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Letters to the Editor

Big business takes bite out of rural USA

To the Editor:
This past week the well-oiled urban machine, BIG BUSINESS, took another bite out of rural-town U.S.A. Closing smaller Sears stores was a corporate decision handed down to local retailers with a blow, swiftly and unannounced.
On a personal level closing Sears will mean driving further to pick up items too bulky to mail. We won't be able to pick up other orders and won't have a choice of appliances, T.V.'s, etc. from a showroom floor.
But equally important it (may) mean the loss of some very special people--extremely courteous and competent merchants as well as active communi-

ty members.
Closing Sears will mean the loss of a business. What is the critical mass that keeps downtown alive? People shop at Sears, have lunch and shop elsewhere. Each business in town interacts and supports every other business and we can't afford to lose even one.
People move on and the population dwindles further. The charisma, perhaps even the existence, of small town life in rural America becomes buried somewhere on the decadent and overstocked shelves of Wall-Mart, K-Mart and Costco.
Respectfully submitted
(s) Jeanne Berretta

Shame on anti-freeze forces

To the Editor:
Deja vu "Jaws II": just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water, you find out you're all wet.
A state law recently passed requiring anti-freeze (a tastes-like-kool-aid killer) to taste unpalatable. Cost: one bad-taste option costs less than half a cent per gallon.
Things were going swimmingly, consumerwise, but the sharks came back on the scene, looking for blood. The heretofore silent anti-freeze lobby approached the Poison Control Task Force (at Portland's Oregon Health Sciences University) asking for a legal loophole. Who cares if children (and pets) are toxically wasted?
They whine: Anti-freeze deaths are not "a priority" (translation: kill more kids). The data is "con-

troversial" (like tobacco companies, we don't accept what we don't like-like the common sense position "If it's revolting kids won't drink as much"). We don't know what "unpalatable" means (pay Washington lobbyists, spin doctors, and political consultants but don't buy a dictionary).
To the anti-freeze forces, "Shame on you." Don't our priceless children (and valued pets) deserve a half penny's worth of protection? Well?
Sincerely,
Lynn Tyleczak
Albany

Births

Garrett Andrew Johnson-a son, Garrett Andrew was born to Ella Mae and Erik Johnson of Portland on January 31, 1993. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green, Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, California.
Skylan Adam Myers-a son Skylan Adam was born to Terri and Sam Myers of Heppner on January 23, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs.
Grandparents are Jerry and Nancy Myers, Echo.
Eric Edward Chick-a son Eric Edward was born to Candy and Kevin Chick of Heppner on January 26, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz.

Pharmacy & Your Health

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PMS: Many Treatments Recommended

Premenstrual syndrome (PMS) is a much publicized condition experienced by up to 40 percent of women. PMS is a term that refers to a collection of behavioral, emotional, and physical symptoms that occur as early as 7 to 10 days before a menstrual period and last for about 24 hours after the start of menstrual flow.

Symptoms of PMS, which can range from annoying to incapacitating, include breast tenderness, weight gain, swollen ankles, craving for sweet and salty foods, anxiety, depression, irritability, and intense aggression. According to one reference, in order for symptoms to be classified as PMS, they should occur during most, if not all, menstrual periods. And symptoms should be severe enough to interfere with some aspect of daily living.

Vitamin B6 has been suggested for PMS treatment because of its role in the production of serotonin and dopamine. Lack of these substances at nerve endings in the body is thought to be associated with depression symptoms in some PMS sufferers. Other nutrients used in PMS include calcium, vitamin A, and magnesium. Mild diuretics, such as caffeine, may help relieve swelling and bloating. Cramping pain may be relieved with ibuprofen, aspirin, and acetaminophen.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:
January 26: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate an animal problem in the Boardman area;
Morrow County deputy recovered a pickup stolen out of Hermiston which led to the discovery of three pickups stolen from local farmers, Fritz Cutsforth, Heppner; Wayne Seitz, Lexington; and Ken Nelson, Lone. All but one of the pickups has been recovered. Investigation is continuing.
January 28: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a juvenile problem. Investigation is continuing;
Morrow County deputy checked Highway 730 and the surrounding area for a report of a reckless driver. Deputy was unable to locate anyone.
January 29: Shawn Tracey Adlard, 22, Hermiston, was arrested on a Umatilla County Sheriff's office warrant. Adlard was lodged at Benton County;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the ambulance to Union St. One male was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a male with unknown injuries. There was no transport;
Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of a break-in at a business in Irrigon. Investigation is continuing.
January 30: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of juvenile problems in Irrigon;
Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police with a motor vehicle accident on I-84, mile post 148. Boardman ambulance responded but was called back because there were no injuries;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a report of a motor vehicle accident on I-84, mile post 123. Ambulance was recalled en route. There were no injuries.
January 31: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence on Anderson Road. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital by a private vehicle;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to the Outbacks for an alarm that had been pulled. There was no fire;
Morrow County deputy responded to a family disturbance in Irrigon near the post office;
Morrow County deputy responded to 4th in Irrigon for a neighborhood disturbance;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Wilson Trailer Park for one female. There was no transport.
February 1: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Frontier Trailer Park for a female with an illness. Patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for

