

# THE MOUNTAIN LION

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Several members of our club have approached me, concerned about the noise and lack of attention to what's going on in our meetings. I am as guilty as the rest when it comes to having private conversations during the meeting. While Lions club is a great place to visit our friends and talk football or whatever, I feel we should make an effort to do that before the meeting is called to order. It is very embarrassing to invite a someone to speak to our club and then not give them our full attention. Let's make an effort to give them our program, our secretary, or whoever has the podium our full attention.

Thank you

Danny Ward, President

## Take A Moment To Consider Organ Donation

Sometime in the near future you or someone you know may be asked to donate a loved one's organs after they die suddenly. If you've never considered it, before you make up your mind to refuse consider some facts.

**First**, donating organs never causes a loved ones body to look mutilated or gruesome. Special teams of professionals are used who specialize in organ harvesting. You can still plan to have the body viewed after the organs are removed- the body will look exactly the same as it did at the moment of death.

**Second**, organ donation isn't just for kids. In fact, many organs can be taken when the donor is up to 70 years of age. Some of the most badly needed organs such as kidneys, liver, and heart can be used from these older donors.

**Third**, even though the major organs are taken after brain stem death, but before the heart stops beating other donations may still be possible. For example, eyes can be taken up to 8 hrs after the heart stops, bones can be taken up to 12 hours later, and skin up to 30 hours later.

**Fourth** and finally, organ donation really does save lives. It won't cost you or your family anything and it can literally mean the difference between life and death to someone else's family.

So remember all we need from you is your consent and we can literally give people the gift of sight and or life in so many cases.

Kathy Murphy R.N.

## The Capitol of Arkansas May Move to Calico Rock

As most of you are probably aware, the Arkansas Legislature is again in Special Session. Many of you may not know that one of our members has been down there working as a Registered Lobbyist. The group that he represents is the MOB. Now all he does is goes up to one of the lawmakers and says "I am with the MOB, and would like to talk to you about so and so". Now that really gets their attention because they think he is one of them.

Now what he hasn't told them is that the MOB he represents really means Migrant Office Workers and Bookkeepers. The MOB is involved in a lot of activities, but what their main concern is right now is that when the prison becomes a reality in Calico Rock they want to move the State Capitol up here also. Our fellow Lion has told us that he is having a

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lot of trouble on getting this bill to move the Capitol introduced. He said most of the

Legislature and the Governor think that Calico Rock and Mountain Home are really in Missouri. That is why they want to put the prison up here in the first place. But he feels that he does have one representative that will introduce the bill. This is Representative Six Pack from Big Flat. Most of you may not know Six Pack, but he is a brother of Elmo Pack who used to be very

active here in the Lions Club Auction.

The MOB would put the Capitol inside the prison, and every time they pass a bad bill or do something stupid like raising taxes, we could just keep them locked in there and give them bread and water and punish them with their lousy memo's, bills and amendments until they change it all back.

Six Pack is under the opinion that most of them belong in prison anyway. He also thinks a lot of their old friends would be in there so they wouldn't be lonesome. Since most of the laws that are passed are really pretty stupid, the MOB thinks that most of our elected officials would be in there for life, as they would have to do something smart to get out and go home. In any event, the MOB thinks that they would all be locked up longer than most criminals are these days. In fact, some of the members of the MOB are of the opinion that the Legislature and the Governor do more harm than a lot of criminals.

Now, we think the MOB has someone lined up on the Senate side to introduce this bill also. This is Senator Bubba Blippo from Turrell, and he said that he didn't care where the Capitol is, and seemed surprised when he was told it was now in Little Rock.

The MOB said that they have done a lot of studying on moving the Capitol, and think that all the letterheads and stuff could be changed pretty cheap since there are the same number of letters in Calico and Little, and all we would have to do is snow-paque out Little and write in Calico. The MOB said that would look as good as some of the letters we get out of there now.

The MOB is also of the opinion that if the Capitol was inside the prison in Calico Rock that a lot of the things that happen in this area would get reported. They would report what the temperature was in Mountain Home and

Calico and places like that, and also having the T.V. focusing on things that happen up here rather than ignoring us.

The MOB is also watching very carefully some of the bills that were introduced in the last session, and are afraid that they may get introduced again. In the last Special Session, House Bill #1232 was introduced. This would prevent any person from wrestling a bear. The MOB thinks that anyone has a right to wrestle anything they feel big enough to, and hope that this will never get written into law.

Now, if that wasn't bad enough, there is a representative from Little Rock named Millicent Linkway, and she has tacked on an amendment to the bear wrestling bill which would require that no-one would hold office in Arkansas unless they could spell and properly pronounce the name of the position they were running for. The MOB feels that this would cause a lot of fine people to have to resign from things like the Quorum Court, State Representative, and even the Lieutenant Governor, and feels that that just ain't right. So the MOB is really against this.

The MOB is also very much opposed to this House Bill 1034 which was defeated in the last Special Session but is afraid that this may pop up again. This bill requires you put your social security number on your drivers license. Now the reason the MOB is so opposed to this is because a lot of them don't have social security numbers because they have never had a need for one since they don't pay any taxes. They feel that this would be a back-door way to start checking on them.

