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## Letters to the Editor

### Write in Pat Wright for commissioner

To the Editor:  
As many of you now know, Pat Wright has decided to be a write-in candidate for County Commissioner. I have known Pat since we both attended school together in Lexington, and for the last 16 years, I have worked side by side with her—first at the hospital and then at the Health Department where she was County Health Nurse. During this time, she has also served on many boards including: Lone/Lexington School Advisory Board, Morrow County School Board, Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Dr. Search Com-

mittee and the Lexington City Council.

Because of all her experience, her life-long residency in Morrow County, her common sense, her compassion and her sense of fairness, she would make an outstanding County Commissioner.

I can tell you from years of experience with her, that Pat is a lady who gets things done.

Write in Pat Wright for County Commissioner.

Sincerely,  
(s) Betty Marquardt  
Lexington

### Thanks for Heppner hospitality

To the Editor:  
I just wanted to take a minute and thank all the people of Heppner for the incredible hospitality they showed the Cycle Oregon III riders. Our stay in your town was truly one of the highlights of my week. I hope I'll

be able to visit you again real soon. Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
(s) Stephen G. Shaw  
843 N Knott 301  
Portland 97227

### Disturbed by story

To the Editor:  
RE: Transfer Station  
I was very disturbed by your Oct. 10th front page article. You have rarely attended any council meetings in the past year. How is it possible to accurately edit news and see the overall picture by depending on quotes?

You have depicted a gloomy negative situation of the numerous proceedings that have taken place. Try attending our meetings to watch events as they unfold and develop. Your perspective may become more accurate and positive.

(s) Arnie Hedman  
Heppner City Council Member

### Admires Frohnmayer

To the Editor:  
I had the opportunity to work with and admire the integrity of Dave Frohnmayer while together we served in the Oregon Legislature. In more recent years, while serving on various boards and commissions I have sought his counsel and

have valued his support of decisions that would prove best for Oregon and best for the most of its citizens. I urge you to join me with a vote for Dave Frohnmayer. He will make a truly fine Governor.

Sincerely  
(s) Stafford Hansell  
Boardman

### Thanks to Heppner

To the Editor:  
Residents of Heppner—  
Thank you all for the warm welcome, great food, fun entertainment and all around hospitality we received during Cycle Oregon III. Special thanks to Darcey, our

shuttle driver who took us on tour before a swim stop at the dam. Also all the cooks and servers of the food. Those cookies, wow.

You people are great. Thanks.  
(s) Alix Olson  
San Diego

### Vote for Al Mobley

To the Editor:  
Should conservatives vote for Dave Frohnmayer even though he hesitates to identify with them?

When Vice-President Quayle came to Portland recently, Frohnmayer refused to be seen on the podium with the vice-president. There were no pictures taken by the press of Quayle and Frohnmayer together.

We were told they met privately at the hotel, but he refused to be seen publicly with known conservative Vice-President Quayle. Why? He doesn't agree with the vice-president's support of educational choice.

Is Frohnmayer afraid of driving away some of his liberal supporters? Only he can answer that question. But he is not serious about attracting conservative voters.

He would not be seen with a conservative he disagrees with, yet those who have not abandoned the Republican principles are supposed to ignore his arrogance and elevate him to governor? I don't think so.

He shunned known conservative Quayle and in January he co-hosted

a fund raiser that helped the liberal opponent of Republican Congressman Denny Smith.

If Frohnmayer weren't running for governor, would he vote for a Republican or liberal Democrat? On September 30th he announced he would write in the name of liberal democrat, Lynn Frohnmayer. Then he added, "She would make a great governor."

How do we know she's a liberal democrat? Mrs. Frohnmayer told an Oregonian reporter, "I'm a life-long, liberal democrat." She remains a registered democrat. Therefore, she could not even vote for her husband in his May primary election. (Neil Goldschmidt's parents respectfully changed their registration to vote for their son in his 1988 primary—not liberal Mrs. Frohnmayer.)

