

Out of My Mind . . .

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Face, in 1995. His web site doesn't mention what his prior work experience has been, nor have I seen that information elsewhere. He refers to himself as a job creator, noting that he has had 60 employees; presently, he has four full-time and two part-time employees. In the past he ran afoul of the IRS, which levied a tax lien of \$83,284 against Game Face for not paying payroll withholding taxes for nine months, a problem he blames on "an employee". As a former small business owner for 20 years, I can only wonder if he actually ignored his business' fiscal responsibility for nine months, and also whether he thinks that blaming an employee somehow negates his responsibility. Neither approach demonstrates responsible decision-making.

PolitiFact Oregon, a fact-checking feature of *The Oregonian*, has chimed in on a few claims of both candidates. In their decisions as to the factual basis of political statements by the candidates, Bonamici re-

ceived two Trues and one False. Cornilles earned one True, one Mostly True, one Mostly False, and one Pants on Fire.

In his ads, Cornilles continues to use the Pants on Fire claim about Bonamici's votes for taxes, even though it was judged egregiously untrue (If you are unfamiliar with it, the Pants on Fire rating is derived from a children's rhyme of "Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire"), which seems like another problem with responsible decision-making. Bonamici's False claim was about her own record, not about Cornilles, and was a one-time statement.

One clear difference between Bonamici and Cornilles is abortion. Bonamici supports women's rights to make their own health-care decisions; Cornilles thinks abortion should be illegal except in cases of rape, incest or risk to the life of the mother. Since I'm much older than the U.S. Supreme Court's decision making abortion legal in *Roe vs. Wade*, I remember deaths and other horrific results from illegal abor-

tions and won't vote for a candidate who wants to put government in a woman's uterus.

We each have a right to our opinions, and I don't question Cornilles opinion on abortion; I simply disagree with him. But I must question his decision-making ability, and feel that he needs to get some experience in an elective office that is not

**Water rates reviewed by committee**

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ers have tried to keep water and sewer rates as low as possible. By focusing on only the "hard" operating costs to craft rates for users, our leaders erred, neglecting the City's responsibility to set aside reserves for replacement. Because we have in the past been able to raise significant capital through state and federal grants, we have been able to keep our system functioning despite having effectively set aside no meaningful reserves for replacement from within our rate structure.

Unfortunately, we can no longer depend on this approach. For the last 20 years

as pressure-filled as the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bonamici has learned how to work in pressure-filled situations, and has demonstrated her ability to make thoughtful decisions in a bipartisan state House of Representatives. She is the best choice to effectively represent the people of Oregon's first district.

state and federal grants for water and sewer projects have been diminishing and are now virtually nonexistent. The best we can hope for is reduced interest rates rather than large outright grants. Recognizing this changing funding environment, the Public Works Committee and City Council have concluded that it is in the best interest of our ratepayers to begin setting aside sufficient reserves for future replacements of our water plant and distribution system. By raising the monies needed for these projects over a long period of time, we can best stabilize future rates.

WEATHER REPORT  
 DECEMBER 2011

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	47	28	--
2	46	31	--
3	47	25	--
4	44	30	--
5	41	25	--
6	42	25	.02
7	44	27	--
8	44	23	--
9	44	24	--
10	52	21	.04
11	38	31	--
12	41	19	--
13	41	16	--
14	41	22	.03
15	40	32	T
16	45	29	--
17	51	28	--
18	51	26	.02
19	45	35	--
20	44	30	--
21	43	28	--
22	42	18	--
23	44	26	--
24	48	33	--
25	50	30	.22
26	44	28	.03
27	47	34	.63
28	51	45	.75
29	53	39	1.59
30	49	42	.14
31	44	29	T

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in December totalled 3.46 inches.

Obituary

**WARREN F. ALDRICH**

Warren Franklin Aldrich, 95, Longview, Washington, died January 7, 2012. A celebration of life will be held January 21, at 12:30 p.m., at the Vernonia Senior Center. Interment was at Neer City Cemetery in Rainier.

Mr. Aldrich was born January 14, 1916, in Middle River, Minnesota, to Ralph M. and Mary J. (Peterson) Aldrich. The family moved to Vernonia when he was eight years old. He graduated from Vernonia High School.

In 1936, he married Violet Ilene Ennis. They made their home in Vernonia until he moved to Longview, Wash. 11

years ago. He was a lineman for West Oregon Electric Cooperative until his retirement.

He enjoyed dancing, gardening, fishing, hunting, the beach and clam digging. He was a very social person with a great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a son, Warren Wayne Aldrich; and a granddaughter.

Survivors include his three daughters, Sharon L. McKee of Longview, Wash., Judy Lynn McDonald of Vernonia; and Betty Jo Hiler of Kelso, Wash.; 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Home Health & Hospice in Longview, Wash.

**CHARLES D. COMSTOCK**

Charles D. Comstock, 83, Bellevue, Washington, died December 27, 2011. A celebration of life was held January 13 at Newport Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Wash.

Mr. Comstock was born December 20, 1928, in Longview, Wash., to George and Viola Comstock. His father was a power station operator in Keasey. In 1941, after his father's death, the family moved to Tacoma, where he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1947. He attended Washington State College majoring in hotel and restaurant administration, while working as a bellhop at Seattle's Olympic Hotel. He worked for Westin Hotels and Resorts for 30 years, then for Hotel Systems International in

Los Angeles.

In 1962, he married June Marie Johnson.

He received an award, in 2007, from WSU's School of Hospitality Business Management for his contributions to the industry and the school.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Charles Mark Comstock of Studio City, California; a daughter, Tracy Marie Jones Morris of Athens, Alabama; a sister, Jane Garl Avera of Vancouver, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to WSU School of Hospitality Business Management.

David Ray McCoy, 54, Forest Grove, died January 1, 2012.

Mr. McCoy was born May 14, 1957, in St. Helens, to David A. and Rosie McCoy. He attended elementary school in Vernonia and Castle Rock, Washington. During his teen years he lived in Montana. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1991, he worked at BIAMP Systems as a mechanical engineer.

He enjoyed fishing, rock hounding, classic cars and traveling in Oregon.

Survivors include his wife Sue Ann; his father of Montana; his mother of Vernonia; a brother, Pat of Kalispell, Mont.; a sister Margaret Gilbertson of Miles City, Mont.; two aunts, Penny Dean of Vernonia and Peggy Helvie of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and two cousins, Tina Brewington and Richard Myers, both of Vernonia.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Cancer Society or a charity of choice.

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

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