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-BPD code enforcer left a garbage voucher on a subject's door.

-BPD officer reported he could hear a motorcycle racing.

-BPD arrested Noe Gutierrez, 27, for DUI, Failure to Carry and Present. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$7,500 bail.

April 2: Morrow County Sheriff's Office deputy reported being flagged down.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her son was out past curfew. He was supposed to be home at 11 p.m., but finally came home at 1:50 a.m.

-MCSO received report that the skate park in Irrigon was vandalized the previous night.

-MCSO received report of four cows with calves out at county line. The fence was down on the Umatilla County side.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner subject that his son had been missing since around 11 p.m. the previous night.

-MCSO received report of a horse stuck in a fence in Irrigon. The horse looked to be okay and the owners responded and assisted the animal.

-MCSO received report of mail boxes bashed in in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report from an Ione subject that his son's girlfriend's father destroyed his son's PSP player and game. He was advised it was a civil matter.

-MCSO cited Manuel

Torres Reyes, 51, for riding an ATV on a highway.

-MCSO received report of a haystack on fire with no one around in the Boardman area.

-MCSO received report of approximately 10-12 cows out and headed toward the hospital in Heppner.

-MCSO received report of juveniles messing with livestock by the high school in Heppner. MCSO responded and was unable to locate any juveniles in the area.

-MCSO, Boardman Ambulance, Boardman Fire Department, Irrigon Ambulance received report of a single vehicle non-blocking rollover with injuries on I-84. Two adults and three kids were in the vehicle. Four patients were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-MCSO received report of a subject riding a motorcycle on private land.

-Boardman Police Department arrested Armando Santiago Guerrero, 46, for Assault IV Domestic-felony, two counts of Harassment and Recklessly endangering another. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$22,500 bail. Boardman EMS also responded.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a male with a high fever having a seizure.

-Boardman Ambulance received report from a woman who said her doctor wouldn't give her a referral to another doctor. She said that she has tumors, both arms are broken and her knees are broken and she had to pound on them to get them aligned so

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~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Want to repeal or invalidate 'Americare'? Be careful what you wish for

To The Editor:

At a recent national meeting of those of us who teach "health law" in law schools, medical schools, nursing schools, business schools, etc., the group spontaneously agreed that a good name for the new health care reform act is "Americare." It was also clear that the overwhelming majority of the experts at the meeting favored enacting the new legislation, as opposed to doing nothing.

The reason for this overwhelming support is that when each of us begins teaching and researching health care organization and finance, we quickly discover that the present health care system is both dysfunctional and unsustainable. For several years, the question has been what type of reform will occur, not whether reform will occur. Ironically, the new bill is substantially based on the Massachusetts plan put together by Republican Governor Mitt Romney and is built on long-standing Republican talking points.

Access to health care now requires "insurance." Very few people can afford adequate medical care over their lifetime without relying on some form of health insurance. The first issue confronting health care reform was whether to continue our reliance on "private health insurance," or to move toward some form of "social insurance." The decision was made to continue with the uniquely American way - relying substantially on "private health insurance." Most other advanced democracies rely more heavily on various forms of "social insurance" and achieve similar health care results at a fraction of the cost of care in the U.S.

All nations ration health care. No nation can provide its citizens with adequate health care services whenever they need it. The second issue for health care reform was whether to move away from our present system of rationing health care on the basis of ability to pay - including the ability to purchase necessary, adequate health care insurance. This question is as much a moral and ethical question as it is an economic question. The decision was made to move away from a system of rationing health care on the ability to pay and to move toward a system of rationing health care on the basis of need for care (as judged by medical professionals). This step is, perhaps, the boldest part of the new plan. But we can no longer deny the immorality of rationing health care based on an individual's ability to purchase and pay for adequate private health insurance coverage. Or expecting our physicians to provide substantial amounts of free care.

Retaining the "private health insurance" system as the vehicle for providing health care services led to the third issue - the moral necessity to provide some form of subsidies for the impoverished who otherwise would be excluded from the health care market because they cannot afford to purchase adequate health insurance.

The fourth issue was the necessity to assure that those purchasing private health insurance are not denied coverage merely because they have poor health and need a substantial amount of health care. Thus the legislation requires health insurance companies to cover individuals who need health insurance. Not quite "universal coverage," but a substantial step toward that moral goal.

That led to the fifth issue, how to obtain a functional private health insurance market when health insurance companies are required to insure those with high health care costs. If the private insurance companies are required to cover the unhealthy, but cannot attract the healthy, we will quickly experience market failure. We have known for years that a private health insurance market cannot avoid market failure without some form of mandate to bring healthy individuals into the market.

Democrats traditionally have favored "employer mandates." Republicans traditionally have favored "individual mandates." Republican Governor Romney opted for an "individual mandate" in his Massachusetts Plan. For Americare, both the administration and Congress opted for the Republican-favored "individual mandate."