Vote for the candidate who is not ashamed to identify with moderates and conservatives. Vote for Al Mobley.

Sincerely,  
(s) Bill Bennett  
4512 Hayesville Dr. NE  
Salem

### Vote for Ray French

To the Editor:  
On November 6 I ask you to consider for Ray French as our Morrow County Commissioner. Ray is actively campaigning for this position

and is most eager to serve you. A vote for Ray French is a vote for respected leadership.

(s) Bob & Suzanne Jepsen

### Stop wasting; start recycling

To the Editor:  
Now that our landfill is closing and garbage rates have almost doubled it is time to think about recycling. This means more than just cleaning tin cans and taking them to a special dumpster, it also means changing our shopping habits. Here are some things you can do to cut your garbage bill in half and save space in the landfills:

1. Re-use grocery and other bags. Take one with you to the store rather than getting a new one.
2. Do not get plastic grocery bags or shopping bags unless you plan to re-use them before discarding.
3. Avoid plastic of all kinds. As far as we know it lasts forever in a landfill. There is no plastic recycling center near here. Almost everything that comes in plastic can also be found in glass or paper. Ask the stores to wrap your meat, fish, etc., in paper rather than taking home the foam and plastic. When ordering "take out" food ask the restaurant to avoid putting it in foam containers.

4. The issue of disposable diapers is a matter of choice. Disposables only make up 7 percent of all trash in landfills. The "biodegradable" diapers have not proven to breakdown any faster than the regular ones. Cloth diapers use enormous amounts of water and electricity not to mention the gas used by diaper delivery services. Whatever your choice, the damage done to the environment is small and certainly necessary.
5. We are fortunate to live in a wide open area allowing us to incinerate our own paper trash. Be sure to follow local guidelines for doing this. The pollution produced is small compared to the amount of

damage done if this paper is put in a landfill.

6. Food or organic waste can be used for compost in your garden. If you're not a gardener ask one if he wants your waste.
7. Check with local authorities and environmental groups to find out what else you can do.
8. Purchase products made from recycled materials.
9. The recycling centers in Hermiston and Pendleton have clear instructions on how to recycle: tin-remove labels, wash out, cut off both ends and place in the can, then flatten; aluminum—same as tin; glass—remove labels, caps and corks, wash out and sort according to color at the recycle center; newspaper—stack and tie with twine. Do not include colored ads or magazines; cardboard—corrugated only and brown paper grocery bags. Flatten boxes and remove stickers, staples and tape.
10. Stop and think before you throw anything away. Try to find some other use for it or recycle it. Remember if you throw it away it will stay in a landfill somewhere for a long, long time.

All of this will help us reduce our garbage flow. Not to mention the benefits to our environment. When you start changing your trash habits the stores and manufacturers will change their habits too. We will all win.

This sounds like a lot of work but it really isn't. We have been trying it for a month now and it works. Our own work around the house has actually been reduced, less trips to the trash can outside. Lets all stop wasting and start recycling.

(s) Lori & Jay Straley  
Heppner

### Keep Trojan operating

To the Editor:  
I am very interested in Ballot Measure 4, which will close down the Trojan power plant at Rainier. With the increased use of power in the Northwest, probable loss of Columbia River water because of low rainfall and fish preservation policies being considered, I believe we must keep Trojan operating.

An Oregon Public Utility Commission staff report on the economic impact of Measure 4 says in essence: "If voters approve Measure 4, BPA would have to replace its 30 percent share of Trojan. As a result, BPA's customers could face wholesale rates that are 0.7 percent to 1.5 percent higher throughout the next 21 years. The rate impacts would probably be higher than average in the near term. In addition, PGE might be able to pass some of its higher costs through to BPA in the residential exchange. If so, BPA's rates could be another 0.6 percent to 1.3 percent higher during the 21-year period."

