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- Wednesday, December 31st -

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OFF THE WALL

By Merlyn Robinson

The new advertising logo for this state is "Oregon: We Love Dreamers." How inspiring. The advertising agency people must have brainstormed overtime to come up with such creativity. This slogan suggests that everyone should prop up their feet and just dream about making things better. Using both brains and muscles it is the movers and shakers who generate business growth.

Unfortunately the movers in big corporations are doing just that by taking their companies and businesses to third-world countries; while downsizing and automating their companies here to reduce employees. Mom and Pop businesses that support families and are the backbone of communities across the nation are being forced out of business by mega-discount stores that stock a majority of consumer goods produced in foreign countries.

For example: A car company can move its factories to Mexico and claim it's a free market. A toy company can out-source to a Chinese subcontractor and claim it's a free market. A major bank can incorporate in Bermuda to avoid taxes and claim it's a free market.

To further increase unemployment, some airlines, supermarkets and other businesses are installing self-check-out counters. Alarm signals go off if a customer tries to leave the store with unpaid for merchandise. When all the manufacturing jobs are moved to other countries and many of the service jobs are stripped to barebones or only pay minimum wage, not many people will be able to maintain health care insurance premiums.

Dream on and things will get better. If you're only dreaming about what to buy for Christmas during the remaining few days, take notice that the hottest Christmas gift items supposedly are electronic gadgets. No wonder this nation has become the land of expanding waistlines. Now there are robotic vacuum cleaners and lawn mowers. All the electronic gadgetry available leaves me shaking my head and wondering if we need all these toys. Various hand-held cell phones are also cameras that also have e-mail access, plus mobile versions of popular Windows applications and are topped off by musical ring tones for your amusement. Then there's a hybrid cell phone with an MP3 player and FM radio plus it can also be used to play a variety of video games.

Motorists are now installing DVD players and video game system in vehicles. One sport utility vehicle comes with six plasma screens, three DVD players and a Sony PlayStation 2. Price tag is \$85,000. Evidently there are still a few people with deep pockets. We now have tracking devices in vehicles that pinpoint locations and provide drivers with a navigational system while passengers only (we hope) enjoy television shows or play games on computer screens. No more "OnStar, where am I," if you follow the voice directions of a programmed route destination on a computer screen. Soon, we won't even need

drivers if roads are embedded with navigational chips.

At home, if you're a sophisticated television viewer you know all about "TiVo," a set-top box known as a digital video recorder (DVR). This allows a viewer to rewind and watch any program whenever they want and to skip past commercials without rerecording it on video.

Perhaps there should be a microchip placed in every newborn child. Not only would it be easier for parents to keep track of wandering offspring and save a lot of footwear, it could also lessen the abduction of children. Unfortunately, when they become adults, some people want to cover their tracks.

So never mind if your gift buying is at low ebb for this holiday season. If your focus is on the meaning of the season and helping others, you are definitely on the right track, electronically or not. Happy Holidays.

Brent's Team completes successful walk



Jordan Hatfield, Chase, Brent's cousin from Portland, Wacy Coil, Brent Eckman, Chance Day and Jared Huddleston at Hillsboro Stadium for Walk to Cure Diabetes.

On Sunday, Oct. 12, 48 of Brent Eckman's friends and relatives joined him for the Walk to Cure Diabetes at Hillsboro Stadium. Brent's Team raised a total of \$6291. Linda Conklin won the beautiful handmade quilt, made by his grandma, Gwen Healy. There were a total of 333 sneakers sold at Heppner Elementary School.

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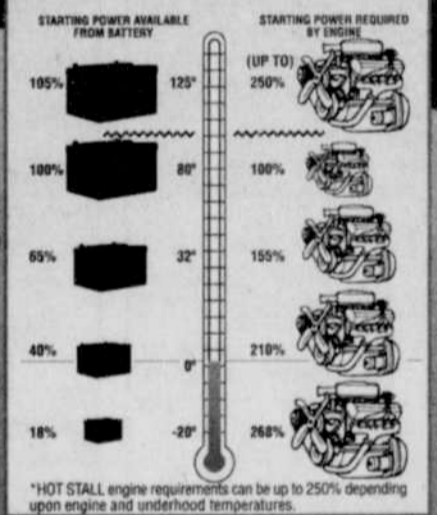
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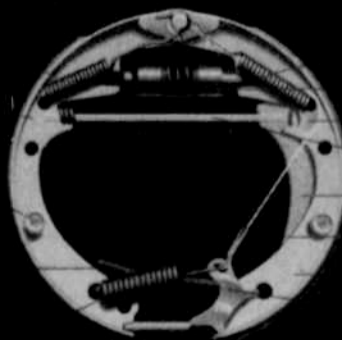
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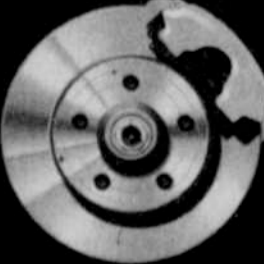
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