

## Letters

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his hand on the back of the head so hard that she blacked out." The victim also alleged that Mr. Kay enlisted the cooperation of fellow officers to intimidate her throughout the litigation process.

The federal district court eventually dismissed the case, "without prejudice," against Mr. Kay which meant that the victim could re-file in a state court. The victim filed an appeal. The federal appeals court agreed with the federal district court. I assume that the federal court felt that not all options were exhausted against Mr. Kay in the state court and, therefore, the federal court lacked jurisdiction

over the matter. At no time did the federal court indicate that the allegations made by the victim were without merit. The victim never re-filed in the state court. I'm guessing the reason was a lack of funds, mental exhaustion, or there may have been a settlement.

Did the victim just fabricate these allegations? Were tens of thousands of dollars and years of litigation spent over a fantasy? A few folks would probably say "yes" to these questions but most rational thinking individuals would agree that these events probably did occur.

A complaint against Mr. Kay had recently been filed with the DPSST. The result of DPSST's

findings was published in the January 7, 2010, edition of *The Independent*. However, because of the DPSST's findings Mr. Kay is still a public safety officer in Vernonia and the victim still suffers as a result of the abuse inflicted upon her.

Vernonia's police Chief Frank Grace "exonerated" Mr. Kay as though it was business as usual. Exonerating implies that the event described above did not occur. It appears Mr. Grace may be adhering to the "blue curtain" of police silence in an attempt to protect a fellow officer. If he is, then this places a question mark on his integrity and gives his credibility a black eye. It has been said

that Mr. Grace is a well respected instructor of police ethics, who occasionally teaches ethics at the DPSST academy. If this is true then I must question Mr. Grace's ethics, especially when it involves domestic violence. A person can spend years learning about ethics and still not be ethical in some areas. We see this every day; lawyers, politicians, police chiefs, etc. Trust and ethics go hand-in-hand. We, as taxpayers and members of the public, shouldn't tolerate a police chief who can't be trusted.

Domestic violence is a serious matter; a disease in our society. Victims of domestic violence and anyone in support of

these victims should boycott any person, any business, or any institution that appears to condone domestic violence. This would include any member of the city council, the city administrator, and the chief of police.

Thank you, *The Independent*, for printing my opinion.

**Edward Johnson**  
Vernonia

## Code 22 aids victims of domestic violence

To the Editor:

Write in "Code 22" on Your Oregon Tax Form: Columbia County Women's Resource

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## Obituary

### CHRIS BRUSMAN



Chris Brusman, 48, Long Creek, died January 11, 2010. A memorial service was held January 17 at the Long Creek Community Church.

Mr. Brusman was born July 12, 1961, in Missoula, Montana, to Mary Dill and Herb Brusman. He was a logger.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Sue; a son, Abe Woodward; a daughter, Brandie Lucas; his parents; two sisters, Debby Hendrickson and Kim Kell; and grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the family in care of Fallon Logging Co., 7340 Bewely Creek Rd., Tillamook, OR 97141.

Sunnyside Little Chapel of the Chimes was in charge of arrangements.

### DONALD H. "DON" HARTMAN

Donald H. "Don" Hartman, 61, Vernonia, died December 25, 2009. Private interment has been held.

Mr. Hartman was born October 23, 1948, in Oregon City, to

Jack and Ellen (Rothery) Hartman. The family moved to Seaside where he graduated from high school in 1968. He earned an associate degree from Clackamas Community College in Small Business Management in 1990. He worked as a logger for Crown Zellerbach until a logging accident forced him out of the woods. He worked as an automotive mechanic until retiring in 2002. With his son, Shawn, he also owned and operated Fester's Automotive and 4X4 until 2002.

He was preceded in death by his mother; a brother, Jack Edward Hartman; and a sister, Sharon McClean.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa of Vernonia; two sons, Shawn "Fester" and K.C., both of Vernonia; and a brother, John of Vernonia.

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

### GREGORY STEVEN CULP

Gregory Steven Culp, 41, Vernonia, died January 8, 2010.

Mr. Culp was born August 28, 1969, in Springfield.

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

### KENNETH LEE "KEN" DAVIS

Kenneth Lee "Ken" Davis, 75, Hillsboro, died January 7, 2010. A private service was held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Mr. Davis was born June 15,

1934, in Hillsboro, to Lawrence and Pauline M. (Stewart) Davis. He was raised in Hillsboro. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; and a brother, Gary.

Survivors include two daughters, Tamie Davis and Pamela Davis-Aucoin, both of New Mexico; three siblings, Jeannette Lightfoot of Hillsboro, Roberta Bettis of Manning, and Larry Davis of Seaside; his children's mother, Val Gutierrez of New Mexico; long-time friend, Jacky Ray of Crescent City, California; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Hospice.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### MARY JEAN ORMSBY

Mary Jean Ormsby, 93, Happy Valley, died July 1, 2009. A mass was held.

Mrs. Ormsby was born November 11, 1915, in Portland, to Giovanni and Rosa Fossatti. She graduated from Milwaukie High School in 1934, then attended Pacific University before transferring to the Oregon Normal School (now Western Oregon University) in Monmouth and graduating in 1938 with a teaching degree. She began her teaching career at Washington Grade School in Vernonia. After two years in Vernonia, she taught in Mil-

waukie.

In 1945, she married Clarence Ormsby. She continued to teach school until retiring in 1983.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include a son, Richard Ormsby of Happy Valley; three daughters, Rosemary Two-hey of Brush Prairie, Washington, Marybeth Van Buren of Portland, and Alice Freid of Woodinville, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to St. Agatha Catholic Church in Portland.

### THOMAS CHARLES RICE

Thomas Charles "Tom" Rice, 75, Forest Grove, died January 1, 2010. Funeral services were held January 11 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Forest Grove. Dedication services were held at Mountain View Cemetery in Forest Grove.

Mr. Rice was born September 11, 1934, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Austin and Annie (Steward) Rice, Sr. He was raised in Farmington, Utah, until the family moved to Vernonia in 1947.

In 1957, he married Yvonne Boyd. Their marriage was sealed in the Salt Lake City Temple for time and all eternity on June 29, 1970. They made their home in Forest Grove. He served in the U.S. Army. He owned and operated Rice Lumber Co. for several years, starting in 1959. He and his wife

owned and operated B&B Real Estate in Forest Grove from 1970 until 2007.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Clara Serber, Margaret Kouva, and Myrtle Montgomery.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Thomas D. of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two daughters, Barbara Beitelspank of Gaston, and Melinda Tovey of Roseburg; a foster daughter, Michele Thelin; seven siblings; Glenn, Austin, Jr., Irvin, Lynn, Lemuel, May Criswell, and Hazel (Carol) Kent; nine grandchildren; one foster grandchild; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Missionary Fund in Care of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2nd Ward, 2700 Leon Drive, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

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