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**Letters to the Editor**

**Ask for paper bags**

To the editor:  
Recently, Oregon Women for Timber members have encountered plastic carry out sacks in certain Oregon supermarkets.  
As people whose families depend upon the forest products industry for their livelihood, we know that paper bags are wholly manufactured within the State of Oregon, using Oregon labor and the by-products of Oregon mills. Plastic bags are generated outside the state and often outside of the U.S.  
Oregon forests provide sales of \$5 billion, tax revenues of \$230 million

and jobs for 80,000 people annually. Yet, during these economic times many are left unemployed, especially in forest-oriented communities. Using plastic bags hardly seems fair to them.  
We urge you to ask your grocer to use Oregon products like the handy, recyclable paper bags, made from Oregon's greatest renewable resource.

(s) E.J. Cutler, President  
(s) Karen Vallad, Vice President

**Reaffirms commitment to Oregon**

To the editor:  
The votes are cast. I'd like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and to thank every person in Eastern, Central and Southern Oregon who helped me win reelection to a second term in the Congress of the United States. Both those who worked so hard on my behalf and those many who placed their trust in me with their vote have my most sincere appreciation.  
Thomas Jefferson said, "When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property." With the results of this election clear, now is a good time to reaffirm my commitment to work for the good of Oregon. My pledge to you remains a promise to speak out,

as you would, for honesty, forthrightness, and prudence in our federal government. You have a right to expect government to provide you with cost-efficient national security at all times and with compassionate and available human services when they are needed. You have the right to expect me to use my position of trust to assure and deliver these pledges.  
Again, my sincere thanks to everyone who helped. I look forward to starting the 99th Congress refreshed in my confidence that, together, we will make a difference in Oregon and in America.

Very truly yours  
(s) Robert F. (Bob) Smith  
Members of Congress

**WIC clinic to be held Nov. 20**

The Women Infant Children clinic will be regularly scheduled at the Heppner Neighborhood Center for the third Tuesday each month which means that the next scheduled clinic will be Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. Clients who need to be recertified may call or come into the Center Friday morning, Nov. 16 to aid in getting a recertification without the delay which an increase of clients has caused to the center.  
A nurse will be at the Center Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 2:30 to 4:30

p.m. to take blood pressures. She will also have flu vaccine for those who still need immunizations.  
The Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23.  
Adult Family Services counselor Janet Phillips will be at the Center office from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Nov. 21. The Center has applications for aid to dependent children, food stamps, and general assistance which may be picked up at anytime from Center personnel.

**Sifting**  
through the  
**Times**

**10 Years Ago**  
November 14, 1974  
Ken Belcher, manager of the First National Bank was named chairman of the Morrow County Rodeo Board, effective January 1, 1975 for a three-year term.

**21 Years Ago**  
November 22, 1963  
A 21-year old Prineville youth was convicted for shooting a cow and fined \$605, sentenced to 30 days in jail (25 of which were suspended), and had his hunting rights revoked for three years.

**25 Years Ago**  
November 12, 1959  
Heppner High School music department and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the second annual music department and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the second annual music festival. Over 150 school musicians were expected to attend. J.G. Kopley, music supervisor for Pendleton schools, was the scheduled guest conductor.  
Heppner Soil Conservation Dist-

received the Goodyear plaque at the state soil conservation annual meeting. The Goodyear plaque was awarded for excellent work among Oregon Soil districts.

**50 Years Ago**  
November 22, 1934  
"First of the Thanksgiving turkeys to move from Heppner were received Monday and Tuesday by Morrow County Creamery company. More than 8,000 pounds of birds were received at a top price of 21 cents a pound.

"General satisfaction was expressed by growers with the price received, and W.C. Cox, manager of the creamery, reports the crop of birds to be of excellent quality. The birds were purchased for a Portland produce company."

**Salem Scene**

**Voters spoke but message unclear**

The voters of Oregon have spoken. But what did they say?  
That's a question observers of the scene in Salem are pondering following balloting during last week's general election.

Despite a preponderance of registered Democrats, Oregonians followed suit with voters in all but one other state and returned Republican President Ronald Reagan to office for a second term.

At the same time they re-elected all congressional incumbents—three Republicans and three Democrats.

When it came to statewide offices, voters re-elected GOP Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer, elected appointed State Treasurer Bill Rutherford from the same party and chose Democratic candidate Barbara Roberts to be their next Secretary of State.

Coupled with results of other statewide partisan contests, electing a Democrat to the latter office for the first time in more than a century doesn't exactly establish a trend or hint a switch in the electorate's philosophical persuasion.

There are those, however, who view the ultimate outcome of legislative races as an indication the 63rd Legislative Assembly will be a more conservative body when it convenes in regular session Monday, January 14.

That premise appears to be based largely on the all-important numbers game lawmakers play when they meet in Salem. In legislative parlance there are two magic numbers—16 and 31. They represent majorities in the 30-member Senate and 60-member House of Representatives, respectively.

Whichever party achieves those numbers or more in the two chambers pretty much controls the manner in which the Assembly's business is conducted and the ultimate outcome of issues brought before it.

