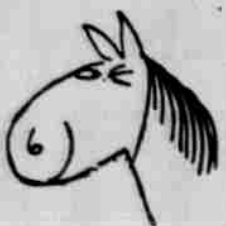


Horse sense



By
ERNEST V. JOINER

● Employing "selective" statistics and quoting people out of context are often means whereby a man can bolster his argument or try to prove his point. Frequently the out-of-context material conveys the exact opposite meaning its author intended. A good example of this type of truth subversion is found in the inscription of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington. It reads: "Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate than that these people are to be free." Jefferson was, of course, referring to the Negro slaves in this country. But that sentence was torn out of context. Here is now his complete statement reads: "Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate than that these people are to be free; nor is it less certain that the two races, equally free, cannot live in the same government." If Jefferson were alive today and made that complete statement he would be branded a racial bigot and he would not be the patron saint of the Democratic Party.

● Jefferson in his Autobiography has even more in this vein: "Nature, habit, opinion have drawn indelible lines of distinction between them (the white and black race). It is still in our power to direct the process of emancipation and deportation peaceably, and in such slow degree as that the evil will wear off insensibly and their place be, part passu, filled by free white laborers. If, on the contrary, it is left to force itself on, human nature must shudder at the prospect held up." That statement is not taken out of context. Jefferson wanted to free the slaves and deport them. Abraham Lincoln also had an elaborate plan to remove the freed slaves to Africa at government expense. But their words on the subject are as hard to find these days as the police record of Ralph D. Abernathy, successor to Martin Luther King.

● Generations of Americans have been nourished on the famous statement, "The power to tax is the power to destroy." That statement was never made, at least not made by the man who is supposed to have uttered it, Nicol V. Ames, before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1899. Actually, Mr. Ames was pointing out the absolute necessity of taxation. Here is his complete statement: "The power to tax is the one great power upon which the whole national fabric is based. It is as necessary to the existence and prosperity of a nation as is the air he breathes to the natural man. It is not only the power to destroy but also the power to keep alive." The mischief of quoting out of context or "editorially revising" needs no better example than these.

● JOINER'S DICTIONARY. Good American—A person who wants honesty in government, honesty in business, honesty in private lives, honesty in advertising, honesty in dealing with foreign nations, truth in product labeling, accuracy in news reporting—then celebrates George Washington's birthday on Feb. 18. Bulldozer—A man who sleeps through the Watergate hearings. Hen's Teeth—what a hen is as scarce of as girls in dresses these days.

● I am doing this story for Ms Magazine, the women's lib oracle which is pressing for elimination of language that differentiates between the sexes. It's called the neuter word game. Well, this story concerns a young huperson being who was once chairperson of a debating team and who later gets into trouble for violation of the Person Act that eventually led to personslaughter. A giant personhunt was ordered by the chief of policepeople for this individual, an expert in personpensionship, and who is also engaged in writing a personscript based on George Bernard Shaw's classic, "Person and Superperson." It will have a foreword by Horace Person, American educator. Warner Peoples Studio is dickering for its movie rights for a musical comedy, with Henry Personcini of Personhattan Beach, Ca., writing the lyrics. There is a hilarious sketch concerning Robinson Crusoe and a Person Friday. Both were rescued from a desert isle by a British Person-of-War, the Persondarian, which later struck a mine off the Isle of Person. That's when the captain gave the famous order, "Person the lifeboats!" The characters in this story are well personipulated by the author. But the whole thing is a crook of personure, if you ask me.

● Supt. Ron Daniels was in Monday to set the record straight about how his successor will be chosen. The committee of one teacher, two principals and seven board members composed a screening committee, not a selection committee, he explains. This screening committee, will meet and review all applicants, and based on its judgement the field will be narrowed down to four or five applicants. The school board will be the only persons involved with the finalists, and will pare the field down to applicants. After this has been done, the board will visit the hometowns of the applicants to talk with people in their respective communities and visit the schools where they were formerly employed. The final hiring will be a board action. There are now 19 applicants for the position, and the finalists should be selected by July 19.



"Off The Record..."

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The mail pouch

EDITOR:

Heppner has a hospital with financial problems; problems not necessarily brought on by its supervisory or administrative group, although the communications between them as a tax-supported institution and the general public has not been good, in my way of thinking.

Because of governmental regulations it is impossible to operate this institution anywhere near its capability. Upon the coming retirement of Dr. Tibbles, and should Dr. Wolff become incapacitated or die, this hospital would come to a screaming halt, no matter how well it was financed.

We do need two new doctors. One of these should be a reasonably good surgeon.

