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Letters to the Editor

Dreams do come true

To the Editor:
Dreams do come true, it just takes a little time. Congratulations to the 1992 Mustang football team for their victory over the Vale Vikings in the state championship game.
(s) Jim Mallon
Mustang football coach 1954-60
Hood River

Blood drive response excellent



Rebecca Weseman, Heppner, prepares to donate blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive held last week at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Assisting her is Gregg Calzadilla of Yakima. The response of the donors in the area was termed "excellent," with 54 pints of blood donated.



Have An Old-Fashioned
Merry Christmas

We're proud to carry on a family tradition of service to the community, and grateful for your continuing support.

Peterson's Jewellers
Heppner 676-9200
Ginger, Gayle, Sue, Mary, Marlene & Randall

Have a
Happy Holiday

Let's cherish the spirit of Christmas and the joy of friendship.

Thanks for your patronage this last year...Bob, Cheryl, Jerid & Darrin Ployhar.



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Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

December 14: Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept. with a report of suspicious circumstances at a business in Boardman.

December 15: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances on French Pass;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a family matter. Turned out to be a civil matter;

Morrow County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the high school. One female was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances at a business outside Boardman.

December 16: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington EMT's to a residence for an injury;

Morrow County deputies responded to a residence in Irrigon for a report of a domestic disturbance. Richard Wiese, 19, Irrigon was arrested for Assault IV, domestic. He was lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon to take an animal complaint;

Morrow County deputy arrested Jose Vasquez, 25, for Driving While Suspended, misdemeanor. Vasquez was cited and released;

Morrow County deputy received a report of theft from Lora Griffiths, Irrigon. Amount of value and items taken were unknown;

Morrow County deputy arrested Kent Wendell Cate, 24, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine, Hunting Mammal with the Aid of Light; and Stacy Leann Hinz Cate, 23, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine, Driving While Suspended. Both subjects posted bail and were released;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 730, mile post 178. Deputy was unable to locate accident upon arrival.

December 17: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of a traffic problem on I-84 near Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of an animal problem in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to take a report of a stolen bicycle from a residence in Irrigon. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police to investigate an animal problem in the Boardman area;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of a juvenile problem in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy arrested Leroy Swope, 57, Irrigon, for Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance. Swope was cited and released;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist with a message delivery in Hardman;

December 18: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident rollover on I-84 mile post 154. There were no injuries and no one was transported;

Morrow County deputy responded to the report of a traffic problem in Irrigon.

December 19: Morrow County deputy investigated a report of a car sliding off Rhea Creek

Road. There were no injuries or property damage;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of dog mischief on 8th St. West, Irrigon;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance and rescue to two different motor vehicle accidents on I-84, mile posts 127 and 129. There were no transports;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept in an investigation of a reported fight at the Outback apartments in Boardman.

December 20: Morrow County deputy began investigation of a motorcycle reported stolen from a garage at an Irrigon residence;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Outback apartments number E-12. One 17 year old male with an illness was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

December 21: Morrow County deputy responded to the report of a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Peters and Hazard Road that might be a hazard. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle.

During the week of December 14 through 20 the Morrow County deputies assisted five motorists.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

John Dalton Ledbetter, 65, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$55 fine;

Jason Patterson, 19, Heppner-Minor In Possession, \$86 fine;

David Porter, Lexington-Operating Power Driven Machinery with out Permit, \$214 fine, 60 days in jail, jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law excluding minor traffic;

James Houston Roach, 50, Heppner-Driving Uninsured While Suspended, \$145 suspended;

Robert Skultety, 19, Heppner-Minor In Possession, \$86 fine;

Tammy Wilson, 18, Heppner-Minor In Possession, \$106 fine;

Deona Renee Hodges, 29, Hermiston-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$55 fine;

Steven Randall Marsh, 39, Cloverdale-Defective Equipment, \$60 fine;

Jody James O'Donnell, 21, Salem-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$65 fine;

Ermin Godinez, 39, Hermiston-Offensive Littering, \$30 fine;

Javier C. Ramirez, 31, Ione-No Operator's License, \$130 fine.

Births

Jonica Marie Schmeltzer-a daughter, Jonica Marie was born to Julee and Mark Schmeltzer of Heppner on December 16, 1992 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Grandparents are John and Jeannine Schmeltzer and Bob and Joan Try, all of Sherwood.

Jonica joins three sisters, Desiree, 10, Kandra eight and Allina, two at home.

