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Letters to the Editor

Don't hold breath

To the Editor:

Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission has been intimidating and oppressive to rural Oregonians close to 17 years now. My vote for implementing Measure 5 was also a protest vote against LCDC methodology.

About two weeks before Governor Roberts was elected, I told her that I think the LCDC methodology is intimidating and oppressive, implying that although some of its goals were good, other goals and most of its methodology for implementing these goals is economically and psychologically a lance through the heart of Oregon industry, a lance through what motivates and inspires industry.

In other words, LCDC took away too many of our land use rights and freedoms. Then I asked Barbara how she stands on LCDC goals, whereby she stated, "that although it has flaws, it is basically a good plan."

I like Mrs. Roberts and did not publicly argue with her that the LCDC has had very serious flaws in it for 17 years now. I wrote a letter to her instead.

Now I say this. If the government of Oregon further continues to operate the LCDC as it has in the past, I will continue to vote to withhold government funding and sometime between now and the next 20 years (before I die), I and a few thousand other Oregonians will break Oregon government's scruffy, self-serving back, even if it takes the whole state down with it.

In other words, if it's necessary, the voters can and will demonstrate who ultimately carries the biggest stick.

There is no doubt in my mind that rural Oregon voters stuck government with Measure 5 because Oregon government legislators took it upon themselves to stick rural Oregonians with LCDC 17 years ago. I suppose they thought we would forget about that.

The legislators should not hold their breath while waiting.

(s) Al Butch Green
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Marriage Licenses

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

March 28: Ryan Lee Miller, 19, Heppner; and
Paula Louise Heatherly, 22, Heppner.

April 5: Thomas Victor Wilson, Jr., 20, Ione; and
Kimberly Kay Zenchenko, 20, Ione.

Justice Court Report

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

David George McNary, 36, Ione-Wrong Way on One Way Street, \$20 fine;

Kenneth D. Graves, 24, Ketchikan, Alaska-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$38 bail forfeited;

Jesse Ramirez, Jr., Hermiston-Criminal Trespass, \$347, \$200 suspended with one year probation with no further violation of the law excluding minor traffic;

Jeff Hiatt, Heppner-Disorderly Conduct, \$90 fine;

Shawn Gibson, Heppner-Disorderly Conduct, \$90 fine.

Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

April 2: Morrow County deputy responded to the Western Empire area in Irrigon for a possible fire. Fire was a controlled burn;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Albert Leslie Gandy, 34, Irrigon, for Criminal Trespass II. Gandy was cited and released;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a reckless driver. Problem was solved.

April 3: Morrow County deputy arrested Jerry Valdez, 30, Boardman, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Valdez was released on his own recognizance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Lamb-Weston. One female patient with an injury was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Tirusew Aboye, 22, Portland for Driving While Suspended;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to St. Patrick's Senior Center for a female with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate an animal problem. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in the Irrigon area for a welfare check.

April 4: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a traffic problem. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to take a report of an investigation of a possible theft.

April 5: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence on S. Chase St. One male was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with an unknown injury;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a residence on Hwy 19, Arlington. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to Rod's Market in Irrigon for a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputy assisted a disabled motorist on I-85;

Morrow County deputy assisted Boardman police with a complaint at a Boardman business.

April 6: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of an intoxicated driver. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle upon arrival;

Morrow County deputies responded to an accident on Hwy. 207. There were no injuries.

April 7: Morrow County deputy responded to Nevada St. Irrigon, for a report of a prowler. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to Rt. 2, Irrigon for a report of a civil dispute;

Morrow County deputy responded to Rt. 2, Irrigon for a report of trespassing. Michael O. Gunderson, 30, Irrigon, was cited and released for Criminal Trespass II;

Morrow County deputy responded to the three mile canyon area for a report of suspicious circumstances. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Richard A. Peterson, 33, Ione, for Careless Driving and Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver in a Motor Vehicle Accident;

Morrow County deputy responded to Lindsay Canyon for a report of theft in progress. Manuel Mendoza, 48, Umatilla, was arrested for Theft II and Criminal Trespass II. Mendoza was cited and released.

