

Cottage Grove *Retrospective*

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 60 years ago

DeFazio drops in on city (1987)

In his first visit to Cottage Grove since his election to the 4th Congressional District seat, Rep. Peter DeFazio met Monday with local residents to discuss wide range of issues being decided in Washington, D.C.

In a special session for the South Lane Issues Forum, the Democratic congressman discussed such topics as the federal budget, the Bonneville Power Administration, nuclear arms talks and the trade deficit.

More than 60 people packed the Cottage Grove City Hall council chambers for the noon-time session. DeFazio, a former Lane County commissioner, defeated Douglas County Commissioner Bruce Long in November to fill the seat vacated by fellow Democrat Jim Weaver.

DeFazio said the fate of the Bonneville Power Administration and federal timber receipts paid to western Oregon counties were major concerns of his during the congressional budget process.

A House budget, which passed April 9, retains revenues from federal forests that are distributed to counties for schools and roads.

But those funds, which amount to between \$160 and \$180 million a year, are at risk in the Senate. Western Oregon counties receive a portion of timber receipts from timber cut on U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and former Oregon & California Railroad lands.

One version of the Senate budget plan would change the formula by which the funds are distributed, reducing them by between 60 to 90 percent. This would be a "disaster" to the counties because they would have no way to replace those funds, he said.

DeFazio, who was in Oregon during Congress' Easter recess, also criticized Reagan Administration proposals to sell federal assets, including the BPA, to help reduce the federal deficit. Though such sales would provide a small temporary reduction in the deficit, the federal Treasury would lose the \$530 million in revenues a year from the BPA.

The BPA, which supplies power to Northwest utilities, should concentrate on attracting new industry to Oregon by offering them low-cost power, instead of marketing surplus power to California, DeFazio said.

"Why not get the jobs here instead of providing them to the L.A. Basin?" he said.

In another issue related to jobs, DeFazio defended trade sanctions against Japan aimed at forcing that country to open its markets to

American products.

Such sanctions are not protectionism, he said, but only a response to unfair trade practices that bar the sale of U.S. goods in Japan. Though the Japanese have been able to sell finished goods in the United States, they have imposed barriers on the sale of U.S. finished timber products.

Last week, the Reagan administration imposed 100 percent tariffs on certain Japanese products. But those sanctions, which only apply to about a third of one percent of Japanese products coming into the United States, do not go far enough, DeFazio said.

He said he plans to introduce his own trade bill within the next few weeks that would deal with the situation in a "hardball manner."

Following the forum, DeFazio toured the pedestrian covered bridge recently built west of city hall. As a county commissioner, DeFazio advocated maintaining and promoting the county's covered bridges as a tourist attraction.

In an interview following the forum, DeFazio talked about his adjustment to working in Congress. Despite party affiliation, he said, he has found the Northwest's congressional delegation is willing to work together on issues of importance to Oregon, whether it's supporting public works projects to dredge Oregon ports or controlling BPA rates.

"On things that are specific to the state, I think there is very little disagreement," he said.



Peter DeFazio tours the city back in 1987 during a visit to Cottage Grove.

POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

Drain robbery suspects nabbed



Brandon Linn Wilson, 34, and Terry Leon Trudeau, 46, were arrested on charges of first and second degree burglary, first degree aggravated theft and second-degree criminal mischief. The arrests come after a robbery of the Drain Saw Shop and the Rose Garden Tavern in Drain, according to the Douglas

County Sheriff's Office. Douglas County Sheriff's authorities responded first to a call from the Rose Garden Tavern on March 26 at 5:30 a.m. followed by the Drain Saw Shop where 50 chainsaw blades and chainsaws were stolen. The stolen property was located in Trudeau's garage.

April 2nd

Cottage Grove authorities completed a wellness check after taking a call noting that a female in a Subaru was slowly rolling through an intersection at Main and 9th St. and appeared to be asleep.

Police report receiving a complaint of loud music coming from a vehicle on 6th St. The complainant noted that after asking the occupants to turn the music down, they "flipped her off."

An arrest was made on Washington Ave. after a caller reported being threatened with a firearm.

Police report a "very uncooperative and demanding" call from an individual requesting information on what he had deemed to be an "illegal" landscaping operation or individual.

A call from Gateway noted that a complainant had multiple items stolen from her home.

April 1st

Safeway reported two females who "came into the store and ran out with a case of beer," leaving their backpack behind which staff said "smelled strongly of marijuana."

Cottage Grove Police answered a call advising that a duck had gotten its leg stuck in a crack in the middle of the road and the flock had gathered around the animal, refusing to move, stopping vehicles from passing the area.

A call noted that a motor home has been parked near Lincoln Middle School for two to three weeks and garbage is piling up.



CAPITOL BEAT

News from the state legislature and around Oregon

From the legislature

• The Oregon State Legislature has been submitting bills for weeks and as we move into April, both houses will begin holding public hearings on potential laws and eventually, debating the issues and taking a vote. If a bill is to become a law, it must be voted out of its committee by April 18.

• Bills scheduled for public hearings and committee votes include SB 863 which deals with personal information and marijuana. The bills would prohibit retail marijuana shops from keeping personal information such as driver's license numbers, birthdays and other identifying factors of their customers. The bill was originally introduced out of concern for state customers after officials in the federal government noted a possible crackdown on marijuana use which is still illegal at the federal level.

• Bill 828 is also scheduled for a public hearing. The bills would require employers to pay workers for four hours of work if the employee is scheduled to work but does not work the entire shift due to actions by the employer.

From around the state

• The Oregon Ducks lost their bid to make it to the NCAA championship game on Saturday. The Ducks had made it to the Final Four for the first time since 1939.

• U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that Oregon has 90,000 "involuntary part-time workers." It describes these individuals as those who are unable to find full-time work or who work several part-time jobs.

• Corey Hancock made headlines this week when he stumbled upon a bear cub while hiking. Hancock thought the bear to be in distress and took it to a wildlife rehabilitation center in Salem. The bear was eventually treated for a mild case of pneumonia but officials warned residents that wild animals should be left in their environment and unless residents see the mother die, they should not assume a cub has been left, noting it is not unusual for cubs to be left unattended for long periods of time by their mothers.

• Late last week, a Troutdale family's home was vandalized with perpetrators spray painting Middle Eastern slurs over cabinets and walls. "Muslim" was scrawled across a kitchen. The family, immigrants in the country for nearly 10 years, is not Muslim, but Baha'i, a passive religion that promotes tolerance. The family also found bullets holding down a note telling them to leave the country. No arrests have been made.

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MONDAY April 10 51° 37° Showers	TUESDAY April 11 60° 40° Showers

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