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BURNHAM

L.D.'s Chappaquidick

by L.D. Burnham

Dear Burnham,

With all your knowledge and expertise I wonder why you don't run for president. I read your column every week, and I find your viewpoints on affairs of great import astounding. I'm sure the political parties are aware of your remarkable abilities and have approached you on several occasions. And I'm sure your column is a regular up on Capitol Hill.

I assume you don't seek public office for your own personal reasons. Won't you give your readers just one little peek at your innermost thoughts? Why don't you aspire to the oval?

Signed

Kinda Kurious

Dear Kinda,

So here we go again. First, a simple letter; then, the write-in campaign. There's the "we need you" pressure from that parties. There's the "you can't just think of yourself" phone calls from citizens and party bosses. And to all of them I must say no. No, no, no, I'll never run for president.

Why? All right, all right, I'll be perfectly up-front about this. It's because of my sordid past. Yes, the rumors are true.

When I was in sixth grade, I was caught cheating on a geography test. I copied the word, Okeechobee, from Betty Lou Slobokni's paper. I got nabbed. I paid the price. But I live with that blot on my record forever more.

LETTER

Tired of hearing legal quotations

Editor:

I want you to know that I buy your paper regularly to keep informed on what takes place at the council meetings of Harveys Lake Borough. I reside there, and I do attend meetings whenever possible. However, the council meetings sometimes get rather confusing, and I miss a lot of the moves that are made in this confusion. I read your paper's account of the meeting and pick up a lot that I missed.

I think it is very important for the people of any community to get involved and attend the meetings. You really have to go there to see the job that is being done by the people you have elected to office. Many times, I become upset with some of the people on our council.

It is very apparent at times that there is great animosity between some of the people on council. It seems that every little thing becomes an issue. I don't understand why this has to be this way. And, already I am so tired of hearing legal quotations! If it isn't from the solicitor, it's from councilman Cappellini. I don't know if any of the members of council understands any of it, but I am sure the average person doesn't understand much of this legal jibber jabber.

Why I would be afraid to sit on that council from what it looks like to me! From the audience, it is very confusing. "STOP! Before you vote on this issue, let me warn you of what the law states." And, then follows another legal quotation.

I've never been able to cover up the Okeechobee Affair. Betty Lou Slobokni has gone on to become a linguistics expert specializing in the spelling of unusual Floridian swamp names. She gets the bright lights and the fame. I get the painful memories.

Me, bitter? Why should I be? How can I allow incidentals like domestic and foreign policy to supercede the real issues? What would I answer when asked that first inevitable question, "What about Okeechobee?"

Signed

Burnham

Dear Burnham,

My only real source of relaxation has always been movies. Lately I haven't been able to leave the house due to a rare affliction that has yet to be diagnosed.

I have found it increasingly hard to walk and when I do walk about I often stumble into walls. I am often disoriented entirely.

I have visited every specialist available. No one has been able to help me. What can I do? I yearn for the smell of popcorn.

Signed

Foiled Film Fanatic

Dear Foiled,

You've overlooked the obvious. The movies have made you ill. If you've watched the movies of the last several years you have undoubtedly been stricken with a case of S.E.S., Special Effects Syndrome. S.E.S. is caused by insufficient quantities of plot,

dialogue and characterization. You've been starved of cinematic nutrients.

What are the most common symptoms and effects?

1. Dizziness. This is caused by continual visual bombardments. Aerial shots, chase scenes, space warps all contribute to the cause. The afflicted individual loses normal perceptive skills.

2. Coughing, tickly throat. Special effects are often gross or incredibly inspiring. Leaving the mouth open through such moments of shock or awe allows the entrance of inordinate numbers of insectivora. These little devils excite the gag reflex and tickle the uvula with their tiny little feet.

3. Ringing in ears. S.E. flicks are always well-promoted, big-budget films. Everyone knows who the regular movie-goers are and everyone relies on these regulars for opinions. The phone rings and rings and rings. "How was it Shelia? We're just dying to get but we thought we'd call you first."

4. Sudden weight gain. These movies are notoriously dull between thrills. There's little to do between effects but eat.

5. Stiffness in legs. S.E. movies move so slowly that watching them on a frequent basis can cause atrophy of the gluteus maximus. No matter how often one shifts and squirms, eventually the muscles stiffen and begin to waste away. In special-effect movies it's always the good guy who gets it in the end.

Signed

Burnham

How can the average person sit there and make up his or her mind on how to vote with the legal terminology that is thrown around? I don't know what it sounds like to anybody else, but to me, it sounds like some of the council people are being swayed or scared into voting a certain way. This is very unfair, to say the least.

