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IHS, IMS, HHS, HJH, Colt			
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>WEEK OF</b>			
Jan. 30 to Feb. 5	30 IMS at Helix, 3 p.m.; HJH A-B Columbia 2:30 pm; HHS C-team at Umatilla, 6 p.m.	31 HHS JV, V vs Weston-McEwen 3 pm; IHS GBV at Echo 4:30 pm;	1 Colt-Huskies/Bears 9 am, Beavers/Cardinals 10 am HHS gym; Ducks/Bruins 9 am, Trojans/Cougars 10 am HJH gym; IMS tournament at Helix, 9:30 am; IHS JV & V vs Condon 1 pm; HJH A-team tournament at Umatilla TBA; HHS JV & V Wahtonka at The Dalles, 1 pm;
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
2	3	4 IMS vs Arlington, 1:30 p.m.	

### Letters to the Editor

#### Port manager earns salary

To the Editor:

The article comparing the Port of Morrow manager's salary with the Port of Umatilla's manager's salary is comparing apples with oranges. Morrow County's manager makes a straight salary; the Umatilla's manager makes a lesser salary plus commissions. Considering the cost of facilities going in now-a-days this could be anything.

Hardly anyone in Morrow County (or rural America for that matter) makes a salary such as this. Unfortunately they do elsewhere, and I cannot recall anyone opening up so many new

vistas for economic development as has the current port manager. We could pay some one else maybe 1/2 less and get zero results for our tax money. Gary Neal pays his way, or earns his keep, however you wish to look at it.

Lastly, it would be unfortunate if South Morrow residents considered this expense merely a North Morrow benefit. North and South Morrow residents are dependent on each other's taxes to stabilize both their differing economies.

It is not us against them.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Meg Murray

#### Stop abusing forests

To the Editor:

The present forest disaster should come as no surprise. Officials and citizens genuinely concerned about the health of our forest (Orville Cutsforth, Ed Dick, Beryl Stillman, Glen Ward on the south Umatilla) have warned about the impending disaster since the last 1960's. With each warning and plan to restore the health of the forest ecosystem, the timber industry and timber lobby in the forest service successfully quenched the effort with the threat of lost jobs and phony reforestation figures. The result has been a continual agenda of overlogging, ill advised massive clearcuts, extensive road building, mismanagement and degradation of streams, soils, vegetation, aquifers, and ecosystem viability.

Gov. Roberts documents "Past forest practices and six year of drought" (E.O. Jan. 15, '92) as the reason for requesting emergency declaration. Rep. Bob Smith heaps lavish praise upon himself (E.O. Jan. 10, '92) for funding he claims is to restore the forest ecosystem. In truth Smith's forest agenda is more of the past forest practices that caused the disaster in the first place. The fact is Smith's agenda has never considered forest health but rather forest harvest, using salvage logging as a guise to strip and mine

what little is left. Smith contends trees are the problem, "diseased and dead timber threatens to overwhelm our entire forest ecosystem east of the Cascades" (E.O. Jan. 10, '92) and more salvage logging, i.e. massive clearcuts and overlogging, is the solution.

Smith's agenda of salvage logging and aerial spraying are not methods to restore forest health but rather methods to increase timber harvest. Aerial spraying kills and/or debilitates everything in the forest ecosystem. A healthy forest doesn't have insect infestations. Try to find a bird in our forests today, especially after aerial spraying. It doesn't take a biologist to figure out birds love insects. Remember how our GIs were told agent orange wouldn't hurt them either.

We need a timber industry prudent spraying, and salvage logging, if the politicians will allow the forest service and the best loggers in the winter to selectively log and care for the ecosystem. Smith's forest stewardship would be akin to letting the fox caretake the chickens.

The drought is not going to end until we stop abusing and mining our greatest national treasure, our forests.

(s) Stuart Dick  
Hermiston, OR 97838

#### Tips on hosting teen parties

To the Editor:

Teenagers often want to have a party with friends after school or during the holidays or on weekends. The Heppner/Lexington Oregon Together Group suggests some tips for parents on hosting a teen party.

- \* Set the ground rules with your teen before the party. Let your teen know what you expect. Stress shared responsibility for hosting the party.
- \* Be at home during the party. Agree on an area of the home where guests will be comfortable and you can supervise adequately.
- \* Provide snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.
- \* Avoid easy access to alcohol or other drugs in your home.
- \* It is illegal to offer alcohol to minors. You may be criminally prosecuted if injury or damage to property occurs because of minors who become intoxicated while in your home. Be alert to

signs of intoxication and to guests who may try to bring in alcohol or drugs. Be willing to call police or sheriff if unwanted guests refuse to leave. Notify the parents of anyone who arrives drunk to ensure their safe transportation home. Do not let anyone drive while intoxicated.

