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### HHS drama club to present play

Heppner High School Drama Club will present the play, "Alibis", by Peter Kennedy this Friday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 29, following the boys varsity basketball game. "Alibis" a murder mystery spoof, is directed by Dan Beck.

The cast includes Tony Becket, Aleida Goodyear, Candis Marshall, Alissa Brownfield, Chad Doherty, Patty Anderson, Bryce Tucker, Troy Wilson and Cimmie Huth. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.



Members of the play (clockwise back) Candis Marshall, Aleida Goodyear, Cimmie Huth, Tony Becket, Bryce Tucker, Chad Doherty, Alissa Brownfield and Troy Wilson (center).

### Preschool still selling Valentines

By Anne Morter  
The Creative Care preschool reminds that orders are still being taken for the Valentine's Day special delivery of Hugs and Kisses (Hershey's Hugs and Kisses that is) to your special valentine.

Hugs and kisses will be hand-delivered to Lone, Lexington or Heppner for just \$2.50.

To place an order, call Theresa Hams, 422-7030, Michelle Raible 422-7037 or the United Church of Christ answering machine 422-7530.

### Off the Wall By Merlyn Robinson

Thank heavens for those hardy souls who didn't stray off the Oregon Trail. As Oregonians we have been fortunate to not have major earthquakes that trash buildings and roads or to experience bone-chilling weather that has recently taken a death toll.

While others in the nation are suffering, enjoying our region's balmy winter weather gives one a smug but guilty feeling. Perhaps we'll have to make elbow room for those who don't care for a whole lot of shaking disastrous fires, floods or arctic weather. It's easy to understand how any state's infrastructure can become over-taxed with dense population.

New technology is being used to build structures that are more earthquake resistant. However when it comes to prevention, it's now known that many California homes that burned during those 1993 brush fires could have been protected. The owners weren't allowed to clear or disturb the surrounding ground to protect the habitat of an endangered species, the kangaroo rat.

Preserving the habitat for wildlife has backfired on The Nature Conservancy. Set-aside reserves are now being infested with noxious weeds--in some cases making it unsuitable for the species under protection. An example is the yellow star thistle that is spreading east and north from California.

It's also difficult to be optimistic about the NAFTA pact that has environmental phrases written into it. Will the U.S. be committed to the expense of global environmental protection? However NAFTA is heralded as a step forward in opening up markets for the U.S. The USDA forecasts that under this agreement American wheat exports to Mexico will increase from around 700,000 tons in 1992-93 to 1.5 million tons annually within a decade of this origin of this pact.

Yet I read that almost daily 200,000 tons of Canadian grain have poured into the U.S. American farmers with extensive grain holdings of lower quality wheat have had difficulty finding a market. The Canadian wheat that saturated the market has been subsidized by transportation costs. Grain prices have been lowered by about 30 cents due to this movement.

At the same time the NAFTA agreement will allow unlimited amounts of feeder cattle and fed cattle to enter the U.S. Some analysts predict that expansion of cattle numbers in both Mexico and Canada would create millions more cattle to saturate U.S. markets. Will these animals be thoroughly tested to prevent the spread of diseases?

Also written into this lengthy NAFTA document is the Mexican governments mandate that says all private investment in and operation of, gas and oil is prohibited in Mexico. Any other foreign-owned plant in Mexico could be taken over by the government there with no compensation. The Mexican government also sets wage price controls. Yet our country allows any foreign investors to operate here. I'd like to have an explanation of free trade.

The U.S. cattle industry is still the largest segment of American agriculture. Although American cattle are less than 10 percent of the world's cattle numbers, the U.S. still produces a little over 22 percent of all the world's beef--a quality product that receives world wide acceptance. And while all American food producers are less than five percent of the population, they supply this country with the cheapest food source. As stewards of the land, they must balance rising production costs as they endeavor to protect the resources upon which they depend.

Touching on these issues that I don't begin to understand will hopefully make our tax paying producers raise their voices for fair treatment. Meanwhile it's time to get on with important stuff, like income tax calculations, even though we seem to have little say in how Uncle Sam spends our tax dollars.

### Queen Staci O'Brien crowned



The Morrow County Fair and Pro Rodeo court was introduced at the recent Town and Country Banquet. Queen Staci O'Brien was crowned by last year's queen Elizabeth Doherty, pictured above are (left to right): Princesses Char Coe, Jossie Evans and Kim Bedortha and queen Staci O'Brien.

### Gun Club announces shoot winners

Jeff Cutsforth, Jack Hentges, Rob Ashbeck and Jay Coil were the winners of the 16 yard singles event shooting 24 out of 25, last Sunday at the Morrow County Gun Club. Ron Haguewood, Pat Lovgren and Curt Day tied for second with 23.

Cutsforth and Ashbeck also shared the winning spot in the handicap event with scores of 24. Haguewood and Loren Woodside placed second shooting 22.

Five Annie Oaklies were played. Mike Adams, Coil, Woodside, Day and Ashbeck each took a win.

The gun club will open this Sunday, Jan. 30 at 9 a.m. because of the Super Bowl.

### Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, January 25, 1994	
Soft	White
Jan.	\$3.65
Feb.	\$3.66/\$3.67
March	\$3.68/\$3.69
April	\$3.70
July-Aug.	\$3.56
Barley	
Jan.-March	\$105

### Century Farm honored



A Morrow County Century Farm was honored at the Town and Country banquet. The county historical society presented the award. Pictured above are (left to right): Mike, Kenny, Cecil and Delpha Jones and Jean Nelson.

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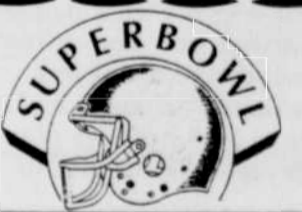
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### Court Street Market

111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643

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Prices good Jan. 26th - Feb. 1st



Celery	35¢ lb.	Cooks Ham Steak	\$2.49 lb.
Mini Peeled Carrots 1 lb.	99¢	Hills Ham Hocks	\$1.39 lb.
Cucumbers	3 for 99¢	Top Sirloin Steak	\$2.99 lb.
Baker Potatoes	35¢ lb.	Frozen Salad Shrimp	\$2.00 lb.
Fugi Apples	49¢ lb.	Western Family 16 oz. Snack Crackers	99¢
Western Family 1 oz. Seasoning Packets	4 for \$1.00	Pillsbury 21.5 oz. Brownie Mix	\$1.29
Papa G. Pizza 20 oz.	\$2.39	Western Family 1 lb. Tub Soft Margarine	69¢
Western Family 16 oz. Brocc., Cauliflower, Oriental, Mediterranean Frozen Vegetables	99¢	2 liter Coke Family	79¢ + dep.
T Bone Steak	\$3.99 lb.	Doritos, Frito Lay, Lay Chips 14 oz.	\$2.29