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Letters to the Editor

High school dress code needs examined

To the Editor:

Last week I became concerned with our school's dress code when I was called to school to bring pants to my daughter who had worn pants that had been cut off at the knee and hemmed. When entering the school a young girl in front of me reached to open the door and her dress pulled up and underpants showed. With the dress code this was accepted but the modest knee-length pants were not. Sometimes style can be tasteful,

without compromising standards of modesty. Little girls legs are cute but modesty is important even at an early age. I believe that the schools are enforcing as best they can the dress code as it stands, but believe we may need to look into the code. If you feel this way please express your feelings to those who can make a difference.

Thank you,
 (s) Midge Michael
 Heppner

Irrigon needs swimming pool

To the Editor:

I'm writing because of our need of a swimming pool. The river is dirty with oil and trash. There's not much to do in Irrigon but swim in the river.

The river is dirty because one day I went down to the river to go swimming and there was oil in the water

and a dead fish and trash floating in the water plus there are rocks.

The solution is that we raise money for the swimming pool.

Sincerely,
 (s) Scott Cason
 P.O. Box 727
 Irrigon

Concerned about AA status

To the Editor:

I'm writing because of my concern of the schools going AA. I don't think it's fair for people having to travel over 200 miles to play a sport. Because of this some students may not play sports next year.

The only solution I have of not going AA, is split the schools and go back to B schools. Then we will play

local teams.

I also understand we will need money for teachers and a high school, which will come from taxes or the towns can have fund raisers and earn the money. Thank you.

Sincerely,
 (s) David Franke
 Rt 2 Box 108
 Irrigon

Supports Frohnmayer

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Dave Frohnmayer's candidacy for Governor. Oregon has the opportunity to elect as governor a person who has already demonstrated his ability to deal with the challenges facing Oregon in the 1990's.

Dave has been an outstanding Attorney General since 1981. He has drafted and helped pass legislation which is greatly aiding law enforcement in dealing with Oregon's serious crime problem. Thanks to the new civil drug forfeiture laws now in place, police and prosecutors have tools to hit drug dealers where they can be hurt the most, in the pocketbook.

As a former law professor, three-term legislator and Rhodes Scholar, Dave Frohnmayer has the broad-based experience to deal effectively with the legislature. As an able administrator who heads the state's largest law firm, he knows how to manage resources effectively. During his tenure as attorney general, his office has collected three times the amount budgeted to it by the legislature.

Born and raised in Southern Oregon, Dave knows that Oregon is more than just metropolitan Portland. He has traveled the state tirelessly in an attempt to meet with

all Oregonians and get to know their points of view.

Crime is one of the most important problems facing this state. Dave Frohnmayer is the one candidate with the expertise and experience required to deal firmly and effectively with crime in Oregon during the coming decade.

Yours very truly,
 (s) Jeff Wallace
 Rt. 2 Box 2504
 Heppner

Births

Casey Daniel King-a son, Casey Daniel, was born March 28, 1990, to Wendy and Dan King of Longview, Wa. at St. Johns Medical Center in Longview, Wa. The baby weighed 8 lbs.

Grandparents are Nancy and Jerry Myers of Heppner; and Norma and Ray King of Richland, Wa.

Great-grandparents are Lila Myers of Hermiston; and Walt Schuler of Aurora.

The baby joins a sister, Ashley at home.

Susan K. Young-a daughter Susan was born April 7, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston to Yesenia Young Orjala of Boardman. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs.

Look to equitable tax resolutions

To the Editor:

The congress and administration are again talking about reducing the \$125 billion federal deficit. This perennial rite of spring has, thus far, produced little but rhetoric, a few catchy phrases like "read my lips," and a consensus in the government, for one more year, to paper over the problem by "borrowing" from the various trust funds and using other slight-of-hand methods to disguise the deficit.

Even though I am cynical about the chances for meaningful reductions, I will add my voice to those supporting deficit reduction. I think, along with many others, that such reductions will require a combination of tax increases and expenditure reductions.

Where I part company with many of those making recommendations, including House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, however, is in the area of tax increases which fall mainly on those least able to afford them. I'm talking about excise taxes, which are proposed to be increased on a variety of "sins," like beer, wine, liquor, gasoline and cigarettes. Excise taxes have a basic weakness: they are regressive, which means that the burden of them falls most heavily on those least able to pay. Specifically, those families earning less than \$20,000 per year will be hardest hit.

In fact, the proposed excise tax increases will wipe out the tax relief the poor received from the 1986 tax act. Families earning less than

\$20,000 will be paying taxes four times greater as a proportion of their income than families earning over \$50,000. Why should those least able to pay bear the burden of reducing the deficit?

Another problem with excise and other consumption taxes is that they unduly impact the consumers of certain products. The federal deficit is a national problem which requires a national, even-handed response. By increasing excise taxes, a certain group of consumers is being singled out to solve a problem affecting us all.

The rallying cry of recent tax reforms has been "tax equity." A tax which lands squarely on one group of consumers can hardly be called equitable. In a nation which strives to eliminate discrimination in employment, housing, health care and other areas, I cannot believe that our leaders would support discrimination of the worst kind—the kind which hits you and me in our wallets.

If congress and the administration are sincere about reducing the federal deficit, they should look to solutions which are equitable for all taxpayers. And they certainly should not propose those which hurt the poor and middle classes and which discriminate between groups of consumers.

