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**Editorial**

**Packwood pulls off miracle**

Oregon Senator Bob Packwood recently pulled off what is alternately being called a miracle, and the greatest piece of legislative work in the history of Packwood's career.

What did our senator do? As chairman of the Senate finance committee, Packwood orchestrated construction of a tax reform bill that many people thought was an impossibility.

Special interests are often times cited as the major saboteurs of tax legislation, with high paid, high powered lobbyists cruising the halls of Congress searching for torpedo tax bills the least bit detrimental to their particular interest group.

Packwood brushed the lobbyists aside, took on the special interest groups and hammered out a tax bill that is fair to the individual, and good for the state of Oregon.

And, in Washington D.C., they were amazed. "Bob Packwood is my hero," said Conservative Republican and supply sider Jack Kemp.

"It will sweep into the trash bins of our past literally scores of unfair, unwise, unproductive tax shelters," President Ronald Reagan said of the bill.

"It will make business decisions depend on economic merits rather than on tax considerations, and it will make America more competitive in world markets," Reagan added.

Regan also called the Packwood bill a firm rebuke to the Washington establishment and Washington's most influential lobbyists and insiders.

The President went on to say that the "people won" and that "well they may not have quite won yet. But thanks to heroic work of Sen. Bob Packwood, members of his Finance Committee, our administration and you, the political entrepreneurs have just won a magnificent first victory."

How did Packwood do it? Hard work, dedication to the job and experience. All of Oregon should be proud of him and his job as Senator.

**Retain Judge Gray**

Charlotte Gray has served Morrow County well as Justice of the Peace for the last 7 1/2 years. She is knowledgeable and works efficiently in the judicial system.

We have worked with her in reporting news from the Justice Court and find that she handles cases fairly and consistently. She is professional and concerned about the justice system. Above all, she represents herself and the court in an honest, straight-forward manner.

That she regularly attends seminars to up-grade her knowledge and provide professionalism in court administration is another factor in her favor. She has been actively involved with the judicial system for 13 of the last 15 years in Morrow and Wasco counties.

Morrow County deserves the best candidate--Judge Charlotte Gray.

**Rauch doing a good job**

Incumbent County Commissioner Irv Rauch not only knows Morrow County, its farms, roads, schools, and county government, he has served to upgrade them during his longtime residency here. He saw a need such as additional parking at the Courthouse and set out to accomplish it.

He is also realistic about what can be accomplished with the resources available. He admits that transporting prisoners to jails outside Morrow County is not an ideal situation, but the cost of building a jail is prohibitive. He is careful with tax dollars.

His goal for his next term in office is also based on his desire to gain best use of tax dollars. Computer systems are costly to buy and if they are not working smoothly are costing even more because they are not saving the work they were designed to save.

He is sometimes a frugal with words as with dollars, but possesses an understanding of the county and its needs. He is not frugal with service, and has spent much time representing the County Court to other organizations, serving community organizations, and on the school board.

Rauch knows how to get things done and accomplishes what he sets out to do.

Experience, know how, frugality, all recommend Irv Rauch for another term as County Commissioner.

**McNerney best choice**

In the Morrow County District Attorney's race two qualified candidates have filed, however, we feel incumbent Richard McNerney has the edge over rival Jeff Wallace.

In the area of law enforcement management, McNerney's campaign slogan has been "cost effective law enforcement."

None of us likes to pay more taxes and we feel McNerney's policies and ideas for the future will keep our tax bill down, yet still give us the law enforcement we need.

"Build more jails," is one of the themes you hear when ever law enforcement people get together. "Use the ones we have more efficiently," says McNerney, and he is right.

Other of his plans is that county law enforcement in a way "rotates" emphasis on different crimes in the county, thus making the best use of scarce resources and a limited budget.

We feel McNerney has viable plans and a sound strategy for law enforcement in Morrow County.

**May 17-23 is National Digestive Disease Week**

Since National Digestive Disease Week is May 17-23, I thought this would be a good time to let your readers know that there is a Support Group for people who suffer with "Ulcerative Colitis" or "Crohn's Disease" (also know as regional enteritis or ileitis). These conditions are not well publicized or much discussed and the patient often is bewildered and has many questions that this busy physician does not have time to answer in detail.