- \* If you must be away, make arrangements for quality adult supervision. Teenagers frequently host parties when parents are gone. Seek help from relatives or neighbors to protect yourself and your teenagers.
- \* Notify your neighbors and friends that there will be a party.
- \* Limit attendance and set time limits for the party. Send invitations or distribute fliers with your phone number for responses. Party crashing should not be allowed. Open-hour drop-in parties are hard to control. Stick to time limits.
- \* Guests should not be allowed to come and go. This will discourage guests from leaving the party to drink or use drugs elsewhere and then return.
- \* Encourage your teen to plan games and activities. Drinking and drug use are sometimes the result of boredom. Have fun, safe activities planned in advance.

The Oregon Together Group hopes that parents and their friends will take those suggestions to heart for a safe and sane and responsible party.

Sincerely,  
(s) Rev. Stan Hoobing,  
Convener of Heppner/  
Lexington Oregon Together  
Group

#### Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

The Chamber phone has been jangling away with St. Patrick's celebration inquiries ranging from mystery bus tours to concessions to leprechauns. Sunshine is certainly the catalyst for enthusiasm and energy. Soak up the sun while it lasts for I hear requests are going "upstairs" for snow and moisture; but be sure to send up an order for more solar rays for March 13, 14 and 15.

Next week is Heppner Chamber's monthly business meeting, which includes open forum when all entities present are invited to share information with the membership. This includes the county, the city, HEDC, Morrow County Tourism Committee, Fairboard and Rodeo committee, the Port of Morrow, districts, schools, chamber committees, merchants, anyone who has ideas and activities to inform and involve our entire community. Chamber also encourages these groups to offer programs throughout the year to keep the chamber membership informed. It is our aim to create a positive environment where people and businesses thrive.

Thought for the week: "When you resent someone, they live rent free in your head."

#### Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1992	
Soft White	
Jan.	\$4.60
Feb.	\$4.62/\$4.65
March	\$4.67
April	\$4.67/\$4.63
New Crop	\$4.15
Barley	
Jan.	\$106
Feb.	\$107
New Crop	\$106

#### The Mind Is Tricky



It sure is funny to me how the human mind can do some pretty tricky things. Oh, I don't just mean those times when a most familiar thing slips your mind. "Senator, I'd like you to meet my wife, old what's-her-name."

I'm talking about the things that go through your mind when you have time to think.

Like yesterday, when I drove all the way to Portland and back. All the way down it was raining, as usual. And I was thinking that they ought to use some of that 2+2 gas tax increase to fix up the freeway through the Gorge. It's got traffic groves so deep that they're like an anchor when full of water. In places there are patches on top of patches and none where there ought to be. That old Gorge road is more than 20 years old mostly and it's falling apart.

I was thinking that now that we've got the Banfield all fixed up for those Portland commuters, we ought to spend a little fixing up the road we use.

Well, after only a half a day in the big city, my mind was of a different mood on the way. I'm thinking now that we ought to spend every penny of the road money on someplace down on the coast or in the Willamette Valley itself. Just let old I-84 go plumb square to heck. That way we'll have even more incentive not to go that way, the best thing that can happen to us.

Besides, if the road gets really bad, maybe none of those folks will be coming this way either.

I hear the governor is going to lay off 4,000 state workers. I sure hope they are all inspectors of one kind or another because she can also save a lot of gas they'd otherwise burn up travelling to Eastern Oregon.

You see, that's another trick our minds have been playing on us. We've been trying for years to get Salem to pay attention to the needs of Eastern Oregon and sure enough they send another DEQ inspector out to shut down another fertilizer plant or something.

The trick, it seems, is that we've been lured into our own downfall. There's even an alliance organized to promote Eastern Oregon. Now, if successful, it would seem that the effort would only bring more government down about our ears.

You should know that I went to college to learn how to think and I now think our thinking has gone astray. What we should be doing is laying low and making as few waves as we can. That, along with the deteriorating roads and cuts in the army of inspectors, will make Eastern Oregon nearly invisible to big government in Salem. Maybe we can get them to forget us altogether and leave us alone in the process.

And it's pretty clear that the governor's mind is playing tricks on her too. I recall that Oregonians turned down a sales tax eight times in this century but the governor figures that once we miss having those inspectors drop in every other day or so, we'll change our minds. What's likely is that we won't even notice and we'll go for nine.

It's like the tricks our mind plays on us about the environment. Somehow we've forgotten to include human beings among the world's plants and animals. And we've subscribed intrinsic value to certain things, thinking that intrinsic means infinite. We've also developed a selective collection of facts.

Example: We must save the old growth forests in order to save the Spotted Owl. But we've omitted the fact that even Jack Thomas now admits. Spotted Owls live in 40 year-old trees.

Example: We must shut down the dams, irrigation, navigation and fishing to save the Red Fish Lake sockeye salmon. We omit the fact that four years ago, when this year's run of sockeye were little fry in Red Fish Lake, the lake was poisoned to kill all the trash fish.

Example: We blame the pools behind the Columbia River Dams for the decline in salmon runs. We omit the fact that salmon runs on coastal streams without any dams are declining faster than Columbia River runs.

There's another trick of the mind here too. My mind thinks that by writing all this down so you can read it will really change anything. Now that's a real trick, isn't it?

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