

**Letters**

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**If FDR was right, so is President Bush**

To the Editor:

In January there were 39 combat related deaths in Iraq, while in the fair city of Detroit, during the same month, there were 35 murdered. This is just in one American city almost as deadly as the entire war torn Iraq in the same month.

While some claim that President Bush should never have started the war in the first place, take a look at the following:

1. F.D.R. led us into World War Two against Germany who had not attacked us although Japan did. From 1941 to 1945 450,000 American lives were lost. An average of 112,500 per year.

2. President Truman finished that war and started another war in Korea. From 1950 to 1953 55,000 lives were lost, an average of 18,334 per year.

3. John F. Kennedy started the Vietnam conflict in 1962, Vietnam did not attack us. President Lyndon Johnson turned that war into a disaster. From 1965 to 1975 58,000 lives were lost.

4. Bill Clinton went to war in Bosnia without either France or U.N. consent. Bosnia never attacked us. Clinton was offered Ben Laden's head on a platter three times by Sudan and did nothing. Ben Laden had attacked the U.S. on several oc-

casions over the years.

5. Since the terrorist attack, President Bush has liberated two countries, crushed the Taliban, crippled the Al-Quida, placed nuclear inspectors in Libya, Iran and North Korea without firing one shot or losing one life, and captured a terrorist hid in a spider hole like some bug, who had murdered 300,000 of his own people.

6. I know the Democrats and those playing far out in left field are complaining about how long the war is taking. But we have spent less time to take Iraq than it took Janet Reno to take the Branch Davidian compound. We have spent less time in Iraq looking for chemical weapons than it took Hillary Clinton to find the Rose law firm's billing records. It took less time for the Marines and the 3rd Army Infantry to destroy Osama's Republican army than it took Ted Kennedy to call the police after his Oldsmobile sank in the Chapaquiddick Bay. It even took less time to take Iraq than to count the votes in Florida.

Fear not my friends, our commander and chief is doing a great job in Iraq. The morale of our military has never been higher. They realize the importance of their job, although the biased U.S. media is doing their best to blind us from the facts.

Sincerely,  
**Juneious F. Harty Scappoose**

**V. Cares will offer barbecued chicken**

To the Editor:

Cares Supporters: Thanks for your attendance during Vernonia Cares Food Bank's 2004 BBQ fundraiser meal. Its success was one of the reasons the food bank was able to re-open in October.

Currently the Food Bank assists about 80 households per month, containing over 200 people. Our monthly goal continues to be provision of three days worth of emergency groceries to residents in and around the Vernonia area. The need for our services increases as children are home during the summer months, representing 38 percent of our clients in June.

Cares is sponsoring its second annual BBQ meal this Saturday, July 23, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. It will once again be at the Senior Center facility and cost \$7. We hope you will show your support by attending this meal. "To go" type meals will also be available for the same price.

Gratefully,  
**Sandy Welch,**  
Executive Director  
Vernonia Cares  
Food Bank

**Better jokes wanted**

To the Editor:

I think the jokes in the paper are not that funny. So I tell you now, I wish you could pick funnier "Jokes."

P.S. Maybe, a new Garfield or a Far Side?

Your friend,  
**Jerimiah Hammons (age 9)**  
Vernonia

**Logging should not put people at risk**

To the Editor:

I am a long-time resident, homeowner, and taxpayer in

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ODFW at 503-621-3488. Of course the Vernonia Police Department will provide any assistance possible if the animals are attacking or other emergency situations.

Vernonia. As such, I am well aware that this is a logging community. After all, the raising and harvesting of timber is what Vernonia and Oregon is all about. I understand this, and I don't have a problem with it.

What I do have a problem with is the flagrant disregard for the safety and well-being of the women, children, and in my case, senior citizens living on B and C streets below OA Hill. The stripping of all the timber on the back side of OA Hill has put all of us in harm's way.

The events of 1996 should give us all some insight as to what can happen should Vernonia have another wet winter. Floods and mudslides are very real possibilities.