a neighborhood problem;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of theft of vehicle parts;
Morrow County Sheriff's deputy responded to a disturbance at the south end of 11th St. in Irrigon. Donzil Dee Bray, 59, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and Criminal Mischief II. Bray was cited and released on his own recognizance.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, chamber manager
It always amazes me to receive specific inquiries about Heppner from foreign countries. The world gets smaller all the time and somehow word is out that we have a wonderful rural community to visit. A recent request from London was prompted by a correspondence Chamber had in 1988 to a lady in Auckland, New Zealand.
The Heppner family tree now has close to 400 names going back to around 1700 and Michael Heppner from London plans to share it with Heppner when he comes to visit in April. The "Heppners" are eager to visit the town with their name. Some family members have already passed through.
1993 will be bringing thousands of visitors through Heppner with Cycle Oregon, the wagon train in Lone, Oregon Trail explorers, St. Pat's celebration, Fair and Rodeo, and those simply looking for a rural experience. Space for folks to stay continues to be a problem. We can't keep people here overnight if the beds are full. (By the way, the St. Pat's committee is looking for housing for six people who will be providing Irish music during the weekend. Give us a call. It's also time to be thinking of auction items for the annual auction. It's an opportunity to contribute to the celebration, while receiving some publicity of your own. Offer a gourmet dinner and meet new people, a hiking trip, art item, car wash, cabin for the weekend. You'll be hearing more in the coming weeks, but keep in mind it's only five weeks away.
Remember, Chamber is meeting on Tuesdays at the Elks at noon.
Thought for the week: "He who discovereth the purpose for and method of extinction of sage, grass, grease bugs shall forever be exalted from the north to the south end of Morrow County"...one frustrated housekeeper.

Market Report
Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1992

Soft White	
Feb.	\$4.22/\$4.26
March	\$4.27/\$4.29
April, May	\$4.29
New Crop	
July	\$3.85/\$3.80
Aug.	\$3.75
Barley	
Feb.	\$106
March	\$105
April	\$104
May	\$103

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:
Geneva Mathews, Heppner-Permitting Dog to Run At Large, \$16 fine.

For The Last Time



This is it, the last time. After more than four years of cranking out a little prose about the important things in Morrow County, and some things that weren't so important, it's time to break the lead in my pencil. There certainly have been some joys in this endeavor, and some tears too. There have been some gains and some setbacks. But on the whole it has been a wonderful experience, for me at least.

What an inopportune time to fold up. There are so many pressing issues that pique my interest and lend themselves to pointed comment. There's the less than civilized way we negotiate teachers contracts, in such stark contrast to the way most other districts do it. There's the way we spend about \$6.25 per thousand on county government when our neighbors in Umatilla County spend only \$3.10. And then we allocate about \$2 million of that tax money to roads when Umatilla County spends only \$50,000. There's the allocation of the impact funds from Finley Buttes Landfill: will they go where the impact is? where the people are? or where the cities are?

While those are the kinds of issues I've written about in the past, no more. There's great doubt that what I've written in the past had any impact at all on the issues of the day, but only served as a bit of entertainment for the moment. Reason, logic, fairness and a sense of compassion have been the goals in this column, presented with a fierceness that intended to shock, jolt, really stand up and shake decision makers. The hope was that sometimes someone would notice.

But after all these years, I've come to realize all that doesn't make any difference. On the things that count, and even for those that don't count, the folks who make the decisions make them for whatever reasons seem appropriate at the time. If that includes reason, logic, fairness and compassion, all well and good. But if decisions are based on expediency, political advantage, nepotism, favor, hate or prejudice, the decision-makers never-the-less tell themselves that the basis is noble, honorable and therefore good. No one makes a decision for bad reasons, in his own mind, at least.

And what is it that prompts a particular decision? It's not a little column in the local newspaper. Political decisions are usually made based on a sense of the current political mood. And many times that mood is gauged by what one or two people say. Few politicians can disregard what the people (both of them) say and act based on their own sense of what's right and wrong. Most political figures truly believe in representative government and make decisions as the puppet of current political thought as expressed by a few friends and neighbors.

Even voters believe that a politician is a mere puppet whose strings can be yanked about at will.

So what is a little commentary in the newspaper? Not a serious impact on the political scene, that's for sure. The interchange of ideas on the issues of the day can occur in the coffee shops around, in conversations on the street corner, or at a chance meeting at a basketball game, but ideas expressed in the newspaper are mostly for entertainment, not serious consideration.

So while I hate to abandon this spot on these pages, I do it with not a lot of trepidation. Over the years, I've entertained myself, and some of you. That part's been fun. But I'm under no disillusion. There's not been much else. Nor will there be.

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Oranges	29¢ lb.	Pork Shoulder Roast	\$1.29 lb.
Fresh Espresso 1 lb. bag		12 pk. 12 oz. cans	
Salad Mix	\$1.00 ea.	Pepsi Family	\$3.59 +dep.
		Western Family 2 lb.	
Asparagus	\$1.79 lb.	Spaghetti	\$1.59 pkg.
Cello Pack		Snows 15 oz.	
Cauliflower	59¢ lb.	Clam Chowder	99¢ ea.
		Seneca 44 oz.	
T-Bone Steak	\$4.29 lb.	Applesauce	\$1.00 ea.
Boneless		Nissin 2 1/4 oz.	
Pork Chops	\$2.69 lb.	Cup O Noodles	2 for 99¢
		Pacific Pearl 4.25 oz.	
Shoulder Clod Roast	\$1.08 lb.	Tiny Shrimp	\$1.00 ea.