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## Letters to the Editor

To the editor:  
 I would like to state my opposition to the incinerator to burn PCB contaminated oil being considered at the Chem-Security dump near Arlington. The manager of this dump objects to having it called this, but that is exactly what it is—a dump. This burner would run constantly, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Once it is established, what's to keep the government from sending other kinds of toxic waste to the same dump?  
 Water from the burner's smoke-stack scrubbers is to be disposed of in special pits on the site. How long before this water seeps down into our groundwater and eventually into the Columbia River?  
 What happens to the emissions from this burner when we get a weather inversion over us such as we have had since the first of January? This will affect most of the state. It just depends which way the wind happens to be blowing.

State officials have been crying about attracting new industry to our state. Who wants to live with a toxic waste dump? Not I, nor anyone else in their right mind.  
 A lot of people will want this burner to go in. They might realize a few dollars from it and anymore that seems to be all that matters to a lot of us. Well, money can buy a lot of things, but it can't buy health, happiness, a cure for cancer, or peace of mind.  
 It's not Russia or nuclear war we need to worry about destroying us, it's ourselves. We're digging our own graves faster than anyone knows or will admit to knowing and we're lining them with toxic chemicals and nuclear waste.  
 Oregon is one of the few states with clean air and uncontaminated ground water. Let's keep it this way.

## Editorial — Cooperative effort

Monday night's Heppner Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) meeting was not a particularly "fun" evening as banquets go, and to the HEDC's credit, it was not intended to be. Some very sobering thoughts about our area and community were raised at the meeting, and the HEDC didn't pull any punches while presenting them, opting instead to lay out in black and white what ails us.

From the problems at the hospital to the possible loss of other services, HEDC members discussed not how to solve these difficulties, but rather which were most important, thus giving the HEDC board of directors objectives to guide them in the coming year.

With all the seeming bad news coming out during the meeting, one note of optimism was the HEDC's attempting to tackle these problems before many of them get out of hand, and become irrevocable.

But what can the HEDC, or for that matter the Chamber of Commerce, Ione Agri-Business group or any other organization concerned about its community do to stem the deteriorating economic situation in any given community? After all, many times these groups are seen as self serving with "special interests".

We all have special interests, and what needs to be realized by everyone in our community is that these interests are intertwined and interdependent. What of the person on the street who says he doesn't need the hospital and could care less if it is operating; after all his doctor is out of town and if he does need hospitalization he would go somewhere else. What of the person who says he could care less if a business goes under, because "they never shopped there anyway."

Whether you live in a community, send your children to school in a community, go to church in a community or socialize in a community, you have a stake in that community.

The business life of a town cannot be dissected out with the social amenities expected to remain intact; likewise our social activities cannot be ignored and business expected to remain healthy.

The townspeople, farmer, laborer and businessman all have common interdependent interests, and when these interests are identified and dealt with as a whole, then may we all benefit.

### G-T asks readers' help

The editor of the Heppner Gazette-Times received a disturbing letter last Friday with an Italian postmark and postage stamps. Apparently the letter, signed "Suzanne," is from a young pregnant woman whose boyfriend has left her.  
 Since no name appears on the letter, the Gazette-Times cannot print it as a letter to the editor. The purpose of her letter; however, is "to say good-bye to all my friends in Heppner."

The Gazette-Times would like to ask any of our readers who might be able to identify "Suzanne" to stop by our office to read the original letter and look at the enclosed photograph.

### Local News

Visiting the George Steagall, his past week were the Holbert Taffey of Fossil. Mrs. Taffey and Steagall are brother and sister.

### Appreciates Christmas donations

To the editor:  
 As we look back to December we are filled with joy for the generosity given the Neighborhood Center for the Christmas basket program for those less fortunate of our citizens. Because people of Morrow County care, we were grateful for the time spent in basket preparation, collecting of donations, business and organizations participation as well as schools, churches and individuals.