Oregon Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group, Inc. has been organized to fill these needs by providing information, newsletters, and programs by various members of the medical profession. The Group also gives emotional support by caring and understanding. Chapters have been formed throughout Oregon.

Readers with questions or wishing information are invited to write to us at P.O. Box 2123, Salem, Oregon 97308. We would be happy to send information about the diseases and about a possible group in their area.

(s) Alzina Connor  
Education Chairman  
Salem, Oregon 97306

**Letters to the Editor**

**Concerned about Justice of the Peace contest**

To the Editor:

This office wishes to share its concerns about the upcoming election for Justice of the Peace. This office has 18 years of experience with the court system in Morrow County and is familiar with Judge Gray and Ed Glenn.

Mr. Glenn is not a practicing attorney as has been implied in prior letters to the editor. Mr. Glenn is currently on inactive status with the Oregon State Bar Association. This means he has not paid his liability insurance for 1986 and is not allowed to practice law in the State of Oregon at this time.

Mr. Glenn was publicly reprimanded by the Oregon State Bar Association while he was practicing law. This raises some real concerns about his ability to act in the fair and impartial manner required of the position. He has no judicial experience or training, and, believe me, the view from one side of the bench is considerably different from the other.

Charlotte S. Gray, on the other hand has been Justice Court Judge for seven years. She has shown herself to be very fair and impartial.

Prior letters supporting Ed Glenn suggest that he would do search warrants that wouldn't be overturned. In seven years in office Charlotte Gray has had only one search warrant that was overturned by a higher court. She has attended the National Judicial College, has attended seminars and has actively educated herself to avoid such situations. Her record is one of which any judge could be proud.

Charlotte Gray has proven herself fair, honest, even-handed and professional in performance or her duties. Your continual support is required to keep a good justice court system in Morrow County

Sincerely  
Kuhn & Spicer  
(s) Annetta L. Spicer  
(s) William J. Kuhn

**Glenn would give legal responsibility**

To the Editor:

I have served on various committees with Ed Glenn and worked with him in vocational education for Umatilla and Morrow Counties. He is an outstanding individual and would give us legal responsibility in our Justice of the Peace office.

I urge everyone to cast their ballot for Ed Glenn for Justice of the Peace.

Yours very truly,  
Kinzua Corporation  
(s) Harry Kennison  
General Manager

**Supports SWCD tax base**

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to give my support to the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District for the establishment of a district tax base. I feel it is extremely important to control the soil of our county from wind and water erosion.

By establishing a tax base, the S.W.C.D. can greatly improve the technical services to help control and eradicate noxious weeds, improve our fish and wildlife habitats and much more.

I invite you to join with me on Tuesday, May 20, 1986 to vote in favor of the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District Tax Base.

Sincerely,  
(s) Brock Linnell, Chairman  
Morrow SWCD  
Wilson Rd.  
Boardman, Oregon

**Support SWCD tax base**

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, May 20, the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District will be asking the voters of Morrow county to show their commitment to saving our priceless gifts of soil and air.

The district is comprised of seven elected, non-paid directors from Morrow County. We have two employees, one full time district manager/Weed Supervisor and one half-time office manager. This tax base would allow the district to hire a full time district manager and allow the present manager to devote more time to our weed control program and also search out additional grant funds. This year alone over \$30,000 were brought into Morrow County through grants, matching funds and spraying services contracted out.

The SWCD has the legal responsibility for the natural resources in the county and is also responsible for the Morrow County Weed Control District.

The district has been funded through the county general fund for several years but when the cuts are made after a defeat, the soil and water district is among the first to be cut.

The Morrow SWCD joins over 3,000 local conservation districts nationwide in the ongoing effort to protect our natural resources. I hope you share my personal responsibility for the care of soil, water and the other vital elements making up our environment and join me with a "yes" vote on the Morrow SWCD tax base request.

Regards,  
(s) Scott Madison, Director  
Morrow SWCD

**SWCD hopes tax base approved**

To the Editor:

The Morrow SWCD hopes that the proposed budget for a tax base will meet with the County voters approval on May 20.

