

Lies, Rumors and Innuendoes

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These articles are dedicated to Vernonia Mayor Sally Harrison so she may validate her claim that *The Independent* prints "lies, rumors and innuendoes". And that statement is also in the spirit of the day.

Vernonia Seniors Find Cash Quilt

Early last year, a dirty, tattered quilt was anonymously donated to the Vernonia Senior Center. "We discovered it on a Monday morning. It was in terrible shape and smelled just awful. We thought it was just more of the garbage that gets left here after the center closes," said Vernonia quilter Susan Goodhope. But Goodhope (as almost everyone knows) can't turn her back on a quilt that needs help. So with the help of the "quilting ladies"; Louise Hamnett, Faith Reynolds, Fran Hendrix, Pat Ray, Myrrhina Kibben, and Rebecca McGaugh, Goodhope started the process of dismantling the quilt to remove the moldy, smelly stuffing. Much to their amazement the filling turned out to be dirty, moldy paper money, lots of paper money. "We about fell over dead from the shock. After we counted it, we thought for sure we had died and gone to heaven," said Reynolds. The ladies knew just what they wanted to do with their new-found wealth. "Something worthwhile and helpful to the community," Hamnett stated, "We decided to buy *The Independent*." Hamnett went on to say, "With all the negativity she has to report on (referring to the soon to be former editor Rebecca McGaugh) and with the buffoons in city government refusing to operate in an intelligent or ethical manner, disallowing any change for the better, coupled with the fact that nobody wants to read about it any more, we just thought it was a good time to do something about it."

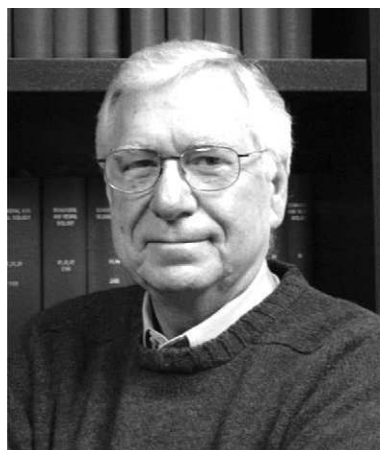
The Quilt ladies plan to change from covering local news to covering "only positive quilting news." "From now on it will be all quilting, all the time," said Fran Hendrix. The format of the paper was decided after input from an intensive study conducted by a group of U of O sociology grad students. From the study it was learned that, more than anything else, the citizens of Vernonia wanted a positive quilting publication.

Clark and Rebecca McGaugh, the soon-to-be-former- owners of *The Independent*, reportedly plan to move to an underground bunker at an undisclosed location near Birkenfeld to continue their research in pataphysical science.