(s) Bill Blosser
 Box 399
 Dundee, Oregon 97115

Pick best ed. leader

To the Editor:

Our new Voter's Pamphlet list five candidates for state school chief, four veterans in education and one former state office-holder in other positions.

Compare qualifications of all five as to experience, expertise, and policies. Who will best lead statewide educational improvement by advising teachers, administrators, parents, boards, and others? Who will best supervise the staff of educators at Salem and manage the deaf and blind schools? Who will stimulate most effectively the need-

ed student achievement in Oregon?

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is elected state-wide, but to date the post has not been used as stepping-stone to other public offices. Tax policy gets set by government and legislature, not by school chief. Pick the best leader for educational progress.

Yours,
 (s) Dr. Fred W Decker
 827 N.W. 31st St.
 Corvallis, OR 97330
 Retired deputy assistant U.S. secretary of education for research and improvement, 1981-85.

In the Service

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Thomas K. Parsons, son of Rachel Parsons of Irrigon has been promoted to his present rank while serving at Strategic Weapons Facility, Pacific, Silverdale, Wash.

He is a 1964 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman.

Marine Pfc. Shawn G. Olson, son of Lola F. Malmberg of Boardman, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 13-week training cycle, Olson was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1989 graduate of Riverside High School, he joined the Marine Corps in December 1989.

Justice Court Report

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

- Michael Fred Voegel, 33, Heppner-No Lights on Trailer, \$20 fine;
- Russell Lloyd Smith, 35, Arlee, Mt.-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit (75 mph in a 55 mph zone) \$92 fine; Open Container, \$67 bail forfeited;
- Franklin E. Cason, 20, Irrigon-Failure to Yield Right of Way to Pedestrian in Cross Walk, \$20 fine;
- Vincent Kingsley Parke, 30, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 43 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$37 fine;
- Daniel Keith Johnson, 23, Pendleton-Vehicle License Expired, \$30 fine;
- Steve Ball, 32, Heppner-Assault IV, \$301 fine, 30 days in jail (\$150 fine, 30 days jail suspended) with one year probation, no further violations of the law.

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

April 17: Ronald Wayne Haguewood, Heppner; and Karen Lynn Palmer, Heppner.

4-H News

Monday Mixers
 By Becky Wagenblast, Reporter

On Monday, April 2, the Monday Mixers made desserts, caramel corn, three cakes and nutritious dessert snacks. Some of the cakes were quite interesting, but it was the first time the members had made cakes.

Officers were elected. Melissa McElligott was voted president; Jamie Lovett was chosen to be vice president; Jessica Stefani was selected to be secretary and Becky Wagenblast to serve as reporter. Members also chose to name the club the Monday Mixers.

The next meeting will be Monday April 30.

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We're Real Pikers



AS I SEE IT
 By Ed Glenn

When it comes to provincialism, Morrow County can't hold a candle to our neighbors in Umatilla County. On that score we're real pikers.

Monday night the Regional Economic Development Strategy Committee met and the regionalism disappeared very quickly. In its place arose a degree of localism that even I had never witnessed.

You see, the committee had requests for funding sixteen projects totalling some \$2 million. But the region's share of lottery money is only \$438,000. That meant that some projects simply would not get funded as they had requested. Some would not get funded at all.

The committee is composed of five representatives from each of the two counties, representatives appointed by the respective county governing bodies.

In appointing the Morrow County representatives, Judge Louis Carlson avoided individuals with some vested interest, like the Port of Morrow manager and chamber of commerce president. Instead the county court appointed individuals who were able to approach the regional issues with a relatively clear conscience.

They are: Meg Murray, Joe McElligott, Jerry Anderson, Rod Collins and myself.

Umatilla County Commission, on the other hand, built in conflict by passing on the selection to various local interest groups. They rubber stamped a nominee from the Round-Up City Development Corp. (the folks leading the promotion of Continental Mills in Pendleton), Hermiston Development Corp. (promoting Roundhouse Popcorn and a regional water system,) the Port of Umatilla (promoting flex-space in Milton-Freewater) and the Umatilla Indian Tribes (the lead promoter of a pheasant processing plant.)

These Umatilla County representatives each came to the meeting with a vested interest in one or more projects that were being supported by the organizations sending them, so it is no surprise that their vision of truly regional impact was clouded. But a strong underlying current of local animosity further impaired the process.

It seems that the Pendleton community (wheat, livestock, old stable community) is on the outs with Hermiston (irrigation, development, growing population and threatening political strength.) That much sounds like Morrow County. But then there is Milton-Freewater; old stable community, but irrigated, intense farming, food processing, development minded. In some respects Milton-Freewater is threatened by the Hermiston upstarts, in others it identifies with them economically. The dynamics of the debate was in deed interesting.

In the end, Pendleton came through with their pet project (Continental Mills) unscathed, a form of peace offering that did not make peace. Three of the five projects primarily sited in Morrow County found funding but not without cuts, demanded in major part by Umatilla County representatives out of "principle." Milton-Freewater got a project as did the tribes. Hermiston got their water system.

As I see it, provincialism, vested interests and power politics prevailed over a sense of vision of regional impact. Value-added agriculture, to me has a much broader role than merely a new processing plant in town. It means an overall improvement in the agricultural economy. That includes the new plant in town, of course, but it also includes the impact on the business community, the farming community and the potential for further growth, development and profitability beyond the immediate project.

By that standard, some projects were funded which should not have been and some were not that should have been. That's because Umatilla County folks have elevated provincialism to a science.

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