This year we had 58 total families and Senior citizens to deliver to by volunteers who gave of their time and use of their vehicles. Many new volunteers took on the chore of sorting packing and delivering. It is a great showing of the concern for our fellow man of the communities when projects of this sort are so successful.  
 Thanks to all and may your 1985 be a prosperous one.  
 (s) Pat Brindle, coordinator

### Obituaries

#### M. Marie Slocum

Mrs. Jack (M. Marie) Slocum, 78, died Wednesday, Jan. 16.  
 She was born in Santa Barbara, Calif. and moved to Parkland, Washington from Heppner 25 years ago.  
 Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Laverne Zeeb of Lake-wood; four sisters, Betty Ricketts and Etta Kase, both of El Cajon, Calif., and Alveta Fronaberger and Bertha Gann, both of Hemet, Calif.; two brothers, James Ricketts of Tacoma and Raymond Ricketts of Puyallup; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.  
 Mountain View Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### Frances Allstott

Frances Allstott, 94, died January 21 at Salem. She was preceded in death by her husband.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Jane Luoto of Keizer, and a son, Jack Allstott of Tillamook.  
 Services were held January 24 at Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel in Portland Vault interment followed.  
 Arrangements were under the direction of Keizer Chapel, Keizer, Oregon.



We are looking forward to an active and exciting year in 1985. We urge you to join us, as every CowBelle is an asset to our organization. Your support and ideas are welcome at all times. However, any active participation, though always welcome and encouraged, will be your choice.  
 Due to the rising cost of postage we will be limiting our mailing list on March 31. Those who have not paid dues by March 31, 1985 will be dropped from the list.  
 We hope that you will want to become a part of our organization. By paying your dues now you will give strength and support to the CowBelles. Dues are: county-\$5; state-\$5; and national-\$10. You may join which ever you wish, although we hope you will join county and state. Dues may be sent to Sue Evans, Rt. 2 Box 2204, Heppner.

## Sifting through the Times

10 Years Ago  
 January 30, 1975  
 The School District Budget Committee was predicting an 18.5 percent increase over the previous year's operating budget as they began their budget work sessions.  
 Dallas Ward, born Aug. 11, 1906, and a former Lexington resident was named to the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. Ward had held coaching positions at the University of Minnesota and the University of Colorado.

Lexington airport and will rename it the Morrow County Airport, the county court revealed this week.  
 50 Years Ago  
 January 31, 1935  
 County School Superintendent explained to a meeting of the Lions Club the effects of the proposed "county unit law" which would make each county in the state a separate school district with a superintendent and county school board responsible for providing adequate facilities and instruction county-wide.  
 The Lexington town basketball team reported a mid-season record of eight wins one loss. Team members included: Kenneth Warner, Vernon Warner, Dale Lane, Vester Thornburg, Laurel Beach, Jack McMillan, Emmet Kuns, Vernon Scott, Archie Munkers and Edward Burchell.

25 Years Ago  
 January 28, 1960  
 "Pussy Willows are in bloom at the Bill Weatherford ranch near Lena." He reported to the Gazette-Times that although they had poked their way through snow and ice that they were about 15 days earlier than the previous year.  
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## Valentine's Day, Feb. 14

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## D.A.'s Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following cases during the past two weeks:  
 Albert Seibel, 45, Hermiston-Leaking Sifting Load, \$15 fine.  
 William R. Brannon, 18, Tillamook-Violation of Basic Rule, \$13 fine.  
 Alfred Carl Davis, 41, Boardman-Assault IV, 10 days in jail, \$405 fine, and one year probation.

## Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting the following patients during the past week:  
 Henry Currie, Portland-admitted January 24, discharged January 25.  
 Grace Buschke, Heppner-admitted January 22, discharged January 23, and  
 Clay Papineau, Lexington-admitted January 25, discharged January 26.  
 One patient, Judy Hampton of Heppner, who was admitted to the hospital January 23, was still receiving care at press time Monday.

## CowBelles plan chili feed

Morrow County CowBelles will be holding a free Chili Feed Friday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner.  
 According to Cathy Carlson, chairperson, it is an annual event to help the Les Schwab Beef Certificate promotion.

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**M.C.H.S. Lexington, OR. 97839**  
 This will help to estimate numbers and food needs.

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