

Letters to the Editor

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Son shipped out, so we have his bulldog

To the Editor:

Yes, you see the Daileys walking llamas and an English bulldog! Our son, Craig (VHS Class of '89) had to ship his beloved Bubu to us so he could travel with the Army. Whether you support the cause or not, please remember all our wonderful people in the Armed Forces who are working hard on our behalf.

Also, if you have any spare time, the Jamboree committee and Vernonia Pride really need more help. Let's all work together to keep Vernonia a unique place to live!

Once again, we are looking forward to our local pre-schools Spring farm visits and our llama crea (baby llama) due in June. A special thank you to the Nehalem Valley Watershed for the great job of planting trees on our river property.

**Don and Nancy Dailey
Brenda Gooch
Vernonia**

Inspections can work to disarm Saddam

To the Editor:

In his speech to the United Nations, Colin Powell produced a lot of evidence to show that Saddam Hussein is a bad man who may have bad weapons. Powell and the President hope to use this evidence to rally the nation to war.

We know Saddam is bad. But he was just as bad in the mid-1990s, when an aggressive series of weapons inspections resulted in the destruction of an enormous portion of his weapons capability. History shows that inspections can disarm Iraq. Let's push for a tough inspections regime and win this one without war.

Sincerely,
**Kathy Grimes
St Helens, OR**

Parents don't always provide needed care

To the Editor:

If all parents were capable of acting in the best interest of their children at all times then I could see the value of parent permission for services in all cases. But this is not that kind of world. Minors need access to services when parents are not parenting in a way that keeps children safe. It's that village concept. Let's vote no on Measure 5-103 and show we care about kids in Columbia County.

**Cindy McCartney
Columbia City**

Truth or Dare game is dangerous to kids

To the Editor:

Students from a number of high schools in the area have been involved in "truth or dare" type games that have led some to trouble, and even put some students in dangerous situations. "Dares" include, but are

not limited to, shoplifting, crossing active railroad trestles and taking cold medications as hallucinogenics.

We are encouraging parents to take steps necessary to be sure their children are not involved in these "games." We also feel it is necessary to have detailed information about where your children will be going, what they will be doing, who they will be with and how they can be reached. In addition, you should address this topic with your children preemptively. Make sure they understand not only the consequences of involving themselves in such behavior, but of the very real potential danger that these types of "dares" represent.

As Coordinators of CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange), USA High School Foreign Exchange Program, we want students of all ages to have a safe and successful school year.

Thank you.
**Paulette Reid, Banks
Sue Bailey, Buxton
and eight additional signers**

Access to health care is needed by all youth

To the Editor:

I have worked as a counselor for over thirty years. My experience has shown me that ALL children need access to health care and honest information. Right now in Columbia County we are looking at deny-

ing this to children. The children who will be affected by Measure 5-103 tend to be low income and not able to go to a private physician. We have the opportunity to vote No and continue offering access to health care for all of Columbia County's children. Please vote no on Measure 5-103 out of concern for all our children.

**Marjorie Kundiger
St. Helens**

Parents sometimes need monitoring

To the Editor:

I'm almost 77. I have seen a lot, heard a lot, read a lot, watched T.V., and I want children to be protected. Parents must be responsible.

I don't want to know things I can't prove. Civil Liberties is wrong in taking parents' rights away from them.

Parents should, at times, be monitored to see if they meet standards of good behavior. Lilly Pond and Miranda Gaddis needed protection they didn't get. Children should not be abused sexually.

I want to vote "Yes" on 5-103.

**Doris E. Meade
Scappoose**

Measure 5-103 puts many kids at risk

To the Editor:

I encourage all Columbia County voters to vote no on Measure 5-103, on the March special election ballot.

The measure sounds simple; however it is deceitfully simple. Most parents try to do the right thing for their children, and most parents are involved in their children's lives. But, not all families in Columbia County are model families. Some parents have drug or alcohol problems, or are violent or abusive. The ballot measure claims it will protect parents, but instead, it puts our kids at risk, at dangerous risk. It would require children who have been sexually abused by a parent to obtain permission from the person abusing them before they can receive assistance. It would eliminate confidential access to education and counseling for diseases, driving teens away from information that could save their lives. It would deny troubled youth access to suicide prevention programs, or even drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Children and teens already at risk should not be forced into greater danger. They need protection, not punishment. They need care, not confrontation. Taking away confidential resources and information will not help our kids. It will only make matters worse.

We all believe in parental involvement. But when it comes to protecting our kids, we simply can not afford to put them at risk. Measure 5-103 puts our kids at risk.

Sincerely,

**Craig Frasier
Scappoose**

Obituary

MAY A.R. ECKERTSON

May Alice Rubino Eckertson, 58, Vernonia, died February 18, 2003. Disposition was by cremation.

She was born in New York City, October 29, 1944, to Julia Mattern and Joseph Rubino.

Survivors include her husband of 30 years, J. Val Eckertson; two children, Wayne Joseph and Tracy René; surrogate children DeAnna and Robert.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia is in charge of arrangements.

KENNETH K. HUGGETT

Kenneth Kaye Huggett, 90, Banks, died February 7, 2003. A Celebration of Life service was held February 11 at Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove, with Elder Tom Bessonet of the Community of Christ Church in Tigard, officiating. Private interment was held.

Mr. Huggett was born June 19, 1912, in Ashby, Minnesota, to Martin R. and Sadie Fulton Huggett. He grew up on the family farm and attended school in Ashby.

In 1936, he married Ella Benson. They moved to California to find work. A year later, they moved to Forest

Grove and he worked for the Port of Portland. During World War II, they returned to Ashby to help on the farm. In 1945, they returned to Forest Grove and in 1977, moved to Banks. He worked for Forest Fiber Products until retiring in 1977.

He was a member of the Community of Christ Church in Tigard.

Mr. Huggett was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and James.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Allen Kent of Sherwood; a daughter, Donna Marie Winkler of Aloha; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Oregon Chapter, 1650 NW Front Avenue, Suite 190, Portland, OR 97029.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

NORMA L. BUCK

Norma Leigh Buck, 70, Beaverton, died February 2, 2003. Services were held February 8 at Tigard Christian Church. Private inurnment was held.

Mrs. Buck was born September 11, 1932, in Stephens, Arkansas. Her maiden name was Henry. She moved

from California to Vernonia in 1973. She was a Pinkerton security guard in the Aloha Intel plant.

Survivors include five sons, Richard Stephens of Malcolm, Neb., Michael Stephens of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jack Green of Portland, Charles Green of Atlanta, Georgia, Marcus Winkles of Vancouver, Wash.; a daughter, Sandra Green of Milwaukie; four brothers, Ralph Henry of Dallas, Texas, Bill Henry of Ft. Worth, Texas, Wallace Henry of Klamath Falls, David Henry of Alta Vista, Virginia; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to United Way Fund.

Young's was in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS R. HULSOPPLE

Thomas Roy Hulsopple, 62, Warren, died February 10, 2003. A funeral was held February 15, at Columbia Funeral Home in St. Helens. Vault interment and committal were at Bethany Memorial Cemetery in Warren.

Mr. Hulsopple was born May 10, 1940, in Scranton, Kansas, to Thomas Jacob and Doris R. Seaman Hulsopple. They moved to Scappoose when he was 1-1/2 years old.

In 1963, he married Lorrie.

He was a carpenter and worked for Jim Prprich of Vernonia and Ron Steinke.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Staff Sgt. Thomas Alan; two daughters, Lori and Susan Pardue; two brothers, Harold Jacob and Robert Lee; eight grandchildren; stepmother, Dorothy.

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