Democrats have maintained substantial majorities in both House and Senate since achieving that goal during the elections of 1972. Current Democratic party domination of the Legislature has extended for the longest period in the state's history. Prior to the present 14-year string, Dems only controlled House and Senate simultaneously twice in the middle Thirties and three times in the late Fifties and early Sixties.

Voters this year opted to extend Democrat control of the Oregon Legislature for at least two more years. But some observers see erosion of that control as an indication the next Assembly will be more conservative.

Final figures in the latest Salem numbers game won't be known until all votes are counted, of course, and any possible recounts are tallied and challenges resolved. Late results are due in part to extensive efforts by Republican candidates to influence absentee voters, most of whose ballots are not tallied until long after polls close.

As election week drew to a close however, it appeared Republicans had gained at least three Senate seats and might pick up a fourth. That would raise their numbers to 12 or 13—as large or larger than their minority numbers have been since 1972. That possibility is particularly encouraging to GOP Senators, whose numbers dwindled to as low as six in 1976 and rose only to nine in 1982.

On the House side it appeared Republicans had a clear net gain of only one seat but late vote counting could raise that number two more for a total of 27.

While still four short of majority status, that many Republican House members—coupled with conservative Democrats—could produce a moderate voting stance when it comes to considering liberal issues.

The 1983 Assembly was considered a moderate body prior to convening its 188-day second-longest session in history that collapsed in disarray over inability to achieve consensus on revenue reform. That pre-session forecast was based largely on the fact the 62nd Legislature contained a sizeable number of experienced members and few inexperienced newcomers.

Depending on the outcome of late ballot counting, the 63rd Assembly will contain an almost identical number of inexperienced newcomers. The mix of male and female House and Senate members won't change much either, although women will sustain a total net loss in numbers of two or three. Some observers give the split of sexes some consideration, believing that men generally are more conservative leaning on social issues.

One thing that apparently failed again to materialize at the polls was a solid indication that voters were as critical of the last Assembly as was indicated by news coverage last session. Balloting did create a citizen utility board, a state lottery, restore the death penalty and establish a degree of environmental overkill regarding naturally occurring radioactive waste—all issues considered and discarded by the last Assembly.

But a whisker-thin majority of voters resisted the temptation to compound Oregon's revenue dilemma by adopting the oft-proposed 1½ percent property tax limitation.

And voting did not force any mass exodus of incumbents.  
Taken together, the message conveyed by voters at general election polls is far from sharply defined. And although it's obvious they did speak, one has to await the outcome of deliberations in Salem next year to determine how loudly and if anyone heard.

**Sheriff's Report**

Minor St. in Heppner. One female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

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

On November 7, the Heppner Police Department and Morrow County Sheriff's Office cooperated in the arrest of Dane Alan Brown, 28, Heppner, on a Lane County warrant for Sodomy I. He was transported to the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office.

On November 9, the Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Michael J. Moore, 36, Boardman on a charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

On November 10, a Heppner ambulance responded to a residence on

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**D.A.'s Report**

The Morrow County District Attorney's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following business during the past week:

Lowell Ross Hinton, Irrigon, entered a change of plea from guilty of Rape I to guilty of Attempted Rape I. The Court ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Joseph Christopher Brantley, John Day, was found guilty of Theft II, and two counts of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. He was sentenced to five years probation, restitution of \$2,300 to victims, repayment of \$550 to the state for court appointed attorney fees, and miscellaneous fines of \$120.

Bryce Shawn Powell changed his plea guilty of Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance. He was placed on two years probation and ordered to reimburse the state \$250 for court appointed attorney fees and to pay a \$50 assessment for the Victim's Assistance Program.

**Births**

**John Conor Kilkenny**—a son, John Connor was born November 2 at Pendleton Community Hospital to Diane and John Kilkenny. He weighed 8 lbs.

Grandparents are Vesta Handy of Portland; Robert Kilkenny of Heppner; June Hennig of Richland, Washington; and Loren Henderson of Coulee Dam, Washington.

Great-grandparents are Alta Cutsforth and Orville Cutsforth of Heppner, and Anne Hammons of Priest River, Idaho.

**Aleshia McKinzie Geer**—a daughter, Aleshia was born November 6 to Harry and Shana Geer, Echo, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. She weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs.

Grandparents are Pete and Bobbie Post of Monument and John and Opal Iverson of Fossil.

Great-grandparents are Marguerite Post and Gertrude Patrick, both of Chandler, Arizona.

**Michael Douglas Orwick**—a son, Michael, was born November 13 to Barbara and Michael Orwick of Cove. He weighed 9 lbs. 10 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Orwick of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fairchild of Shelton, Washington.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Orwick, all of Heppner, and Mrs. Afton Gayhart of Texas.

Great-great grandmother is Mrs. Hanna Henderson of Texas.



An adult flatfish has both eyes on the same side of its head.

**Hospital Notes**

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports that the following patients have been admitted and discharged during the past week:

Carlenna Rathbun, Heppner—admitted November 9, discharged, November 10, and

Edith Carter, Heppner—admitted November 10, discharged November 11.

Judy Hampton of Heppner was admitted to the hospital November 5 and is still receiving care at press-time Tuesday.

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