On the positive side, the district would know what funds we would have to work with in the coming years. On the negative side, the uncertainty could hurt many programs for Conservation and also Weed Control.

Thank you,  
(s) Rudy Bergstrom  
Vice Chairman  
Morrow SWCD

**Congratulates Packwood on tax scheme**

To the Editor:

Shirley M. Alexander  
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An Open Letter To  
Senator Bob Packwood  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Packwood  
Congratulations on your latest scheme to raise tax revenues and dodge the real issue of cutting unnecessary spending.

I really don't have too much trouble with most of the tax reform bill recently voted on and passed by the senate finance committee. However, doing away with the credits for IRA contributions seems unwise on several points. Not only has the IRA got everyday working people to save for their future rather than solely depending on pensions and social security, it gives our economy all of the benefits associated with saving

**Courage, clout, commitment - Lutz**

To the Editor:

Bob Packwood ads continue to appear on T.V., in newspapers, and on radio with an almost monotonous regularity. They talk a lot about "courage, clout and commitment" but they don't list a lot in the way of accomplishments. If lawyer Packwood is so courageous why has he refused to debate his opponent Joe Lutz? Perhaps he is only as courageous as the media image he buys.

I'm also bothered that 98% of his

of which I am sure you are aware. Besides the benefits to the individual taxpayer, it is a well known fact of economics that when money is saved, there is more for the banks to invest which of course creates jobs and starts the growth cycle again.

Further, I personally view the IRA as a means to overcome the, monumental fiasco that social security will become when my generation retires in thirty years and there isn't a large enough working population to support the system. But that is another letter.

I feel very certain that you can be persuaded to reconsider your stand on that one portion of your tax reform legislation. I also hope that I have conveyed the depth of my feelings on the matter.

Sincerely  
Shirley M. Alexander  
P.S. Lutz be reasonable.

**Support Joe Lutz for U.S. Senate**

To the Editor:

Oregon Republicans are being presented with two vastly different candidates for United States Senate. The decision between Joe Lutz and Bob Packwood will be one of the most important decisions ever made in our state. Having studied and compared both men and their campaigns I have come to the conclusions that Joe Lutz deserves to be our Senator and Oregon deserves a Senator like Joe Lutz.

Joe Lutz has carefully studied the foundations of our government and now offers clear, substantive answers to the important questions Americans are asking; Bob Packwood is a professional politician who has learned how to avoid giving direct answers to questions, how to raise money, and how to get reelected.

Joe Lutz has gone face to face with the people of Oregon showing the same interest in the gathering of five as he has with a crowd of thousands; Bob Packwood has played "Rose Garden" politics while spending his

committee's treasury on an electronic campaign unparalleled in Oregon history. Joe Lutz is ready, and willing to give the people the benefit of seeing and hearing both candidates in public debate; Bob Packwood doesn't think we are interested. Joe Lutz has raised the majority of his campaign funds from individual Oregon citizens; Over 98% of Packwood's multi-million dollar fund has come from out-of-state interests.

Even in the Voter's Pamphlet we just received the contrast is clear. Joe Lutz personally addresses the people and challenges us to be informed voters; Bob Packwood gives us two-year old quotes that make us wonder which of our present Senators is up for reelection. Joe Lutz talks about issues; Bob Packwood talks about "clout".

On May 20 we have the opportunity to make a fresh beginning, a return to personal, accountable, principled leadership. Oregon deserves a Senator like Joe Lutz.

(s) Lynnea Sargent  
Heppner, Oregon

**Police officer supports Wallace for D.A.**

To the Editor:

I have been a police officer in Oregon since 1978, and I have always been very concerned about crime victims rights. However, the rights of a victim are never addressed unless the victims case is brought to court. This responsibility lies with your county prosecutor, the District Attorney.

In Morrow county there are two candidates in the race for District Attorney. Jeff Wallace, and the incumbent Richard McNerney. In 1982 I supported Mr. McNerney in his successful bid for District Attorney, partially because I felt we needed a more aggressive prosecutor in office, and partially because Mr. McNerney expressed a great desire to be District Attorney. I Unfortunately regret the support I gave him, and I feel we would have been much better off with the incumbent of that race.

