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Letters to the Editor

Story biased, incomplete

To the Editor:
We find a great disappointment in your last week's (Jan. 10) front page article concerning our local medical situation, especially the Drs. Berretta. Did you personally attend the meeting? Did you make your own notes and conclusion? If so, couldn't you at least have given our Drs. Jeanne and Ed Berretta a little support and defend what they have done since coming here?

Also, it is our understanding that their salaries have been quoted in excess of what they actually receive. This couple chose to move to Heppner for many reasons. Since their arrival, our health has never been better. We own them a lot. Air Life for one. They live right next door to the hospital and clinic and take a personal interest in all their patients, their community and their church.

They darn well earn their salaries. Try on their "shoes" for 24 or 48 hours. They deserve a pat on the back and a lot of "thank you's" for sticking around for all of us.

Please try to give our readers the whole picture and not just one very biased and incomplete side of the story.

Sincerely,
(s) Cork and Jim Norene

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ABC Teams Singles
WIBC Doubles All Events
Mixed Doubles


ENTRY FEES		
Teams	48.00	4.00 entry All Events
Doubles	24.00	
Singles	12.00	Entry Forms available
All Events	4.00	at Heppner Bowling Alley

Open to anyone with ABC or WIBC cards

Happy 18th Birthday
Chris!

You're big enough
to wear the hat now!

Love, Mom, Dad, Andy,
Allison and Camille



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Smith embodies pioneer spirit

To the Editor:
We urge all Oregon voters to elect Gordon Smith to the U.S. Senate in the upcoming Jan. 30 election. Mr. Smith is a religious, hard-working family man of traditional family values. He is a successful businessman and believes that hard work embodies the spirit of the American pioneers who brought their Bibles and plows out west to realize the American Dream.

Gordon Smith believes the American family today is over-taxed-40 percent of family income. He supports federal tax relief for families and also supports the balanced budget amendment and congressional term limits. (Federal taxes eat up 25 percent of our income.)

Mr. Smith believes in the sanctity of life. He opposes taxpayer-funded abortion. He supports parental notification for abortions by minors, realizing that the child can be put up for adoption if the family members cannot help raise it.

Gordon Smith supports voluntary prayer in public schools. He opposes outcome-based education and he also opposes banning ownership of legal firearms.

Mr. Smith opposes minority status for homosexuals. He says they already have full civil rights under the U.S. and State Constitutions.

Our state needs Gordon Smith in the U.S. Senate.
Sincerely,
(s) Philip and Jean Johnson
Astoria

Smith clearly best qualified

To the Editor:
Everyone that is registered to vote will have received in the mail a mail-in voting ballot by now. It is the obligation of each of us to mark this ballot and return to it to our county clerk for counting. Each vote is very important. Regardless of how you vote, our personal commitment is very important.

Personally, I do not approve of the negative tone of the campaign ads we have been listening to. But we still must vote.

I feel that Gordon Smith is clearly the best qualified of the two leading opponents. He has the business and communication skills to do the best job as our next senator. It appears to me we already have too many

career politicians and this is a good chance to elect a person who took over a failing business and has made it an important part of our Eastern Oregon economy. I suggest you vote for Gordon Smith. He is our best bet for our next senator.

Also another thought is that Ron Wyden is already a U.S. Representative with, I believe, another year or two left. Let him serve out his present term. After all these years, he has gained important committee appointments, and seniority is very important in Congress.

I personally am in favor of term limits.
Sincerely,
(s) Herb Wright
Fossil

Leland Rill wins Geography Bee

Leland Rill, sixth grader at Heppner Elementary School, won the school championship at the Geography Bee held Monday, Jan. 8. Rill, the son of Molly and Cecil Rill of Heppner, participated for the first time in this contest for students in grades four through eight. Rill missed only one question in the preliminary round for the top 13 qualifiers on a written test given in social studies classes before Christmas. He answered all correctly in the final round and won the championship round 2-1 in competi-

tion with runner-up Jody Maddern. Maddern is also a sixth grader. Rill has completed a written test that will determine if he qualifies to participate in the Oregon Geography Bee in the spring.

Other participants were Matt Jepsen, Jeff Currin, Ben Good-year, Jesse Gutierrez, Abby Kahl, Jeff Sneddon, Mitch Mathews, Jake Roy, Craig Scott, Daniel Jepsen and Brian Haguewood. Al Beck read the questions and served as judge; Linda Shaw kept score and timed the responses.

Ed-Net program offered Jan. 23

A program titled, "Communication, How Do You Rate?", will be offered to health professionals at Ed-Net 1 sites, Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The featured speaker for the program is Susan Lewis, R.D. Lewis is a registered dietician

for Grande Ronde Hospital. For more information about the program or to find a local receive site, call Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center (NEOAHEC) at (541) 962-3801.

This program is sponsored and produced by NEOAHEC.

Morrow County receives forest receipts

Morrow County has received \$89,336 in national forest receipts for 1995. The county received \$256,092 for 1994.

Balance payments of national forest receipts to counties in Oregon and Washington bring total payments this year to \$110 million for the state of Oregon and \$30 million for Washington, says regional forester John Lowe of the USDA Forest Service.

