

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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World turns blind eye

To the editor,
The world turned a blind eye to Adolf Hitler excusing, ignoring and appeasing his Nazi reign of terror until it was almost too late. A more malignant and ominous reign of terror is once against threatening the peace and freedom of the entire world and once again the world has turned a blind eye. Chinese Communist President Xi rules as an absolute dictator enslaving over a billion Chinese citizens and murdering millions of Uighur Muslims, enslaving their men and all who protest in concentration camps and harvesting their organs while the world leaders offer appeasement, excuses and encouragement.

You will not read or see the evidence of this satanic attack on humanity in the national or world news, nevertheless this malignant cancer will soon change the world as we know it and America (your family and mine) is the target. China sabotaged the presidential election making sure their man Joe Biden prevailed. Dominion chief executive John Poulos admitted before Congress his voting machines were built with Chinese hardware from the screen on the interface down to the chip component level. (Philadelphia Trumpet, Feb. 21) Congress, the CIA, FBI and the national news have documented evidence (Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption, Sept. 23, 20) that not only Hunter, Jim, but the "big guy" Joe Biden were heavily invested and had received billions of dollars from Communist Chinese controlled companies. They have barricaded the White House, hidden Joe Biden, orchestrated a fake white supremacy threat; to conceal the real danger facing America and the world. Peter Schweizer's Gov. Accountability Institute documentary "Riding the Dragon: The Biden's Chinese Secrets" documents China's boast "at the top of America's core inner circle of power and influence, we have our old friends." (Di Dongsheng, Professor of Economics, Beijing, Nov. 28, 20) Is it possible that traitors at the highest level of government, internet, big tech and media have been bought out by China?

Democratic Representative Eric Swalwell is a

member of the House intelligence committee with access to the most essential government intelligence. He also has an intimate relationship with Christine Fang, an undercover spy for Chinese State Security. In addition, the chair of the Senate intelligence committee Senator Feinstein, had a Chinese spy, Russell Lowe, as her office director, for two decades. With the aid of these America traitors, the Communist Chinese party has infiltrated every level of American government, media and big tech and now China controls, through bribes, blackmail and sophistry, our government, national 'fake news' media and the internet. There are 340,000 Chinese students in American universities today, all paid for and controlled by dictator Xi. Xi and his henchmen are working a master plan to destroy the American Republic using sports icons like Labron James that profit mightily as a spokesman for their sophistry.

While China, the traitorous liberal left, and internet elites use climate change and white supremacy lies and deceit to destroy our Republic, they are diabolically weakening us from within and ominously choking us from without. Over a half century ago a Democrat President Lyndon Johnson foolishly agreed to "major changes" regarding the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal made 'America Great' at a cost of 5600 America lives. The wonder of the world under Theodore Roosevelt opened up free trade to the entire world, over 340 million tons of cargo and over a million ships. This strategic jewel was given away by another Democrat President Jimmy Carter in the worst blunder in American history. Today this strategic jewel is controlled by none other than President Xi. Eighty percent of the world's goods are transported through the sea gates of the world once controlled by Great Britain and America and now predominantly controlled by Communist dictator Xi.

How and why has America turned from blessed to cursed? Is there hope? What must America and Americans do to restore our Republic and the blessings of one nation under God? To be continued.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Dollar General foundation, "Serving Others"

Represents positive economic growth within community

To the editor,
The following letter was sent to the city of Heppner and is being published as a letter to the editor in its entirety.

The Honorable Jim Kindle, Mayor

Cc: City of Heppner City Councilors, Dale Bates, John Bowles, Adam Doherty, David Gundersen, Teresa Hughes, Corey Sweeney and City Manager, Kraig Cutsforth

Dear Mayor Kindle,

I hope this letter finds you well. As an elected leader of the Heppner community, I understand, respect and appreciate that you are committed to serving your community. At Dollar General, we share in your desire to serve the Heppner community as the foundation of service is rooted in our business operations and culture through our mission of Serving Others.

As we complete a due diligence phase for a proposed store at 388 North Main Street in Heppner in partnership with our developer partners at Zaremba Group LLC, I am grateful for the opportunity to provide you with additional information on our company and the benefits we seek to bring local residents and your community.

At Dollar General, we strive to be a positive business partner and good community neighbor. We believe the addition of a new store in Heppner would represent positive economic growth within the community by providing new

jobs, additional tax revenue for the city and help keep retail sales local as many residents now travel to Hermiston to purchase everyday essentials, which our store would aim to provide. This is shown in many communities, including one of our most recent additions in Fargo, Georgia where Mayor Roy Abbott states:

"The opening of the new Dollar General store in Fargo has been a godsend, especially with the onset of COVID. With this store here, the people in our community can better limit their interactions with people in high-spread areas. Even without COVID, though, it is a big boost to our local economy. That will help boost sales tax revenues, which is a big part of our budget. As an addition, I can say that I have had a few residents say that they no longer even go out of Fargo to shop, since they can get pretty much everything they need right here."

