

Letters

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sults in New Orleans. In my opinion the difference is sit on my ass and wait for the government to save them welfare attitude people in New Orleans. They had incompetent leaders, Mayor Nagen and Governor Blanco. Mississippi and Alabama have more working people with a can do attitude, and better leaders like Governor Barbour of Mississippi.

Commissioner Tony Hyde expressed concern about our county's ability to respond to a local disaster. I was a young adult during the Columbus Day Storm of 1962. As a member of the Oregon National Guard I was mobilized for security. The working people and local businesses immediately started

cleaning up and rebuilding. The government and utilities came in next. I have no doubt the same thing would happen today, just as it did after the 1996 flood.

Large government is by design slow at best and incompetent at worst. Witness FEMA and the response to Katrina. The best government is that closest to the people.

High fuel prices were brought up at the town hall. Senator Wyden spoke of government oversight. He said a bill has been passed by the house (it is a large tax increase on the oil industry). The words tax increase were never mentioned at the town hall meeting, however. I owned and operated a small business in Bend, Ore-

gon, for 14 years. I know a few things about economics. Fact one: any tax, and the cost of any regulation is passed on to the customer, or the business fails or moves overseas. I presently work for a local industrial service firm. We are in contact daily with people in the petroleum industry. Those people tell us the cause of high fuel prices are shortages in refining capacity. I have also heard this in the news. There have been no new refineries built in this country for many years. The reason: Too many regulations, mostly imposed at the urging of environmentalist extremists. If you like paying 3 to 5 dollars a gallon for fuel, vote for people beholden to environmental extremists.

The war on terror came up at the meeting, and a lively discussion ensued. The Hate America First crowd was well represented, and vocal. In my opinion the minds of these people are so deranged with the hate Bush syndrome it is impossible for them to understand the Jihadist terrorists intend to kill them, as well as the rest of us. The Jihadist terrorists de-

clared war on all of Western society in the 1990s. This happened before G.W. Bush became President. This is a fact you can look up.

**H.E. Christofferson
Scappoose**

Ed. Note: Exxon reported profits of \$39.5 Billion for 2006, the same year our tax structure provided them with \$410 Million in benefits.

State wants public input on plan

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comments providing the most useful suggestions should focus on one or more of the following:

- Enhancing the consistency of an annual plan with the forest management plan and (for districts covered by NW and SW plans) the district implementation plan.

- Improving the clarity of an annual plan.

- Providing new information that will affect an annual plan (such as location of a domestic water source or a cultural resource site).

- Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of an annual plan or planned operation.

Comments and questions may be sent to ODF district offices or the Salem headquarters. They also may be e-mailed to Salem (specific district should be identified) to rwelty@odf.state.us. Addresses and fax numbers follow:

State Forests Program, Ore-

gon Department of Forestry, Attn: Roger Welty, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310. Fax: 503-945-7376.

Astoria District (Clatsop State Forest), 92219 Hwy 202, Astoria, OR 97103. Fax: 503-325-2756.

Forest Grove District (eastern one-third Tillamook State Forest), 801 Gales Creek Road, Forest Grove, OR 97116. Fax: 503-357-4548.

Tillamook District (western two-thirds Tillamook State Forest), 5005 East 3rd St., Tillamook, OR 97141. Fax: 503-842-3143.

Obituary

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Red Vest Pizza in McMinnville for almost 15 years. Until retiring six years ago, he worked at Wal-Mart.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sheila Pursley; an identical twin brother, Lyle Schamp; a brother, Tom Ingram; and a sister, Patty Allen.

Survivors include two sons, David of Cornelius and Michael of Hillsboro; two daughters, Patricia Stuebe of Forest Grove, and Diane Barnett of Banks; one stepson, Robert Pursley of McMinnville; two stepdaughters, Chantel Parker and Kathryn Wilbanks, both of McMinnville, three sisters, Carolyn Lund of Cornelius, Judy Fowler of San Diego, and Janet Woodward of Hebo; and eight grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Blanchet Farm in Carlton, www.blanchethouse.org.

EDDIE E. SMITH

Eddie E. Smith, 86, Portland, died January 13, 2007. A private family service will be held.

Mr. Smith was born February 1, 1920, in Vernonia. He graduated from Vernonia High School in 1937, then joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, and served during World War II.

In 1942, he married Katherine Dowlar. They made their home in St. Helens, and later moved to Portland. She died in 1973. He married Bertha Mae Sawyer in 1974.

He was preceded in death by both wives.

Survivors include a son, Joseph; a daughter, Linda Braun; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

**DIANE MARGARET TENNANT
DEE APPEL**

Diane Margaret Tennant, also known as Dee Appel, 61, Lumberton, Texas, died January 28, 2007. Memorial services were held February 11 at Dayspring Christian Fellowship in Banks.

Mrs. Tennant was born in Portland, to Howard and Grace Kenna. She lived in Oregon until moving to Texas in 2005 to be closer to her children.

She was a published author of more than 30 gift and children's books, a legal investigator and a legal secretary for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Banks Fire Department.

Survivors include three children, Jennifer Nazarian of Lumberton, Tex., Erik Appel of Beaumont, Tex., and Nikolas Appel of Norfolk, Virginia; and four grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Dayspring Christian Fellowship, 100 N. Main St., Banks OR 97106.

Did You Know . . .

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city streets adjacent to the school within 1000 feet unless the firearm was unloaded AND in a locked container. The simple answer to this is "yes," it could be a violation unless any of the exceptions are met.

In an effort to obtain some clarification on this federal law I contacted the ATF and spoke to Special Agent David Roberts. Agent Roberts reiterated the provisions of 922(q) and told me there were no exceptions that he was aware of regarding traveling on state highways or city streets within the 1000' zone but said he would get back with me. On February 12, Agent Roberts emailed me stating that, as long as an individual has a

valid permit, they would not be in violation during the drop-off or pickup of a student(s). If the individual was going to enter the school for a longer period such as a construction worker or attending a conference/sporting event, then they could not possess the firearm.

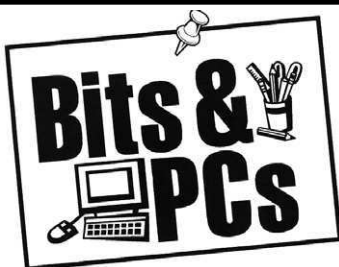
Agent Roberts did not have the legal opinion on the traversing the highway question as of yet. As soon as I obtain the information from the ATF I will pass it along through my article or you can ask me about it on the street. If you would like to read more on the "Gun-Free School Zone" you can pick up an informational pamphlet at the front counter at the Vernonia Police Department.

WEATHER REPORT

JANUARY 2007

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	39	36	.10
2	52	36	1.79
3	48	31	.46
4	39	28	.27
5	41	28	.84
6	46	34	.11
7	48	41	.64
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Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in January totalled 5.46 inches.



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