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### Obituaries

**Edgar L. Schroeder**  
A memorial service was held at the First Christian Church in Heppner on Monday, Sept. 25 for Edgar L. Schroeder.

Mr. Schroeder, 74, of Heppner, died Wednesday Sept. 20, 1989 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

He was born March 21, 1915, at Stevensville, Mont., to Arnold and Pauline Schamber Schroeder. He grew up in Stevensville and attended schools there.

On Oct. 4, 1938, he married Irene R. Roberts at Missoula.

He attended the University of Idaho and Oregon State University.

In 1949, he began working for the Oregon Dairy Breeders Assn. In 1963, he went to work for the Oregon State Parks Service. He was park manager at Cape Lookout until his retirement in 1979. He then moved to Hebo and recently moved to Heppner to be near his two daughters.

Survivors include his wife at the home; daughters Bonna Rae Miller and Joyce Kay Hollomon both of Heppner; sister Erna Woodgerd of Missoula; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or the Oregon Cancer Society, 0330 S.W. Curry, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

**Gaylord R. Davis**  
Gaylord R. Davis, 47, Heppner, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 1989 at Delamarter Care Center in Pendleton.

A memorial service was held at the Heppner Elks Temple on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Mr. Davis was born Sept. 30, 1941 at Condon to Ray and Marge Sams Davis. He attended schools at Spray and graduated from Spray High School in 1959.

He served with the U.S. Air Force and was discharged in 1966 and moved to Heppner in 1967.

Davis worked as a logger most of his life.

On June 20, 1985 he married Jerry Ann McKinnon at Reno, Nev.

He was a member of Heppner BPOE 358.

Survivors include his wife, at the home; son, Scott R. of Lexington; parents Ray and Marge Davis of Winlock, OR.; sister, Beverly Jean Guerrero of Portland; brothers Wayne of Heppner and Shawn of Winlock.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

### Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

Sept. 11: 12:27 a.m.-Dog Complaint; 2:28 a.m.-Report of Suspicious Noise; 5:25 p.m.-Parking Citation issued.

Sept. 12: 6:50 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

Sept. 13: 12 a.m.-report of Loud Noise; 12:13 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 2:26 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 4:37 p.m.-call to Civil Matter; 7:33 p.m.-call to Emergency on Matlock St.

Sept. 14: 5:12 p.m.-Traffic Accident; 7:06 p.m.-assist Fire department; 10:54 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

Sept. 15: 4:50 a.m.-report of Suspicious Vehicle; 9:51 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 9:54 p.m.-Help at Hotel.

Sept. 16: 4:28 p.m.-assist Fire department.

Sept. 17: 6:48 p.m.-Civil Matter.

### Births

**Stephanie Nicole Smith**-a daughter, Stephanie Nicole was born to Melanie and Rick Smith, Heppner, on Sept. 17, 1989 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Larry and Joy Laird of Lakeside, AZ and Ken and Rosie Smith of Heppner.

**Wilfrido Garay Mendoza**-a son Wilfrido Garay, was born September 14 to Wilfrido and Maria Garay of Boardman at Good Shepherd Community Hospital. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs.

It's hard to believe, and she hates to admit it But like it or not-she's finally hit it 9-29-89 Happy 40th, Joy!

### Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

Sept. 18: Morrow County dispatched the Boardman Fire dept to Columbia Ave. for a grass fire.

Sept. 19: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to a residence in the city for a male with unknown problems;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to investigate an animal problem in the Irrigon area. Citations were issued for allowing a dog to run at large;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Frank A. Morgan, Jr. 28, Boardman on a circuit court warrant Conspiracy to Deliver. Morgan was lodged at Benton Co. Sheriff's office jail.

Sept. 20: Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a theft of a tool box valued at \$1,100 from the fairgrounds;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Jose Luis Lomas on warrants of Attempted Assault I and Attempted Murder and for recklessly endangering warrants.

Sept. 22: Morrow County deputy began investigation of a bicycle stolen from the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire dept to a vehicle fire;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire dept to report of a pump station on fire. Fire was unable to locate;

Morrow County deputy handled an animal problem in the Boardman area;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to report of neighborhood disturbance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to back up Boardman police department with report of possible family disturbance. The situation was calmed down;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a missing juvenile from the Irrigon area. Juvenile was later located in Boardman.

Sept. 23: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to Wilson Road in Boardman on a complaint of entering a vacant trailer. Investigations are pending;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Lexington area to aid in locating a lost pony.

Sept. 24: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Irrigon area to check out a complaint of a strong smelling odor in the 4th St. area. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to Boardman to investigate a juvenile problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Boardman area to investigate a complaint of theft;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the H Bar W for a disturbance.

### Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Loran Daniel Steeprow, 43, Pilot Rock-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$36 fine;

Brian DeWayne Simmons, 22, Spray-Violation of the Basic Rule, 38 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$57 bail forfeited;

William Dean Martenies, 30, Spokane, WA.-No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited.

### Two Big Rocks

District Attorney Jeff Wallace appears to be between a rock and a hard place.

