



Tony Currin demonstrates winning style

## Sets arena record at Tucson

Tony Currin, 1986 Morrow County Calf Roping saddle winner, won the steer wrestling competition at the annual Tucson, Arizona, rodeo March 1. He set an arena record of 4.7 seconds on his first steer and won with 9.8 for both steers. His first place won him \$4,337 and an additional \$600 which was awarded by rodeo advertisers.

Tony's brother Mike tied for fourth place in calf roping at the Tucson rodeo and won \$840 in the second

round. Mike also placed fourth in calf roping at a Scottsdale, Arizona, rodeo in February.

Tony placed second in steer wrestling at a recent Yuma, Arizona rodeo winning \$1,470. He also won \$1,500 for placing in calf roping at a Fort Worth, Texas rodeo.

The brothers are both rookies in the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association.

## Property sales may be in jeopardy city planners hear

By Avon Melby

Failure to obtain a permit for partitioning by seller Bobbie Angell means both sales made of property on cemetery hill are in "jeopardy". City Attorney Bill Kuhn told Heppner Planning Commission Monday.

The subject arose when Ken Key asked for a variance to restrictions placed in the city contract he was to sign to start city water service to his property purchased from Angell. After more than a year of attempting to meet requirements for his water service, Heppner council last month changed its rules and granted the request to the outside the city location. But when Key was ready for the hookup and to sign the contract he was told two restrictions had been added to the contract by attorney Kuhn. They called for streets built to city standards, with curbing, which Key said he could not afford. City Council told Key to request the variance from the planners, so the two added restrictions would not apply to the contract.

Kuhn ruled the street was necessary because building on the lot

was a major partition, as the property is land-locked.

Dan VanLiew is the other to purchase property from Angell. He tried for several months about two years ago to obtain water from the city. His case was finally solved when a street access was created for him and his water was allowed.

Key said he is within 10 feet of a city street, paved, but unused because the land between his property and the street is owned by the Corps of Engineers. It is a parcel of the land the Corps took for operation of the dam which the Corps built here. There is a possibility the city will eventually take over that part of the land and will re-open the street, Key said.

The Key property, located in the urban growth boundary, could be placed under the county jurisdiction and returned to farm use, said County Planner Dean Seeger. That would take away the possibility of expansion without obtaining permits for development.

Key repeated what he has said many times, that he had no intention

of selling part of the two acres, or of developing city lots.

A master plan for the property is still necessary, said Chloe Pearson. "Unplanned development is undesirable." This is the second restriction Kuhn required.

After more than an hour of discussion resolving nothing, the commissioners decided to call for a joint meeting with the city council next Monday at 7:30 p.m. at city hall to address the problem.

## North Morrow Clinic Board member resigns

A newspaper report of the February 20 meeting of the North Morrow Medical Board has sparked the resignation of one board member.

In a letter of resignation addressed to Don Eppenbach, chairman of the North Morrow Medical Board, Steven Rowe, the board's secretary, wrote "Having attended and taken the minutes at this meeting, I was surprised, to read about 'decisions' that were made."

Referring to a report published by the East Oregonian February 24, Rowe said Eppenbach's account of the meeting concerning discussions by the board on the doctor's contract given to the media "implies agreement by the board before any actual discussion was held or decisions were made on the matters."

Rowe said he did not recollect discussions or decisions made at the meeting concerning the offering of a new contract to Dr. Steven Zielinski, the North Morrow Medical

## Physician sought by North Morrow Medical Clinic Board

Don Eppenbach, chairman of the North Morrow Medical Board has announced the board will be accepting applications for a physician at the North Morrow Medical Clinic in Boardman.

Eppenbach said the decision to seek applicants stemmed from the last meeting of the board February 20 because Dr. Steven Zielinski, the clinic's current physician, refused to attend the meeting. Eppenbach also said the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the doctor's contract.

Dr. Zielinski said he did not refuse to attend the meeting but was unable to attend because the regularly scheduled meeting for February 19 was rescheduled to the next evening and he had made previous plans for the evening of February 20.

The board usually meets the third Thursday of every month but rescheduled because of a board member's conflicting schedule, Eppenbach said.

Eppenbach said the board felt it necessary to open the position up for placement because it has not received a commitment from Dr. Zielinski for extended contract negotiations. "We would like to know (Zielinski's intentions) as a board so we can ensure continued service at the clinic," he said.

Eppenbach said he had "in excess of a dozen" applications from the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association, a physician placement service, and that the board would be interviewing applicants soon.

According to Eppenbach the board also decided to make some changes in the doctor's contract. Zielinski's current contract expires July 1 of this year. Eppenbach said the board agreed to reduce the basic annual salary from \$44,000 to between \$25,000 and \$35,000 with an incentive program that would allow a doctor to make up to \$62,000 per year

## Clinic Board

Clinic's current physician, the term length of a new contract, or the specifics of a new contract as reported.

Rowe said he thought Eppenbach's disclosure of such information to the news media had "jeopardized the future status of the medical center" because contract deliberations would be regarded as executive session discussion under the Open Meetings Law. (Oregon

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depending on patient volume and cash flow.

He said the clinic schedules an average of 15 patients a day but has a capacity for about 30 patients a day. Eppenbach cited low revenues this fiscal year as one reason for the changes in the contract. He said the board intended to present Dr. Zielinski with the new contract.

Zielinski said he has not seen the proposed contract but would probably find it unacceptable with the large salary reduction. He said he is looking into the possibility of opening a private practice because of the recent actions of the medical board.

Zielinski has been the attending physician at the clinic for the past two years.

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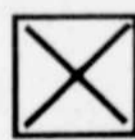
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