My reasoning for the dissatisfaction with the current District Attorney is simple, "Lack of Prosecution."

In the last three years the case load of the Irrigon Police Department has increased steadily. If you will check with the other agencies in Morrow County you will see very similar case load increases. However, in the same three year period, the case load of the two Justice Courts in Morrow County, (Irrigon-Heppner) have dropped 53%.

In 1983, Rick McNerney's first year in office, there were 217 cases filed in the combined Justice Courts. In 1984; 174. In 1985; 101.

I think it's obvious, if the law enforcement agencies are incurring a greater case load, then the cases incurred by the prosecuting District Attorney should increase likewise. But, this is not happening. Why? Lets check the record.

Between 1983, when McNerney took office, and March of 1986, there were 255 misdemeanor cases filed in the Irrigon Justice Court by the District Attorney.

- 144 of the 255 entered guilty pleas upon arraignment.
- 18 found guilty by judge or jury.
- 6 changed to guilty plea after "initial" not guilty" plea.
- 6 found not guilty upon trial.
- 20 plea bargained or civilly compromised prior to trial.
- 7 other (died, extradited, change of trial location, or search warrants).
- 35 Dismissed. (District Attorney refused to prosecute).
- 19 pending.

Of the 64 persons who plead not guilty, only 38% went to trial. 39% were (ultimately dismissed). What this means, is that if the person charged with a crime, gets an attorney and pleads not guilty, he has a better than even chance of getting the case dismissed prior to trial.

I also wonder where the print media has been. This information is available to anyone who cares to take the time to look it up. Before you vote on May 20, know who you're voting for, and what they stand for. Jeff Wallace stands for justice and victims rights.

Mike Cahill  
P.O. Box 506  
Irrigon, Oregon

**Don't support those supporting abortion**

To the Editor:

You don't have to be a farmer to know that "you reap what you sow." You've probably also heard that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." Both of these principles (from the Bible) apply to elections where it is very important to look closely at both the seed and the heart.

Bad seed planted in government has resulted in a moral catastrophe in our society. Abortion, divorce, homosexuality, drugs - need we say more? A permissive society elects permissive representatives who compromise even the most basic tenets of morality by giving legal status to sin. The rottenness is evident everywhere.

Voters will soon make choices based on their own heart. If your heart is not touched by the murder of 20 million unborn children (abortion), then you'll probably vote on the basis of some other issue. But your permissiveness has predictable consequences. Your hoped for prosperity will be eaten up by social costs of what you choose to ignore.

But if your heart is touched by the tragedy of abortion (and we hope it is), we urge you to vote from your heart. Choose representatives who can boldly plant good seed without compromise. How else can our nation return to righteousness?

Please don't ignore your own heart. Don't damage your own moral integrity (if not your own Christian faith) by supporting politicians who arrogantly oppose your moral values and good judgement. In other words, don't let yourself be smooth-talked by some political slick into selling your soul. Don't support those who support abortion.

Brian and Bertie Adrian  
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Astoria, OR 97103

**Check Packwood's record, then vote Lutz**

To the Editor:

Attention Republicans: It is beyond my comprehension as to why the electorate continues to send senators to public office without checking the voting record. I am pointing in the direction of Mr. Packwood. Check his voting record.

Packwood was the co-sponsor of giving Homosexuals preferential treatment in housing, hiring, and education (S.B. 430).

He voted "no" on line item veto. He voted 8.4 Billion to I.M.F. (International Monetary Fund) to bail our bad loans to Foreign Countries. He voted tax dollars for forced abortion in China. He voted special tax break for Congressmen without documentation. He voted against the Monroe Doctrine.

Packwood is in support of forced busing. He is for federal funding for abortions "Kill the babies and save the whales" -- he is against prayer in the schools.

Sincerely  
(s) M.H. Greene  
Heppner, Ore. 97836

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The first town meeting, later to become famous throughout New England, was held in Faneuil Hall, Boston in 1743.