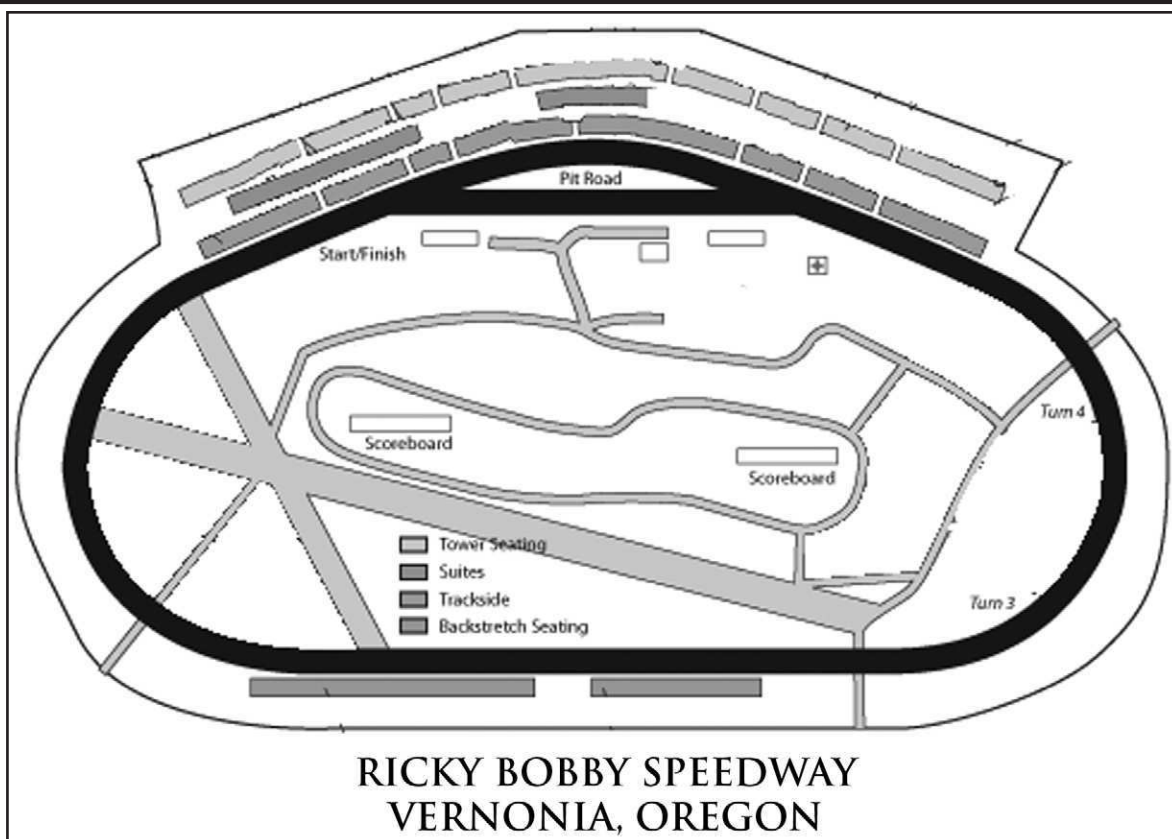
McGaughs to Start Research Center

With the money from the pending sale of *The Independent* (see related story on this page) it has been reported that Clark and Rebecca McGaugh will be starting a research facility somewhere in the Upper Nehalem River Valley, near or in Birkenfeld. The facility will specialize in research on the pataphysical sciences. One part of the research will study how pataphysical experiences affect memory. This research will be bolstered by the addition of the Founding Director of the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, Dr. James McGaugh, Research Professor, Neurobiology and Behavior School of Biological Sciences, University of Califor-

nia•Irvine. Dr. McGaugh is said to be excited to be joining his nephew, Clark McGaugh, in this new family venture.



Professor James McGaugh to research pataphysical sciences in Columbia County



**RICKY BOBBY SPEEDWAY
VERNONIA, OREGON**

Conceptual drawing of Ricky Heath and Bobby William's Super Speedway Facility.

NASCAR Super Speedway in Vernonia

Charlotte, N.C. – There is a lot of Nascar news lately, from the scheduled opening of the NASCAR hall of fame on May 11th to the new kid on the block – Team Pink and the planned Ricky Bobby Super Speedway in Vernonia, Oregon. The Ricky Bobby Speedway is the latest project of the newly formed Team Pink Inc., the new NASCAR racing team owned by Vernonians Robert (Bobby) Williams and Richard (Ricky) Heath. Heath, the President of Country Iron M.C. and Williams, owner of Williams Metal Fab, are pleased to make

two big announcements in one week.

When asked why they chose the name Team Pink, Williams and Heath replied in unison, "Because we like pink". They hope to entice famed Vernonian racer Gary Meyer to be the team's lead driver. To help sweeten the pot for Meyer, Team Pink has offered a multi-million dollar contract along with a hometown race track.

The Ricky Bobby Super Speedway, will be the newest speedway in the nation when it is completed this fall at the former site of an oval dirt track

owned by "the logger gentleman" from Vernonia, Ax Men star Mike Pihl. When asked about the new track, Pihl said he is pleased that NASCAR is coming to Vernonia.

Gary Meyer replied "no comment" when asked if he would accept Team Pink's offer. Insiders have said Meyer may be reluctant to commit to racing for Pink due to the team's color scheme. Everything is pink – pit crew uniforms, driver suits and helmets, even the logo is hot pink. Meyer's wife was rumored to have said "the money's still green and what's wrong with pink".

Vernonia to Oahu

Vernonia resident, pilot and President of Vernonia Airways, Mike Seager, has announced plans to start commuter flights between Oahu, Hawaii and Vernonia. The flights, starting April 15, will fly workers and vacationers between the two cities three times a day. According to Seager, Vernonia Airways is still looking for flight attendants and additional ground crews. Interested persons are to apply in person at the Vernonia Airways personnel department. Vernonia Airways is an equal opportunity employer.

Police Quell Terrible Trouble

Vernonia Police avoided the possibility of a violent riot at a local daycare after receiving a call about a 3 year-old trouble maker who refused to lie down for nap time. According to witnesses, when the police arrived on the scene at the Happy Child Daycare they found the suspect "very cranky, whining and crying". The suspect's behavior was starting to upset some of the other nap-takers, causing them to rebel as well. Onlookers said the trouble maker refused police commands to, "Stop your crying, put the bottle down and place your hands on top of your head."

After the suspect physically resisted attempts to place him into custody, Vernonia Police Captain Mike Kay quickly took control of the situation by repeatedly tasing the rampaging child until other officers were able to regain control. The only thing Captain Kay (being modest) would say about the incident was, "my legs will have to be replaced due to the severe injury I received." The Vernonia City Council is planning an award ceremony for Captain Kay and the other officers involved. "Captain Kay is a true hero, I'm so proud," said City Administrator Bob Young.