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Letters to the Editor

Commends Oregon PUC

Antelope Defense Fund formed

To the Editor:
For time untold, one group of people has been displaced by another. It is not a unique occurrence. Nevertheless, there is something unsettling in the scenario we have witnessed in Central Oregon over the past four years.

The truth is we face a grave situation in dealing with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his followers. While our public officials deal with the issues of land use, election laws, conflict of Church and State and violation of immigration regulations, no effort has been made to relieve those who have borne the brunt of this invasion -- the people in the community of Antelope.

These people have seen their property values depleted; their taxes raised. Their school has been lost; litigation is still pending in the Rajneesh effort to gain title to the old Community Church. In the town itself people have found the constant Rajneesh surveillance and harassment so threatening that they have literally abandoned their homes and left. Only three families who lived in Antelope in July of 1982 remain and we find it necessary to leave for extended periods of time.

It is a tragedy for Oregonians to stand by while Rajneeshes ridicule our values, disrupt our community, destroy our way of life and use our tax money to further entrench their religious commune.

Over the years hundreds, perhaps thousands of people have said to me, "I wish I could help!" -- Well now

you can. We have formed the Antelope Defense Fund, a non-profit corporation whose sole purpose is assisting members of the Antelope community in protecting their rights and helping them seek redress in the courts for wrongs already suffered.

We need you. Only with the support of your time and money can we hope to prevail against the Rajneesh millions and their extensive stable of lawyers.

Please help. You can make a donation to the Antelope Defense Fund at any branch of First Interstate Bank of Oregon or send to P.O. Box, Antelope, Oregon 97001. You can volunteer your time, wherever you live, by calling 489-3227 or 489-3263.

The Antelope experience is one I would not wish on anyone. Only through your efforts can we make sure that this story is not repeated in your community -- or anywhere else in our state.

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To the Editor:

Comments by some of your colleagues with other publications zero in on the difference in the regulation- or deregulation-process in the long distance telephone business around the nation.

For example, Oregon is cited by a national industry publication, "Telecommunications Report," as a progressive state. It describes legislation overwhelming approved by the Oregon Legislature as "the most sweeping state deregulatory bill yet enacted by state lawmakers (anywhere)."

Briefly the legislation sponsored by Public Utility Commissioner Gene Maudlin, to be effective January 1, 1986:

-Provides the possibility of equal deregulation for all providers of long distance service in Oregon.

-Provides flexibility in pricing.

-Allows the PUC to classify telecommunications companies based upon competition and availability of service alternatives.

Commissioner Maudlin is to be commended for allowing competition to be the driving force in the telecommunication market place.

On the other hand, the Bend Bulletin (6-10-85) editorially castigated the Federal Communications Commission for "...coming up with a rule designed to drive telephone users a bit more crazy than they already are."

The Bulletin refers of course to the late May FCC dictum that in the name of competition requires all of us to pick a long distance company by a ballot process, or "...be parceled out among the competing long distance companies."

Consumers in Heppner are confused. So our advice is...make sure you sign and send in your ballot when you receive it. Otherwise you will lose your right to stay with AT&T, if that's your wish.

Finally, in the Folsom, CA, Sacramento County Telegraph (5-8-85), a comment on the need for change in the regulatory process stated that:

"...Regulation left over from the monopoly era must be changed to fit the free market for long distance. The regulatory process must correspond with the realities of the market."

I concur. And I am glad I live and work in Oregon where regulators and legislators are open enough in their thinking to recognize that.

Now, if we could just get the FCC to recognize that the consumer will benefit if the rules of competition are the same for all.

Why don't you give them a call and suggest that?

(s) David J. Underhill
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Heppner Police Report

The Heppner City Police Department reports handling the following business during the past week:

July 8 - 11:24 a.m. assist fire department; 3:44 and 3:52 p.m. assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department; 11:10 p.m. an officer was requested for a security check.

July 9 - 8:53 p.m. received a report of cruelty to animal; 10:14 p.m. assist motorist.

July 10 - 11:55 a.m. citation issued for dog complaint; 5:10 p.m. citation issued for Theft; 5:31 p.m. citation

July 10 - 11:55 a.m. citation issued for dog complaint; 5:10 p.m. citation issued for Theft; 5:31 and 5:33 p.m. citation issued for parking violation.

