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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for going extra mile

To the Editor:

I've never tasted a better steak than the one you served me... And the French toast the following a.m. was excellent also. Your fast service, smiles and encouragement will bring me back to your community another time at a later date.

Thanks for going "the extra mile" for Cycle Oregon participants to make our stay in your community the best of any on this year's ride.

Sincerely,
(s) Rod Rumsey
Gold Beach, OR

Proud to share Oregon

To the Editor:

We want to thank the people and businesses of Heppner for hosting us on our first night on the road on Cycle Oregon III. It must surely have been overwhelming but you were all

so polite and friendly that we felt right at home. And the food was great too. We're proud to share Oregon with folks like you.

(s) Stanford and Marilyn Smith
Albany, Oregon

Court thanks Morrow County

To the Editor:

Your Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, Queen Judy Jepsen, Princesses Dana Flanagan, Tricia Coe and Stacie Henry, have had a great time representing Morrow County this past year. We have enjoyed attending meetings, luncheons and parades all the way from Portland to Joseph. It has been our goal to represent Morrow County to the very best of our abilities. We have met many people, learned many new things and grown much this year.

To each of those who have helped support us by purchasing tickets, sale items or donating to us in any way, we would like to offer our thanks. Your support has been tremendous and we will always remember our year with fond memories. Thanks for allowing us to represent you and Morrow County.

Sincerely,
(s) Queen Judy Jepsen
Princess Tricia Coe
Princess Dana Flanagan
Princess Stacie Henry

Support Frohnmayer

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to enthusiastically support Dave Frohnmayer for Governor of the State of Oregon.

The Oregon Association of Realtors Political Action Committee has met with Dave Frohnmayer and found Dave to be most supportive of realtor philosophies on small business, housing and property tax relief issues. Additionally, Dave expressed a strong commitment to equitable treatment to private parties with regard to Oregon's new Forfeiture law and to reducing uncertainties in Oregon's land use

planning program.

Additionally, as one devoted to continued rural economic development in Eastern Oregon, it is my firm belief that Dave Frohnmayer is the candidate whose philosophy is most closely aligned with Eastern Oregon's "self help" and "can do" attitudes. He will help us develop our local rural economies and will bring all the state assets to work towards this goal.

Please give Dave your support and your vote.

(s) John Prag, president
Columbia Basin Board of Realtors
Box 50
Boardman, OR 97818

Cyclists send thanks

To the Editor:

Just a quick note to thank all the fine people of Heppner that helped to host Cycle Oregon III. As a rider I found your hospitality and friendship to be a very positive part of the ride. Be assured that you added

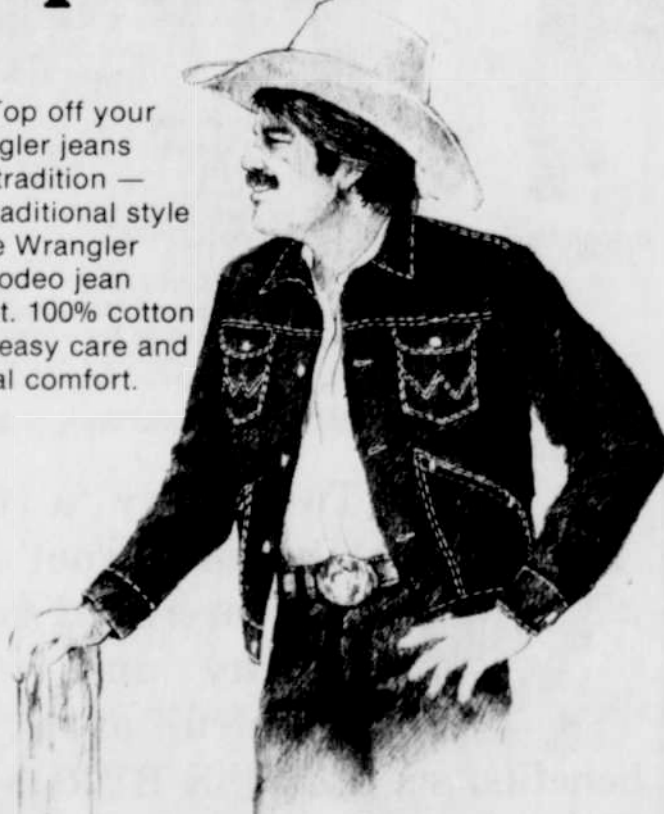
tremendously to a very positive experience.

Thank you again for sharing your friendship, community and beautiful area with all of us.

(s) A.R. Rirkmeyer
Longview, WA

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Heppner Hospitality wonderful

To the Editor:

Thank you for your wonderful hospitality during the Cycle Oregon III. What a wonderful stay...and lots of people to drive us around and help carry our bags. The grounds were beautiful, the entertainment delightful and the food superb. Also the people fantastic. You have a great town.

