

More Letters

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I believe in God and the teachings of Christ. I'm not much for church."

He asked, "You pray?" I replied, "Sometimes for others, or maybe for me. I'm not sure."

He, "You go to church?" Me, "No, I'm not comfortable. I can't answer the things I don't agree with or ask questions. Church bores me."

Then he explained what was wrong with me or the church—I'm not sure which.

"De church mean good but talk too much and too mean sometime."

"It good to go to church and listen and sing and pray and tink about God."

"It not *dat* good to tink always about church tings."

"Sometimes de church tighten us up too much and we don't 'preciate God like

we should.

"God didn't want us to do tings, He wouldn't make tings to do."

"God, He don't say we gots to pray all time."

"God, He say 'Don't spoil good times for other peoples.'"

"God, He like good times, nice times."

"We listen to God, we all have nice times." Then he said, "G'bye Mon," and left.

Pete, the bartender, happen by and spoke while I was listening to the above, so next day I asked Pete about him.

Pete said no one seemed to know anything about the man. He may have dropped off a boat from the Caribbean because he had that "music" in his talk. Everyone called him "Preacher."

Then Pete said "You better

listen to him."

I asked, "Why?"

Pete said "He works hard for his small living. He's honest and he believes enough in what he says that he's not afraid or ashamed to say it. Not many people like that."

I'd like to talk with "Preacher" some more. I thought he preached a pretty good sermon to me. And so did Pete, the bartender.

Two good sermons in two days. That's more than I've heard in ten years. Maybe more.

Todd Bowerman
Tigard

Everyone helped in success of Cruis-in

To the Editor:

The growing interest in the Nehalem Valley Speed and Beauty car club and, particularly, the enthusiastic increase of participants in our annual Cruis-in for Jamboree, is not an accident.

In the 3rd annual Cruis-in the number of participants doubled over our first event, from 154 entries to 300. This is the result of a number of factors:

Organization: From top to bottom, directors, committee heads, members and volunteers cooperated in a dedicated effort to make it a success.



Sponsors: Rarely has an event received the kind of total response from sponsors as did this year's Cruis-in.

Entertainment: First rate music was provided all day by the Yamhill-Carlton Bouncing Baby Boomer Band and the Legendary Boomettes, supplemented by On the Go Productions D.J. Other diversions were the "brick-iiit", a contest between a Chevrolet and a Ford drained of water and oil, to see which would blow first, and a demonstration of equipment used by firefighters and EMTs to free people from crushed vehicles.

Last, but not least, the tremendous support from the community at large, with its across-the-board stamp of approval and support.

Our appreciation cannot be exaggerated. You all were great, and we appreciate the contribution made by all of you.

Participants in the show were impressed with the efficiency of the balloting and tabulation of votes naming winners of the 34 trophies awarded. The choices and tallies were expedited by the use of two different computer programs, another plus for this event.

Even now, as we wind up this year's event, we are making plans for next year, and look forward to another banner year.

On behalf of all our members we say Thank You!

Glenda Delemos
Jack Sweeney
Co-chairpersons

P.S. We have 30 Cruis-in T-shirts left at after-show prices of \$8. They would make great gifts for Cruis-in fans. Call Glenda at 429-4074.

Writs of Assistance are now unneeded

To the Editor:

Yes, it really does happen, though not lately.

In 1760, James Otis of Salem, Mass., quit his job as a King's attorney because he so despised the "Writs of Assistance." These writs allowed any named individual absolute freedom to search for untaxed goods.

We now have attorneys for the IRS, EPA, OSHA and even the FDA that take pleasure at destroying American citizens. What a difference some 200 years make.

Have you formed a militia of your peers lately?

Don Schwartz
Nazareth, Penn.

Vernonians need to know about B & B

To the People of Vernonia:

My daughter, Wilma (Lunsford) Wilson, and I decided to attend Jamboree. We had reservations at Hamdulah Inn. It seems the residents of Vernonia did not know this Inn was there. A couple flew in from Calif. and spent the night in their airplane. What a shame—they were within feet of a nice B & B.

Pat Miles, the owner of the B & B, welcomes you like a lost friend. She does not serve a continental breakfast. It's homemade bread, sausage, pancakes, the guests choice.

Vernonia really needs a place like the Hamdulah Inn so people from out of town can stay some place without sleeping in cars, campers or airplanes.

Geri (Lunsford) Beck
Wash.



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