During the week of April 1 through April 8 Morrow County deputies assisted one disabled motorist in Morrow County.

April 8: Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon business to investigate a report of an attempted break in;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a welfare check on a local resident.

Births

Austin Prindel-a son Austin, was born to Charlene Oland of Irrigon on March 31, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz.

Crystal Renee Balfe-a daughter Crystal Renee, was born to Scott and Judy Balfe of Anchorage, Alaska on April 5, 1991. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ron Crabtree, Tacoma, WA. and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Balfe, Anchorage, Alaska.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pennington and Leila Palmer of Lexington and Leo and Irene Crabtree of Ione. Great, great-grandfather is Kenneth Marshall of Naches, WA.

4-H News

Crazy Cookers
By Jake McElligott, Reporter

The Crazy Cookers first and second year members met April 3 at the Ione High School home ec room. Members baked chocolate chip and peanut butter chip cookies and divided them for each member to take home. Following the meeting members went out to pizza dinner at the Office Cafe. Leader Nancy Miller is keeping track of neatness while members cook at meetings. At the next meeting Kara Miller, Marc Oren and Jake McElligott will do a cookie baking contest to help younger members prepare for fair.

BOWLING

Thursday Night Ladies
March 21, 1991

	W	L
Jordan Elevator	29%	10%
Penland House	24	16
J & J Ceramics	22%	17%
Black Horse Contracting	22	18
MCCGG	16	24
B & C Repair	6	34

High game: Sandra Halvorsen 204.
High series: Katie McRoberts 541.
Splits converted: Theo Greenup 47-10.

Dime A Dozen
March 24, 1991

	W	L
# 4	34	14
# 5	26%	21%
# 8	26	22
# 1	25	23
# 2	24	24
# 6	22%	26%
# 3	21%	26%
# 7	12%	35%

High game: Millie Hanna 225, Garry VanArsdale 213.
High series: Diana Hoeft 488, Garry VanArsdale 624.
High team game: # 4, 772.
High team series: # 1, 2224.
Splits converted: Harry Hartley 3-10, 5-10; Verna Brinda 4-7-9; Theo Greenup 5-7; Ellis McRoberts 3-6-8-10.

Koffee Kup Keglers
March 28, 1991

	W	L
MCCGG	32%	13%
The Pytts	31	25
No Pin Hitters	31	25
Gutter Dusters	31	25
Hopeful Has Beens	29%	26%
Hi Ho's	29	27
Alley Cats	24%	31%
The Drags	15%	40%

High game: Billie VanArsdale 194.
High series: Billie VanArsdale 519.
Splits converted: Rene Ledbetter 5-7; Eileen Padberg 5-8-10; Betty McDonald 5-10; Billie VanArsdale 5-10; Josie Kindsfather 5-6; Lucille Massey 2-7; Bebe Munkers 5-6-10.

Thursday Night Ladies
March 28, 1991

	W	L
Jordan Elevator	33%	10%
Penland House	27	17
Black Horse Contracting	23	21
J & J Ceramic	22%	21%
MCCGG	19	25
B & C Repair	7	37

High game: Darlene Scroggins 195.
High series: Inetia Cantin 520.
Splits converted: Millie Hanna 3-10; Theo Greenup 3-7; Anita Boyer 5-10; Cindi Doherty 2-7; Arlynda Gates 5-7.

April 4, 1991

	W	L
Jordan Elevator	34%	13%
Penland House	30	18
J & J Ceramics	23%	24%
MCCGG	23	25
Black Horse Contracting	23	25
B & C Repair	10	38

High game: Theo Greenup 203.
High series: Theo Greenup 544.
Splits converted: Janie Beamer 3-10; Eileen Padberg 3-10.

