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Letters to the Editor

Where is 'middle of the road' reality?

To the Editor:
Have you noticed what's been happening at the fairgrounds lately? So you don't go to the rodeo. Maybe you don't go to ball games. Perhaps you're not interested in the fair. But, you can take justifiable pride in the work and improvements being done by many organizations, businesses, and individuals supplying talent, labor, material and equipment. One group went out on a limb to get the lighting installed. Another group put out a lot of time and effort to remove the old stadium and move a lot of dirt to get ready for a greatly improved arena. All of this will make the fairgrounds a continuing asset to the county. Makes me proud to see dedicated volunteers providing these improvements almost entirely without government help.

Which brings me, the long way around, to the current county budget crisis. Seems to me the administration has forgotten two basic principles of a democracy taught in high school American history. First, government should provide for the people those services which they cannot collectively provide for themselves. That was usually defined as postal

service, roads, public education and national defense. On a county level that might be redefined as roads, public education and police protection. And, secondly, that government can only be empowered by those governed. By rejecting a proposed budget the people are asking, by the only means they have, the ballot, for government to reduce expenditures. I have been very disappointed that the administration did not take a more reasoned approach to cutting the budget. We have been told that we are voting on approximately 25 percent of the total budget. And yet, we are given the choice of continued big government or almost no government. Yet, we are also told, this is not 'blackmail' but 'hard reality'. Is there no middle of the road reality? Why does reduction of services equal no service to the politician? Just like the fairgrounds, hardworking folks will provide the things that they can for themselves. We do not need or ask for 'new deal' or 'great society'. But, if our county is going to spend 14 million dollars, can't we please have decent roads, police and education?

Sincerely,
(s) Al R. Brazell

Children's summer project funded through commission

To the Editor:
The Neighborhood Center Summer Project is in its final stages of preparation for 1993. July will be a month when much energy in the community will be directed toward the successful carrying out of field trips and activities for those youth who have completed first through sixth grades and who have been registered to attend.

I want to emphasize that the money which was necessary for implementing the summer project was granted through the Morrow County Youth and Childrens Services Commission. This group of dedicated volunteers surveys needs in the county, encourages individuals and groups to develop programs which will address those needs, and carefully evaluates the progress and results.

The commission is composed of local people who care both about our children and that our

tax dollars are spent as an expression of public trust.

Those of us involved in the summer project are grateful for the commission's faith which they expressed last year in a kind of program not presented to them before; and especially for their continued support again this year.

I have received many honors for the summer project. I greatly appreciate them. However, I need to say again that I am simply a representative. I am only one part of the total effort which expresses, overtly, the care which civil officials and you, the general citizenry of the county, have for the growth and development of our young people. I believe in such tax investment programs. They make a difference in a tangible and seeable way.

Sincerely,
(s) Grace E. Drake
Coordinator,
Neighborhood Center
Summer Youth Project

No vote means end of services

To the Editor:
If you haven't filled out your ballot for the Morrow County levy, I would like to encourage you to vote yes. A no vote on this ballot will not change anything except the county services we all enjoy and need desperately.

If you don't like the decisions that are being made, get involved and change who is making the decisions.

If you don't like the budget, get involved in the budget process and let your views be known.

If something isn't being done you think should be, get on the phone or write a letter to your

county officials, let them know how you feel.

Your vote matters to the residents of Morrow County, senior citizens, children, employed, unemployed, retired.

We all use the roads, we all expect the sheriff's department to be there when we call, we expect the mosquitos, other insects and weeds to be controlled. If the budget fails June 29 the services we all enjoy will not be available.

Go find your ballot and please join me and vote yes on the Morrow County levy.

(s) Janet Greenup

OCA childrens book reviews intolerable

To the Editor:
After the Cornelius vote, OCA head Lon Mabon was quoted by "The Oregonian" May 20, 1993 as saying: "Some of the children's books are going to be reviewed to see if they promote homosexuality".

That's plain enough. If a book doesn't meet Mabon's test, as yet

undefined publicly, out the book goes, regardless of what value it may have for some readers.