Kurtis E. Lane Toll-a son Kurtis, was born to Staci LaRae Toll of LaGrande at Grande Ronde Hospital in LaGrande on December 17, 1992. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Grandparents are Trish and Ted Toll, Soldotna, Alaska. Great-grandparents are Merna Toll, and Mary and Jack Vankinkle all of Heppner.

Good Luck
Mr. President



As President-elect Clinton names more and more of his top governmental appointees, his campaign promises appear to be more and more real. During the campaign, he talked a lot about democracy and taxing the rich. Those are a couple of subjects dear to the hearts of Americans.

Clinton also talked a lot about putting people back to work. That does not have anything to do with democracy and taxing the rich. In fact, democracy and taxing the rich are the very reason people don't have jobs.

Democracy, you will recall, is a form of government where the majority of the people rule. That is different from a dictatorship where only one person rules or an aristocracy where a small group of specially educated people rule. And it's very different from the apparent rule in Somalia-an anarchy where no one rules.

A democracy, according to most political scientists, is different from a republic where elected representatives rule. Say, that sounds like us, doesn't it? Well, that's what we called the United States, a republic, until Franklin Delano Roosevelt renamed us a democracy. But why not, he was a Democrat.

So if we are a democracy, it must be true, the Democrats are in power, why does that mean no jobs? It really is simple. In most businesses, there's only one boss, often the owner, often a rich man (or woman). But there are lots of employees. Folks with jobs. Now if the majority rules, the rules will invariably favor the majority. That means when the employees write the rules, they will usually favor themselves, usually at the expense of the boss, owner, rich guy (or gal).

And when the rules get too far out of balance, the boss calls it quits. After all, he's in business for a profit, not the mere exercise. I have yet to hear a business owner say he's in business for the very purpose of providing jobs.

So when the democratic process gets through with saddling the boss with all the rules and regulations, and then adds a tax on top of it, there will be little doubt that businesses will close or move overseas and jobs will become scarce as hen's teeth.

What we haven't heard in a presidential campaign for years are the words Capitalism and Freedom. Capitalism is not a political system like democracy or dictatorship, it is an economic system, like socialism. The problem with capitalism in a democracy is that the majority is always on the lower end of the economic rewards of the capitalist system. An inescapable feature of capitalism is that a few will become very rich but most folks will only survive. In the past 200 years, the majority has survived with a higher standard of living than any other system in the history of the world.

Another feature of capitalism is that even the poorest person aspires to do better. Everyone wants more and tries hard to succeed in financial terms. But when combined with democracy, the capitalist drive tempts the ruling majority to get more by taking it away from the folks who have more.

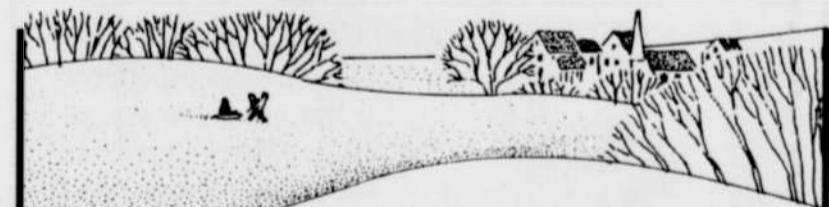
That leads to taxing the rich. Before we take money away from the rich to pay for government's folly, we should pause to think a bit about what the rich folks would do with their money. One, they put it out for interest at some bank, which then has money to loan to some common fellow who wants to go into business and create a job or two. Two, they build a new factory themselves in the hopes of hiring a crew to make something they can sell at a profit. Even the rich want to do better so they put their money to work, creating jobs in one way or another.

But that won't happen when we take it away in the form of taxes. And that leads to a curious mess of things. Our representatives, in what we call a democracy, will be making decisions about how to spend other people's money, not for the capitalist purpose of making a profit, but for the socialist purpose of simply making work for those who need, but don't really want, a job.

Good luck, Mr. President.

Sign up for city league basketball

Heppner City League basketball will begin January 10. Anyone interested in participating in city league should contact Randy Hughes, 989-8412, Charlie Sumner, or Rollie Marshall by January 5.



Keep the memories alive and the joys of Christmas past and future close to your heart.

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It is our pleasure to wish you every happiness this Christmas.

Ann Spicer, Bill Kuhn, Mike Mills
Kuhn & Spicer, Attys

Happy 13th
MAX LEWIS

December 29
Love,
The Sykes