The damage has been done. Our only hope now is that the people involved will have the moral conviction to place some fast-growing ground cover on this hillside before the winter rains come.

Sincerely,  
**Don Sandrich**  
Vernonia

**Salem Scene**

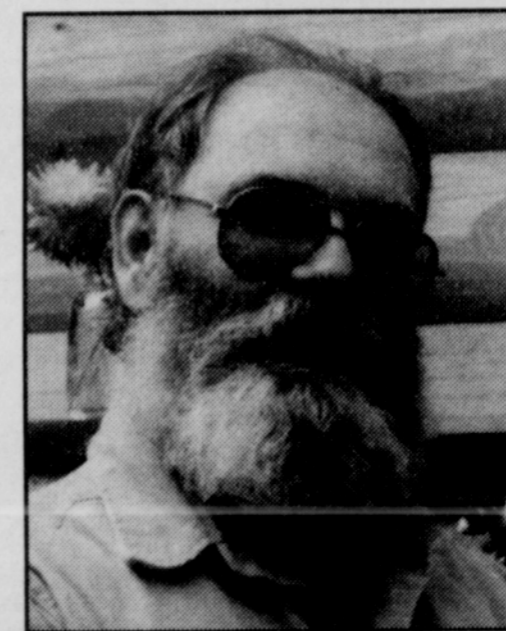
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ported to my Floor desk every morning at 11 a.m. during the recess. This was my statement to the House of Representatives that we need to be doing the peoples' business and moving towards adjournment, rather than taking vacations. That is why KATU 2 News did a three-part story about my Floor protest this week.

Recess or not, I have continued to discuss issues with my constituents. Many of you have told me how important it is to pass legislation providing for mental health parity, education funding, transportation improvements, utility tax reform and the summer lunch program for low-income children, to name a few.

**Obituary**

**WILLIAM LOUIS AUGUSTINE**



William Louis "Bill" Augustine, 62, Vernonia, died July 7, 2005. Private interment has been held.

Mr. Augustine was born August 3, 1942, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to William Louis, Sr. and Lola (Cavanaugh) Augustine. He was raised in Wisconsin. He served in the National Guard.

In 1992, he married Johnnie Johnson. They made their home in Vernonia. He worked for ODOT, Banks Lumber Co., Tektronix, Inc. and at Schrock Cabinet Manufacturer as an assembler.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Scott.

Survivors include his wife; a step-daughter, Elizabeth Johnson of Eugene; and two nieces.

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

**BILLY RAY BROWN**

Billy Ray Brown, 72, Clatskanie, died July 6, 2005. A celebration of life

was held July 13 in Rainier. Private interment will be at Hudson Cemetery in Rainier.

Mr. Brown was born June 19, 1933, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Sylvester Victor and Ervema Marie (LeGore) Brown. He graduated from Banks Union High School and served in the U.S. Army.

In 1960, he married Elaine Marie Wilcox. The family moved to Clatskanie in 1970. He worked as a machine tender at Weyerhaeuser in Longview for 35 years, retiring in 1995.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Stephen M. of Clatskanie; four daughters, Loreen C. Brown of Clatskanie, Jan L. Brown of Longview, Cindy A. Sieffert and Nancy R. Pierce, both of Rainier, and six grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Community Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, WA 98632.

Haakinson-Groulx Mortuary in Clatskanie was in charge of arrangements.

**GEORGE HAROLD HOLDING**

George Harold Holding, 85, Vernonia, died July 6, 2005. Graveside services were held July 12 at Woodbine Cemetery in Rainier, with Pastor John Cahill, of the First Baptist Church in Vernonia, officiating.

Mr. Holding was born January 1, 1920, in Clatskanie, to Reed and Annie (West) Holding. When he was young, the family moved to Vernonia, where he was raised. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

In 1946, he married Ethel Mae Sines. They made their home in Seaside and were later divorced. He worked in the timber industry, owning and operating his own log truck. Prior to his retirement, he was a lineworker for

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