal spending will help to control the fiscal pressures which cause inflation, I believe that it is the American public which will determine the ultimate success or failure of this program.

If the United States is to avoid the need for complex and compulsory controls on the economy, we will need to recognize that in each labor contract and price increase the public interest must be considered. Every time that there is a wage or price increase to counter inflation, we insure that there will be still more inflation in the future.

During the calendar year 1973, three million workers out of 10.1 million members of the labor force who work under major contracts (involving 1,000 or more workers) will renegotiate their contracts. If we face another round of large wage increases to offset higher prices, and then higher prices to pay for increased labor costs, the inflation problem will continue to stay with us. I hope that both companies and labor unions will agree to follow the guidelines proposed by the Labor-Management Advisory Committee and that we break the current lock-step of inflation.

President Nixon has indicated that he believes that the American public is responsible enough to direct its own economic plan. I believe that if each of us is reasonable in carrying out our individual responsibilities that we may look forward to an excellent economic future.

dollar budget.

Holmstrom pointed out since the inception of this office the costs have skyrocketed from \$17,417 in '67 to \$9,574,893 '69 to '71; zooming to an estimated \$86,836 for '71 to '73 and now the Governor's assistant and one secretary are asking for \$97,262 for '73 to '75.

"I would like to know... and will certainly find out why the Governor thinks this office is so essential when our Washington, D. C. delegation has staff of nearly 100 people to handle the affairs of the people of this state."

Holmstrom concluded his statement by stating, "Although this office at one time or another may have served a useful purpose, I wonder why the people of the State of Oregon must be burdened with additional costs when staff of our present Washington delegation is on the payroll and functioning."

READ ALL THE ADS

Oceanography Short Course

Tides, currents, the ocean bottom and sand transport, were the topics of discussion at the second session of the oceanography short course, Don Giles, Oregon State University Extension Marine Science Education Specialist, led discussions following films on these subjects.

Participants learned that the sun, moon, wind, and earth's rotation all have an effect on ocean tides. The position and phase of the sun and moon have differing effects, sometimes augmenting one another, sometimes working opposite one another, to cause variations in the twice daily tides. These effects also cause different tides during different periods of the year.

Currents are caused by dif-

ferent densities of water, by wind, and the earth's rotation, said Giles.

The beach was termed a "river of sand." Time lapse photography showed how winter and summer beaches are formed and how sand travels in a southerly or northerly direction depending on the prevailing wind and waves as they strike the beach.

On Tuesday, January 23, Mrs. Vicki Osis, OSU Extension Marine Science Specialist, presented films and discussion on some mysteries of the deep, movement of fish, how fish and other marine animals feed, and the working relationships.

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