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Letters to the Editor

Vandalism not the fault of snowmobilers

To the Editor:
Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson made statements in the East Oregonian, Monday, May 17, 1993, concerning the vandalism to Cutsforth Park. He is blaming the snowmobilers for this damage.

Cutsforth Park was kept open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all winter and spring. The park is used by 4-H, Scout groups, churches, fishermen, campers and mushroom hunters. The general public. The damage to the building was not discovered

till May 6. Most snowmobilers quit using the area around the first of March. Also, the only damage I saw to the grass, was when one of the county's own snowplows got too deep and rolled the grass up in several places.

Snowmobilers are men, women and children out for a day of recreation, not vandalism.

Judge Carlson is terribly misinformed. He should be looking for ways to increase the use of the park, not restrict it.

(s) Gene Orwick
4-Corners Snowmobile Club

Keep ball park clean

To the Editor:
Last Saturday, after my son's minor league game and including the major's game before that, Hager field looked like a battle ground for garbage. All up and down where people sat there were candy wrappers, pop cups, food, etc. There was one garbage can so overflowing it had spilled out onto the ground. Yet, not less than 20 feet away was a garbage can only half full.

After the game my youngest son, a few other people and myself picked up all that garbage was left. If the parents that go to those games would make sure their garbage is thrown into the cans and stress the importance of that to their kids things would be

a lot cleaner. That baseball field has been worked on very hard by several people around this community for our children. Let's do our part by keeping it clean.

The boys and girls who play baseball have a responsibility to keep that park clean. So does everyone else who attends those games.

Let's all do our part, just put garbage in its place, the garbage can, not on the ground.

I have an umbrella that was left under the bleachers from last Saturday. If it's yours, you can pick it up at the snack shack next Saturday.

Thank you,
(s) Shanna Paullus

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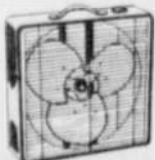
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Regulations burden East Oregonians

To the Editor:
Recently my neighbor traveled 110 miles round trip from her home outside Lone, Or., to take her 90 year old mother to the Hermiston doctor she was accustomed to seeing. This was an additional 62 miles round trip. The physician prescribed medication, and wished to later ascertain how his patient was reacting.

Arlington has the services of a nurse practitioner once or twice a week. Consequently my neighbor made another 110 mile round trip to Arlington with the intention of having the nurse practitioner draw a blood sample and send it off for testing.

When she arrived at the Arlington Clinic the N.P. told her she could not draw blood for testing as she did not have a laboratory on the premises, and she had to refuse to do it. My neighbor was upset, as this development would uselessly require another 62 mile round trip. So she called the doctor's office and asked what she should do. The doctor's office stated that they had never heard of such a limiting requirement and for her to call Salem, which she did. Salem reported that this was a new ruling last April. Never mind the traveling burden this places on East Oregonians.

Wheeler and Gilliam Counties both depend on nurse practitioners and physician's assistants respectively for all their health care needs. To restrict these professionals for lack of a laboratory on premises effectively denies the

residents access to health care services.

All Morrow County citizens could find themselves in a like situation sooner than they think. Anyone who values access to health care facilities should contact their legislators and Congressmen concerning the new access rules that fit urban areas but leave rural areas lacking both functioning health professionals and pharmacy services.

The "managed competition" considered by both Democratic and Republican politicians to be the solution to health care costs is merely a political theory that leaves the foxes guarding the health care hen house; the foxes being the insurance companies, the drug manufacturers, and the bureaucrats, all of whom have a don't-care attitude.

It will destroy what health care is currently available in rural areas.

Please protest the proposed lack of access now by calling your Salem legislator at 1-800-327-7389 to support Senate bill 597, the Freedom of Access Bill.

Due to pressure from big businesses and big bureaucracies Sen. Shoemaker has essentially killed this bill by not scheduling a hearing, much less a vote by the full Senate. It is bad enough when Salem stiff-arms a health care provider; Sen. Shoemaker is currently choosing to stiff-arm the public also. Increased timely action by consumers is needed.

