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Who upset St. Anthony's management team?

To the Editor:

Who upset St. Anthony's hospital management team so much that they divorced themselves from the Heppner hospital? Whoever is responsible must be a very powerful person, because this person has the medical board and the county court members

afraid to identify the guilty party.

The problem with silence is that Ernest Wick or Drs. Berretta may be the next victims tomorrow or next year. And people of their caliber won't be any easier to replace.

Respectfully,
(s) Eric Anderson
Lone, Oregon

Please help save Eastern Oregon

To the Editor:

Help. Please help save Eastern Oregon. I moved back to Eastern Oregon two years ago because it is a great place to live, a great place to raise a family, and a great place to earn a living.

Since I left Wallowa 27 years ago I have lived in five states and Canada. I have lived in towns from 200 to over 600,000 in population. My clients have come from all walks of life so I get a good cross section of the local economy where ever I live. In Eastern Oregon, like everywhere else I've been, the people who want to give a fair days work for a fair days wage can find work. The nice thing about Eastern Oregon is the spread between the cost of living and the take home pay, coupled with the access to outdoor recreation.

I just received a campaign flyer from Mike Nelson. He stated: "For too long, it's been said that Eastern Oregon is a great place to be born, a great place to grow up, but not a great place to earn a living. We can change that."

That line is older than Wayne Morse, but it still pulls in greedy

suckers. Stop and think how he can change things.

I've seen my share of expanding towns and I'm sure you know about some too. The land developers get the incoming tax money. The locals get the bills for expanded sewers, lights, paving, police force, jails and so on. The children get a more diverse education as they learn to fight and have a greater exposure to recreational chemicals. The price of land goes up so you can't afford to farm it and the local children can't afford to buy a home. Then the pseudoenvironmentalists lock you out of the mountains.

The only people that get rich on the deal are the land developers and the realtors.

It may not get all that bad. It all depends on how much tax money he can swing. Of course, if Ray French gets elected he won't get his hands on any of it.

If Mr. Nelson has a problem with Eastern Oregon there has to be a better solution than sending him to Salem.

Sincerely yours,
(s) Dick Temple DVM
Lexington

Letters to the Editor

Glenn's column is but one point of view

To the Editor:

In light of Ed Glenn's recent column, I am moved to make clear several points.

Let me start with the nature of an opinion column. Such writing is simply, that, opinion—the truth "as I see it". Unlike the news reporter, the columnist is under no obligation (other than conscience) to search for facts. Mr. Glenn is not a reporter. He isn't supposed to be. Whereas the reporter seeks facts, the columnist seeks out emotions. These emotions are important. That is why every paper has a column like Mr. Glenn's. Large papers, like the Oregonian, are awash in such writing. Still, we mustn't confuse fact with fervor.

Evidently, Glenn assumes his readers will take him no more seriously than they might while visiting with him over coffee at the Dodge City. Unfortunately, many people feel that "if the newspaper prints this, it must be true." What a columnist says may be true, but truth should not be assumed. Readers should look beyond this coffee shop logic and ask themselves, "Is this logical and true?"

Mr. Glenn's statement that neither side has budged is simply not true. One need only look to the facts made public by the school board and MCEA jointly to see that at least one side has moved. The teachers have retreated on all eleven issues settled to this point, including extra duty pay and paid leaves of absences. It was the teachers who accepted the state factfinder's report. This means settling for about one-half of their original salary demand. This move would guarantee teacher raises will be 1 1/2 percent lower than future increases in the cost of living, thus preventing them from benefitting during any economic "good times", were they to occur.

I do not mean to put down Mr. Glenn. He is a fine and clever writer who often sees with a very clear eye (case in point; recent column on shopping locally). I respect, perhaps even envy, his gift. But, I'm certain he'd agree as I urge you not to believe everything you read... especially on the opinion page.

Sincerely,
(s) Kevin Fry
Journalism Instructor
Riverside High School

Measure 3 makes money for auto industry

To the Editor:

In a nut shell. The purpose of measure 3 and the like is to make money for the auto industry, etc., by preventing, by use of distraction and false pretense, development of legislation which will sharply reduce accidents, and in doing so reduce injuries and fatalities. The only sure way it can be done. As it will reduce the auto industries profit they don't like it.

