

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Editorial & Viewpoint

A welcome one-two punch

All right!
 It was sluggish. It was slow. It was sometimes a bit boring. But what the heck, the final outcome was great.
 Heppner's Mustangs, behind new coach John Sporseen, and excellent fan support, knocked off Condon's Blue Devils, 13-8 Friday night.
 There were no fights. Nothing disorderly about the game, except may be a few plays.
 It's great to start off the season with a win, no matter how it arrives.
 John Sporseen, new grid mentor, told the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce Monday, "I'll do anything to get a winner . . . legally."
 Sporseen adds a little humor to Heppner's game. His sense of humor tacked onto his football expertise, gives the Mustangs a great one-two combination.
 The players seem to enjoy working for Sporseen. He's a discipline fanatic and dedication thinker and that's good.
 It's good to have that one two punch in Heppner this year. John Sporseen and a winning football club, the Heppner Mustangs.

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LCDC authorizes budget of \$8.6 million

The Department of Land Conservation and Development was authorized by its Commission (LCDC) to formally submit a budget that will provide \$8.6 million to cities and counties during the 1977-79 biennium to complete their local comprehensive plans. Department Director, Harold F. Brauner, pointed out that the \$8.6 million will substantially increase the level of assistance over the \$4.4 million budgeted by the Legislature in 1975.
 Brauner said that the 1977-79 budget request represents what is anticipated will be the peak in financial assistance required by local government, with grant assistance tapering off significantly in the 1979-81 biennium. "The Department is projecting that all 277 cities and counties will have completed comprehensive plans that comply fully with the statewide goals and guidelines

adopted in 1974 by mid year, 1980.
 "I would like to point out," said Brauner, "that this budget if approved, will benefit local communities directly, both through the grants and with the added assistance the Department will be able to provide. Now that the formative stage is past in getting Oregon's nationally acclaimed comprehensive planning program underway, the full resources of the Department and Commission can be directed at helping cities and counties.
 "As a lot of local official who have been asking for help know, we have been operating substantially below the authorized level with 30 or so people. This budget will enable us to have 15 field representatives working directly with local government full time."
 "I believe that local govern-

ment is showing that it can, and is willing to do the job of planning," says Brauner, "but it only stands to reason, with a large number of our cities being around 5,000 in population, that they need technical assistance as well as financial. The 1977-79 budget will enable LCDC to provide that help and work together."

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Sept. 20-24
 Mon., Sept. 20: pizza, lettuce wedges, apricots, milk.
 Tues., Sept. 21: rice-chicken gravy, cole slaw, cake & fruit, rolls, butter, milk.
 Wed., Sept. 22: beef stew, vegetables, cottages cheese, jello, fruit, rolls, butter, milk.
 Thurs., Sept. 23: corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, celery & carrot sticks, maple bars, milk.
 Fri., Sept. 24: Toasted cheese sandwiches, macaroni salad, pear half, milk.

Helicopter objection

I am pleased to see where some of my neighbors have objected to Jack Sumner and his copter landing and flying over town. I haven't been asked to sign a complaint but certainly do object to the copter. They have been known to crash and I wouldn't want it in or near my house or neighborhood.

As for Dr. Carpenter's, that is a different case as it is for use in case of accident or illness.
 And, it isn't going or coming most of the day.

Sincerely,
 MARTHA VAN SCHOIACK

Librarian explains

EDITOR:

At the last Heppner City Council meeting it seems that several councilmen objected to having the county assist the Heppner Library with funds. They said they object to accepting "money with strings attached" and to the fact that the library approached the county court to ask for help when the city was having budget problems.

Mayor Sweeney and the members of the county court are very understanding about the situation which has existed for a long time regarding library financing. They recognize that more than one-fourth of the library's patrons live outside the city limits. These people have no other place (except for a smaller city library at lone) where they can get year-round library assistance. County people have been very supportive of the Heppner library. Two board members, Ed Struthers and the late Rita Wolff chose to live outside the city but to closely identify with Heppner.

Probably no other city department gives more than a fourth of its service to county residents. It has been felt by many that the county has been slow about assuming more of the expense of its largest library. Most of the counties of Oregon have county library systems, including Gilliam, Grant and Umatilla.