(s) Margaret G. Murray

Challenges merit pay system

To the Editor:
At the Heppner City Council meeting on Monday night, May 10, the Mayor, public employees and remaining five council members proceeded to "chastise" me for having a letter to the editor published in the Heppner Gazette-Times. I was told that in a Democracy, when the majority votes for a particular position everyone should then get behind it and support it. I don't know about any one else, but that's not what I was taught. I am under the impression that the minority has the right to speak out. Isn't that what they call freedom of speech?

Knowing that I am "rocking the boat", I am once again using this forum to get my message across.

I wish to inform the citizens of Heppner that I have filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of the 'Personal Evaluation and Merit Compensation System'. The Heppner City Charter states "The Council shall determine the amount of compensation for services of each City officer and employee." The merit compensation system, as it was passed by the council on a five to one vote on January 11, 1993, takes that responsibility out of the hands of the council and places it in the hands of the city administrator and the department supervisors. The supervisors evaluate each employee in their department. The evaluation is a personnel matter, and may not be viewed by the council. I have no quarrel with evaluations being kept private. That is as it should be. Yet, that is the sole basis for granting a merit pay raise. There is no recommendation from the administrator or supervisor to the council.

I submit that this is one more example of the erosion of the

rights of the citizen. I feel strongly enough about what is happening, that I am "going public" and letting the people know what is going on.

Now that you are aware of the situation, it is up to you to decide whether or not you want the responsibility to determine salaries to remain in the hands of your elected representatives (who are answerable to you, the public), or if you want to be placed in the hands of employees who are not directly accountable to the public. It is now time to stand up for what you believe in. I have put my money where my mouth is and, based on my principles, am challenging the system. The rest is up to you, Heppner.

(s) Martha J. Doherty
Heppner City Council Member

WCCC Golf

WCCC Ladies
May 18, 1993

Flight A: low gross-Marcia Anderson; low net-Juanita Martin; least putts-Lois Hunt.

Flight B: low gross-Kay Anderson; low net-Karen Thompson and Suzanne Jepsen; least putts-Martha Peterson.

Flight C: low gross-Muriel Palmer; low net-Mary Beamer; least putts-Dorris Graves.

Birdie: Juanita Martin.

Chip Ins: Melba Miller, Carol Norris, Marcia Anderson and Juanita Martin.

Obituary

Louis "Louie" Dan Lorengel

Louis "Louie" Dan Lorengel, 80, a longtime resident of The Dalles, passed away at the Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles on Wednesday, May 12, 1993.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 17 at the Smith Callaway Chapel in The Dalles with interment at Balch Cemetery in Lyle, WA. A reception was held at Faith Lutheran Church in The Dalles.

Mr. Lorengel was born August 1, 1912 in Portland to Bill and Mabel Thomas Lorengel. He married Betty Locke in 1939 at Stevenson, WA. He was a locomotive engineer and worked for the J. Neils Lumber Company, the Klickitat Log and Lumber Company and on the Condon-Kinzua Southern Line for the Kinzua Lumber Company. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the Faith Lutheran

Church in The Dalles.

Survivors include his wife Betty; son, Ldee of Hood River; two daughters Yvonne Benson, of Netarts and Linda Williams of Portland; six grandchildren, Danny, Donny, Shawn, Nathan, Katrina and Marcie and five great-grandchildren, Crystal, Tiffany, Michael, Nicholas and Christopher.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seniority Care-A-Van, in care of Mid-Columbia Medical Center.

Births

Talissa JoAnne Byrd-a daughter Talissa JoAnne was born to Leslie Coates and David Byrd of Irrigon on May 3, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Brandon Daniel Stewart-a son Brandon Daniel was born to Robin James of Irrigon on May 3, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Who ever hit the **YELLOW FORD MUSTANG** on **APRIL 23** while parked at a local business in Heppner, **THANKS A LOT** for not contacting me. I really wished you would have left a note.

Terri and David Denton

The family of Maryan McElligott would like to thank everyone who has offered their support through her illness. The support of the community through the prayers, cards, visits, and food we received were overwhelming, and too numerous to mention.

The Morrow County Home Health staff of Robanai, Molly and Donna were especially kind and helpful. Their dedication and skill is certainly an asset to Morrow County. We would also like to thank a very special person, Dr. William Anderson.

Jerry (L.J.) McElligott
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