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Stay informed on state legislation

To the Editor:
We have just finished celebrating the 4th of July. We enjoyed our vacation, set off some fireworks, went on a picnic and maybe even stopped for a few moments to ponder the real meaning of the holiday. The birth of our great nation and the Constitution. To know what happened in Russia or China can't happen here. The Constitution of the United States has protected us for two hundred years from the merciless onslaughts of European money-barons and traitors from within. We are-and will always be - free. Not true.

What we didn't know-the horror that has been hidden from us-is those who would destroy the Constitution have been working quietly, secretly, without widespread public notice to destroy the very document which has been held up before the entire world as the greatest document ever written. Since 1975 the states, including Oregon, have been secretly passing requests for a Constitutional Convention. Last session our legislators attempted to remedy the situation, at least here in Oregon, by passing SJM-10. However, at the last minute word was sent down by the Republican party to kill the bill. It passed the Senate, but was defeated in the House by a 30-30 tie vote (almost entirely Republican). If this doesn't outrage you, it should. We have witnessed wide spread indignation about someone burning the flag while our elected officials are about to endanger the very foundation of our great nation without so much as a whisper.

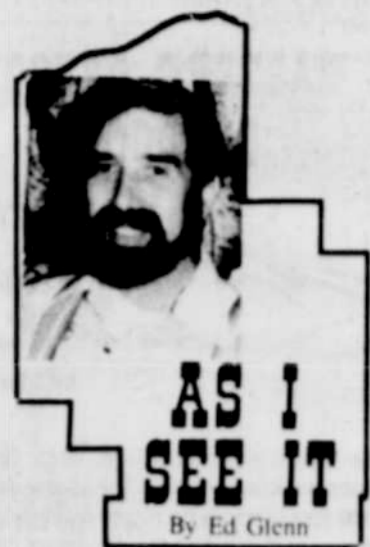
A Constitutional Convention will throw open the doors to those who would destroy our most basic freedoms, as well as every special-interest group in the world. The Rockefeller and Ford Foundations spent approximately \$25 million through the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Bar-

bara, California to write a new Constitution called the "Newstates of America". This Constitution turns our beloved country into a virtual slave-state-more restrictive than the USSR. (I have a copy of this document.) Before you say "It can't happen here" remember the secretive legislation. Why weren't we told? Why was this sneaked behind our backs? Why don't they think our Constitution is good enough? This action, coupled with legislation passed by the U.S. Legislature on October 16, 1968 (PL 90-577) calling for the total disarmament of the United States and turning over our military to the United Nations, the INF treaty implementing the first stages of that disarmament agreement and the Moscow Summit (1988) which requires the replacement of the U.S. Bill of Rights with Human Rights and elimination of citizens' guns in order to comply with the agreement, scare the heck out of me.

Find out for yourself what happened during the last legislative session. Request (free) copy of SJM-10 and the Senate Legislative Calendar from: Distribution Center, Room 49, State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310. Read the measure for yourself and see how your representative voted. (For a list of representatives ask for a copy of the Joint Legislative Guide-free from the same address.) Then, if you don't want anyone destroying our beloved Constitution, demand a special session and a re-vote in the House to pass SJM-10. Hold your representative accountable for his/her vote and don't be fooled by "well, after all, it has to be ratified by the states." If this is a legitimate undertaking, do you think it would be hidden from the public? Did our brothers, husbands and fathers fight and die for nothing?

Sincerely,
(s) Velma M. Hartwig
Eddyville, OR 97343

It Is In Shambles



Not long ago I read a letter to the Editor somewhere that claimed the legal system was in shambles. The author claimed it was all the doing of the lawyers.

I bristled a little. And came to the system's defense. A natural reaction, I suppose, for having spent a number of years on the inside. How can anyone really be critical of that profession he has himself pursued for so long? After all, lawyers and the legal system are only a reflection of society's demand for a means of resolving disputes short of shooting it out at high noon.

But now there is new evidence. Or rather, there is evidence that has come to my eyes recently that may have been visible to others for a long time.

I just spent a term on jury duty. For those of you with similar experience, this may be old hat. For those who have not, consider this a bit of evidence that the system is in shambles.