Judge Jones and the commissioners did not tie strings to the grant. They made it for general expense, to bring the carefully prepared "no fat" library budget very close to the amount the budget committee felt was necessary.

The library has grown rapidly the last few years. Its Children's Room (a community project created at no expense to the city or county) is very much appreciated by the children and parents of the city and nearby areas.

The low-cost operation of the library is possible because of two significant situations. First the fine building that houses it and the Morrow County Museum was given to the City and County by Mrs. Amanda Duvall as a memorial to her husband and their daughter. Second, several community-minded women volunteer their assistance there each week. The functioning of the library has grown too large for its one part-time employee.

The county judge and commissioners and Mayor Sweeney met in the library last spring with State Librarian Eloise Ebert when she made her last visit here. They heard her encourage county aid to the library and they heard her praise the growth the library has made recently. Those councilmen who object to the manner in which the library is operated and financed have spent very little time inside the library in the last three years.

Sincerely,
 Justine Weatherford,
 Part-time Librarian

The Bigfoot Saga

Dear Mr. Phinney,

Per our conversation of yesterday, herewith a xerox of the photo I mentioned with two feet not at all similar but which by measurement and mathematics DO belong to one big

hulking body. This is why I was so curious about Byrne's statement that the Heppner animal had "two entirely different feet." One of the most famous Bigfoot cases, the Bossburg print, also indicated one foot was clubfooted as was ours, as shown in the xerox.

Thanks in advance for any original photos you may be able to obtain and if possible, a drawing would be helpful also, if the photos are ill-defined. Please tell the sender I'll be happy to reimburse for any costs. Any data not mentioned in your articles would also be appreciated.

Should you share this xerox with anyone, please explain the distortion is a result of using talcum powder rather than spray. The over-all length of the feet were some 19 1/2" and were found in the SW edge of the Mojave Desert, near a campground in the San Gabriel Mountains. We've had many repeat sightings in this area (as the critter looks through the garbage cans).
 Happy hunting.

B. ANN SLATE
 North Hollywood, CA.

P.S. Did your UFO sighting of Dec. 4, 1974 ever resolve itself into something identified?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ms. Slate, a free lance writer who has written one book on Bigfoot and frequently writes for Saga Magazine, contacted the Gazette-Times last week. She is interested in the Bigfoot prints that were found recently near Johnson Creek and discounts Peter Byrne as a good Bigfoot authority. Also, the UFO incident of two years ago, was nothing more than a balloon and candles, devised by Heppner youths.

Favor waste reduction

EDITOR:

A large majority of participants in the American Monitor Poll from the Eastern Oregon area favor a systematic investigation of the federal bureaucracy by Congress to reduce waste and inefficiency in government. They also strongly oppose adding \$50 billion to the public debt in 1977 as already approved by Congress when it passed the 1977 Federal Budget. Local voters generally echoed the views expressed throughout the state and nation.

The American Monitor Poll has interviewed more than 15,000 voters all over the country on these and other issues since it was formed over a year ago. The Washington-based 300-10 ACTION PLAN, sponsor of the monthly poll, calls it "one of the most effective programs in America today for the expression of grass-roots political opinions in this election year." George Millett, Executive Secretary of the 300-10 ACTION PLAN, points out that the major pollsters question only about 1,000 to 1,500 citizens compared to American Monitor's 15,000 to 25,000.

For this poll taken in July a total of 790 eligible voters in Oregon voted on the two issues. 213 were from District No. 2 represented in Washington by Al Ullman. Other area poll counts were: 294 district No. 1—Les AuCoin; 71 district No. 3—Robert Duncan and 212 district No. 4—James Weaver.

Nationally, 59 per cent of the voters questioned were in favor of having Congress set up a commission to overhaul the massive federal bureaucracy, 25 per cent were opposed to the commission, and 6 per cent were undecided. 96 per cent voted against adding another \$50 billion to the public debt in the 1977 Federal Budget by a vote of 221 to 155.

The Poll is conducted strictly by volunteers, called Team Captains, in more than 250 Congressional districts. Results are delivered by the 300-10 ACTION PLAN staff to each Congressional office to keep the Congressmen informed of the activity and opinions of their constituents as reflected by the Poll. The American Monitor Poll is open to anyone wishing to participate.

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