We are a small-box general merchandise store that provides significant value on the essential items that American households use and replenish most often and play an important role for customers who are looking for a convenient option. The critical role our stores play for families became more evident than ever during the recent (and ongoing) pandemic. During this time of national crisis, our customers have relied on Dollar General to remain open and to provide them with the items they need

at affordable prices in a smaller, less crowded and easy in-and-out environment. We and our employees take this responsibility of service very seriously, and we are proud to have remained open for our customers during these uncertain times. Our efforts were also recognized by Forbes magazine, which identified Dollar General among its top 25 corporate responders to the COVID-19 pandemic and are reflected in a Harris Poll that outlines the essential role Dollar General stores in the lives of our customers.

Through our mission of Serving Others, we are committed to the communities we proudly call home and strive to be a good neighbor, as evidenced by our unwavering support of literacy and education initiatives through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The addition of a Heppner store opens the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the store to apply for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants.

Today, we proudly employ approximately 600 individuals through our current store presence in Oregon, and we look forward to the opportunity to provide new career growth opportunities to local Heppner residents with the addition of this new store. Employees at the Heppner store will have access to world-class training and development opportunities and a path-

way to advance their career in our organization, which is evidenced by the fact that approximately 75 percent of current store managers were promoted from within our organization. We also offer employees with competitive wages and benefits, numerous development opportunities including tuition reimbursement and education discounts, telemedicine health coverage eligibility on their first day, parental leave, adoption assistance and much more.

In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to highlight our stance as a strong business partner and good neighbor and for your thoughtful consideration of our proposed Heppner location. My hope is to make the relationship between the City of Heppner and Dollar General a mutually beneficial one, and we hope you and your city council colleagues will take into consideration the numerous, positive economic benefits our stores bring to your community.

Sincerely,
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Dollar General: A great opportunity for Heppner residents

The Dollar General Stores are selecting Heppner as one of their next retail interests. A company that has been in business since 1939. This is an opportunity for people in the town of Heppner to have employment and choices in products. Why wouldn't you want that?

I certainly remember the first week after we had obtained our business in Heppner that another retailer came over to our store, introduced himself and told us that we couldn't sell certain things in our store because he had them

in his store. The right to sell products and employ people in a business is the "American Way." Small mindedness and selfishness for one's own gain will keep a town small with its residents driving out of town or ordering from the Amazon giant to find products they need.

Dollar General is an American chain store. They seek to provide customers a better life and employees an opportunity to better themselves. Competition is healthy and provides customers with choices and lower prices. It keeps retailers in check, so they don't gouge customers. Dollar General will employ people in the town of Heppner. Now why wouldn't you want that?

Kimberly Gartner
(Former Co-owner of Heppner Family Foods)
Las Vegas, NV

Dollar General has items not available in Heppner

To the editor,
I just would like to voice my thoughts on the subject of a Dollar General coming to Heppner. I do respect those who oppose this business coming to Heppner.

However, this store does have lots of little household items you cannot buy in Heppner. There are never coffee drinks, sandwiches, fruits, vegetables, fresh meats in any I have been in. So, I cannot understand why anyone would want them to sell these items unless it is a loophole to keep them out.

Now, if someone in Heppner really wants to buy cheaper items, they will go to the Dollar Store or Walmart in Hermiston. Dollar General stores do not have all items at a dollar. I was really glad when I lived in Glide and they built one there. It was nice to be

able to go get a lamp shade without driving 18 miles to Roseburg. It is still there along with the grocery store that has been there forever.

Heppner businesses may also pick-up shoppers from Lexington and Lone who come to Dollar General. I am all for small business owners and do not wish to take business from anyone. I do feel this business would not hurt others in town. The store in Glide has been kept clean inside and the grounds around it. And they did hire local people to work there.

All I am asking is to consider this store for the benefits it could provide to all the people who live in this area. I, for one, will continue to support local business but see this as an addition, not a minus.

Monica Powell,
Heppner

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR FIRE CONSULTANT

Morrow County Public Works Projects - Morrow County, Oregon

Morrow County, Oregon, requests proposals for a qualified Fire Consultant to provide services for Morrow County Parks. Contractors submitting qualifications shall be considered based upon the following general evaluation criteria:

1. Fee schedule.
2. Experience.
3. Method of approach.

Copies of the Request for Qualifications may be obtained from Morrow County

Public Works, P.O. Box 428, 365 W Hwy 74,
Lexington, Oregon 97839, (541) 989-9500,
spointer@co.morrow.or.us

Complete proposals will be accepted at the same address no later than 4:00 p.m.,
March 25, 2021. Any questions or concerns may be addressed to Sandi Pointer.

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