



PERSPECTIVES

Promises

Maybe I spoke too soon.

It now seems as if Dixy Lee Ray is going out of her way to upset the voters, as well as the state budget.

In a recent announcement, our governor announced she would request a spending program of \$5.1 billion, a 23 percent increase in state budgeting.

This is indeed wonderful. Especially when one considers Dixy's statements about her efforts to curtail state spending.

It should also prove to be something around the level of a miracle to supply these extra funds to state agencies. Where are these funds to come from, considering the drastic funding cuts the state took due to the tax exemption law?

The state seems full of contradictions these days. The result of this cut-last year was supposed to be budget cuts throughout the hierarchy of state government, including educational institutions. But now, Dixy seems to be throwing money to agencies like fish to seals, without knowing yet if the budget surplus that existed last year is still around to be relied on.

Ray and her assistants are understandably close-mouthed about the entire affair. How would you like to explain to the voters of Washington that you have gone back on your original campaign promises?

Admittedly, several good points are included in the governor's spending program.

Public schools will benefit from the increased spending, as will senior citizens.

Perhaps most promising of Dixy's statements is her claim that homeowners will experience an average reduction in property tax rates of 30 percent due to a phasing out of special levies.

However, this still does not excuse the governor from her prior promises of decreased spending.

Watch the state wallet, governor. After all, a \$75 million surplus in one year can not be expected to go that far. And who can be sure it will exist again this year?

— jim angell

Christmas thoughts

Once more the spirit of Christmas fills the air. It's a time to give what one has and receive what others can give. It seems all worthwhile when done with a smile.

Children have a joyous time during this holiday. They can 'see' things others can not. A child can hear music unheard, lights shining at night unnoticed, people who strike their fancy, and feelings never before felt.

Stand back awhile this Christmas and see the way a child would. Try looking around for the little things usually missed. Ask why of what may happen around you.

There is so much more meaning to the life around us than what we notice. To some the meaning may be in others; to some it may be in a person.

Whatever your Christmas has

been in the past, try making it different this season with my thoughts given to you, for others, too.

— mike dedman

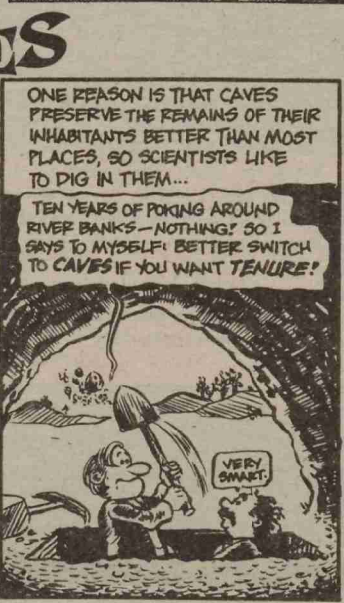
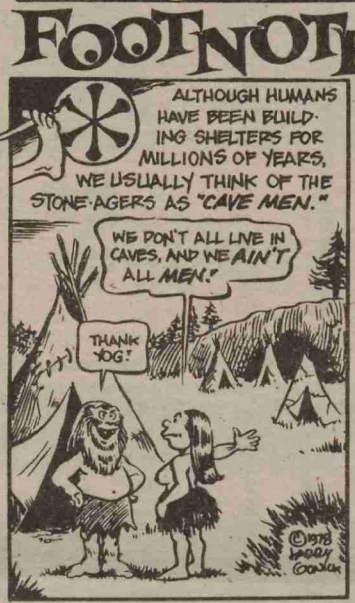
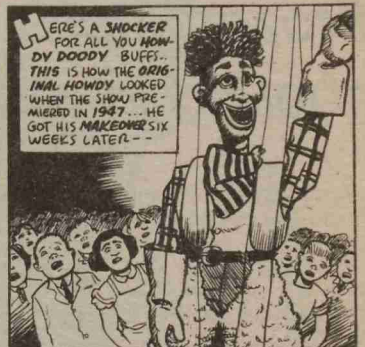
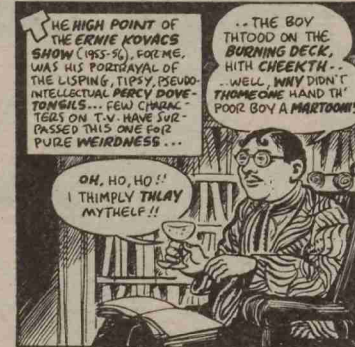
'Judge not...'

In reply to Spaun's article which appeared in the Daily Evergreen Thursday, December 7 titled "No Gay Christians...":

The followers of Christ cannot accept homosexual lifestyle, and certainly are not to condone it, but who are we, Mr. Spaun, to condemn those who practice it? It is the principle that Christians condemn, not the people.

"Judge not, that ye be not judged." Matthew 7:1

— susan libberton



To the editor

Sword-rattling 'disturbing'

As the plans for divestiture of the holdings related to S.A. approached, I dropped a line to the Daily Evergreen and was surprised to see it in the paper.

This new outbreak of "S.A. Today" gives me an excuse to write another letter. I find all this editorial sword rattling about S.A. disturbing.

The human rights we hear so hotly discussed are of WORLD WIDE importance and DIMENSION. For starters, the wide spread suppression of religion of

any type (except for worship of the state) in all communist block countries. That's not mentioning the politically insane locked up in nice safe places.

The charnel house that Cambodia has become. Let's hear it for a 2,000,000-person population drop in five years.

Or maybe the nightmares that the governments of Equatorial Guinea, Nicaragua, Uganda, Haiti, among others have become to their people.

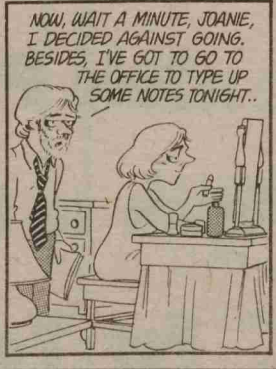
I find that singling out S.A. for

its RACIST policy a bigoted attack by a vocal minority that has had nothing better to do since 1970.

If we are going to start a "Human Rights" campaign we should do it on an all-encompassing scale, not let ourselves be pressured into a single act motivated by a special interest group, only to peter out after serving their purpose.

— daniel stalling

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