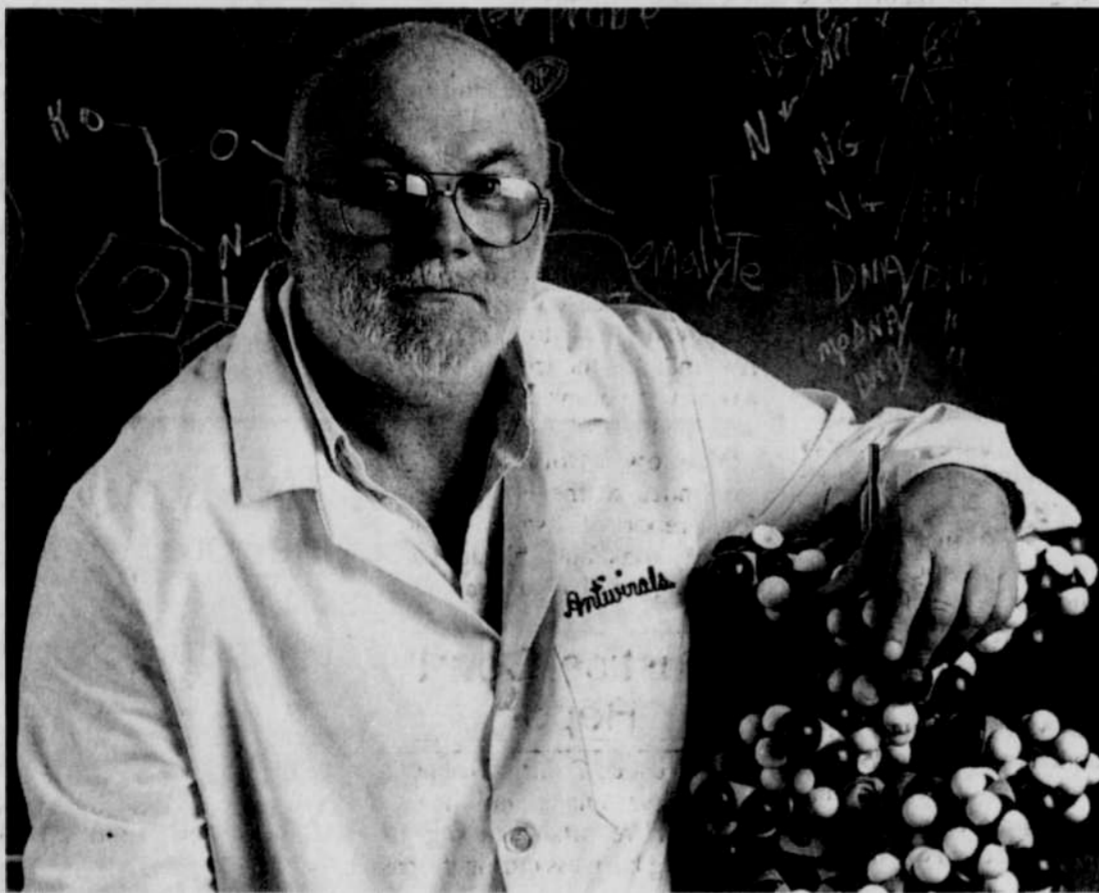
That's intolerable. Libraries must be able to acquire books based on their merit, and readers must be free to select among them on the basis of their own taste and judgment.

Narrow special interest groups, such as the OCA, must never be allowed to "cleanse" our public library shelves to suit their own particular creeds.

The Oregon Library Association urges Oregonians who value the integrity of their libraries to oppose vigorously the OCA's drive to impose censorship on the rest of us.

Sincerely,
(s) Deborah L. Jacobs, president
Oregon Library Association

This Man Is Trying To Catch AIDS



And when he does, he isn't going to die. Neither are millions of others. Because when Dr. Summerton catches something like this, he kills it.

