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Service men and women deserve support of Americans

To the Editor:

Each evening as I sit before my T.V. watching the national news, listening and hoping that nothing has happened that will trigger war in the Middle East, but mostly hoping to catch a glimpse of someone very close to my family, Kevin Ball of Lone, who has left his wife, 3-month old son and his family, to serve in Saudi Arabia.

But instead, I see echos reminiscent of 1968. Long haired protesters shouting "Hell no, we won't go," peace signs, flag waving sign carrying reminders of the past. I feel my very soul crying out "Dear God, don't let this happen again," not fearful of another Viet Nam, but the horrors of the dissenation here at home.

I do not believe in my heart for one moment that any American in their right mind wouldn't vountarily give up the use of petroleum products rather than lose one American life in Saudi Arabia. But, I also do not believe that this confrontation has anything to do with oil. I believe that Kevin Ball and all his fellow armed service men and women are there so that his son and all our children's children can grow up in a world where men like Saddam Hussein, who can and will terrorize the world, use chemical and/or germ warfare or even nuclear weapons will not prevail.

In retrospect, the line should have been drawn during the days of the Ayatollah but history had dictated it be drawn now, on the border of Kuwait, and that his generation of young men and women may be the ones who will go down in the annals

as those who chose to stop it. These young men and women, children of the Viet Nam generation, who are already there are going through tremendous hardships. They need the support of all Americans, just as the men of my father's generation had the total support of the entire nation when they shipped out for Europe and the South Seas in 1941.

If there is bloodshed in the desert of Saudi Arabia for God's sake America, let them all know we care for them, love them and encourage them. Don't let them come home like the young men of my generation...outcast, forgotten, ridiculed. Betrayed by those who they thought they were protecting.

What if, in 1776 they had said, "A few taxes and a few freedoms are not worth fighting for?" or in 1861 if those who lived in the north had said, "Those blacks certainly are not worth going to war over?" or in 1939 the world had said, "Are Hitler's invasions of a few small countries worth shedding the blood of our sons over?" If so, what would our world be like today if everyone had stayed home and minded their own business?

No one wants those kids in Saudi Arabia, but as long as they are there, we, as a nation, owe it to them to see to it that they are supported and appreciated as much as possible. And most importantly, to pray to God that they are all home soon, safe and sound, without a single shot being fired.

(s) Ginger Perez
Lone

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to the community

To the Editor:

A number of members of the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club that rode Cycle Oregon III wish to express out thanks to your community for the warm and generous welcome that we received. Because Heppner was so kind and friendly at the end of our first hot and hilly day on the road we got our trip off on the right foot and were able to fully enjoy the entire week.

Our dinner on the shady grass by the school was a fantastic meal and the people on the food lines were fabulous. The entertainment area and

beer garden will always be special to me since my name is Bud. My friends made me pose for pictures in front of the inflatable statue of the "genuine Bud man" so I will always have fond memories of our stay in Heppner. On top of everything else you had the best T-shirt of the trip.

We can't express enough of our appreciation for how well we were treated in Heppner. Thank you again for setting such a positive tone for the start of our trip.

(s) Bud Rice, Tom Peterson, Dick Everett, Dee Wilson, Barbara Bours, Hank Saathaff

Be alert

To the Editor:

This is a letter to awaken this town abut. Some people in this area seemed to have forgotten what flashers mean when a car has them turned on, or, more importantly, when an ambulance does.

I was headed up to the hospital last Saturday around 1:15 p.m. due to an emergency, with my flashers on. Three cars pulled out ahead of me. Two had turned but one continued driving ahead of me and totally ignored me. He didn't speed up, nor did he pull over, he just kept driving at a rate of about 20 mph.

People generally don't use their emergency flashers and are headed in the direction of the hospital unless they have an emergency.

Later that same day the M.C. am-

balance came through town followed by the Lexington Quick Response vehicle. Both had their lights going and the ambulance had the siren going. The roads were icy, yet someone went ahead and turned between the two vehicles requiring the quick response rig to slow down. Who had the right of way here?

It's bad enough when a car has its flashers on and people ignore them but when they ignore ambulances it's a crime.

So please people, be alert. Watch for lights and flashers. Take caution. It could mean life or death for someone. That someone could be your family member or friend.

Thank you,
Shanna Paullus
Morrow Co. EMT

Justice Court Report

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

Travis Lee Harrison, 22, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$37 fine;

Lorene E. Papineau, 31, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$20 fine;

Vernon Merald Stoddard Jr., 29, Union-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$20 fine;

Shannon Marya Ball, 21, College Place, WA.-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$37 fine;

Craig Thomas Gutierrez, 26, Heppner-Offensive Littering, \$31 fine;

Richard Michael Erdos, 49, Sherwood-Violation of Road Closure, \$58 fine;

Ralph David VanSant, 39, Aloha-Violation of Road Closure, \$58 fine;

William Douglas Fidanzo, 41, Aloha-Violation of Road Closure, \$58 fine.