This can be done by legislation, which will improve instruction and testing, create penalties which will do the job they are intended to do, and strict enforcement.

No accident, no injuries or fatalities. I don't want to try to survive an accident with a seat belt. Do you?

Thank you.
(s) Earl F. May
Heppner, Or

A vote for Anderson for Commissioner

To the Editor:

We have known Jerry Anderson for a number of years and we think Jerry would make an excellent county commissioner and would provide geographic balance on the county court.

We also feel strongly that the ap-

parent county court caused cancellation of the St. Anthony's contract with Pioneer Memorial Hospital is more than ample reason for a change.

Please join us in voting for Jerry Anderson for county commissioner.

Yours truly,
(s) Larry and Betty Mills

Vote of confidence for PMH administrator Wick

To the Editor:

In the last week we have been surprised at the news that St. Anthony Hospital has decided not to continue to manage our local hospital. We realize the effects of that decision are going to be felt emotionally and financially by "all of us" for some time to come. One thing we would hope everyone will keep in mind is most of the credit for keeping the hospital going goes to the administrator Ernest Wick. We now have two new doctors who, by the list of names in the hospital news of

the Gazette-Times, have increased the use of the hospital a great deal. We feel the administrator is the one responsible for those doctors. Any "boss" who receives a letter of appreciation in the local newspaper signed by 50 employees and all three of the local practicing doctors has to be doing something right.

We would like to say thank you to Ernest Wick and we hope you and your family will continue to make Heppner your home, we need you.
(s) Claude and Happy Graham
Heppner

Costa has the experience

To the Editor:

It is our pleasure to write this letter in support of Cara Costa for mayor of Heppner. Cara is interested in our community. She works hard to maintain current services and to improve our area's image.

Cara puts in long hours obtaining and researching information. She

make certain she has current facts before she pushes for solutions.

Cara has the experience. Please join us and vote for Cara Costa in November.

Sincerely,
(s) Pat Edmundson
Karen Dubuque
Heppner, Or

A Liar

'Tis the season for it, I suppose. The election season comes along every two years and with a vengeance every four. This is the fourth.

We've watched political races for years, with considerable interest. We think the way we are represented by our public officials has a great deal to do with our way of life. Whether we have good times or bad is directly dependent on who our elected representatives are.

For many years we have watched as the tenor of campaigning has changed. We remember when candidates would do anything to keep from mentioning their opponent by name. "The Incumbent" or "The Challenger" or "My Opponent" were the correct titles.

And the reference was always to a vote cast or a position held.

Nowadays, politicians want to use real names and talk about character traits.

Sometimes it can be self-directed and kind of funny. "Our Wimp Can Beat Your Scrimp" and "Rather Bushed" are a couple of my favorites this season.

But when it comes down to calling your opponent a liar, I've got to think its gone too far.

Even if I was inclined to want to vote for a man, I don't think I could bring myself to do it when he calls the other fellow a liar. Oh, I know there's a difference between calling the fellow a liar and just saying he lied, but not enough to bother about.

The really bad thing about this kind of politicking is that it discourages good folks from seeking political office. First thing ya' know all we'll have running are those guys that are inclined to call the other one a liar, and those fellows who don't care what they're called.

The good people we'd like to have represent us won't even run.

We're going to vote for the liar. Even if we didn't have a lot of other good reasons, we'd do it anyway. We just can't stomach a name caller.



Editorial

Vote Costa

In the race for Heppner Mayor, incumbent Cara Costa has the experience, energy and desire to do the job and we should re-elect her.

Costa's work on the Hotel project and efforts to turn around the bad publicity on the Willow Creek Dam has been commendable and good for the city of Heppner.

Our city is facing problems in the future which will determine the quality of our life here. Costa has the best grasp of these problems, and will seek solutions in the most positive and fiscally responsible way.

Re-Elect French

A choice will be made next Tuesday for the man to represent us in the Oregon Legislature. We hope that choice will be Raymond French.

A man close to the people of his district, French is a nuts and bolts legislator and a man you can expect a straight answer from. He has served our district well, looking after the interests of our area, interests he knows well having spent his life working and living here. Don't expect a lot of rhetoric and unreasonable promises from Ray, just expect a hardworking sensible legislator. One who will look out for you in Salem. Re-elect Raymond French.

David Sykes

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