We'll be back for St. Paddy's day

Special thanks to the Bill Ewing family (he's a fifth or sixth grade teacher) for allowing us to take showers at their house and for showing us the town...and to the people who own the BP Gas Station for their help and the use of their bathroom. Love your town, love your people.

(s) Molly McCallum
John Kahley
Bend, OR

No other town so hospitable

To the Editor:

On September 9th together with about 2,000 other cyclists, I rolled into your town. What a reception. None of us realized how good we had it in Heppner—because Heppner was our first stop, we thought all the towns we stayed at would be just as gracious and generous as Heppner. Not so.

No other town offered us free

Gatorade when we arrived. No other town served us steak. No other town served us meals without waiting lines. No other town in Oregon was so hospitable.

Thank you for the personal tour of the Morrow County Courthouse.

Sincerely,
(s) J.D. Foster
Ashland, OR

Thanks for all you did

To the Editor:

I have just completed riding Cycle Oregon III. I've never done it before so the hospitality shown by the towns we passed through was such a surprise you made us feel so special—staying with you was, for

me, really wonderful.

So I want to thank you for all you did for us and I hope we were good guests. You were great.

Thanks,
(s) Victoria Gordon
Salem, OR 97301

Coos Sheriff for Frohnmayer

To the Editor:

Recently on television, Mrs. Barbara Roberts outlined her crime plan for Oregon and at the same time stated that Dave Frohnmayer has done nothing about crime in Oregon and has no plan for dealing with crime.

How naive, or perhaps simply out of sync with reality was this statement made. As a matter of fact, I had the privilege of working with Dave Frohnmayer in 1985 when we traveled the state of Oregon helping him develop Oregon's "Drug Strategy" which is still in place today. Little wonder why all 36 county sheriffs, district attorneys and a large majority of police officers I have talked to support Dave Frohnmayer. We have not forgotten Dave's battle with the Rajneesh in Antelope, his anti-racketeering law, the regional narcotic task forces he created as a result of the drug strategy meetings held statewide, the appellate and supreme court cases he has fought and won for us and a myriad of other law enforcement issues he has worked with law enforcement on for the last ten years.

Crime may be a new issue with Barbara Roberts, but not with Dave Frohnmayer. It has been a continual battle, one that he will not be able to forget when elected governor, nor will he be able to forget the atrocities committed to children and adults at the hands of hard core criminals in our state.

The new issues Dave will deal with are school support funding, taxes, economic conditions, and

social stability that includes the preservation of a way of life for our loggers, fishermen, ranchers and farmers.

Law enforcement is part of that social stability also, not to be governed with an iron fist, but to be meted out in a fashion that brings about a willing compliance to the benefit of all.

As a career law enforcement officer with over 31 years in this business, I have seen and dealt with the liberal attitudes of many of our state legislators in our attempt to pass needed legislation dealing with such laws as sex registration, career criminals, and violent crime issues. More often than not the benefits of these laws have been denied to society because certain liberal legislators in positions of power are more concerned about the rights of the accused than the victim.

Barbara Roberts is an admitted liberal who all of a sudden has a crime plan for the state while Dave Frohnmayer has been a friend and supporter of law enforcement in our state for ten years with a proven track record on crime and more importantly the knowledge, ability and desire to be a great governor. I'm a registered democrat but that doesn't mean I am a liberal nor do I have to follow party lines. In this year's election I feel I only have one viable choice and that is Dave.

All of us 36 sheriffs and district attorneys can't be wrong so you folks take it from there.

(s) Veral E. Tarno
Coos County Sheriff

Thanks to people of Heppner

To the Editor:

Dear Judge Carlson: Sunday evening, after our first full day on Cycle Oregon and after savoring the wonderful dinner and welcome provided by the people of Heppner, you, your wife and son came by our group at the beer garden thanked us for coming to Heppner. You also gave our tired bodies a ride back to the campsite on the fairgrounds.

This is the kind of hospitality that captured my vote for the friendliest city on the tour. This by no means is meant to imply that every city along the route wasn't great...because they all were. It means that Heppner stood out in my mind in a rather "special" way.