After reading this report, I have deep concern about what this will do to our Columbia Basin Co-op customers as well as all the Rural Electric customers in Oregon. It shows that Bonneville could be forced to raise their power rates to all of us by as much as 1.3 percent to 2.8 percent at the distribution level. This raise will show up as higher power rates for years to come. I hope voters will consider what a yes vote will do to all of us.

Until better options come along, it seems to me that Trojan is needed to keep reliable, reasonably priced power for our state. I am hoping you

will consider these facts and vote no on Measure 4.

(s) Herb Wright, Vice President  
Columbia Basin Rural Electric  
Box 466  
Fossil,

### It's Garbage

It's just plain garbage. There's a bit of rhyme about a rose is a rose, by any other name just as sweet. Well, it's that way with garbage. By any other name it smells just as sour.

We try to spruce it up a little by calling it waste or fluff or landfill, but it's still garbage.

Now, I do have hopes that someday we'll be able to call a spade a spade without some wild emotional hang up. I recall a certain four letter word beginning with F that when I was a teenager, I wouldn't dare mention in mixed company. Now days, teenagers, both male and female alike, rattle off the F word without a second thought.

I am confident that someday we'll be able to call those left over pork chops, bread wrappers and yesterday's newspapers that we all throw away by it's proper name, garbage.

And that is also what we should call the county's plan to operate the Lexington transfer station-garbage. Every one of us generates a certain amount of the stuff and we should pay for the disposal of it. And the full cost of disposal should be in the bill. The county is already "fat-cat" paying for roads, social services and health care. Another job for the taxpayers is too much.

The rub seems to come from the idea that people can't be expected to travel very far to dump their garbage. That is an understandable idea when you've only had to drive a mile or two in the past. But if you had had to drive 25 miles for years, then the thought of driving 34 isn't so bad.

So, to avoid the drive from Heppner to Finley Buttes, the transfer station idea was cooked up. A convenience to the folks who don't want to make the drive. But...

Apparently some folks don't think that the people who are inconvenienced should pay the cost of operation of the station, rather it should be paid for by the county. Now if that's the idea, I'm sure I could cook up a whole list of little conveniences that I'd like, but not enough to pay for them. Maybe the county will.

Operation of the transfer station should be turned over to the garbage collector in Heppner. Minimum hours of operation should be specified and it should be up to him to figure out how to pay for it. It could be paid by a charge on every pickup load of garbage hauled in, a charge high enough to pay the operator. (Folks know that won't work, because the charge would be so high that everyone would just drive on to Finley Buttes.)

Or the transfer station could be financed by an increase in the per can rate for collection and a move to mandatory garbage service. (Folks know that won't work because the per can rate would be much higher than the value of being able to go to the dump once in awhile.)

Altogether, if you consider putting the cost of the convenience of the transfer station on the folks who use it, the whole idea of even having a transfer station begins to look like what it really is—garbage. And if you shift that cost to the county taxpayers its like wrapping it in pretty gift paper—it looks pretty good but inside it's still garbage.

And it doesn't look any better because the county could use the landfill impact money to spend on the transfer station. The county has failed to devise any plan to use impact money for mitigating impact, but rather will simply dump the money into the general fund. Therefore, it becomes taxpayer money and will impact taxes just the same as if were.

The county should keep it clean and stay out of the garbage business.

### Frohnmayers record praised

To the Editor:  
Dave Frohnmayer's outstanding record of law enforcement is not doubted, it is praised by the people of Wasco and Jefferson Counties. As residents of these counties, we felt the full brunt of the Rajneeshes lawless attempted takeover of our communities by deceitful intimidation, poisoning, wire tapping, flagrant land use law violations and other crimes, still being prosecuted.

Ultimately he would enforce laws protecting us from the Rajneesh reign of terror, we would not have Oregon as we know it today. No one who remembers the ordeals Oregonians endured can doubt Dave Frohnmayer's decisiveness and courage in fighting for the legal rights of all of us.