You get the notice of selection in the mail together with instructions to call this 800 number for instructions on when to report. I did and the recording said I should be there on Friday. Darn. I had some other plans on Friday. But jury duty is important part of living in America, a cornerstone of freedom, an essential part of our entire system of justice.

I remembered how disappointed I had been trying to select a jury from a jury panel of left-overs. It's really easy to get off jury duty. All it takes is some kind of song and dance for the clerk (and if she won't buy it, the judge will). Anybody with only half a brain can figure out some way to get excused. So the only people left on the panel when it comes to trial day are the left-overs.

I didn't want to serve, but I considered it my duty to remain available. I changed my plan for Friday. According to instructions, a prospective juror must continue to check the recorded message on this 800 phone number for any change in the schedule. None occurred until Thursday evening when the message was, "No trial on Friday, report on the 14th." By then I could not restore my former plans, so Friday turned out to be a lost day.

Oh well, I knew from experience that trials don't happen as scheduled for a whole variety of reasons. A last minute settlement, a postponement because new evidence is discovered, a key witness dies, all manner of things.

But when it happened several more times: the jury is scheduled on a particular day, jurors change their plans to accommodate that schedule and then at the last minute the trial is called off. I never did have to even show up at the courthouse during my three month term. And I received not a dime of compensation for the disruption to my life.

A person couldn't help but wonder about a system that worked like that. Then last week I got a "retainer agreement" from some lawyers in a lawsuit in which I'm kind of a nominal party. Basically it said I would hire them to represent me, they would work hard at it and so on. On Perry Mason it would be the simple words "I'll take the case."

But this agreement went on for eleven pages and on the last page it reminded me that I had the right (and they advised me to exercise it) to consult independent counsel before signing.

Say now, this is a wonderful state of affairs. To hire a lawyer A, you have to have the retainer agreement reviewed by lawyer B. But of course, before lawyer B reviews lawyer A's retainer agreement, you have to have lawyer B's employment agreement reviewed by lawyer C. And so on ad infinitum. If one followed the advice of lawyers these days (specifically to have the employment contract reviewed by independent counsel) one would never be able to hire a lawyer. We know folks who have said for years that that is just the way it ought to be.

Lots of other evidence has surfaced lately. Maybe most of it has been there for a long time, I've just begun to notice what a lot of others have seen all along. I read about a lawsuit brought by the Quinalt Indians against the BLM for the way they handled timber sales on Indian land. Seems the Indians only got a third as much for their timber as other BLM sales nearby. The case was just recently settled for some \$20 million. And that was the good news. The bad news was that the case was filed 21 years ago and most of the plaintiffs are now dead.

We have all read about the Berstein case in Umatilla County. Some say Judge Olson was wrong, some blame the District Attorney's office, some blame the defendant. We all know the result stinks, and the confusion about the source of the smell is more evidence about the nature of the system.

As I see it, most of the problem lies with us, you and me. If we would be more agreeable with each other, more inclined to compromise our disputes in the interest of getting on with other things, more trusting of our fellow man, we would be less inclined to pressure the system to be what it cannot be: rational, logical, timely, inexpensive and always reach the results we want.

Letters to the Editor

Forest Service is here to stay

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight concerning the future location of the Heppner Ranger District office. Many rumors have surfaced since our need for additional office space was publicized. The Forest Service has never had any intention of leaving this community and certainly has no intention of leaving in the future. At no time did I give anyone the idea we would leave town if our current office could not be expanded.

The process we will use to secure needed office space will include the issuance of a prospectus outlining our space requirements. Interested individuals will then be given an opportunity to show how these re-

quirements can be met. Following a detailed evaluation process, a proposal will be selected and new office space will be secured. The entire process could take approximately one year to complete.

I am a firm believer that the Heppner Ranger District is an integral part of this community. Employees have been encouraged to participate and become involved in community affairs. I cannot over emphasize the fact that the Forest Service is not planning to leave the town of Heppner; we are pleased to be a part of this community.

(s) Roger W. Williams
District Ranger
Heppner

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones, 989-8189

--Word has been received by Pat Wright that her daughter and husband Jim and Sandi Putnam has been transferred to Wichita Falls, Texas. Jim is with the U.S. Army.

