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Off The Wall...
By Merlyn Robinson

Good grief, have influential people in this nation lost touch with common sense? I'm not talking basic stuff like when your mother used to preach about wearing clean underwear in case you were in an accident or the threat that if you didn't clean your ears birds would build a nest therein.

Get this, less than two weeks after learning the state was facing a \$700 million cash crisis, the Department of Administrative Services authorized the purchase of a fleet of Ford Excursions, the nation's largest sports utility vehicle. Those large SUVs cost \$208,000. Needless to say, those gas-guzzlers not only help pollute the environment, but they help increase the deficit balance of trade as Arab countries are increasing prices to \$30 a barrel.

According to statistics, June's \$37.2 billion national trade deficit was trimmed from a record \$37.8 billion in May. Still U.S. consumption of foreign-made goods reached a 15-month high of \$119.2 billion in June.

It's true that shopping at home keeps local communities viable. If our fuel comes by the barrel from a foreign country, we seldom have much choice. Retail markups keep people in business. But when things we buy such as clothing or hardware are made in China, etc., we are putting Americans out of work. However that doesn't bother the large corporations who can buy cheaply from foreign countries and profit from a larger markup to U.S. consumers. A consumer foreign goods boycott could impact trade deficits.

When it comes to prescription drug costs, U.S. drug manufactures are leading the pact when it comes to rip-offs. For example, one drug-maker Eli Lilly and Co. employs 7,600 people. Solution-seeking companies pay fees to Lilly's side venture, InnoCentive, Inc. by giving cash awards to people who come up with workable solutions. So far, \$350,000 has been paid out for 14 solutions with the highest payout of \$75,000 going to a research lab in India. So take your medicine, your prescription dollars are at work. Perhaps they'll discover the illustrious fountain of youth that will put new spring in your step while wearing those Japanese sneakers.

With the anniversary of September 11 facing us and the trauma and grief dealt to many Americans, I found it very hard to swallow watching those protesters during President Bush's visit to Portland. This country smiled and turned the other cheek as a former president played around and did virtually nothing to prevent terrorism. Now this country is dealing with terrorists worldwide and these protesting dipsticks haven't got anything better to do than promote their own agenda. While I don't see the necessity for having a president come here to promote Oregon candidates, if people are affluent enough to pay \$2500 for a picture with the president, so be it.

Frankly, candidates should be able to promote themselves with worldwide television, but it's that clasp of hands, I guess. I'm wondering how many "pepper spray" incidents will wind up in court; perhaps they should have used fire hoses to cool down those protesters in Portland. After all, a cold shower does wonders!

Makes me wonder if these protesters only work at night, if they work at all, or do they call in sick for such occasions when they can get full media coverage? Notice how the Oregonian heralded its liberal views by headlines emphasizing that Bush promotes more forest jobs and logging instead of emphasizing a position towards more positive forest management to prevent forest wildfires and disease.

Labor Day, school starting and the heat goes on -- time to do a rain dance!

Local steers win at the Sherman Co. Fair

Kristi Danielson, formerly of Boardman, showed the Grand Champion Steer at the 2002 Sherman County Fair, on Aug. 28. Joe Danielson won his confirmation class, and his steer was third overall.

Both steers, South Devon crosses, were purchased from Pat and Leslie Suter of Boardman.

Kristi and Joe are the children of Rick and Kathleen Danielson, of Moro.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Rituals mark our happy and sad occasions

To the Editor:
A number of recent events related to September 11th have revealed to many of us the importance of rituals in our lives. Our society is made up of people with religions and beliefs from all over the world, and so we, as a society, lack a consistent way of responding to death. Something we all have in common however, is ritual and grief. Rituals are milestones on the path of life, marking our happy, as well as, our sad occasions.

A national moment of silence, at 8:46, on the morning of September 11, 2002, will be a poignant ritual for Americans to join together in grief and remembrance. But it will not be the end of our grief. Grief continues with us in some form, throughout the course of our lives. How we deal with it - individually and as a society - is what's important.

In our society we are urged to hurry everything, including grief. We get three days of bereavement leave from work and are expected to resume life without disruption. Most of us are uncomfortable being around someone feeling the pain of grief, as if it were contagious. We want people to just "get over it" and move on - often so we don't have to feel our own pain from losses we have avoided acknowledging.

