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Civil Trial.

During a Discovery Hearing of a criminal trial, both the Defense and the Prosecution, must provide all parties with material that falls under what is referred to as the Trier of Fact. This is done so both parties may prepare an adequate defense and/or prosecution. If one party fails to provide the other with any information pertaining to the case, it is construed as Obstruction of Justice, especially if it would assist in proving one's innocence.

I am in the process of obtaining all recorded transcripts of the trial and discovery hearing. I will make these tapes available to anyone wishing to hear them. The tapes are a matter of public record.

I have obtained further documentation and evidence, since the trial, that my counsel and I were unaware of prior to trial. I have copies of these items, obtained legally, available for review.

The right to due process is one of the most important aspects of our judicial system. The responsibility to insure that due process rights are upheld and respected is the responsibility of the investigative arm of our judicial system, which, in this case, is our local Police Department. If any one individual has been proven to subvert the system to obtain an unfair or illegal advantage, it is the duty of elected, as well as appointed, officials to ferret out those responsible. Failure to do this will cause further erosion into the foundation of our constitution.

During my career in the Military, I learned to accept the responsibilities of command, including my actions, as well as the actions of subordinates. To put it simply, a leader is responsible for everything his men do or fail to do.

I realize that many of you have made up your minds in this case. I will, therefore, issue this challenge. I will submit to a FBI Quality Polygraph test administered by a disinterested party, if the three officers involved will do the same. I will ask the officers questions and they will ask me questions. If I have misstated my position, I will drop all legal claims to a Lawsuit. If, however, the officers have misstated their position, they should rectify the situation.

Jay Mahn
Vernonia

Pulliam is the most qualified candidate

To the Editor:

We want to invite others to join us in supporting Paul Pulliam for Columbia County Commissioner Position 1. He is the best qualified candidate, with experience in economic development, management, budgeting, and government— all of which he can put to good use as a County Commissioner.

Paul is running because he cares deeply about Columbia County's future. He is passionate about supporting rural communities and helping each community keep its unique character. Paul has been a positive vote of the Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance Board that approved the Vernonia Scout Cabin renovation, Scappoose City Club improvements to Heritage Park and the countywide hospital study. As a member of the St. Helens City Council, he supported the world class skateboard park at McCormick Park, conclusion of the library automation project and the domestic violence shelter.

Paul is a positive, hard-working member of the community. We support his election as Columbia County Commissioner and hope you will join us.

Ed and Alese Tveisme
Scappoose

Community makes outstanding effort to fight Alzheimer's

To the Editor:

It is with great pride that I tell you of this year's collective effort toward disseminating information and collecting financial contributions for this year's Memory Walk sponsored by the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. This year, we walked in honor of longtime Vernonia resident,

Ramona Shirley.

What started out as a small, family effort to raise awareness, quickly became a community effort of wonderful proportions. Ramona's daughter, Kathy, and her husband Chuck, quickly volunteered their time and money.

Word of our efforts reached St. Mary's Catholic Church, where Ramona has long been a parish member. From this loving group, we enlisted the time and financial contributions of Terry and Gretchen Lindauer, Betty Schmidlin, Mary Dolbow, Chris Naspini, Alan Johnston, Pat Kleinman, Jennie Dennis, Ofelia Marks and Juanita Dennis. Juanita was very instrumental in helping this all come to be.

Next, we heard from Scott and Sheila Andreae, who also were up to the challenge. And, finally, I heard from Vince and Cindy Baker, who would also walk and were very generous financially.

On a beautiful Sunday morning, October 8, these caring and loving friends joined me in Portland with eight of their children and we walked with some 2500 other registered walkers to raise awareness and collect contributions for the Association. We walked with pride and purpose on a 5K course that meandered through downtown Portland.

Prior to our walk, we talked to our friends and our neighbors and most of the down-

town business community. And I am very proud to announce that, collectively, we turned over nearly \$3,400.00 to the Association, to help fund family support services and education programs. All of the monies collected in this year's walk, the Association's biggest fundraiser of the year, will stay within the chapter it has been donated from.

I am very proud of our community effort. My hat is off to all the registered walkers, the children who joined us, and to each and every individual and business who has contributed toward this cause. Alzheimer's Disease is quickly becoming one of this country's major social and medical evils. Your participation is part of the promise of hope that will allow the scientific community to eradicate this progressively debilitating and ultimately fatal disorder from ours and our children's lives.

God bless you.

Don Foster
Rising River Ranch
Vernonia

Support 5-67, keep county parks open

To the Editor:

Parks pay a vital role in our quality of life today. They provide our children a safe place to play, either individually, or in organized sports. They provide adults and children alike an opportunity to get out and ex-