Arts and Crafts meeting planned

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts meeting is scheduled for December 18 at 1 p.m. for a Christmas party and gift exchange. Each one attending is asked to bring a gift (not over \$3) and a favorite dessert to share after lunch.

Officers for next year were decided upon at the November meeting. Mary Ella Moyer was elected president, Pauline Matheny vice president, Barb Ansetegui treasurer, and Alma Green secretary.

Anyone with questions or an interest in joining the group may call Mary Ella at 676-9844.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 1990				
	High	Low	Prec	Snow
Tues.	46	32	.0	
Weds.	52	33	.0	
Thurs.	56	28	.10	
Fri.	45	30	T	
Sat.	42	32	.05	1/2"
Sun.	45	35	.0	spots
Mon.	55	45	.0	

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, December 4,		White
Soft		
Dec.	\$2.91	\$2.93
Jan.	\$2.94	\$2.96
Feb.	\$2.97	\$2.98
New Crop		\$2.95
Barley		
Dec.-Feb	\$110	
Pik	97	%

The Good Work

This is the time of year when outstanding work is recognized. The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will name its Outstanding Citizen at their annual dinner meeting Friday evening. The Heppner Chamber will name its Citizens of the Year in January. Many other organizations will recognize their own choices for good work in the next month or so. This is the season for applause.

Dozens, no, hundreds of deserving people will be considered, but not singled out, simply because there is not room to list all who qualify. That's too bad because there is a lot of good work done by a lot of good people. And it should be recognized. All of us should be more generous with our recognition of good work. Most of those folks who will be recognized will be people who contribute volunteer time and effort on behalf of the community and its charitable efforts. Many very worthy projects can only exist with volunteer work so it is good that those folks are singled out. But there are many other kinds of good work.

Political work, both paid and unpaid is important to our society and should be recognized. Even paid, for profit work, whether as an employee or as a private business person is deserving of recognition. The very best farm tractor driver should be honored. Somebody should name the best retail merchant and we should all know who the best school teacher is. The best at any honorable endeavor by any noble criteria should be emblazoned across the land. Even some of the near winners should be named. Something like a second and third place and maybe even an honorable mention.

Good work should receive our attention, our notice, our recognition so that more good work will be encouraged. When we honor a person in the community, it says a lot about us. That we are generous with our praise. It also says that we would like to be more like the person we honor. We admire his qualities and we recommend them to others.

But as I see it, the reason we don't recognize more good work is that it would require a lot of hard work. We would have to decide what it is that is good, and then decide who it is that is that good. And that is a lot of hard work.

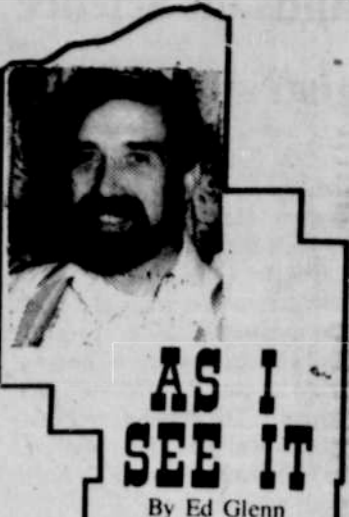
We find it to be hard work because we are not used to doing it. We have become a passive, namby-pamby society. It's all part of that baloney about being non-judgmental. Don't judge me until you've walked a mile in my shoes. That's just plain foolish.

We must become much more judgmental about each other. Even if we can only see where we start and where we end but didn't make the walk. Of course we run the risk of leaving something out but there is much we'll have included too. Maybe the fear of missing something in our judgment will drive us to be more aware of the things our fellow man is doing.

Aware of everything from how our local politicians abuse their travel and expense allowances to how a savings and loan official is fretting away our money. Had we been more judgmental of our fellow man, we would not be coughing up \$500 billion to bail out depositors for the bad work being done by some loan agents.

The flip side of this new judgment will be to discourage bad work. The dope dealers, baby beaters and thieves in our midst would feel our disapproval long before the sheriff comes along. The laggards on the job, the cheaters on main street and the blood suckers throughout the society would get the message that we reward good work and disapprove of bad work. Think how much less work there would be for government if we took care of more of the judging ourselves.

The first step is to honor the outstanding citizens. But let's not let it end there.



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