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Letters to the Editor

Examine clear-cut crisis

To the Editor:

The diligent response of the county court and commissioners has saved Morrow County from significant adverse economic and social impacts of the state megaprisons. We owe these men a debt of thanks.

I submit we need an urgent examination into a larger economic and social crisis facing our county. Our national forests and adjacent timber lands are being stripped of timber and natural vegetation via clear-cutting and high grade logging. (High grade logging consumes all the commercial timber and leaves the rest-mistle towed dwarfed and diseased). Our forest-the source of our tourism, hunting, recreation, cattle grazing, watershed and timber industry-are being replaced by bull thistles and weeds. Springs are drying up, trees are rarely replanted on private land, and clear cuts mean no timber harvests for at least 80 years at best for our loggers.

The impact of clear cuts will be felt next hunting season. According to the Oregonian the Heppner Unit will initiate limited entry elk hunting next year. Why? "Increased cover loss, especially in the National Forest...there is less escape cover as

forest cutting accelerates and game that chooses to stay in these areas is more easily killed," the Oregonian, Oct. 3, 1989. This means less revenues for recreational and hunting supported businesses and one less freedom for Oregonians.

I ask our county officials and soil conservation district to initiate an investigation into the state of our forests and dependent resources. It is economic suicide to turn our forests into thistle infested eyesores and deny hunters access to our forest game so we can produce tree plantations for a tourist industry that our county does precious little to enhance or conserve.

We don't have to put up with this "tyranny" as Larry Lindsay called the megaprisons. We can:

- 1) restrict clear cutting instead of elk hunting;
- 2) Require selective logging on all forest lands;
- 3) Restrict high grade logging. (Would a rancher sell his best stock and keep the sickly?);
- 4) Initiate a CRP type conservation program to protect our local timber industry.

(s) Stuart Dick
Lexington

Save our quality of life

To the Editor:

I am outraged with the plea bargain arrangement and sentence imposed upon Paula Lynn Anderson in the deaths of her two innocent children.

Placing this woman on probation for six years, undergoing intensive therapy, pregnancy tests every three months and abstaining from drugs and alcohol is an incomprehensible punishment considering she murdered her own children.

Punishment for child abusers and murderers needs to reflect the

seriousness of the crime. The sentence should be no less than what they gave their victims - death. I am fed up with the violent acts against innocent children and even more intolerant of the leniency in punishment.

I have two small children that I love with all my heart and I feel such anguish for those children who are abused, neglected and murdered every year.

(s) Martha Knechtle-Dickinson
Aloha, Ore.

Vote no on prison

To the Editor:

We would like to urge you to vote no on the ballot measure in regard to the siting of a prison in the Boardman area.

Even though the governor has chosen Ontario, we are still in second position. This means if a problem arises in the Ontario site, or if a second prison is to be built, it

would be here in Morrow Co. and become our tax burden.

(s) Dan and Mary Lou Daloso
Kurt and Dee Gantenbein
Boardman
Marcia Kemp
Lexington
Jerry Healy
Heppner
Sue Proudfoot
Ione

Against prison siting

To the Editor:

Governor Goldschmidt dropped a bombshell on Morrow County when he revealed that a mega-prison may still be sited at Boardman, despite initial construction of a facility near Ontario. The second bombshell came when the Corrections Department admitted that the conditions, concessions and impact requests from Morrow County, the Port of Morrow and Boardman had been rejected. In other words, if Boardman had been selected as the primary site, Morrow County taxpayers would be forced to bear the entire burden without relief. The iron fist of state power is becoming quite evident.

If a facility is ever started in Morrow County, it will be the first phase of a true mega-prison. Future expansions will all come here because the state will have permanent control of this County with no need for local approval. This will become a reality if the voters do not send a clear signal to Salem that they are strongly opposed to a prison site in Morrow County.

Some people do not realize that:

- (a) A prison pays no taxes;
- (b) A prison increases local taxes for local services (schools, welfare, public health, court costs, law enforcement and roads);
- (c) The negative impacts hit the entire county, not just the Boardman area;
- (d) The "minimum security" aspect permits inmate release policies;
- (e) There is no limit on the eventual size of the facility;
- (f) Contrary to expectations, very few local people are employed by a prison.

Boardman has good reasons for

pride and optimism, not panic and despair. Despite some tough years, efforts to reduce unemployment in Boardman are bearing fruit. The city has become the dominant shipping point upriver from Portland. The voters' strong endorsement of the Port of Morrow's G.O. bond issue has paid off with a surge of interest by new businesses focusing on the port's transportation hub. There are new opportunities for inter-modal container movement by rail, as well as by water. The Port is adding a second dock and installing a giant crane for oversized products.

Private projects scheduled to begin in the near future will offer more employment than the initial phase promised by the state's prison project (over 200 jobs available to local people). At least \$20 million (all taxable) will be invested by Tidewater's regional project, the Longview Fibre-Kinzua expansion, Logan International, Oregon Hay Co., Sumitomo, Oregon Potato Co., ACX Corporation, and others looking at export markets. Con-Agri and Boeing have invested additional millions in local projects. Portland General Electric is planning resumption of its generating plant.

Boardman is a proud city with a bright future. It provides Morrow County with an open door to the Pacific Rim. Boardman must not sell itself short by hosting a mega-prison which may discourage investment by tax-paying, job-creating industries in the future.

