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Letters to the Editor

Is there a reason for this?

To the Editor:

The service station dealers in Heppner and Lexington would like to ask the District Attorney of Morrow County why a law that has been asked to be enforced-protecting the dealers will not be enforced because of conflict of interest in his

We are wondering if a staff member in every of all District Attorney's offices in Oregon were a part of par-

ticipating or breaking certain statutes, would this then mean that this statute could not or would not be enforced.

Sincerely,
(s) Victor Klingler
Lexington Chevron
Calvin Sherman
Cal's Service Center
Max English
English Chevron

4th grader from Beaverton wants Morrow County information

To the Editor:

I'm a fourth grade student doing a report on Morrow County. I go to Beaver Acres School.

I would like to hear from people about statistics, history, industries, recreation, ect. I would also like it if you could put my letter in your

newspaper. May I also have a sample newspaper with my letter in it? Thank you for reading my letter. I appreciate it.

Sincerely,
(s) Karin M. (4w)
PO Box 200
Beaverton, OR 97075

Bill introduced for check off box

To the Editor:

Senator Mark Hatfield has introduced a bill which would make taxpayers responsible for formulating budget policy. The bill would establish a check off box on federal tax forms requiring taxpayers to indicate if their tax dollars could be used to fund national defense.

Proponents of this measure say that people who object to military spending should not be made to help fund such spending through their taxes.

However, the implications of this argument are dangerous and far-reaching. Asking the millions of tax-paying citizens to make federal budgetary decisions is a violation of our form of representatives democracy. We, the people, elect and pay our Senators and Representatives to closely study the issues and make informed decisions on our behalf. Asking taxpayers to make budgetary decisions without the advantage or knowledge of detailed facts, and in some cases classified information, is an invitation to dangerously misguided policy.

Even if a case could be made for providing more information to the public, Hatfield would be hard pressed to prove his ability to do so. When my organization learned of Hatfield's bill, we contacted his office seeking a copy of the legislation. Yes, we were told, they could mail a copy of the bill to us, but, we were warned, two weeks were required before they could wade through the red-tape in their own office and slip a copy of the bill in the mail. We then contacted Congressman Denny Smith's office with the same request. They sent the bill the next day.

If Hatfield feels that he cannot properly represent us and, therefore, must forward measures relieving himself of his decision making responsibilities, perhaps he should step aside. Others have shown that they are willing to tackle the task of representing us.

Furthermore, Hatfield's bill would establish a dangerous precedent; opening a Pandora's box for special interest groups seeking to override policies they find objectionable. Many business groups object to the powers of the Commerce and Labor Departments to impose regulations on them. Should they be given a check off box to prohibit the use of their taxes to fund these departments? Some people find welfare programs objectionable. Others believe that we are not being adequately represented by Congress. Perhaps a check off box allowing taxpayers to prohibit the use of their tax dollars to pay elected officials, such as Hatfield, would be in order.

Finally, the addition of the check off box Hatfield's bill seeks would add further confusion, bureaucracy and expense to an already inefficient tax system. Special treatment would be required to process the individual tax payments of those utilizing the check off box. Unraveling the mess created by this special treatment would create new governmental expenses. Who would pay for these additional expenses? The taxpayers would pay, of course. Perhaps Hatfield could then promote a check off plan whereby taxpayers not wishing to pay the additional costs of check off schemes could indicate so on their tax returns.

Our government works best with congressional representatives who are willing to meet the challenges posed by the legislative process. A government based on check off schemes is an unwise and misguided alternative.

Sincerely
(s) Drew Davis, President
American Freedom Coalition
PO Box 3257
Portland, OR 97208

Guest Editorial National Victim's Rights Week Set

By Jeff Wallace, Morrow County District Attorney

President Reagan has declared the week of April 17 to 23, to be "National Victim's Rights Week" to promote improved services for crime victims.

The observance also marks the first full year of operation of the Victims Bill of Rights, established to give protection to the often-overlooked crime victim.

If you have been a victim of a crime, you may have felt overlooked by the criminal justice system. The rights of the Defendant, including the right to an attorney, the right to remain silent and the right to a trial, are guaranteed by the Constitution. These are important safeguards intended to guarantee individual liberty. Now, however, crime victims have been recognized and given rights which reflect their importance to the system.

Legislation passed in Oregon in 1983, established a State fund under which victims of violent crimes can be reimbursed for their medical expenses and loss of income. It does not allow reimbursement for property damage, however.

The same legislation also requires criminal defendants to pay an assessment to the Crime Victim's Compensation Account (CICA) of \$20. for misdemeanors, \$40 for DUI's and \$50 for felonies. One-half of this money is then available to counties to set up Victim-Witness Program's administered by the District Attorney's office.