I could be wrong, and would be the first to admit if I were wrong. But, when I hear of such and such a code and such and such a paragraph, and hear all of that legal terminology thrown about, I for one, get confused. I wonder if the council members get confused? If so, do they really know how to vote? Is this swaying their vote? Why does every little thing become some great legal issue? Something just doesn't seem right to me.

I hope that our borough's council meetings get less confusing in the future. I also hope to see some harmony between the members of council. But, if we don't tell them how we really feel, and don't show them that we care, we cannot sit back and complain.

I urge all of the people of our community to get out to the meetings, see what is going on, and then stand up and voice your opinion. If you like what you see, then tell the council. If you don't like what you see, tell them. But, show some interest.

Hope to see you at the next meeting,

Thomas Miskiewicz

P.S. Keep up the good work Dallas Post!

Congratulations

The Dallas Post adds its congratulations to the many compliments already extended to Dallas resident Charles Lemmond, recently appointed as a judge in the Luzerne Court of Common Pleas.

Lemmond has served his community well, most recently as solicitor for Dallas borough and Lake-Lehman school district. His talents and integrity will now be extended to a broader service to the laws of the Commonwealth.

The quality of leadership epitomized in the record-to-date of Judge Lemmond extends the credibility of the judiciary and provides reason for optimism by the citizenry. We wish him well.

Area residents speak on FBI 'ABSCAM'



Mrs. Peggy Boyes, Dallas

I believe the FBI should use any method they have to catch crooked politicians. Something needs to be done to clear up political dishonesty.



Mrs. Melinda Seidel, Dallas

I approve of the method used by the FBI to catch the officials if they had prior information that the public officials selected would accept bribes when offered to them.



Joseph Findora, Kingston

I agree that the FBI should proceed with what they are doing in order to stop congressional crime. Today, the Congress assumes they have complete control over everything.



Sandy Sharkus, Sweet Valley

I do not approve at all. I believe that for some reason the FBI is strong-arming our representatives. They probably contrived a lot of the evidence. The truth won't be known until hearings are conducted.

LETTER

Sister Julian invites volunteers

Dear Editor:

Everytime a prison riot hits the headlines, people in this area start to worry about its happening at the Chase prison nearby.

But how many of them work at preventative programs at the prison which might help the men to behave in a normal manner?

I can give you information on two such programs. The always on-going One-to-One program of correspondence and-or visiting is interested in persons of

goodwill over 18 years of age, who would be willing to write to a prisoner on a one-to-one basis.

THRESHOLDS is a decision-making project which helps the prisoner to make good decisions in his life. It usually deals with men about to be released. The training for the spring programs is set for March 15.

Don't just worry; Do something about it! Call me 675-2131.

Sincerely,
Sr. M. Julian Baird

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tattersall says HLTA is a political 'front'

Editor:

I have just finished reading this week's edition of the Dallas Post. I would like to comment on your article about the Harveys Lake Council Meeting. Since I was at the meeting, I can say that your article follows true to form as to the way things happened. But, I would like to elaborate on a few things, and call attention to another item.

First, I thought it quite odd that councilman Cappellini did not challenge a vote by councilmembers Boice and Casterline prior to the taking of the vote for McCaffrey for the sewer authority. The motion for McCaffrey was made and seconded, and then voted upon, and no challenge was made by Cappellini. After this, another motion was made for the sewer authority appointment; this time to re-appoint George Alles.

And now, Cappellini challenged the votes of Boice and Casterline. If their votes could have resulted in an "abuse of office" why didn't Cappellini bring this up before the vote was taken for McCaffrey? It was apparent to me that Cappellini wasn't merely being neighborly and passing on some free legal advice. In my opinion, it was just another dirty political trick.

Secondly, in regard to the letter that was read to

council, and presented as being from the H.L. Taxpayers Association, I have the opinion that this was also another dirty political move. This time, by a few people who use this organization (H.L.T.A.) as a front. I am a member of the Harveys Lake Taxpayers Association and had no knowledge of this letter. I checked with a few other members who knew nothing about this letter, its contents, or that it was being presented to council. The letter I am referring to is the letter stating that the people of the taxpayers association did not want to see George Alles reappointed to the Sewer Authority.

I question how many members knew of this letter and its contents? If the members of the taxpayers association have a gripe, I think it should be brought up to council. But, I do not feel that the opinion of a few should be passed off as the opinion of all members. This is simply using the membership of the taxpayers association for political moves, and I don't think the members would like being used this way. We as members should all be asked our opinion before someone else presents it as ours at an open, public meeting.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Richard Tattersall

COME IN, SIT DOWN,
RELAX, CONVERSE
WE ALL KNOW
IRAN'S THE WORST

LATEST SIGN-The latest sign to appear in front of Trucksville residents. Gripes about Iran-drop in. (Photo by Mark Moran)