Dr. Summerton is a biochemist, a virus sleuth, and he's working on a cure for viruses including AIDS. Like a good detective, he is patient, watchful and clever. Viruses, he learned, can't always be killed by outside bombardment. Rather infected cells must be treated from within. So he set out to finesse the ultimate inside job, with the Oregon

Lottery a willing accomplice.

Antivirals, Inc. started in 1980 as a research and development offshoot of OSU. The company has attracted national attention, making affordable, genetic-like material that binds to a virus and keeps it from reproducing. And in the cut-and-dried world of a virus, if it can't reproduce, it's as good as dead.

Research like this, takes a lot of money, including \$500,000 from the Oregon Lottery. It's exciting being on the winning side, beating the odds against disease.



In the Service

Marine Pvt. Travis R. Tate. a 1992 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routines, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

Deborah L. Driver has earned a bachelor's degree at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program.

She is the daughter of Linda Ellison and Ivan Driver, both of Irrigon.

The lieutenant is a 1989 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman.

Births

Joan Sebastian Campos-a son of Joan Sebastian was born to Maria Campos of Irrigon on June 13, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Coffee hour set for Rev. Crum

Rev. Bob Crum will celebrate Holy Communion at All Saints Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m. Gayle Crum will provide special music for the worship service.

Following the worship service a coffee hour will be held honoring Rev. Bob and Gayle Crum's ministry at All Saints. This will be their last Sunday to serve All Saints.

Game night at Stokes Landing

Game night and dinner at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon will be on Friday, June 25. Dinner is from 5 to 7 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments and prizes to the winners.

A special picnic dinner will be prepared with a choice of hot dogs or hamburgers, potato salad, and dessert for \$2.50.

The community is welcome to attend.

Marriage Licenses

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

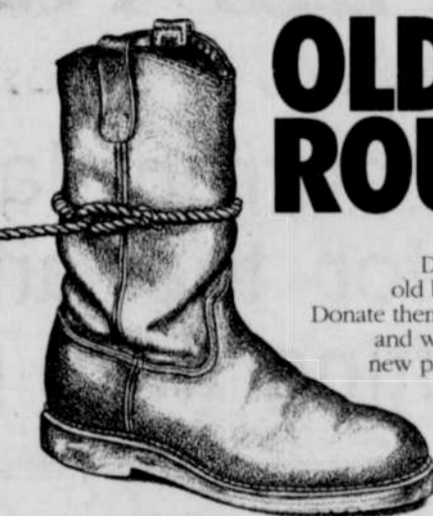
June 18: Scott Michael Reece, 20, Hermiston; and Jodi Fae Wilson, 20, Hermiston.

WE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 5 FOR THE 4th OF JULY WEEKEND

THANK YOU!



OLD BOOT ROUNDUP



Don't just put your old boots out to pasture. Donate them to our Old Boot Roundup, and we'll give you \$10 off a new pair of Red Wing Boots.

Any Redwing Boots in stock
June 24 - June 30

SHOE BOX
143 N. Main Street
Heppner, Oregon



Court Street Market

11 N. Court Heppner 676-9643
GROCERIES - MEATS - PRODUCE
Prices good June 23rd - 29th

Seneca 44 oz. Applesauce reg. \$2.29 \$1.00	Red or Green Seedless Grapes 89¢ lb.
Western Family Sugar 10 lb. reg. \$4.29 \$3.30	Red Potatoes 33¢ lb.
Water or oil pack 6 1/8 oz. Starkist Tuna reg. 85¢ 2 for \$1.10	Pork Loin Chops \$2.10 lb.
Golden Grain Noodle Roni 5 oz. reg. \$1.45 99¢	Top Sirloin Steak \$3.10 lb.
Gold-N-Soft 1 lb. tub Margarine reg. 89¢ 75¢	81% lean Ground Beef \$1.50 lb.
Dry Yellow Onions 19¢ lb.	Hills Sliced Bacon \$2.00 lb.
Green Cabbage 24¢ lb.	Bar-S EZ Carve 1/2 Ham \$1.83 lb.
Red Delicious Apples 59¢ lb.	Laundry Detergent Cheer or Tide 42 use reg. \$8.99 \$7.10