As all of you can see, there are a lot of things happening down in Little Rock, and we are very fortunate that we have one of our members down there as a lobbyist for the MOB. We are hoping that all of you can give him a call or contact your own representative and see if you can't get behind this bill to

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move the Capitol up here inside the prison. Just think how proud we would all be to see the T.V. people saying "from the steps of the State Capitol inside the prison at Calico Rock, this is so and so reporting".

So long for now.

Your fellow Lion

Jasper Newton

## OXYMORON OF THE MONTH

### BAD SEX

#### **THE PROJECT**

*IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE PROJECT. THEN ROSE THE ASSUMPTIONS AND THE PROJECT WAS WITHOUT FORM AND THE ASSUMPTIONS WERE NOT VALID. AND DARKNESS WAS UPON THE FACES OF THE IMPLEMENTORS.*

*AND THEY SPOKE UNTO THEIR MANAGER, SAYING, "IT IS A CROOK OF \$#%^ AND IT STINKETH."*

*AND THE MANAGER WENT TO THE SECOND LEVEL MANAGER AND HE SPOKE UNTO HIM SAYING, "IT IS A CROOK OF EXCREMENT AND NONE MAY ABIDE THE ODOR THEREOF."*

*AND THE SECOND LEVEL MANAGER WENT TO THE THIRD LEVEL MANAGER AND HE SPOKE UNTO HIM, SAYING, "IT IS A CONTAINER OF EXCREMENT AND IT IS SO STRONG THAT NONE MAY ABIDE BEFORE IT."*

*AND THE THIRD LEVEL MANAGER WENT TO THE DIRECTOR AND HE SPOKE UNTO HIM SAYING, "IT IS A VESSEL OF FERTILIZER AND NONE MAY ABIDE ITS STRENGTH."*

*AND THE DIRECTOR WENT TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND HE SPOKE UNTO HIM SAYING, "IT CONTAINS THAT WHICH AIDS PLANT GROWTH AND IT IS VERY STRONG."*

*AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT WENT TO THE PRESIDENT AND HE SPOKE UNTO HIM SAYING,*

*" IT PROMOTETH GROWTH AND IS VERY POWERFUL."*

*AND THE PRESIDENT WENT BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND HE SPOKE UNTO THEM SAYING, "THIS POWERFUL NEW PROJECT WILL PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF THE COMPANY."*

*AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD LOOKED UPON THE PROJECT AND SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.*

### Lions Club Auction

The best I can determine the Lions Club Radio Auction started in 1953, which would make this our 36th annual auction.

KTLO was started in 1951 by Bob Wheeler. Bruse Washburn managed the station for the first year. Monk Stricklin bought the station in 1952. Mr. Stricklin move here form West Planes where the Rotary Club had a radio auction. Monk offered the radio auction to the Rotary Club here and they turned it down. Bob Pratt who worked for Mr. Stricklin at the time told Monk that the Lions Club would take radio the auction with out even asking the rest of the club.

When it first started the radio station got a percentage of the auction. The percentage depended on how much we made. They also wrote all the advertising for us.

In the early days we had a chalk-board that had four columns wide and about 15 rolls deep. There were four auctioneers and it was very unusual for each auctioneer to have more than 8 to 10 items each night. We had four wives working the phones, two lions changing the bid on the board, and two runners took the bids in to the auctioneers. As most of you know in the later years we were erasing items and putting new ones up. In other word about 70 items a night. Last year we had well over a 100 item a night.

In 1966 Mr. Stricklin build a new station just West of the old station. Mr. Stricklin had four phone jacks build into the wall just for our auction.

About 15 years ago we went to a ten cent

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minimum jump in bids, and about 10 year ago we went to a quarter.

In the early days we had big items, such as a 85 cent bottle of Lucky Tiger hair tonic from Jerrys Barber Shop. Two What-A-Burgers and drinks which was 95 cents. Hair cuts were a dollar then and big hamburgers were 35 cent.

Because we didn't have so many items to auction we seem to have more fun doing the auction. I can't remember many funny things that happened, except one night Lion Bill Wiseman was selling an item and he said, "Mrs. Jones you were high on the turkey but Mr. Smith just TOPPED YOU for four dollars".

I would say that the Lions and there wives bought a big share of the items. At first County Judge Thomas would buy all the bonds at retail, in later years It was lawyer O D Pendergrass and Olus Hardgrave who bought the bonds.

By the way O D Pendergrass was to the club what Lion Bowman is today. He could talk for five minutes, and say nothing. He was always good for a laugh.

Some time after Loin Bob Knight (better known as the big guy) bought the station in 1975 the FCC ruled that a station could not have but 15 minutes of advertising per hour. The auction was considered a full hour of advertising. The only way the auction could continue was for him to donate the time. Lion Knight being a big hearted, swell, sweet, super and loveable guy that he is donated the air time to us free.

Then as now the station would run spots for about two to three weeks before the auction started, giving the article and the business that donated the article.

Although there is many hours put into the auction by many people there is probably no one that has put in more hours on auction nights than Buzzy and Jennie Dew, and Jack and Laynell Cooper. They are the ones that do there jobs and are never noticed.

## MY JOB

ITS NOT MY JOB TO RUN THE  
TRAIN

THE WHISTLE I CAN NOT BLOW

IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY HOW  
FAR THE TRAINS ALLOWED TO GO

ITS NOT MY PLACE TO SHOOT OFF  
STEAM

NOR EVEN CLANG THE BELL

BUT LET THE DAMN THING JUMP  
THE TRACK

AND SEE WHO CATCHES HELL

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