We should continue his firm and steady leadership as our new governor.

Without Dave Frohnmayer's leadership as attorney general and our people's confidence that

Sincerely,  
(s) Laura and Ralph Bentley  
The Dalles, Oregon

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### RESOLUTION No. 100890

#### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BALLOT MEASURE #5.

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Measure #5, a property tax limitation measure appearing on the November 1990 general election ballot, creates sweeping changes to the current property tax system in the State of Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, the property tax limitation measure contained in Ballot Measure #5 contains an arbitrary formula for determining each local taxing unit's share of the limited property tax dollars and does not permit the citizens of this community to apportion their tax dollars on the basis of their priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Measure #5, if passed, would require that cities, counties and school districts compete directly for the available property tax dollars, rather than encouraging cooperation and development of viable priorities among them; and

**WHEREAS**, the complexity of the revisions sought to be imposed by Ballot Measure #5 will make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to predict the actual effect of the property tax limitation on this city's ability to provide essential services on a continuing basis and

**(ALTERNATE 2): WHEREAS**, this city will be forced by the property tax limitation to eliminate or reduce services already provided in this community because of a decrease in available funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of this municipality finds and determines that the interests of the citizens of this community are not well served by the inability to make accurate financial predictions, by the inability to allocate funding on the basis of their priorities, and by the increased competition among local taxing units expected to result from Ballot Measure #5.

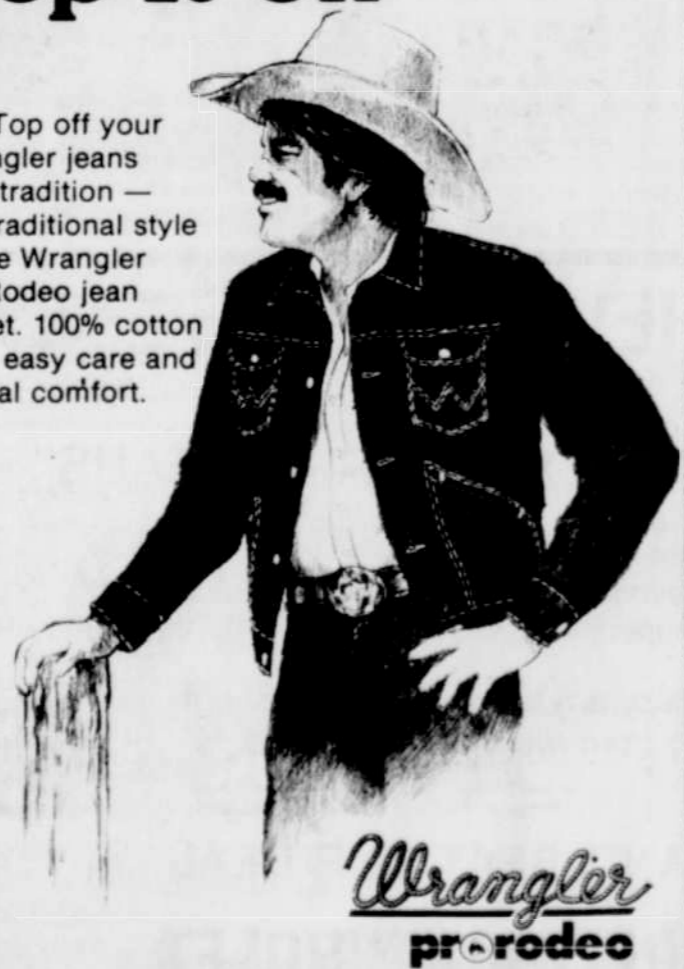
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY** that this municipality actively opposes the property tax limitation measure contained in Ballot Measure #5.

Approved by unanimous vote of Heppner City Council.

(s) Cara Costa, Mayor October 8, 1990

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