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## Letters to the Editor

### Hospital policy neglects diplomacy

To the Editor:  
Perhaps in the management changes now being negotiated by Pioneer Memorial Hospital there should be some consideration for policy changes.

Our hospital is a tax-supported institution that also depends on user charges. But incorrect statements, lack of detailed billing and other discrepancies happen too often. It would behoove office personnel to examine accounts before sending out threatening letters stating that said account will be assigned to a collection agency if payment is not received within five days.

Over the past year this family has dealt with payment to numerous health providers, most of whom want payment before insurance com-

panies receive a bill or can process a claim. And most health provider entities act like they are doing the patient a favor, though it is in their best interest to bill insurance companies.

The money spent for time and postage on repeated billings to the client far exceeds the expense of billing insurance companies.

Utilizing our local resource would be better encouraged by more diplomacy and correct statements without threatening letters. And local phone calls hardly add to the hospital's phone bill, but presently it's the client who must take the time to get a correct billing.

Sincerely,  
(s) Merlyn Robinson  
Heppner

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## Supports Frohnmayer

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Dave Frohnmayer's candidacy for governor of Oregon.

Dave Frohnmayer has the experience, training and temperament required to be an outstanding governor. He has been a legislator, a teacher and an attorney general who approaches the problems facing this state in a thoughtful yet decisive manner. In years of traveling the length of this state he has listened carefully to all Oregonians. He knows Pendleton and Klamath Falls as well as Portland and Eugene. He has acted to develop practical solu-

tions to the crime, consumer protection and other problems facing this state. He is a quick study who will "hit the ground running" as our next governor.

That is why Dave Frohnmayer has a broad base of support from a cross-section of Oregonians. Of all the candidates, he is the only one with the broad range of experience to respond to the challenges facing Oregon in the 90's.

Please vote Dave Frohnmayer for governor.

(s) Jeff Wallace  
Heppner, OR

## Obituaries

### Perry William Terrell

Perry William Terrell, 66, of Boardman, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 1990 at his home.

Graveside funeral service was held at the Boardman Cemetery on Wednesday. A memorial service was also held Wednesday at the Hermiton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mr. Terrell was born in Nebraska on April 22, 1924 to Daniel A. and Stella R. Seymour Terrell. He lived at Payette, Idaho, for a number of years and had lived in Boardman for the past three years.

On June 9, 1977, he married Doris Thwreath Jahr at Laramie, Wyo. He had been employed as a logger and as a long distance truck driver.

He enjoyed motorcycling and had built a two passenger airplane and a 35-foot sailboat from scratch by hand.

Mr. Terrell enjoyed sharing his faith with others.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, at the home; sons, Shannon of Roseburg; Terry of Florence; Adrian of Belgrade, Mont.; and Darrell of Newport; daughter, Tracy Terrell of Belgrade, Mont.; brothers Danny of Payette, Idaho and Charles of Kennewick, Wa.; sisters Viola Weise of Toledo; Stella Dewey of Yakima, Wa.; Dalpha Gibson of Salem, 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A sister, Orhelda, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mrs. Terrell, P.O. Box 767, Boardman, 97818.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, is in charge of arrangements.

### Dorothy E. Burcham

A memorial service for Dorothy E. Burcham will be held at the Lexington Church on Friday at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Burcham, 70, of Lexington, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 1990 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

She was born Dec. 30, 1919 at Cambridge, Idaho, to Elijah and Bertha Lyons Ledington. On June 3, 1945, she married Ralph J. Burcham at Weiser, Idaho. The couple had lived in Idaho and Oregon, settling in Lexington in 1965.

Mrs. Burcham was a member of Holly Rebekah Lodge 139, the Lexington Garden Bugs, Lexington Baptist Church and the Morrow County Historical Society.

Survivors include a son, Mike Burcham of Pendleton; daughters Kathy Tellechea of Lexington and Linda Jackson of Greeley, Colo.; sisters, Leona Symes of Tigard and Betty Parkhurst of Shoshone, Idaho, Mildred Anderson of Renton, Wash. and Lena Brown of San Jose, Calif.; a brother, Harry Ledington of Boise; and eight grandchildren. Her husband, Ralph, died in 1985.