I am strictly against a minimum wage guarantee and a subsidized clinic proposal that I have heard talked about. This sort of thing was never offered to either Dr. Tibbles or Dr. Wolff, among other reasons.

Yes, the young doctors might require financial assistance, and if they do, what is wrong with a few individuals or our banks loaning money to them as individuals and taking their present security and accumulative assets as collateral until their notes are retired? This has been done before—because a lot of local merchants in effect did it for me, and I don't think I was as good a risk as a doctor.

Heppner isn't all that bad a place to live and work, and there are young doctors looking for rural locations. Mrs. Weatherford just received the names of four such doctors.

I think with a little constructive community groundwork and a well-organized, factual sales brochure, we could attract a couple of good doctors who in turn might just solve the hospital's financial problems and could even bring new business and liveliness to our town.

W.W. WEATHERFORD,
Heppner

EDITOR:

Each month Pioneer Memorial Hospital receives a Physicians Placement Service Bulletin as a service from the Oregon Medical Association. This bulletin lists the names of doctors eligible to practice in Oregon, lists their specialty, age, schooling and what particular area they might be interested in setting up a practice.

From the June bulletin, we have talked to seven doctors. One will be in Heppner the latter part of July to visit our facility and community; three have already made commitments, one to Seaside, one to Bend and the other to Klamath Falls, and three are to call back by July 15.

The wife of the doctor going to Seaside only wished we had contacted them sooner as they had signed their contract a week earlier. We called them the day we received the bulletin.

We have contacted the office of Dr. Kenneth Gudgeon who is head of the Department of Family Practice at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, Wn., and as this program is very new, they have only three graduates this July and they have already made their commitments, two to Montana and one to Washington. Our name has been placed on their Physicians Placement Log, which is used by many doctors and might bring some results.

We have received a letter from Lydia Soriano—Longalong, M.D., a medical graduate from the Philippines. She has passed the examination administered by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates. This is in no way equivalent to being licensed to practice in Oregon, but programs can be set up such as they are to have at the Umatilla Hospital where these foreign born doctors can work as Hospital Based Physicians and receive a limited license by the State Board of Medical Examiners contingent upon the fact that the hospital's physicians staff arrange supervision of her work and act as a consultant.

Many of you might have seen the T.V. program Sunday night on the Sioux Indian Reservation in North Dakota and that some of their doctors would be leaving to seek positions elsewhere. We are making contact with Berl Akers Jr., formerly of Lone, who works on the Sioux Reservation, to talk to these doctors and tell them of our need and what we have to offer.

On Saturday, July 13, I will attend a luncheon given by the Oregon Medical Association in Portland to meet new licensees, this follows examinations for licensure in the State of Oregon. A majority of new licensees already have firm plans but a good portion do not.

ILENE WYMAN,
Administrator, Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

EDITOR:

On behalf of the Sroptimist Club of Heppner I would like to thank you, Mr. Joiner, for doing such a great job as master of ceremonies for our 1974 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen's Coronation. We appreciated it very much. And thanks to Ernie C. for taking pictures of the court and festivities.

Crossroads Report

DEAR EDITOR:

I see where government, labor unions and other weight-throwers are continually whooping it up for higher legal minimum wage rates for jobs of work.

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The politicians and the professional worker-bleeders who run the unions make money and hay out of laws to raise wages because there are more voters who draw wages than there are who have to pay wages.

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Which also explains why nobody gets in a lather to pass a minimum worth law to compel a hired hand to be worth what he gets paid.

D.E. SCOTT,
Crossroads, U.S.A.

Quote/Unquote

"The next time you see a headline saying that the Congress has voted a \$1 billion project, just figure that on the average this is about \$5 out of your pocket and out of the pocket of every other member of your family."—Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz.

Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Summer has set in fer real out here in the country, Mister Editor, and we ain't got them air condition umbrellers to walk around under like you folks have in town.

The fellers took up this matter of the hot weather at the session at the country store Saturday night, and they was agreed that nowadays folks don't jest talk about the weather, they do somepun about it.

Fer instant, Clem Webster brung in this report where the Pentagon has said that back in the middle sixties we made more than 2,000 flights and spent \$27 million making rain in North Vietnam. We dumped chemics in the clouds to keep the ground muddy and slow down the enemy.

And Ed Doolittle reported that he has saw in his farm journals where banks and insurance companies is buying up all our desert land, spending millions on irrigation systems like one on wheels that rolls right up mountains, and they're getting into farming and ranching in a big way with their "artificial rain."