Dime A Dozen
April 7, 1991

	W	L
# 4	35	17
# 5	28%	23%
# 1	28	24
# 8	27	25
# 2	25	27
# 6	24%	27%
# 3	24%	27%
# 7	15%	36%

High game: Nola Binschus 178; Ben Veene 200.
High series: Cindi Doherty 486; Garry VanArsdale 561.
High team game: # 3, # 5, # 2-738.
High team series: # 1-2175.
Splits converted: Don Greenup 5-10; Ray Banka 5-8-10; Cindi Doherty 7-9, 4-5-7; Elmer Heath 6-7-10.

They're Stealing The Water



The noble phrase "Multiple Use" when applied to water in the West is a major departure from the use concept that has served this area for more than 100 years. Scarce water resources in Eastern Oregon have been allocated on an entirely different theory since territorial days.

The very first pioneers over the Oregon Trail could see there would never be enough water to do all the things water alone could do in this wide open land. From irrigation to hydro power to navigation, the West just does not have enough to do it all.

The old English law, and the civil law borrowed from England that ruled the Eastern United States simply never took a scarcity of water into account. It didn't have to.

But in the West new rules were needed. In the mountain valleys of Oregon, the gold fields of Colorado and logging camps of Washington, demand for water would soon outstrip the supply, and allocation was necessary.

The system is simple, fair and ever since has served us well. It relies on our deep convictions to free enterprise, private ownership of property and economic productivity. The rule is plainly stated:

First in time, first in right.

The first farmer to divert water from a stream to irrigate his fields acquired the right to continue to do so forever. That rule encouraged development of the West into farms, mines, mills and cities. As the water used to irrigate a field became more valuable to a city for drinking water, the right to its use was sold just like the land under city hall was sold by some farmer to some developer.

Water, or more plainly the right to continue to use water, became a piece of property just like a person's home. Generally, it could be bought and sold just like the automobile most of us own and the proceeds belonged to the owner.

Now, the invidious movement to steal our property without paying for it has permeated talk about water. For years the thieves have been telling us we can't build a house unless it meets code, we can't put a factory on farm land and we can't put a sign on our business. Owning real property is so fraught with rules and regulations that it can hardly be called ownership anymore.

Those same public do-gooders are after the water too. They talk about "Multiple Use" like it was some great new democratic principal. The rhetoric of multiple use starts with the seemingly innocuous idea that rain falls somewhere in the mountains of Idaho, and on its way to the ocean, it provides habitat for spawning salmon, transportation for Washington wheat, energy for a dozen hydro dams, recreation for a dozen water skiers and commercial fishing for a whole tribe.

Notice that nowhere does irrigation fit into the equation of multiple use. That's because irrigation is called a destructive use, once the water is removed from the stream bed and spread on the land, it's gone. You and I know that it is not, but it may well be true that it will not be available for water skiing just down stream.

The major difficulty with multiple use is the difficulty in settling the competing interests. We already see the fishermen looking for a bigger share at the expense of the hydro-electric dams and the navigation interests in order to protect the Idaho salmon. In fact, that is the very difficulty with the multiple use concept. The water is not used, nor can it be, by multiple interests at the same time. What really happens, is a succession of separate uses. Fish can swim in the water both above and below a dam but they have difficulty riding through the turbines. At that point in time, water is serving a singular, exclusive use.

The goal of multiple use is to change the water allocation scheme in which economics controls to one in which talk, political pressure and propaganda tactics prevails. In the old days, if you wanted water, you could step up and buy it. Nowadays, with folks talking about the multiple use, you can steal it.

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Weather Report

by City of Heppner

	April 2 - 8, 1991		
	High	Low	Prec Snow
Tues.	61	37	.0
Wed.	62	46	.0
Thurs.	66	54	T
Fri.	62	38	.T
Sat.	56	36	.13
Sun.	60	30	.03
Mon.	56	37	.20

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. April 9		White
Soft		\$3.37
April-Sept.	Barley	
April-July		\$100
Aug.		\$100/\$101
Sept.		\$101/\$102
PIK		\$98 1/2

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