Memorial contributions may be made to the EMTs-Morrow County Ambulance, P.O. Box 557, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

## Justice Court Report

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

Marvin Monroe Crumley, 29, Boring-Aiding and Counseling in a Game Violation (exceeding bag limit-deer) \$197 fine;

Calvin Terrill Foster, 21, Spray-Open Container (whiskey), \$43 fine; Jerry Caldwell-Illegal Possession of Fireworks, \$85 fine;

Kenneth M. Stookey-Criminal Mischief, \$147 fine.

## Marriage Licenses

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

Sept. 24-John Patrick Srofe, 31, Boardman; and

LeAnn Bailey, 21, Boardman.

Sept. 25-Trey Max Fischer, 21, Irrigon; and

Michele Lee Thomas, 19, Irrigon.

Sept. 26-Stanley L. Davis, 43, Irrigon; and

Tallifer Baker, 43, Irrigon.

## Births

**Pablo Antonio Navaez**-a son Pablo Antonio, was born to Hermin and Maria Navaez of Boardman on September 18, 1990 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 4 ozs.

**Joshua Thomas LaRue**-a son, Joshua Thomas, was born to Shawn and Denise LaRue of Portland on September 21, 1990. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Del and Linda LaRue of Ione; Marilyn Mabe of Fossil and the late Gary Thomas. Great-grandparents are Art and Joy Bartness of Lostine and Clarence Asher of Fossil.

**Matthew Robert Carl Kerbs**-a son Matthew Robert Carl, was both to Kathleen and Scott Kerbs, of Saratoga, Wyoming on September 25, 1990 at Memorial Hospital of Carbon County Wyoming. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5ozs.

Grandparents are Carl and Naddene Kerbs, Saratoga, Wy.; Robert Van Schoiack, Heppner and the late Katherine VanSchoiack.

**Tanner Wade Wilson**-a son Tanner Wade was born to Matthew and Makayla Wilson, Portland, on Sept. 13, 1990 at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. The baby weighed 4 lbs. 7 ozs.

Grandparents are Linda and Lester Dutcher, Heppner; Dean and Shirley Hamilton, Hermiston; Gary and Lauri Wilson, Graham, Wa.

Great-grandparents are Norman and Margaret Kessler and Garland and Iris Wilson all of Milton-Freewater.

He joins a brother Kayle, 17 months at home.

## In the Service

Army Sgt. Craig A Rea has arrived for duty in Vilseck, West Germany. Rea, an instructor, is the son of Keith and Judy Rea of Ione.

## HEPPNER BOWL

### Business Hours:

Restaurant M-F 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sat. 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Sun. 12 noon to 8 p.m.

NO LEAGUE BOWLING Sept. 30 thru Oct. 6th due to machine repair. Leagues to resume Oct. 7.

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## Back On

Well, now those ill fated referendum measures are back on.

The issue was all very simple, but, of course, with all the political ramifications, it got pretty complicated.

Here's how I see it. If you didn't buy a buck tag before midnight Friday night, it was too late. And if you went ahead and shot a buck on Saturday, you'd be in violation of the law. And if somebody blew the whistle, you'd be fined, have the buck and your gun confiscated and your hunting privileges forfeited for years.

That's because the law applies to you and me. And the local justice of the peace will whop it to us if we break the law. No appeal.

But if the same law says you can't put a measure on the ballot without an estimate of the financial consequences attached and the estimate must be filed by a certain date and you failed to file the estimate by that date, well, the law doesn't mean much if you're a candidate for governor.

Further more when the estimate of financial consequences was filed, but two days late, and the powers that besaw how horrendous those consequences were, well, you'd just bury the estimate in some bottom drawer and the measures go on the ballot anyway. Who knows, maybe we can snore the voters if they don't know what they're voting on.

So after all the rhubarb we get to vote on a bunch of stuff in the dark. My vote will be easy to figure out "no" on the whole slate of stuff.