Protect Morrow County by voting "No" on the prison.

Sincerely,
(s) Larry Lindsay
Lexington, OR

Vote no on prison ballot

To the Editor:

Morrow County voters will again be faced with deciding the future for all of us when they vote on the mail-in referendum election-Prison Siting Nov. 7.

The governor has made his decision to select Boardman as the backup site for Oregon's newest prison and maybe the next site named for a future 1500-bed institution. We need to send a message to every Oregonian, including the governor and legislature, what another prison would mean to Eastern Oregon.

Eastern Oregon, once known for its quality of life, agriculture, scenic beauty, and recreation opportunities, will be dumping grounds for Oregon with prisons located along I-84 at Ontario, Baker, Pendleton and next Boardman.

Morrow County is too small to handle a 1500-bed facility. New residents will enjoy our freeway and will spend their money outside the community and county. Many prison employees will choose not to live in our towns and prefer bigger towns

away from the institution and its problems.

A north-end penitentiary would mean Boardman would be known as a prison town with all of Morrow County faced with higher taxes due to increase in county services including health, mental and medical facilities, more funds needed to operate the schools, overcrowding of our court systems, increased demands on police and emergency personnel and other social programs. A few individuals would reap benefits a prison would bring and move out of the area leaving the rest of the county residents who chose to live here facing the problems the prison aftermath will bring.

I urge everyone to vote no and save the quality of life we and our families have come to enjoy and value in Morrow County. Don't saddle our children with a dim future for a sake of a few dollars.

(s) Marcia Kemp
Box 527
Lexington

Looking for old tokens

To the Editor:

I am a lover of history and I have a somewhat unusual hobby. I collect old tokens used by stores, barber shops, pool halls, bakeries, saloons, forts, and other businesses years ago. The tokens were "good for 2¢, 10¢, 12½¢ or such trade or merchandise or "good for" a loaf of bread, one drink, one shave, one ride or whatever. They were usually made of metal, and while having the general appearance of a coin, they were made in all shapes and sizes.

I am hoping that if you have a "Letter to the Editor" section or such in your paper that you might mention my search. I know that this request is relatively unimportant, but as our elderly pass away and the younger members of the family inherit their possessions, tokens and other items are considered junk and thrown out. I do get a great deal of enjoyment from my hobby and I do believe that these concrete reminders of our great heritage are worth preserving.

I have reason to believe that some of these tokens were used in your area and I would be most interested in obtaining some of them for my collection.

I would like to hear from anyone having one or more of these tokens or from anyone that might be able to help me. Any help that you can give me of any kind is greatly appreciated. My address is Travis

Roberts, Box 1168, Bellaire, Texas, 77402.

Thank you kindly in advance and best wishes.

(s) Travis Roberts
Box 1168
Bellaire, Texas

Arts and Crafts club to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts club will meet Monday, Oct. 23 at the Wagon Wheel. A no-host dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7. Anyone who is interested in arts

Recall Mania

Recall of elected officials is an important aspect of our form of representative government. Even though we elect our politicians for a definite term and have the opportunity to elect someone else at the end of that term, it is important to have a means of throwing out a really bad official even before the next regular election.

But the process can be abused. I think it is abused when recall is used to oust a politician for a mere error in judgement or a difference of opinion on policy. It would be rare indeed for an elected official to make every decision the office requires in way that suits every voter, every time.

Every problem admits to several possible solutions, each of which fit within the range of reasonable, rational solutions. But any given one would not suit all the people. "You can please some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time but you can't please all the people all the time."

Being disappointed at a governmental decision is part of the price of representative government. When we elect officials to make our governmental decisions for us, we must expect to be disappointed some of the time.

When a public official makes an unpopular decision, there is nearly always some talk about recall. When the decision is of the nature and kind expected of that official, I think it is inappropriate to consider recall. The purpose of the recall is to oust a politician for actions outside the usual job assigned to the office.

For example, we elect a county commissioner to make decisions about how to expend county tax revenues. We may differ in many respects on the various possible ways to do that, and if our commissioner is "wrong" most of the time, we should elect someone else next election. But we do not elect him to steal county funds for his own use; if he does that we should recall him.

A recent recall effort of two Morrow County School District directors was wisely turned aside because the issue was school policy, part of the legitimate job of a director. That is a proper consideration when considering reelection but we think not a grounds for recall, no matter how unpopular.

There has been talk of recall of the president of the Port of Morrow Commission and of a Morrow County Commissioner because of a difference of opinion over a prison in Boardman. I think that is something to be considered at reelection time rather than by way of recall.

In John Day, there is an effort to recall Circuit Judge Milo Pope because he set bail on appeal at a level that the defendant was able to meet. Setting bail on appeal is part of the job of a circuit judge. The amount of bail set is one of the many judicial decisions every judge must make. The fact that the defendant was able to make that bail and thus avoid incarceration pending the decision on appeal is part of our system of jurisprudence.

I can certainly understand that some folks might be upset to find a convicted dope dealer free on the streets of John Day pending his appeal. But to recall Judge Pope because of it would be absurd. I hope voters have the wisdom to turn this recall effort aside, and preserve the integrity of our system.



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