I've known Jeff since high school days, college days and law school days. I've casually followed his career over the years. Jeff's intellect has never been in doubt. Even on those occasions when I have disagreed with his judgement, I've had respect for his opinion.

Now it seems he's in a spot from which there is no 'good' escape.

The State Fire Marshal has bounced the enforcement of Oregon's prohibition against self-service gasoline back to local district attorneys. Only one of two states in the nation to do so, Oregon prohibits the operation of a self-service gasoline station. Presumably, the law embodies the belief that pumping gasoline into an automobile is so dangerous that only a station attendant should be trusted with the job.

Drivers in 48 states have proven that premise false, but now the law remains as an economic protecting the jobs of gas station attendants and the call for convenience by some drivers who fear the cost of attendant-pumped gas will skyrocket if most facilities are self-service.

An exception to the self-service prohibition is a card-lock facility serving 'commercial' customers. Apparently, drivers who drive on a commercial basis can pump their own with some greater degree of safety than can a noncommercial driver. The card, not unlike a credit card, unlocks the pumps and records the information necessary for billing the customer. The driver operates the pumps, installs the necessary fuel and goes away. Usually no attendant is even present.

The problem arises with the definition of 'commercial'.

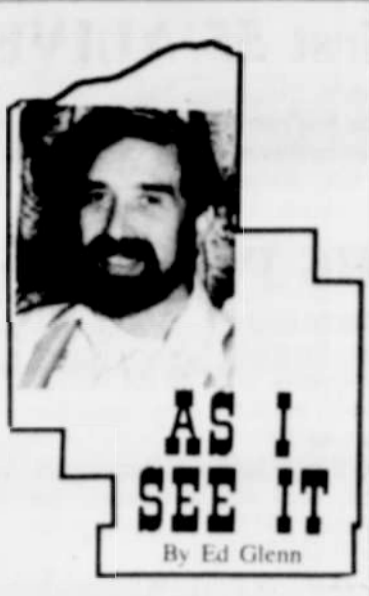
I think it is clear that a trucking firm with professional drivers fueling company trucks which are operated on a full-time basis hauling for hire with an intent to make a profit, is 'commercial'. The retired couple, purchasing fuel for their motor home intending to make purely recreational travel is clearly not. Defining the folks in between is not easy.

The flap in Morrow County is between the full serve gas station operators who believe they are losing business they should have to the card lock folks who are claimed to be serving more than 'commercial' customers. And it's up to Jeff to sort that mess out.

If Jeff Wallace can somehow make peace between these two factions in their economic war, he will have solidified his political future. If not, he will be vulnerable to challenge at the polls, and little doubt exists that a challenger will surface to claim his job.

I've known Jeff to be intelligent. I've seen instances of his good judgement. He's diligent and honest.

The question is, is Jeff Wallace also a magician?



### Letters to the Editor

#### Thank you for positive vote

To the Editor:  
Thank you for the positive vote in the recall election.

Of the 2,298 votes cast, some undoubtedly were intended as a referendum on the strike; others were probably directed towards different concerns. The point is that it is inadvisable to try to read too much into a vote like this, when there have been so many emotions and undercurrents involved.

My own thought is that you have told the board that you recognize the difficult and divisive problems it is dealing with; that you want it to continue giving its best effort, knowing that we are not going to have total agreement; that you expect the board to deal with policy issues, like it is supposed to, and you expect the advocates of change to channel their efforts through acceptable channels and quit trying to achieve their goals through destructive means.

For the 29 percent of the voters who favored my recall, I want to

reiterate that my interest is in what is best for Morrow County, its kids and its schools. Morrow County has proved time and again that it supports its kids. We do this in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, and in preparing them for the future. The board would like to get on with that.

I invite the Fresh Start Committee and its supporters to make a true "fresh start" today. Make your pitch for the change you want. Congratulate yourself when you achieve it. When you don't, satisfy yourself with the knowledge that you did your best and maybe this is not the time for that change. But don't carry on to the point that you demean our schools and drag our kids down. There are plenty of laudable things about our schools that we can focus on, if we are permitted to do so.

Sincerely,  
(s) Bill Doherty  
Box 4125  
Lexington

### Debate raises questions

To the Editor:

As part of my effort to keep you informed, I thought you might be interested in a recent House debate which raised serious First Amendment issues.

By a disturbing vote of 380-to-38, the House ventured into territory where the framers of the Constitution wisely refused to tread. It voted to impose criminal penalties upon those who variously use the flag to express anti-government sentiment. I strongly oppose this legislation, and enclose for your attention a copy of my remarks.

The framers wrote a Constitution that says Congress shall pass no law restricting free political expression.

No law. They meant to protect both popular and unpopular views. However had a person's opinion may be, its correction must come not from government suppression but from spirited competition with the views of other Americans.

This is the essential difference between democracy and totalitarianism. In America, we're not afraid of free expressions, even repulsive expressions, because in a nation based on free debate, rotten ideas fall to the bottom and good ideas rise to the top.

With warm regards,  
Sincerely,  
(s) Les AuCoin  
Member of Congress

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