"They use to be a saying that we'd do somepun "the good Lord willing the the creek don't rise." Folks don't bother checking with the Lord now, and if the creek rises, we dam it up and make electricity, or we spray it all over the countryside to grow soybeans to sell to Japan.

Actual, what got the fellers on the weather was Bug Hookum's question about Sawmill, or whatever is the name of the federal energy office head now. Bug had saw where Sawmill come out strong agin men wearing coats and neckties this summer, and Bug allowed that was the best news out of Washington since they announced the end of poverty.

But Bug said he is worried cause it looks like we're going to have as hard a time getting rid of neckties as we are pore folks. Bug said his old lady still expects him to wear a choker when they go to church, and she ain't taking no Government suggestion for a answer.

General speaking, allowed Bug, it is a long ways between suggesting and doing. Folks figger the suggesting may mean them, but the doing allus means the other feller, was Bug's words.

He had saw where the Congress has voted to raise the national debt limit from \$475 billion to \$495 billion to keep from being indebt agin the law.

Them economy experts keep suggesting Government spending adds to inflation, but all them Government agencies must figger the suggestion means all the other agencies. So the Congress keeps hiring more people and spending more money like a drunk trying to drink hisself sober.

Personal, Mister Editor, I am of a mind that guessing a Government's reasons fer doing anything is about like figgering why a woman buys a hat. I see by the papers where the Russians say our rock music is driving their young folks wild, but the Chinese say to much soft music is making their people lazy.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.



Canadian cure for California cults

By LESTER KINSOLVING

The "Church of Scientology," a highly profitable form of pseudo-psychoanalysis, has been investigated and exposed by numerous governmental agencies from Australia to England and the U.S.

In California, however, this cult, founded by former science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, began last year to acquire a measure of respectability.

Somehow, famed San Francisco Forty-niner Quarterback John Brodie was converted. Then the Rev. Vaughn Young, the San Francisco Scientology franchise holder, managed quietly to obtain membership in the Communications Commission of the Northern California Ecumenical Council (formerly the Council of Churches) — which commission includes the Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco as well as the Northern California Board of Rabbis.

Yet news of this new degree of ecumenicity had no sooner leaked out than the Council of the Episcopal Diocese of California was asked by San Carlos Rector David Gordon:

"Why doesn't this commission invite the Satanists as well?"

This leading question, when conveyed to Scientologist Young, evoked a threat that if San Francisco's First Satanists Church is welcomed into the Council's Communications Commission, "I will be gone — I can't tolerate any group that reverences death."

When asked about this rejoinder, Lana Green, Executive Secretary of the National Network of the Churches of Satan, Inc., laughed devilishly and retorted:

"Well, aren't the Scientologists getting snobbish! We aren't really interested in joining that Council. And maybe it is wise that L. Ron Hubbard stays off shore!"

This was a pointed reference to the fact that for the past six years founder Hubbard has generally remained aboard his enormous yacht ("The Sea Org") and refused to talk to the press.

But Scientology's most notable defector, the Sea Org's First Mate John McLean of Toronto, recently met with reporters and revealed that Hubbard is enjoying founder's royalties on an estimated \$60 million per annum. He looks considerably less like the demigod which Scientologists so revere, disclosed McLean, for he has put on considerable weight (250 lbs.) and has lost his teeth.

It was in Toronto also that Scientology recently suffered an even more devastating setback, when the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations refused to recognize Scientology as a church.

Under Section 22 of Ontario's Marriage Act, this government agency can and has denied licenses to cults or purported clergy seeking the necessary governmental authority to solemnize marriages.

T.D. Thompson, legal advisor to Ontario's Registrar General, explained during an interview with this column: "The denomination in which the applying clergyman is ordained must have existed for 25 years — and have such aspects of a legitimate and bona fide denomination as a theological seminary, a liturgy and a body of doctrine. Unless these conditions are the case, we simply turn down the application."

Have the Scientologists protested or threatened to sue? "Oh sure," replied Thompson, "They're specialists in legal threats — but here they just staged a mock marriage on the front steps. They soon got very cold, however, and went and got a judge so the couple could get really married. They also organized a campaign of letter writing."

Have any other applicants been turned down by this Ontario Criterion? (— which could become something of a yardstick for the U.S. whose Constitution prohibits any law of religious establishment, and thus any official separation of bogus and legitimate denominations.)

"Oh, yes," recalled Thompson, "there were two or three of those weird cults from California. One of them ordains people — and even animals — by mail."

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Cause I'm feedin' these colts in your tub, you and the kids fer the next week bathe in the windmill tank!"