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**Letters to the Editor**

**Legalizing marijuana**

To the editor:

Concerning the prospect of legalizing marijuana, there are a number of factors to consider. No one, to our knowledge, has put the results of the most recent research more succinctly than the lions in their booklet, "Lions War on Drugs," with such facts as these:

"Marijuana reduces the ability to think, to focus, to concentrate, to create, to learn, to communicate, and to conceptualize. It causes permanent damage to the major organs of the body, including the brain...The accumulative effect of THC on the brain is responsible for irreversible brain damage. Five typical marijuana cigarettes have the same cancer-causing capability as 112 tobacco cigarettes...Glands, such as the pituitary, the adrenals, and the male and female sex glands, all produce hormones that are adversely affected by marijuana."

After smoking one joint, the decreased reaction time for motor skills needed for such activities as driving an automobile is 41 percent, and after two joints, 63 percent. It is also known that use of marijuana with alcohol will prevent the vomiting of excessive alcohol, holding it in the system and thus triggering death by alcohol that might have been prevented without simultaneous use of marijuana.

Forty-three percent of all marijuana smoking pregnant women will have a miscarriage, still birth, or death of the newborn, compared to eight percent of those who do not smoke marijuana. In addition, deformities in children born to marijuana smokers are not uncommon.

Abuse of alcohol is acknowledged to be a much greater hazard than abuse of marijuana, and the use of alcohol is legal. What Pandora's box will we open if we make marijuana legal, in effect telling our young "not to worry; we now approve." Doesn't it make sense that our government "of the people, by the people, and for the people" should be for the good of the people?

The state of Michigan has decreased alcohol-related traffic deaths by 100 per year simply by raising the drinking age (see The American Issue, June, 1984). Although this is a separate issue, it illustrates the immediate and direct effect that legislation has on the health and lives of Americans.

The question has been raised: doesn't the cost of legislating and controlling the use of marijuana make it impractical to continue its banning? We might just as well ask, why license doctors and other health professionals? It's so expensive. Or why require driver's licenses? Why regulate prescription drugs, the drinking age, or drunk driving? It's so expensive.

The cost of government is high, and we feel that the above mentioned reasons alone should mandate the continuing ban on the use of marijuana. The cost of legalizing it may prove to be beyond our greatest fears.

Write to the appropriate legislators. And get out and vote. Can we afford not to?

Sincerely Yours,  
Ed Reimers  
South County Alcohol Drug Abuse Task Force

**News from the**

**Neighborhood Center**

By NEOLA MACKAY

The next Women, Infant and Children clinic at the Heppner Neighborhood Center will be held from 9 a.m. to noon August 28. Clients are asked to call the Center between August 21-24 to make appointments for the clinic.

Another project at the center is building more shelving for clothing storage. Additional lumber donations are needed to make new shelves. Donations of 2x4's or 1x12's would be appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

The next blood pressure clinic will be Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

An Advisory Council meeting for the Heppner Neighborhood Center has been rescheduled for August 27 at 7:45 p.m. Members are asked to be present to help finalize plans for a

volunteer recognition potluck supper in September. A quorum is necessary for any action to be taken on the projects.

**Democratic candidate to attend parade**

Mark Stringer, democratic candidate state senate, will be attending the Morrow County parade Saturday, August 18.

He is challenging the appointed incumbent, Gene Timms for the seat Bob Smith left vacant when he went to the U.S. Congress.

All fairgoers are encouraged to take this opportunity to meet the candidate in person while he's in town for the Fair. Stringer is a rancher and secondary educator from Nyssa concluded a spokesperson for his campaign.

**Justice Court Report**

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following business during the past week:

John Marvin Weygandt, Heppner-Overwidth, \$15 fine.

Michael Jay Butler, Bellevue, Washington-No Fire Extinguisher, \$57 bail forfeited; No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited.

Kimberly S. Gunter, Concord, Tennessee-Violation of the Basic Rule (54 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$52 bail forfeited.

John Wilbur Lytton, Pendleton-Overwidth, \$15 fine.

Sylvia Mary Glum, Brookings-Illegal "U" Turn, \$31 bail forfeited.

James Lee Adams, Spray, Violation of the Basic Rule (39 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$30 fine.

Michael Alan Bieber, Gresham-No Mud Flaps, \$26 bail forfeited.

Bryce Shawn Powell, Heppner-Insufficient Number of Coast Guard Approved Lifesaving Devices, \$36 bail forfeited.

Geneva Ann Mathews, Heppner-Defective Equipment to wit: no brakes, \$24 fine.

Melissa Kaye Chamberlin, Yakima, Washington-Defective Exhaust System to wit: muffler, \$13 fine.

Freddie Albert Breeding, Heppner-Truck Speeding (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$13 fine.

Perry Ross Cooper, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule (52 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$30 fine.

Cathy Annett Beemer, Tangent-Violation of the Basic Rule (63 mph in a 45 mph zone), \$30 fine.

Thomas Less Troxell, Heppner-Truck Speeding (64 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$13 fine.

John William Tolman, Hermiston-No PUC Permit, \$41 fine.