In Morrow County, Vi Wilgers serves as the Victim-Witness coordinator on a part-time basis. Her duties include contacting crime victims and determining restitution, providing assistance to crime victim's who wish to be reimbursed for their lost income and medical expenses, coordinating witness appearances at grand jury and trials, and helping victims through the often-traumatic court process.

Under recent legislation, crime victims are now given the right to sit through a trial, and cannot be excluded from the courtroom. In addition, they now have the right to be present at sentencing and are given more input into the sentencing process.

Anyone interested in further information on "National Crime Victim's Week" or recent crime victim's legislation, should contact either myself or Victim's-Witness Coordinator, Vi Wilgers, at the Morrow County District Attorney's Office, Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, OR, by calling, 676-9061.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Courthouse reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

April 4: Morrow County dispatched the Boardman ambulance to hay on fire between Wilson Road and the freeway on Bombing Range Road.

April 5: Morrow County assisted Boardman Police Department in arresting a subject at Desert Springs Estates for Assault IV. He posted bail and was released.

April 6: Morrow County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Boardman Ambulance to Boardman Farms. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital for an unknown illness.

April 7: Morrow County Sheriff's Office recovered a stolen bicycle in the Irrigon area.

April 8: Morrow County deputy responded to the Cecil area to a report of suspicious vehicle on private property.

Morrow County deputy arrested James Albert Green, 45, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and Driving While Suspended. This is regarding the suspicious vehicle. He was taken to Benton County Jail where he was lodged.

April 10: During the week of April 4-10, Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted one disabled motorist.

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Terry Lee Cain, 24, Irrigon, for Failure to Appear and Assault IV.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Department reports handling the following business during the past week:

April 4: 12:22 a.m.-citation issued for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; citation issued for Open Container; 8:28 a.m.-Report of Thief.

April 6: 12:21 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 10:22 p.m.-report of Suspicious Vehicle.

April 7: 2:30 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 9:27 a.m.-Welfare Check; 10:14 a.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

April 8: 1:47 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 1 p.m.-report of Traffic Accident; 7:43 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

D.A.'s Report

The District Attorney's office at the Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Jacob Shilts, 22, appeared for Probation Hearing. Defendant's probation revoked and reinstated on the same terms and conditions as original sentence order. The Defendant was released from custody of the Benton County Washington Jail.

Merle Barrow, 39, Canby, appeared for Change of Plea on April 8, before Judge Ralph Currin, and plead guilty to the charge of Custodial Interference. Defendant to serve two years bench probation, obey all laws and have no further incidents of assaultive behavior involving the victims in this case.

Eric Lindsey, 20, appeared for Change of Plea on the charge of Negotiating a Bad Check, before Judge Ralph Currin on April 8. He plead guilty and was sentenced to one year in jail. All but 41 days jail time was suspended with credit for time served of 41 days. He has one year bench probation and was ordered to pay Crime Victim's Compensation account \$20 and make restitution to Brown's Auto and Truck Stop, \$20, Irrigon Market, \$10, Rod's Market, \$55, Paul's Inn of the Road, \$45 and Stoke's Landing Restaurant the sum of \$20.

Meeting Notices

Port of Morrow

The Port of Morrow Commission will be meeting Wednesday, April 13, 3 p.m. at the Port office, 1 Marine Drive, Boardman.

IUCC Auction

The 26th annual auction & barbecue of the lone United Church of Christ will be Saturday, June 4th. Donations will be picked up by Bill Rietmann, 422-7296 and by Dick Allen, 422-7563

A Natural High

Today marks the beginning of a new project. By Friday I will have mailed the first issue of a winegrape market newsletter to more than 300 wineries and grape growers throughout the Pacific Northwest.

This project has been in the "thinking" stage for more than a year and now we've finally got all the preliminaries lined up. We're excited.

Particularly because this project is close on the heels of the last "new deal."

A month or so ago we started an herb farm. Not just the usual garden size for home use, but a real farm with commercial intentions. The greenhouse is up, the seedlings are up and we'll have 20 yards of manure delivered some time this week. We plan to sell both fresh and dried herbs in our own brand-named glass jars. (One suggestion was "Herb's herbs.")

My psychiatrist says these new projects evidence a touch of mania. He counsels that the line between constructive and destructive mania is a fine one indeed.

The constructive mania brings an emotional high that is the reward for living. It's a sense of euphoria that only comes with something new, adventuresome, maybe a little risky, challenging.

The same good feeling comes from buying a new bass boat, planning a vacation to Australia, having a baby, or moving to West Virginia (or Morrow County?)

As I see it, it doesn't take drugs nor excessive alcohol to bring on a high. A new project, touch of mania, produces a natural high that is unbeatable. We all know people who are bored with life, critical of others, negative in outlook, unhappy and discontent. Even we get that way once in a while. A new project brings back the spice of life.

Recommended for the spring of 1988: Remodel the bathroom; join a political campaign; take up windsurfing; make a product at home for sale; write a book.

Catch a bit of mania for a natural high.





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