The terrible tragedy of September 11th may be an opportunity for us to develop deeper awareness and compassion surrounding death and loss. The memorial service in Pennsylvania, the ceremony recognizing the cleanup completion of ground zero, the pillars of light, the time capsule in the last stone placed at the Pentagon, candlelight vigils, the fore mentioned national moment of silence, as well as our local community gatherings, are all

healthy ways of honoring the reality that nearly 3,000 lives ended that day.

For most of the families of those who died on September 11th, grief is compounded by the lack of a body to see and touch. There is something profoundly important about seeing the body of a person who has died. Without it our minds find it hard to believe that death has really occurred. We cling to hopes and fantasies that somehow there was a mistake and our loved one is just lost, unable to contact us.

Life goes on and we all are touched by deaths of family, friends, acquaintances, and even the deaths of people we have never even met. Those we have known, and those we have loved, continue to live on in our lives in new ways. We carry them with us and there are times when their absence hurts deeply, other times when the memories are sweet. The best we can do for each other is to let each of us grieve in our own way, and to let that be okay. To encourage our own personal and collective rituals that honor important people in our lives who have died. To understand that grieving is part of what it means to be human.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization offers a series of guides that may help in better understanding grief in our personal lives and at work. These guides are available online at www.nhpc.org.

Locally, Pioneer Memorial Hospice plans to offer grief workshops and bereavement support groups. To find out more, please call us at 541-676-2946.

(s) Molly Rhea
Director, Pioneer Memorial Hospice
Heppner

Last Word

To the Editor:
In our exchange of letters-to-the-editor Stuart Dick kindly offers me the "last word." I appreciate that, but I will not hold him to his offer.

Stuart asks with my affection for Penland Lake and Potamus Point, why I don't support the public prayer language added to the Pledge of Allegiance at the height of the Cold War.

The reason is that my God does not require governmentally enforced allegiance.

I can react to Penland Lake, Potamus Point, and "Maggy's Drawers" in my own

Junior/Senior High September dates to remember

Heppner's junior/senior high school has released its September calendar. As of Aug. 30, these are the important dates to remember:

Mon., Sept. 9- Morrow Co. School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., at HHS

Wed., Sept. 11- Fall sports pictures; HHS Site Council meeting, 6 p.m.

way. It adds nothing for the government to tell me, or those who recognize another deity, how to appreciate their beauty.

By the way, does anyone other than Howard Bryant and Floyd Jones know the location of "Maggy's Drawers"?

(s) Lance Tibbles

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Local lady keeps life fun



Betty Pfeiffer

Betty Pfeiffer, 91, of Heppner, won first place for her apple pie at the Celebrate Heppner pie contest. She entered her pie, at the prompting of her daughter, as something fun to do.

Betty made pies for family dinners in the past, but hadn't baked one for quite awhile, and never entered one into a contest before. Armed with a good crust recipe and some tasty apples, she came out a champ.

Betty grew up in Prosser, Wash., but has lived in Heppner for 55 years. She moved here with her husband and they later bought Western Auto Parts. They worked at the parts store until they retired.

Family is an important part of Betty's life. She has two children, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Betty's children grew up and went to school here in Heppner. Her daughter returned four years ago to live with and help out her mom. Other family members also make it habit to come and spend time with Betty and each other.

Betty has not slowed down; she goes on trips, gardens, and even hang-glides. She has a nephew who lives in Oahu, Hawaii, and she and other family members take a month-long trip, in May, each year to visit him. On the trip this year Betty tried her hand at hang-gliding. A friend said

he wanted to go hang-gliding and invited her along. "It was a great," said Betty.

Snatching her away from her "delightful place to live," Betty's family surprised her two years ago with a 10-day cruise to Tahiti.

While at home, Betty enjoys tinkering around in her two vegetable gardens and many flower gardens. In the afternoons she enjoys sitting in the back yard with her daughter, enjoying each other, a glass of iced tea, and the lovely flowers and hummingbirds.

Betty enjoys life to its fullest, thankful for "good health, good family, and super duper neighbors."

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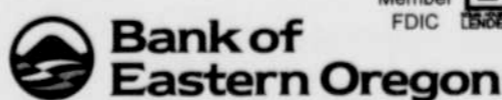


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