Those who favor continuing to finance health care primarily through private health insurance, but who oppose Americare are in a bit of a dilemma. As we have moved through the past century of efforts to provide an economically sustainable and morally acceptable health care system - especially during the past 40 years - an increasing percentage of Americans are supporting moving away from private health insurance and toward some form of "social insurance." This movement has been especially noticeable among health care professionals, particularly physicians. So if Americare is repealed or is struck down by the courts - subsequent reform efforts are likely to turn away from private health insurance and to embrace some form of "social insurance." A word to those who want to repeal or invalidate Americare - be careful what you wish for.

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Come to the fair to support and appreciate

To the Editor:

A year ago I attended the Morrow County Fair for the first time in 40 years. What a change from the "old" days. The "Fair and Rodeo" grounds looked great to my uneducated eye. But...the Fair Pavilion was sad. The walls and floor were unsightly, dirty and in dire need of paint.

I appreciated seeing the new exhibits, photography and art particularly. But...the flower entries seemed scant, very likely due in part to the scorching weather, the crafts exhibited were few. Overall, it seemed all entries were down with the exception of food.

Being back home is the best and regardless of the negative remarks and tone of this letter so far, I'm writing to share information and to profusely thank Jan Stroeber. Jan has quietly and tirelessly organized a "clean up brigade" as well as spending hours of her time with a paint brush in hand, ensuring that the Fair buildings have been cleaned and painted. Many other people have contributed time, labor and the backs to get the job done and it's a thing of beauty! The Annex was painted by 4-H's and looks amazing.

The Fair Board bought the supplies from their limited budget and Pettyjohn's gave the board a price break. Thank You!

The Fair is for all of us to share the "fruits" of our labor with friends and neighbors. If you have a vegetable garden, flowers, art, photography, sewing, craft projects, etc. please enter them in the Fair. Cooks, and Canners, bring your wares. Collections: knives, implements, spoons, dishes, etc. are welcome. The exhibits will be well taken care of and appreciated.

The theme of the Fair and Rodeo this year is "Live it Up, Kick it Up." Plan to come and see the new paint and decorations and enjoy the food and entertainment. Most importantly come to support and appreciate the labor and skills of others in our community.

Shirlee Sweigart
Heppner

**Guest editorial
Time to spruce up Heppner for visitors**

By Doris Brosnan

Common comments heard from visitors at city hall and the Chamber of Commerce Office include, "Your town looks so inviting," "You must be proud of your community, judging from the looks of Main Street," "The flowers and grass here are wonderful," "Heppner looks great," "You sure have some great looking yards!"

These and similar statements reflect the impression Heppner makes on first-time visitors and returning guests. They also reflect the effect of the hard, on-going work of home owners, the public works department, and two small groups of citizens. Today, a call goes out to other Heppnerites who can help these citizens with their efforts to maintain Heppner's first impression.

The city's Beautification Committee has as its goal exactly what its title suggests, the beautification of the city's environment. The Heppner Garden Club has a complementary goal for its work at the parks and planters around our town. Both groups are small in number. Members of the Beautification Committee do what volunteer work they are able to do or when not busy with their "day jobs." Members of the Garden Club find the work increasingly difficult because of their "golden years" and the physical limitations that accompany aging. These devoted volunteers need more youthful hands and backs for the work they face.

The spring rains have allowed a seeming explosion of weeds and grass that threaten the public flowerbeds, and these two small groups are losing the battle against the intruders. Everyone sees and appreciates, maybe subconsciously, the planters of flowers in the mini park by the post office, the variety of plants at the Heritage and Memorial parks, the colors and textures of the plants at the Greshens Fountain (maintained by volunteers Jan Stroeber and Pauline Matheny), the fullness of foliage at the city park turn-around, the natural and inviting welcome at the previous swimming-pool site in South Heppner, and the planting at the Mustangs' sign at the north end of town. Few people realize the hours of work required for the maintenance of these important contributions to the ambiance of Heppner. Unfortunately, we leprechauns do not come out at night to tidy up these public spaces for leisure, reflection, and appreciation of flora and its aromatic essence.

In less than three weeks, the Morrow County Fair will bring many visitors to Heppner. Additional projects - beyond the maintenance work mentioned above - are the preparation of the grounds' planters and the area that will feature yard and garden entries.

Heppnerites are encouraged to volunteer some time to helping Heppner make a great impression on the August guests and/or to helping clean up the flowerbeds throughout Heppner. Whether young or old, whether a crackerjack gardener or a beginner that needs to learn the difference between a "weed" and a "desirable plant," whether someone with large quantities of free time or someone with just some minutes now and then, work awaits every volunteer, just a phone call away. Everyone who can help just a little bit can make a noticeable difference.

Neva de Mayo heads the Heppner Garden Club and may be reached at 676-8017. Chuck Bailey can show volunteers the beautification projects and can be reached at 676-5211. Please call. Please help.

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