This property tax limit is the easiest. My taxes are just a little over the proposed limit now but they are mostly school taxes which will go from the present \$11 per thousand down to \$5. Okay so far. But taxes or all other entities will be limited to \$10 when they are now only about \$6. I've never seen anything that didn't go up to the limit in short order, so I can see the county taxes nearly doubling so they can hit the limit.

In Boardman and Heppner and every other city the city taxes will already put a limit on county taxes, so to keep the \$10 limit in the city, the county will get less there. That means I'll pay \$7 or \$8 for county services that a city resident pays only \$3 or \$4.

By limiting school taxes so low a sales tax will be required. Everyone is talking about how necessary a sales tax is anyway so property taxes must be limited to force the issue.

My own estimate of financial consequences looks like this: My property taxes run about \$600 a year. With the proposed limit I'd still pay about \$500. A savings of \$100 a year.

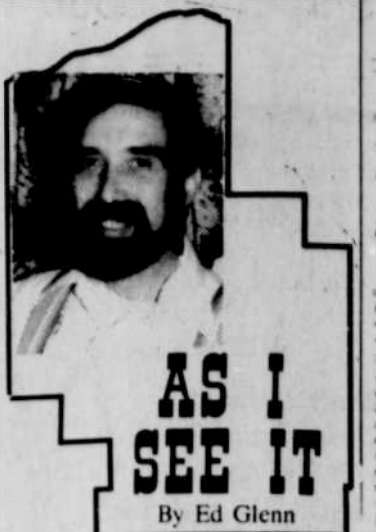
But I also figure my family spends about \$1,000 a month on items subject to a sales tax. At 5% that's \$50 a month, or \$600 a year in new taxes. Subtract the \$100 savings on my property tax and that's a net increase of \$500 a year in taxes.

If we just kept the present property tax program and then increased them about 80% it would have the same impact.

Now do you see why that official estimate of financial consequences was two days late, and therefore hidden in the bottom drawer? And why even the supreme court said that's OK?

Understand that everyone involved in this deal draws their paycheck out of the public coffers.

By the way, the fishing was great, the weather was warm and sunny, the water clean, clear and cold and the magic of the old fishing hole just as great as it has always been. The best part was I didn't have any cleaning to do when I got home.



## Heppner Police Report

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

September 24: 6:31 p.m.-assist District Attorney's office; 11:22 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

September 27: 8:42 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

September 28: 10:28 p.m.-report of Missing child.

September 29: 12:51 p.m.-report of Fight; 1:34 p.m.-Warrant Arrest; 8:40 p.m.-report of Deer Killed in City Limits; 9:55 p.m.-report of Theft; 11:28 p.m.-Prowler Call.

September 30: 7:46 p.m.-assist Oregon State Police.

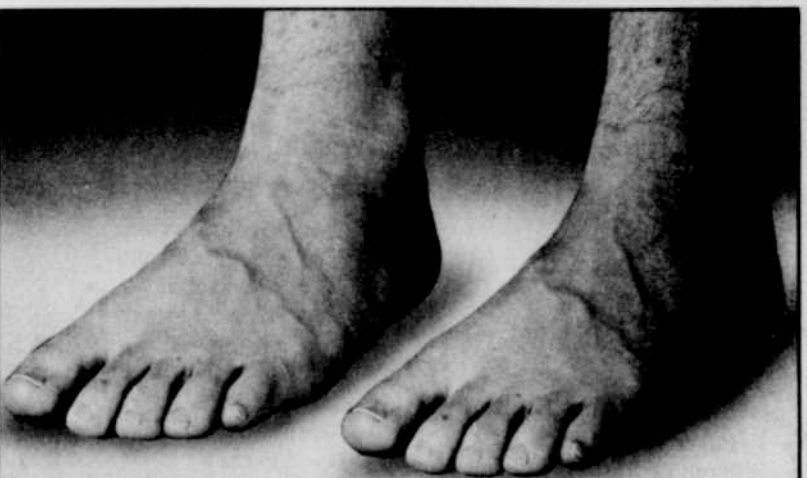
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