Faddy Jake Howell, 20, Monument-Minor in Possession (Beer), \$57 fine.

Michael Wayne Walsingham, 20, Mt. Vernon-Minor in Possession by Consumption, \$262 fine.

**Sheriff's Report**

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following business during the past week:

On August 6, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle accident between a bicycle and a car at the end of old highway 730. A subject was taken to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston and listed in good condition.

On August 7, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon Police, and a Boardman Ambulance responded to a motor vehicle accident involving two trucks. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

On August 9, a Boardman ambulance assisted the Arlington ambulance in transporting a patient to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Also on August 9, the Boardman Fire Dept. responded to a fire at the U & I Corp.

In third, fourth, and fifth August 9 incidents, the Heppner Fire Dept. responded to fires one mile east of Heppner, on Hinton Creek, and on highway 74 respectively.

On August 10, the Boardman Fire Dept. responded to a grass fire on Faler Road in Boardman. Amount of damage was unknown.

**Obituaries**

**Mattii E. Morgan**

Mattie E. Morgan, 92, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1984, at the Pioneer Nursing Home in Heppner.

Born in Garfield, Oregon, November 21, 1891, she was the daughter of William and Phoebe (Garrison) Pal-mateer.

In September, 1909, she married Earl Morgan in Heppner.

Mrs. Morgan worked as a homemaker.

She was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary 95, in Ione.

Survivors include daughter Mildred Eubanks of Heppner, and Earlene Sanders of Portland; sons Lloyd of Ione, and Billy of Long Beach, California; 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

A daughter and a son, Thelma Davidson and Bobby Morgan preceded her in death.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Ione United Church of Christ with the Rev. Barry Cammer officiating. Organist was Rikka Tews; Nadine Toombs was the vocalist.

Casketbearers were Carl Davidson, Virgil Morgan, Greg and Stan Sanders, Rocky Rodriguez, and Rusty Rogriguez.

Interment and concluding services followed at High View Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, directly or through Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner.

**Clell B. Rea**

Clell B. Rea, 76, Ione, died at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1984.

He was born Jan. 23, 1908, in Heppner, the son of Albert and Lulu (Sperry) Rea.

He attended schools in Portland; Pendleton; Heppner; Kelso, Wash.; and Ione.

On June 13, 1934, he married Norma Swanson in Vancouver, Washington.

Since 1950, Rea worked as a farmer on the ranch between Lexington and Ione.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Rea, at the home in Ione; daughter Katherine Martin of Kent, Wash.; five sons: Richard of Portland, Jerald of Lexington, Keith of Ione, Dallas of Hermiston, and Francis of Hillsboro; sister Mary Wood of New York City, New York; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A son, John, died in 1969.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, August 10 at the Ione United Church of Christ with the Rev. Barry Cammer officiating. Rikka Tews was organist; Ron McDonald, soloist.

Casket bearers were LeRoy Rea, Gary Rea, Christopher Rea, Rick Rea, Terrell Rea, Robert Rea, Michael Rea, Craig Rea, and Brent Martin. Honorary bearers were Cecil Jones, Kenneth Palmer, Darrell Padberg, Delbert Emert, and Lewis Halvorsen.

Concluding service and interment followed at the High View Cemetery, Ione.

Those who wish may contribute to the Oregon Heart, Lung, or Kidney associations, directly or through Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner.

**Gladys P. Burnside**

Graveside service for Gladys P. Burnside was Monday morning, August 13 at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Mrs. Burnside, 76, died Thursday, Aug. 9, 1984, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

A long time resident of Hermiston, she was born near Heppner March 14, 1908.

She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are sons George of Vancouver, Washington, and Robert, Pendleton; daughter Melba Kelly, Portland; brothers Don Allstott, Hermiston, and Otis Allstott, Stanfield; four sisters: Tressie Wilcox and Mary Bray of Hermiston, June Meek of Portland, and Doris Spence, Boise, Idaho. Three sisters and one brother died earlier.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

**Dale Cutsforth**

Orville Cutsforth received word this week of the death of his brother, Dale Cutsforth, August 7 at Isaquah, Washington at the age of 80 years.

He was born at Gervais, Ore. the son of Thomas and Lily Cutsforth. Following cremation he was buried in the family plot in Salem.

He is survived by a daughter Lenon Martinell and four grand-children; a twin sister Dora Brosius of Lakeview; and a brother Orville of Heppner. A sister Maude Pointer preceded him in death earlier this year.

He was employed by Boeing Aircraft in Seattle until his retirement.

**Public Meetings**

Monday, Aug. 20-Heppner Fire Dept., 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall, Heppner; Morrow County School Board, 8 p.m., District Office, Lexington.

Tuesday, Aug. 21-Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Elks Club, Heppner; Ione Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Wednesday, Aug. 22-Morrow County Court, 9 a.m., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Irrigon; Heppner Library Board, 8 p.m., Heppner Library.

**Correction**

Due to submission error, Beecher's Cafe and Lounge and Bristow's Market of Ione were inadvertently omitted from the list of sponsors for rodeo awards which appeared in last week's special fair and rodeo section of the Gazette-Times.

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