Lowe, the chief executive for the Pacific Northwest Region of the agency, says, "The balance payments of about \$28.1 million to Oregon and \$7.7 million to Washington are the final

share of national forest revenues." An interim payment of about 75 percent was made this year in October, he adds.

Normally, 25 percent of revenues collected from land-use fees and the sale of resources from 24.5 million acres of national forest lands go to the States, schools and roads.

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DINING ROOM OPEN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS from 6-9 p.m. Gay and Patti Harshman are back as cooks by popular request (unretired!). Plenty of good food at a reasonable price-try us-and enjoy.

Bingo every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Charitable activities: Thanks to all who participated in the Townsend Family benefit-approximately \$1,200.00 were derived to aid our friends.

Heppner Elks 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

Immigration laws abused

To the Editor:
U.S. immigration laws are being horribly abused and broken. We need only look at California to see the consequences of failed law and order. Northward spread of California's welfare, crime and infrastructure burdening is not in Oregon's interest.

Law and order is important to the well-being of any society and Oregon is no exception. Illegal immigration drives sustainable industries to leave and prevents new industry from entering the area. Today, Oregon is benefiting somewhat from California's errors, but we will end up on the losing end of this trend if we fall into the same trap which now suppresses the California economy.

Immigration reform opponents include big business, self-serving elitist politicians, cheap labor advocates and special interest groups. Intolerance, divisiveness, racism, bigotry, McCarthyism and mean-spiritedness are a few of the hot button words used by those interested in closing debate. These terms are intended to be intimidating and suppress open discussion of the issues conducive to their agendas.

Oregonians for Immigration Reform (OIR) was formed to counter such suppression, freeing Oregonians to express their opinion on illegal immigration issues in privacy by secret ballot.

OIR has made available to Oregonians Initiatives 51, 52, 53 and 54 on illegal immigration. Three cover public education, public benefits and drivers' licenses for illegals and a fourth requires that state agencies and jurisdictions cooperate with Immigration and Naturalization Service in the interest of law and order. Signatures are now being gathered. Petitions are available at: OIR, P.O. Box 446, Independence, OR 97351-0446.

Oregonians interested in law and order, excellence in education and citizen welfare are encouraged to support the petition drive so voters can express their opinions later this year at the ballot box.

Extensive details on the surrounding issues and the four initiative petitions are also available, in full public view, on the Internet: <http://www.ncw.net/~dyoung/wscic/oir.html>.

(s) Sharon S. Shepperd, chief petitioner/founder of OIR
Independence, OR

Energy assistance currently available

Energy assistance for low-income persons will be available Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Call Jan at the Neighborhood Center, 676-5024, by Jan. 23 to make an appointment. Assistance will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis by appointment.

Obituary

Lowell Dean Chally
Lowell Dean Chally, age 78, of La Grande, died Monday, January 8, 1996, at the Grande Ronde Hospital.

Services for Mr. Chally were held Friday, January 12, 1996, at Daniels Chapel of the Valley with the Reverend David E. Paulson of the Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Committal and interment followed at the Grandview Cemetery.

Mr. Chally was born on October 11, 1917, on a farm in Pocahontas County, Iowa to Isaac and Daisy (Milburn) Chally. He attended primary and secondary schools at Marathon, Iowa, where in early years attendance was oft times achieved by horse drawn bus or sleigh. He received a BA degree in journalism at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and a secondary teaching certificate.

Prior to entering the service during World War II, he spent considerable time traveling and working from Mexico to the West Coast. He eventually landed in Alaska, living mostly in the Kodiak and Nome areas where he was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers. He found it amusing that one day he was experiencing bitter cold and virtually the next, he was experiencing the heat of New Guinea with the Navy Seabees. He was stationed at various points in the Far East and returned to the states at the end of the war.

During his college years, he met and dated Edna Helen Walter, who went on the pursue a nursing degree. They were married July 18, 1943, at Stratford, Iowa. Both enjoyed dancing and tennis as a recreation for most of their lives.

They lived for several years in North Bend, where he followed newspaper work and she as a registered nurse. This was followed by more than 23 years with the state of Oregon as administrator of public welfare programs in Coos, Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow, Union and Wallowa counties.

Mr. Chally enjoyed collecting old cars and was an avid photographer. Following retirement at the end of 1979, he had the opportunity to fulfill his desire of further travel to places in the world he had dreamed of as a boy. He brought back pictures that he enlarged and mounted. He was a past member of the American Legion and the Lions Club. A devoted family man, he found considerable pleasure in family life. His wife of 49 years preceded him in death on June 2, 1992.

Survivors include: daughters, Laurie Marcum of Baker City, Sue Skinner of North Pole, Alaska; sister, Marjory Thomas of Emmetsburg, Iowa; six grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Those who wish may make contributions in memory of Mr. Chally to the Boys and Girls Aid Society, c/o Daniels Chapel of the Valley, 1502 7th Street, La Grande, OR 97850.

Daniels Chapel of the Valley, La Grande, was in charge of arrangements.

YES!
WE ARE REMODELING

We have purchased Country Rose and are expanding into the Country Rose building. We will have a floral department managed by TRISH SWEENEY. The phone number to Country Rose (676-9426) will remain the same. Hours for the floral department will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. We are excited about future possibilities and look forward to serving you!

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