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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rajneesh violate intent of legal system

To the Editor:

In countries where tyranny reigns, the legal system is viewed with fear. In America, the Court is meant to be the arena where everyone gets a fair shake. America established a legal system intended to provide justice for all, a system unique because it wasn't designed to serve the wealthy or the titled.

I believe the Rajneesh have violated and continue to violate, the intent of our judicial system. The law in the hands of the Rajneesh is used as a psychological bludgeon against those who speak in opposition to Rajneesh aims and desires.

I enthusiastically endorse and support the Antelope Defense Fund, whose aim it is to combat the Rajneesh form of legalistic terrorism wherein anyone exercising their right to freedom of speech or assembly is running the risk of becoming a hostage in a courtroom.

Early on it was a form of gallows humor amongst Antelope area residents questioning Sheila's shenanigans to ask each other, "Hi, have you been sued lately?" More recently those speaking out have been asked by the press if being sued by the Rajneesh isn't something they fear?

Such fears have no place in the American justice system. Terrorism in our Courts must be dealt with in the same manner as terrorism anywhere. We must confront the issue, not ignore it; we must do whatever is necessary to insure the freedom of those held hostage in the Courts, not pity and forget them.

Putting a halt to such tactics will insure that this form of legal chicanery, by the Rajneesh or any other organization, will not occur again. Such an endeavor will require a great deal of courage and support, both moral and financial. It is a cause that Oregonians can be proud to support and I hope you will join me in doing so.

I also want to speak to the Rajneesh effort to acquire an additional 11,000 acres of U.S. public lands in Oregon.

Even now, our scenic river, the John Day is a scene of Rajneesh harassment of fisherman, hunters, rafters, and sightseers. It can only become worse if the Rajneesh - Bureau of Land Management exchange plan to approved.

Archeological treasurers will be given away. Natural resources of gold, silver, and mercury, as well as oil and gas possibilities will fall into Rajneesh hands.

If the BLM conveys U.S.A. public land to the Rajneesh, a city-state will have been created in Oregon.

Help us preserve Antelope and Oregon. Support the Antelope Defense Fund with a donation to any branch of First Interstate Bank and oppose the BLM-Rajneesh proposed land exchange by writing to the Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

(s) Bill Bowerman
Antelope Defense Fund

Heppner Police Report

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

July 22 - received complaint of loud motorcycle.

July 23 - 9 a.m., assist Justice Court; 1:30 p.m., report of burglary and check forgery; 8:45 p.m., received dog complaint.

July 25 - 9:25 a.m., assist Morrow County Sheriff Dept.; 12:22 p.m., assist Morrow County Sheriff Dept.; 5:43 p.m., citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule (47 mph in a 35 mph zone).

July 26 - 1:30 a.m., dog complaint.

July 27 - 8:30 a.m., investigated criminal trespass; 8:45 p.m., warning given to two male juveniles for operating motorcycles on private property.

July 28 - 9:45 a.m., received dog complaint; 4:44 p.m., three citations issued to same person involving two vehicle accidents: (1) No operator license, (2) careless driving, (3) careless driving; 8:05 p.m., report of teenager shooting a rifle behind residence; 10:53 p.m., officer requested for security check.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

On July 21, the Irrigon Police Department arrested Claude R. Miller, 28, Hermiston, on a charge of Assault IV. He posted bail and was released.

On July 22, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a brush fire near SK Farms.

On July 24, a Boardman Police Department responded to a two-vehicle motor vehicle accident at Columbia and Main in Boardman. Five subjects were transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

On July 25, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary at Buffham Ranch and Home, Irrigon. The business allegedly was burglarized between the hours of 3:10 a.m. and 7 a.m. Stolen were two Yamaha three-wheelers valued at \$1,300 each. Extensive vandalism had been done both inside and outside of the building. Damage is estimated at \$5400. Investigation is continuing.

On July 26, the Boardman Fire Dept. responded to a request for assistance by the railroad at Heppner Jct. and Castle.

Also on July 26, a Boardman ambulance transported a female with an illness to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

July 27, a Boardman ambulance responded to a pedestrian who refused assistance.

