

Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library

Summer has started with a *BANG* at the library! This past week set a record for the number of children's books that were checked out. Registration indicates that many will be attending the Summer Reading Program. Preschool story time attendance continues to average about a dozen youngsters at each session, adult circulation continues to improve, and many new library patrons are using the facilities.

With this increased patronage, reminders might be in order about some of the materials that are available in the library. Beside the fiction sections for adults (yes, we have John Grisham's, *The Rainmaker*), young adults (of course we have R.L. Stine's *Goosebumps* books), and children (certainly, we have *Clifford*, *Curious George* and Dr. Seuss' *Daisy Head Mayzie*), we have reference materials, magazines, video tapes and access to the State Library.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested for the Summer Reading Program so planning can be done for the number and ages of youngsters attending. Shadow puppets, paper

plate puppets, and puppets with movable arms and legs will be made and will be used to help "tell" stories adapted for the purpose. Puppets will be made at each session.

Program dates to keep in mind are July 12, July 19 and July 26. The grand finale will be presented by Walter Minkel on Monday, July 31. All other sessions are on Wednesdays. All programs will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the library and will last for about an hour, or however long it takes for all the children who wish to participate by using their puppets and imagination. Certificates from the Oregon Department of Education will be given for reading at least ten books during the program; gift certificates for frozen yogurt from MacDonalds will be given for participation. The youngsters will also be entitled to ride on a float during the Jamboree parade.

Join us for this summer of stories, puppets and fun.

Library Hours: Monday and Friday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Preschool Story Time:** every Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m.

Letters to the Editor

start. What the ad doesn't say, of course, is that his predecessor did all of the "grunt" work on the Mist storage leases and had it pretty well wrapped up before our convicted thief came on board to put the final touches on a done deal.

As for the other claims, I wonder what the other 59 House members were doing while Super Rep. was passing bills left and right? Remember, it takes 31 votes to pass any bill. Incidentally, Highway 30 improvements were in the state's long-range plans years before the thief went to Salem.

Folks, let's not lose sight of what we're trying to accomplish with this recall. We want to tell all elected officials that we will not tolerate stealing of our hard-earned dollars. We also want to demonstrate to our children that we expect high standards from all, especially those whom we elect to govern us.

So, do what needs to be done. Vote "Yes" on your ballot to remove this convicted thief from office and restore confidence in our Board of Commissioners.

Richard Sahagian
Scappoose

Former colleague defends Hugo

To The Editor:

I must make a few comments regarding Commissioner Bruce Hugo. I was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1984 from Coos County. I have no previous state government experience and was therefore a "real" freshman legislator from a rural district badly in

need of a mentor and friend. I found one in Bruce Hugo.

Bruce was serving his second term and knew state government inside and out. He gave me a running start that enabled me to be immediately effective in serving my people. Bruce is very intelligent and has an outgoing personality. I've often said that I would not have served five terms in the house if it weren't for Bruce.

Unfortunately, Bruce Hugo is also a human with human faults. He has shown the courage it takes to seek help for his problem. Bruce Hugo

has served Columbia County well in the past, and will in the future with your help.

Sincerely,
Jim Whitty
Coos County Commissioner
Coquille

Thank you, three strangers, angels

Dear Three Strangers:

I would like to thank three people who were total strangers and angels at the same time. Friday June 16, 1995 at about 11 p.m. my son Jeremy and his girlfriend Jamie were coming home from Vernonia. On their way home on that cold, wet and dark night they made a terrible turn and landed in a ditch upside down in their car. Jeremy said that after they climbed out of the ditch a gentleman who had seen their lights stopped to help. Two more cars stopped to help, in one there was a gentleman that used his cellular phone. In the other, Jeremy said, was a lady who he described as an Angel who came out of nowhere. This lady had medical experience so she sat Jamie down in one of the cars and wrapped coats around her. While the paramedic looked over Jamie, this lady came to Jeremy and comforted him. She reassured him and had some small talk with him. I would like to thank you for being there and not just saying it is someone else's responsibility. Your caring helped two scared and frightened young people cope with a scary experience. Jeremy and Jamie are fine, a little sore but also very thankful.

Thank you again,
A very relieved Mother
Beaverton

(This letter was sent to The INDEPENDENT for publication.)

Hugo's behavior is appalling

Dear Editor:

I am appalled that Commissioner Bruce Hugo continues to defy the voters, and avoids the one responsible and respectable action to end his county government's embarrassment: Resignation.

Why would anyone hang on to an elected office after being convicted of a crime in connection with that office? Bruce Hugo broke the law, was sentenced and fined, and has sought out and is now involved in counseling. So why shouldn't he just stay in office and continue as before? The answer is found in the details.

Over a long period of time, Hugo made twenty-one separate decisions to use his county credit card to illegally get cash advances for personal use. At various points

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More Letters

Giving up rights is un-American

To the Editor:

I can't get this out of my mind.

During all the debate about the testing of athletes for the use of dope, one school administrator was reported to have said something like "we may have to give up some small right to protect our students."

We Americans do not give up our rights—they came too hard!

We pass and hopefully enforce laws within the framework of the world's finest Constitution. If we give up one small (?) right who the hell will give it back?

Todd Bowerman
Tigard

"Super Rep" didn't really do it all alone

To the Editor:

My goodness! The only thing left out of the ad supporting the convicted thief on our county commission is that he also invented white bread in his spare time.

Where does one begin to respond to so many "exaggerations," to put it kindly? I guess the first claim is a good

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