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Letters to the Editor

Return to hand counted ballots

To the editor:
Does your vote really count? Don't be too sure of it, say James and Kenneth Collier, Miami based investigative reporters, when fraud activities were captured on video. A women's national organization (60 in number) were caught red handed on camera poking holes in unauthorized ballots on election night in Dade Co. Florida (spotlight 11-2-82). Votes and elections were being stolen by the use of computers.

The government's case against wide spread vote tampering in U.S. elections is keyed to the Vote Scam Video that was viewed in a special meeting on July 4, 1984 by two ranking Justice Department officials. The meeting was authorized by the Attorney General William French Smith with review by Senator Hawkins of Florida.

After having read this "dissertation" I began to mull over a few possibilities:

(1) Computer experts can easily

enter secretly programmed computer rooms during the evening and tamper with the results. It has been done before.

(2) Certain controversial candidates fall behind (mysterious breakdown) it would be very easy for a "hacker" with a fingers touch alter the "expression of the people." Who would be the wiser?

(3) If in the event of a recount by computers it would be impossible to verify an election if there had been voter tampering. Special referendums in West Virginia have been launched to do away with computers and go back to hand counting votes. It is less expensive, but I'd hate to think that my vote could be rendered as a political empty gesture.

Computers on election night in our political system could be a mortal threat to the sanctity of the voting process, and our Freedoms.

(s) Mary E. Hickey
812 Beacon Drive
Eugene, OR 97401-0621

District Court Report

District Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following business during November:

Floyd Charles Deardorff, Ione-No PUC permit, \$29 fine; Defective Equipment, \$12 fine.

Road Report

Morrow County Public Works Director Otto Burden, has released the following work report on the department's activities.

The County rock crusher now located at Clarks Canyon began production of 3/4" road rock Monday, Dec. 3.

Road graders have been blading gravel roads from the hills toward the northwest. They are currently located in the following areas: East Baseline, Nolan, Barlow Canyon, and Valby.

The shop has been rebuilding the undercarriage of the department's D-7 Cat, along with other maintenance needs.

Other county operations have included sign maintenance, patching, snow plowing and culvert cleaning.

Last summer's activities included:

Little Butter Creek widen lower five miles with cold mix, reclining and treated base on upper five miles with asphalt and cement, and patching the middle seven miles. Plans for next summer are to overlay middle seven miles.

Patterson Ferry Road was widened. Shoulders of 1.5 miles south of Highway 730 and 3.5 miles north of Highway 730 were oiled. Plans are to overlay the five miles next summer.

Oregon Avenue Widened and applied 2 shots of oil to a width of 24 feet.

Stripping has been completed on the following: Ione-Gooseberry Road, Ione-Boardman Road, Baseline, Bombing Range Road, and Clarks Canyon Road.

Death Notice

Mary Ann Campbell, 90, Condon, died Monday, Dec. 3 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary, Condon.

The Gazette-Times will run a complete obituary next week.

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Justice Court Report

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

Matthew Dean Greenup, Heppner with criminal negligence: Violation of a Co-operative Road Closure Restriction-driver, \$38 fine.

Tracy Clark Wilson, Heppner with criminal negligence: Violation of a Co-operative Road Closure Restriction-passenger, \$38 fine.

Eldon Ray Sampley, Monument, Violation of the Basic Rule (36 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$30 fine.

William Paul Klinger, La Center, Washington-Driving Without Headlights, \$15 fine.

Ross Carson Greenfield, Ukiah-Wanton Waste of a Game Mammal-cow elk, \$107 fine.

Robert L. Ulrich, The Dalles with criminal negligence: Hunting a Prohibited Area to wit: roadway, \$38 fine.

Nicole Dian Jones, Heppner-Illegal "U" Turn, \$15 fine.

Tharley Banks Haskett, Hermiston-Violation of the Basic Rule (35 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$13 fine.

Health Dept.

Friday, Dec. 7-free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow County Health Department, school district office, Lexington, 8 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11-free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Irrigon county offices 1-4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14-free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow County Health Department, school district office, Lexington, 8 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18-free blood pressure clinic, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 19-free blood pressure clinic, Ione branch Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 3-4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 21-free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow County Health Department, school district office, Lexington, 8 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m.

The Health Dept. office will be closed for Christmas vacation December 24 through January 1, 1985.

Ione News Bits

Paul Pettyjohn Sr. is recuperating following surgery at St. Anthony

Hospital in Pendleton. He expected to return home to Ione Wednesday, Dec. 5. He welcomes cards and visitors.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to the marriage of
Larissa Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Morton and Timothy Edward Hedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman
Saturday, the eighth of December at two o'clock in the afternoon
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204 S.W. Dorian
Pendleton, Oregon

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Sifting

through the

Times

10 Years Ago
December 5, 1974
Congressman Al Ullman reported to the Gazette-Times that the U.S. House of Representatives had passed and sent on to the president legislation authorizing construction of a flood control project and reservoir on Willow Creek upstream from Heppner.

The parallel parking issue on Main Street "died for lack of a motion to either accept or reject the idea" at a Heppner City Council meeting.

Stafford Hansell was the principal speaker at the 25th annual Farm-City Luncheon held at the Heppner Elks Club.

The Heppner post office announced extended hours for window service during the holiday season.

50 Years Ago
December 6, 1934
The Heppner City Council negotiated an agreement with Morrow County for the county to furnish water from its new well to the city at cost, in case of emergency, in exchange for a franchise permitting the court to lay a pipe line across Gilmore street from the well to the Courthouse grounds. This was assumed to be the last official act of the council before the new mayor and council were sworn in January 7, 1935.

The Socratic League's discussion presented before the Lion's Club Monday noon luncheon inferred that present statistical trends showed that the proportion of births to deaths in the United States indicates that "by 1956 deaths will exceed births in the United States."

The United States district engineer's office in Portland announced that \$400,000 PWA appropriations would be available for the channel improvement program on the Columbia River between Celilo and Walula. Completion of the open river work was expected to permit barge where "today only river streamers are plying."

25 Years Ago
December 3, 1959
"Actions of the Morrow County administrative school board were upheld, and charges that certain Oregon revised statutes relating to the formation of administrative school districts were unconstitutional, were denied in a memorandum opinion handed down this week by circuit judge William W. Wells.

"The verdict has the effect of clearing the Morrow County school board of charges filed against it in circuit court by a group of residents of Boardman, Hardman, and Lexington."



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