On July 28, a Boardman ambulance and the Boardman Police Department responded to a two-vehicle accident on the corner of Kunze and Main. No transport was made.

Also on July 28, a Boardman ambulance responded to U&I Corp. and transported one male who had been electrocuted to Good Shepherd Hospital.

On July 29, a Boardman ambulance responded to the parking lot at Sentry Foods and transported a male subject to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Sheriff Roy Drago also reports that during the period from January to March, 1985 crimes in Morrow were down 39 percent from 88 crimes in 1984 to 53 in 1985. Crimes against persons were down 50 percent, crimes against property down 65.7 percent and behavioral crimes were down 8.6 percent. This compares with a 4.6 percent decrease in all crimes over the state of Oregon. Statewide, crimes against persons were up 9.9 percent, against property up 9.1 percent, and behavioral crimes were down 15.3 percent, the Sheriff said.

Justice Court

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

Paul Robert Britt, Irrigon - 2300 lb. Group Axle Overload, \$29 bail forfeited; 2500 lb. Group Axle Overload, \$31 bail forfeited.

Michael Stephen Russell, Spray - 2200 lb. Tandem Axle Overload, \$28 fine.

David Lowell Griffin, Klamath Falls - Illegal "U" Turn, \$46 bail forfeited.

Ronald Brian Borello, Sumpter - Parking in Highway, \$32 bail forfeited.

Rick Gerald Rea, Lexington - Illegal "U" Turn, \$15 fine.

Cynthia Lynn Starek, Sisters - Suspended Operator License, \$255 fine.

David Lee Sitton, Fossil - 7200 lb. Group Axle Overload, \$262 fine.

Thomas Lee Troxell, Heppner - 2700 lb. Group Axle Overload, \$15 fine.

Lynn Edgar Skillicorn, Heppner - 3800 lb. Group Axle Overload, \$46 fine.

John Lynn Charlton, Cheney, Washington - No PUC Permit, \$51 fine; No Wide Load Permit, \$17 fine.

Ralph A. Rufner, Hermiston - with criminal negligence: Exceeding Daily Bag Limit to wit: trout, \$42 fine.

Charles L. Moor, Huntington - with criminal negligence: Exceeding Daily Bag Limit to wit: trout, \$42 fine.

Obituary

Paula J. Lindstrom

Paula Joy Lindstrom, 22, of Hermiston, died Thursday, July 25, 1985, near Kennewick following an automobile accident.

Graveside services were held 1 p.m. Monday, July 29 at the Hermiston Cemetery.

An lone resident for more than 20 years, Lindstrom came to Hermiston two years ago. She was graduated from Ione High School in 1980.

Lindstrom was born July 27, 1962 in Pendleton.

Survivors include her daughter, Nicole Joy Snow of Hermiston; parents, Roy and Billie Lindstrom and Janet and Jim Beagaw, all of Hermiston; brothers, Bill Brink, of Hermiston, Pvt. Troy Lindstrom of Fort Riley, Kan., and Michael Akers; sisters, DeAnna Akers and Davina Lindstrom; grandparents, Joe and Edris Stewart of Portland and Harlen and Alva Schoutins of Portland.

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Sifting through the Times

10 Years Ago

Senator Packwood's office announced that the Economic Development Administration had approved a \$720,000 grant for a city water system at Boardman.

25 Years Ago

Seven combines, three belonging to W.J. Doherty, three to the Alex Lindsay ranch and one to Padberg Machinery, Lexington, (all of the same make) combined to harvest a wheat field in a hurry. The G-T boasted a front page photo of the machines at work with the information that they could cut a 100 ft. wide swath in a single pass around the field.

"The continuing hot spell, which hasn't seen a single break in the heat since July 1, is showing up in the grain harvest. Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, said Wednesday. He reported the co-op now looks for not over 25 bushel per acre county wheat average compared with over 33 last year; and that barley will run only about three-quarters of a ton to the acre compared with well over a ton last year."

50 Years Ago

Two violent electrical storms only a few hours apart began more than 30 blazes in the Heppner Forest District. Only one fire exceed an acre in size, that growing to an acre and a half before it was extinguished.

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