July 11 - 12 noon citation issued for Driving While Suspended; 3:03 p.m. assist Morrow County Sheriff Dept.; 5:32 p.m. request officer for security check; 11:20 p.m. assist motorist.

July 12 - 12:15 report of intoxicated person; 10 p.m. elderly check; 11:09 p.m. request officer for security check.

July 13 - 2:51 p.m. report of vehicles blocking alley; 10 p.m. elderly check; 10:58 p.m. request officer for security check.

July 14 - 11 p.m. recovered lost dog.

Obituaries

Dewey Walter Irvin

Dewey Walter Irvin, 59, died July 11 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston following major surgery.

He was born in John Day to Harry and Flassie Vinson Irvin, September 15, 1925. He spend much of his life in and around Morrow and Grant Counties. He lived in Lexington during his younger years and worked as a truck driver most of his life.

Survivors include his mother Flassie Breeding of Hermiston; a brother George of Irrigon and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held later in Monument.

Phyllis Norma Stout

Phyllis Norma Stout died July 9, 1985 in Spokane, Washington.

She is survived by her husband Charles J. Stout; two sons Paul J. Stout, Casper, Wyoming, and Charles W. Stout, Ward Cove, Alaska; one daughter, Barbara Armstrong, Spokane, Wa.; two brothers, Les Clumpner, Bremerton, Wa. and Jess Clumpner, Lacy, Wa.; nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren.

Phyllis Stout was an active member of Electa Chapter No. 20 Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, July 11, 1985 at the Ripplinger Funeral Home, 4305 N. Division, Spokane, Washington, with the Rev. John Tusan officiating and the Electa Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star participating. Inurnment will be at the Riverside Mausoleum.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Maxine Schmidt, Heppner - admitted July 8, discharged July 12; Mary Osmin, Heppner - admitted July 8, discharged July 9;

Steve Hoffert, Heppner - admitted July 8, discharged July 8; Wallace Matthews, lone - admitted July 10, discharged July 11; and Mylo Prindle, Salem - admitted July 12, discharged July 12.

The following patients were still receiving care at the hospital Monday:

Orville Cutsforth, Heppner - admitted July 9; Cecelia Healy, Heppner - admitted July 10; Joe Yocom, Lexington - admitted July 14; and Linda Sinerius, Heppner - admitted July 12.

Energy council tours Kinzua

The twenty-two member Northwest Energy Council was in Heppner las Friday, July 12, announced a Kinzua spokesperson. Following a luncheon at the Heppner Elks Lodge, the council attended a meeting hosted by Harry Kennison, manager of Kinzua, concerning the co-generation plant. Kennison explained the abilities of the plant and types of fuel which is uses to generate electricity.

Following the meeting, the energy council toured the plant.

Bldg. Inspector announces change in hours

The Morrow County Building Inspection Department announces changes in its operating hours. Starting August 1, the Building Inspector will work out of the Irrigon office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and out of the Lexington office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., leaving the remainder of the day for field work. The office in Irrigon is located at the Courthouse Annex Building, and the office in Lexington is located at the Public Works Department Building.

Sifting through the Times

10 Years Ago

The Oregon Bicentennial covered wagon was stopping for a beef barbecue at Cecil on its way to meet with other state wagons of the Bicentennial Wagon train--a reverse trek, the pilgrimage to culminate at Valley Forge on July 3, 1976.

"Extreme hot days and high humidity spawned periodic electric storms in a wide area. The storms continued daily for over a week. Last Wednesday, the most severe storm hit near the Gooseberry and Condon areas.

"Hail the size of ping pong balls was reported to have fallen in the Eight Mile area, causing damage to the wheat crops. While the total extent of the damage is not known, some ranchers estimate 10-100 percent loss of their crop.

"State Highway 206 near Eight Mile was closed due to mud slides in

the area and the state maintenance crews worked during the night to clear the debris."

25 Years Ago

A county weed committee meeting at the county agent's office drafted a resolution asking the county court "to declare rye to be a noxious weed in the dryland farming areas of Morrow county and to prohibit it from being seeded and raised as a crop in such area."

50 Years Ago

"Heppner folks basked in comfortable warmth this week, while all around reports come of an intense heat wave over the Pacific Northwest. Even Portland and Willamette Valley points were reporting new record high temperatures, while the mercury's peak here of 103 Saturday and Sunday did not approach the 25-year record of 108 reached in 1928."

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