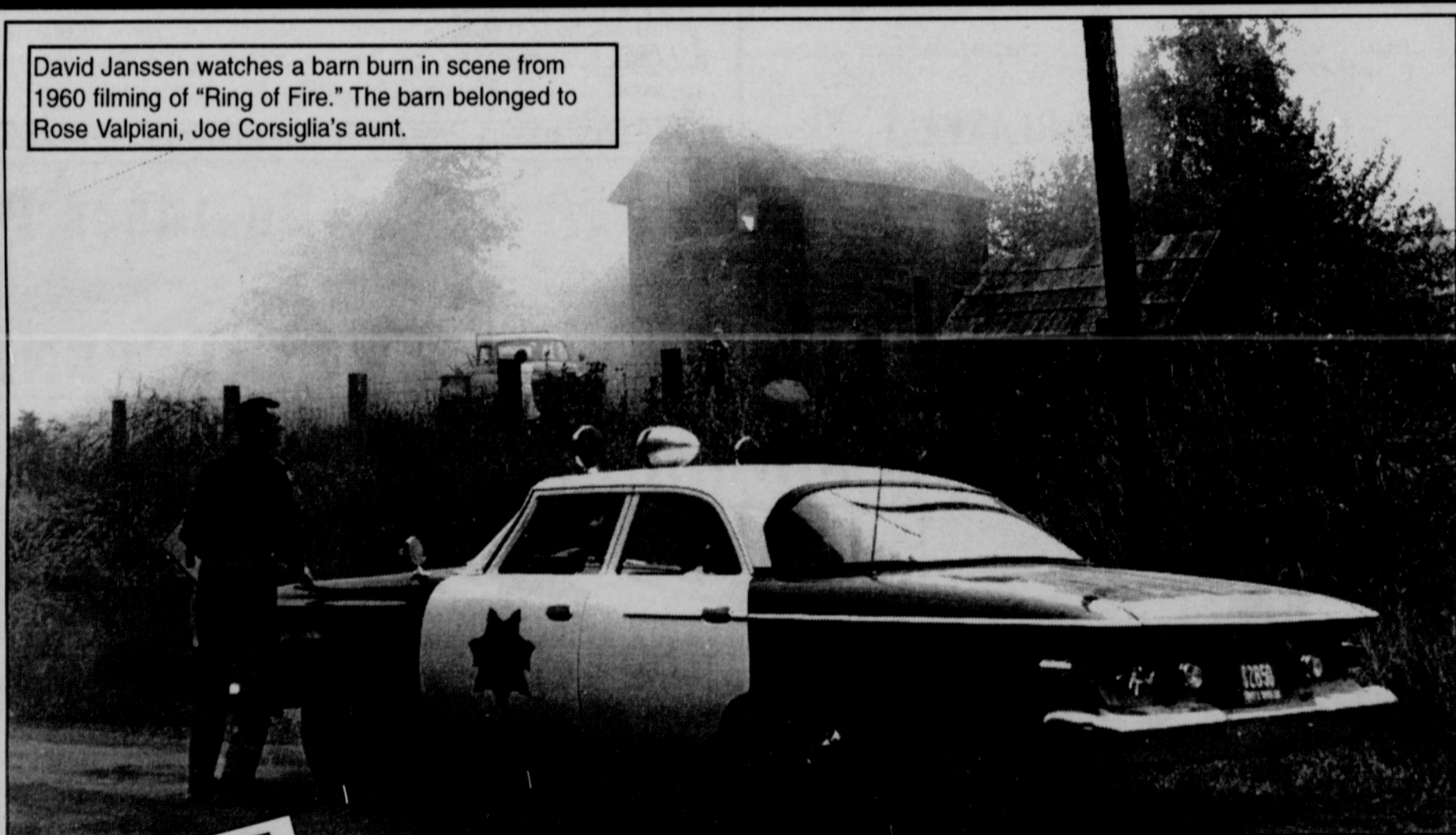
perience nature and interact with family, friends and other park users. Our county parks offer learning experiences to our youth through organized activities like the Boys and Girls Scouts, softball and soccer organizations, and educational work experience to our teens through the Youth Corps.

Parks are also an integral part of our local economy. Visitors using county parks also put their hard-earned dollars into our local businesses; grocery stores, gasoline stations and other service-oriented establishments. Parks help to curb juvenile crime, thereby cutting long-term correction costs.

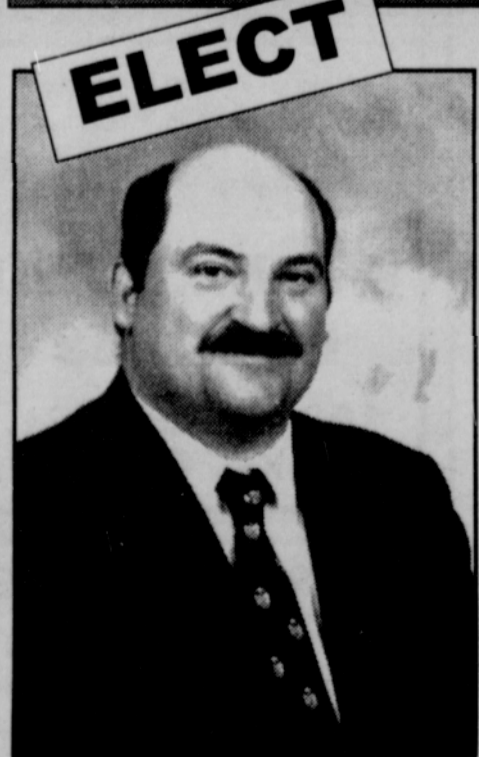
Columbia County Parks do not receive any county tax dollars. Yes, I know we all pay property taxes! But look at your tax statement. Nowhere is it mentioned that Parks receive a portion of those funds. Fact is, they haven't gotten any General Fund money in seven years. They've had to sustain themselves through gate fees and creative partnering. Now they have exhausted all viable options and have no substantial funds to fall back on. Our parks need your support! Without it, county parks will be forced to selectively close some parks and/or make other drastic changes.

Please consider the options. If parks mean anything to you, if they have any benefit to you,

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David Janssen watches a barn burn in scene from 1960 filming of "Ring of Fire." The barn belonged to Rose Valpiani, Joe Corsiglia's aunt.



- Commissioners need to listen to the needs of all residents. I will make it my goal to spend time in every area of the county every week, to listen to our citizens and find out what your concerns are.
- County government works best when it is accountable, responsive and limited.

I believe we can make Columbia County the most livable county in the state, but we must work together to achieve common goals. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the people of Columbia County.

JOE CORSIGLIA
COMMISSIONER #1