Coming into Heppner after a long hot ride, I was greeted by your welcoming group that directed me to an ice cold tub full of all the Gatorade one could consume. Once showered and clean we headed to the shuttle area for a lift into town. The Lexington Grange buckboard came by and we hopped on. We learned about your St. Patrick's day parade, the bed-races and that Heppner is

now on the Pro-Rodeo circuit. Once delivered to the school we were treated to wonderful food and cool

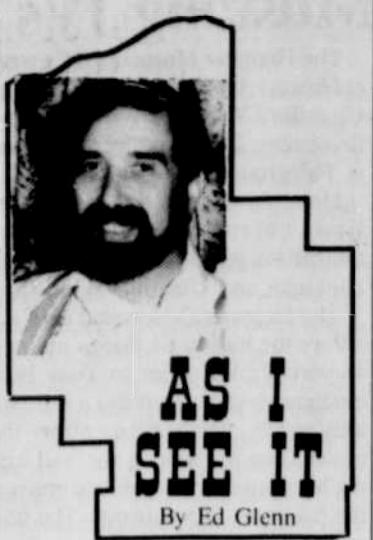
shade. After dinner we strolled down to the beer garden and met other people.

After a great breakfast, which I'm told caused people to get up at 4 a.m., we began moving up the hill and out of Heppner. Off to the left as we rode, a lady was waving good bye to us and thanking us for coming to her city. Shortly up the hill, others from Heppner were handing out fresh watermelon to the riders. The sun pushed up over the eastern hills, as the birds sailed and the horses wondered about these two wheeled "things" going up a steep climb. It was to be another long day. But for this native Oregonian, I was proud of Heppner for the tremendous display of community spirit and 100% pure Oregon hospitality.

Thanks to you Judge and all of the others for making Heppner a wonderful experience.

Sincerely,
(s) Ron Allen
Portland

Too Bad We Didn't Have A Chance



I was a little sad to see the state wide ballot measures be invalidated early this week. I wanted yet another opportunity to vote down a sales tax.

All this property tax reform and limitation talk is fanned as much by the recipients as it is by the payers. After all we already have a property tax limit. The limit by the voters seems to me to work pretty well. Morrow County schools have been limited several times in the past few years by voters simply saying 'no' to any new tax levies.

On the other hand, when property taxes do go up it is because the voters, the very folks who pay most of the taxes, say 'yes.' County government is a classic example. The County's tax levy has gone up quite a bit in the past several years.

Now that's a feature of the present system you won't find in any reform plan. The folks who pay the money can decide just which form of government will go up and which will not.

And this business about a sales tax surely does point out how politicians think about things. They all want a sales tax, a new tax on Oregonians, and one that is collected state-wide and thus controlled at Salem. Financing education is important, they say, but apparently it is less important than all the other things the state is now doing because you don't hear anyone suggesting that education should be financed by cutting back any other program.

In fact, the school finance problem is made bigger because the legislature has decided all those other things are more important than education. Basic school support used to run about 33 percent, but in recent years the legislature has cooked up other programs to spend that money on. Now basic school support is less than 25 percent of the cost of educating a child.

Well, it's too bad we did not have yet another chance to say 'no' to a new tax. We've done that consistently eight times in recent memory. One more could have been added to the list.

Then maybe some, just one would be a start, politicians would get the idea that taxpayers are not a bottomless pit. That maybe we already have all the government we want. That maybe we should try to set some real priorities about what tax money should be spent for and when you get to the middle of the list, call that enough. I don't think government can do everything, nor should it try.

Spend, spend, spend. That's all some of those fellows think. Take the national deficit. A few years back the Gramm-Rudman bill was designed to force a deficit reduction. But our spend, spend, spend representatives have slipped around that act so that this year will post the highest deficit ever in the history of this nation—\$235 billion.

These are the same fellows who look us straight in the eye and say they want to reduce the debt load on the American taxpayer. Then some hot shot special interest group like the Savings and Loan executives get to them and the first thing you know there's another taxpayer financed bailout program and fat campaign contribution to show for it.

I've seen ordinarily sensible folks run for political office and the very minute we elect them, they turn south and do the very same spend, spend, spend trick the old politicians do.

Someday we'll have two candidates for governor who will be arguing about how much spending they can cut out of government, not about how much new tax money they can collect. And who knows, maybe we'll have a county court that will not go out of their way to find new ways to spend our money.

Until then, we've got to be very vigilant that we do not lose all the purse strings on our tax money. Too bad we didn't have a chance this time.

Thanks a bunch

To the Editor:

Just a little note to say "thanks a bunch" for the wonderful hospitality your town extended to Cycle Oregon III—you were so great.

I will always have fond memories of the folks at Heppner. Thanks again.

(s) Bev Chamberlain
Cornelius, OR 97113

Lordy Lordy
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Happy Birthday
Jerry
Love,
Your wife and kids



The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem

(After Hours)

5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Clem gushed, "Hey Grazelda, the fellers down at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron say instead of going on that diet, you should just stay the way you are." Grazelda sputtered, "But Clem, don't you want me to be slim and trim?" Clem scoffed, "Naw, they say if you stay the way you are, I can have shade in the summer and heat in the winter." Clem headed out the door as Grazelda went for the shotgun over the fireplace!



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