--Gar Leyva was a caller at the Lexington Airport on Tuesday. He accompanied his son Greg. Gar and Helen were visiting with the Greg Leyva's at their home in Wilbur, WA.

--Leita Messenger is a patient in Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. She had been recuperating from surgery at the home of her daughter Betty Marquardt. She was taken ill and returned to the hospital.

--Bill and Bonnie Klinger were callers at the Bill Padberg home on the weekend.

--Kenneth and Frances Smouse entertained their harvest crew with a

lovely dinner on Sunday at the Hi-Way House in The Dalles. Present were Carl Smouse from Hermiston; Kenny Lyn and Cheryl Smouse, Cecil and Delpha Jones, and Helen and Orlaw Martin from Moro. Enroute to The Dalles the Jones' visited at the Jim Bauen home in Goldendale.

--A large crowd of friends and relatives gathered at the V & G on Thursday evening to help Alta Cutsforth celebrate her birthday. A fun evening was enjoyed with eating, visiting and renewing acquaintances.

--Eldon and Barbara Gilbert have had a house guest recently. His daughter and family visited from Silverton.

--Jack and Audry Mounts from Gresham were business callers in Lexington and Heppner on Monday.

Obituaries

Albert Faye Burkenbine

Albert Faye Burkenbine, 54, of Wilkesboro, N.C. died Sunday, July 23, at Wilkes General Hospital. Mr. Burkenbine was born in Heppner, OR., Oct. 6, 1934, to Arthur Edwin and Mable Marie Hutchins Burkenbine. He was a supervisor in the manufacturing department of Abitibi-Price. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Daisy Becket Burkenbine at home; two daughters, Mickie VanMeter of July 23 at St. rauls episcopai Church. The Rev. Frank McKenzie officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pall bearers were the department heads of Abitibi-Price.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund, c/o Linda Gorforth, First Union National Bank, 210 West Main Street, Wilkesboro, N.C. 28697.

Richard Garland Rowe

Richard Garland Rowe, 48, of Grants Pass passed away Saturday, July 15, 1989 in Bend as the result of a motorcycle accident.

Funeral services were held July 19 in Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. The Reverend Eugene Luttman of the Peace Lutheran Church in Burns officiated. Concluding service and interment followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Rowe was born January 29, 1941 in Baker to Richard Eldon and Glenda Jean Blize Rowe.

He was united in marriage to Cynthia Boling in Baker on July 2, 1984. He attended school in Baker and was employed with the Bureau of Land Management in Grants Pass at the time of his death. He had been with the BLM for 23 years, moving to Grants Pass only 6 years ago from Baker. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for them. He had served eight years with the National Guards. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, outdoors and photography.

Mr. Rowe is survived by his wife at home; mother and step-father Glenda "Jean" and Paul Ascuna of Pendleton; father Richard "Eldon" Rowe of Baker; son and daughter-in-law, Richard Lee and Donna Lynn of Baker; son Donny Joe of Baker, daughter Garla Jo Rowe of Albany; stepchildren Terry, Renae and Paul of Grants Pass; sisters Glenda Shankle of Galiton, Tennessee and Cheryl Lee Hull of Baker; grandchildren Richard Rowe Jr. and Tannia Lee Rowe both of Baker and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends who wish may make contributions in memory of Garland Rowe to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and this may be done through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

"Stars on Parade", theme of the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo, offers a wide variety of booth and parade ideas. The real stars are all of the behind-the-scenes people in our community who make this event possible! Use your creativity and join in all of the festivities next week.

Heppner Chamber members will be visible and invisible as they work on the parade, rodeo gate, attend the noon Jazz musical presentation on Thursday, August 17, at the fairgrounds, and conduct bingo on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

All are invited to "take a bingo break" while visiting the fair. A variety of games from Bingo Baseball to Blackout will keep you entertained. This is one of the ways Chamber of Commerce raises money to meet their budget needs throughout the year. Your participation means dollars back into your community for brochures, signage, scholarships, and community activities. Join the fun!

Remember: No Chamber August 15. Catch the shuttle bus to the fairgrounds August 17 for jazz entertainment and lunch of your choice.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "It matters not how long we live, but how."



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