

The Heppner  
**GAZETTE-TIMES**  
**VIEWPOINT**

**Sumner rerun is ludicrous**

Any move by former Rep. Jack Sumner to have the May 1978 primary election—in which he lost his House seat to Chuck Bennett—invalidated on the basis of his circuit court victory over Bennett last week is ludicrous.

The Marion County jury did not rule on whether the election should be overturned—as Sumner sought—but, instead awarded him \$147 in general damages for Bennett's false campaign statements made early in the primary election campaign. Bennett admitted his statements were incorrect before the election and the jury's award of \$147—rather than the \$35,000 in general and punitive damages Sumner asked—is representative of the impact Bennett's statements had on Sumner losing the election.

When the people of District 55 went to the polls in November and soundly elected Bill Bellamy their representative over Chuck Bennett, they voiced a choice for a politician certainly different from Jack Sumner. The electorate wanted a conservative representative who would also maintain a grass-roots contact with his constituency, throughout District 55.

Bellamy called it last week when he told us that if he had to run against Sumner again that he was sure he would win, "but, it would be a pain in the neck, that's for sure."

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**Just call us mudd**

In all our excitement over Ione's stunning win over MacLaren to capture the State Class B football crown, the Gazette-Times staff failed to detect the clandestine entrance of a gremlin into our office as we put together last week's issue of the newspaper.

Anyway, that's as good an excuse as we can come up with for the misspelling of Glen Krebs' name every time it appeared in print. The Cardinal center had an outstanding day during the championship contest, consistently blocking out an opposing lineman who was 70 pounds larger. Ione sportswriter Janet McElligott clearly spelled Krebs' name correctly in the story she submitted, as did columnist Robb Rush.

We certainly hope that Krebs doesn't take our inadvertent (though consistent) misuse of his name personally. After seeing his performance against MacLaren, he's the last guy we'd want as an enemy. We'd hate to live in fear of being low-tackled some evening enroute to the G-T parking lot.

After reviewing last week's issue, it also appears that we still have a problem in identifying birds. In one headline, we referred to the MacLaren Hawks as the MacLaren Eagles. The two species of fowl are somewhat similar, but not that close. At least we didn't call them the MacLaren Sandhill Cranes.

Although we attempted—and in most cases, succeeded—in giving the Ione Cardinals the championship coverage they deserved, in the instances of Krebs and the Hawks, our name is mud. With two d's.

**LETTERS**

**Hazen rumors unfounded**


Editor:

All rumors to the effect that my family and I are leaving Heppner are totally and completely groundless.

As regards Milton-Freewater—Yes, I am working in a practice there two days per week.

We are taking appointments Monday through Friday morning in the Heppner office.

Sincerely,  
O. Lee Hazen, D.M.D.



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Servicio Forestal Empieza la Temporada de Reclutamiento

Solicitudes de trabajo estaran disponibles para Diciembre 1, 1978 a Enero 15, 1979, en el Servicio Forestal de los Estados Unidos.

Las solicitudes serán aceptadas hasta Enero 15. Pocosiones no-clericales seran ocupadas incluyendo trabajo de campo asi como ayudantes y tecnicos en la forestal, Linea de campo, manejo de ciencias fisicas, ingenieria, examinador, ciencias biologicas y hidrologia. Solicitantes deben de tener 18 años de edad al tiempo disponible de trabajo.

Selecciones para trabajo de temporada empesara a mediados de Febrero algunos trabajos empesaran despues de Mayo 12, terminaran antes de Octubre 1, 1979. Salarios seran desde \$3.57 a \$5.05 por hora. Acerca de 4000 trabajos seran disponibles en la región Pacifica del Noroeste del Servicio Forestal (Oregon y Washington) donde mas de 16,000 solicitudes fuerón recibidas el año pasado. La posición de apagar lumbre requiere pasar el examen fisico STEP TEST, equivalente a correr 1-1/2 milla en menos de 12 minutos.

Todos los solicitantes deben de submitir solamente una solicitud al Servicio Forestal y puede indicar solamente una locación de preferencia. Información sobre otros trabajos de época o temporada y programas especificos son disponibles a la Comision de Servicios Civiles y a la Oficina del Supervisor del Forestal Nacional.

Todos los solicitantes se les dara consideración igual respecto a raza, color y experiencia.

Distribución

Maybe the Forest Service got our address transposed with that of the Guadalajara Gazette Times. At any rate, this news release arrived in just this form—with no accompanying note of explanation last week. We're glad that the Forest Service has personnel with bilingual capabilities on its public relations staff, and that it is apparently making its jobs more accessible to persons of Hispanic descent. But we'll wait until a similar release arrives in English before carrying a news story. Unless, of course, the Forest Service in the meantime hires public relation specialists versed in Serbo-Croatian or Swahili.

**Confusion reigns at outset of new Oregon Legislature session**

A certain amount of confusion is normal when lawmakers prepare for a regular biennial session of the Oregon Legislature.

But in some circles, the current frustration quotient appears to be nearing record proportions as Salem anticipates the 60th Assembly's meeting due to convene on Monday, Jan. 8.

And there are those who fear the situation will leave an indelible stamp on deliberations to come.

Amplly housed in an expanded building and abetted by experienced staff, one might expect this Legislature to have little problem cranking up for the work ahead. The interim period since last session has seen at least a score of task forces studying problems and issues to be addressed. The bill-drafting arm of the Legislature has received a record number of requests for measures well in

advance of the upcoming session.

The staffs of both Gov. Bob Straub and Gov.-elect Victor Atiyeh are cooperating commendably in the process of

existence. In the process of electing their individual lawmakers, they unwittingly created a collective conglomeration of partisan and philosophical entities that may not

fracture sufficiently to join with others to make all this conjecture an exercise in futility. But most of those closest to the scene doubt such an harmonious conclusion. They believe the differences

will remain no matter who ultimately presides over the House. Furthermore, those differences just might dog the 60th Assembly and much of the legislation it considers.

**Salem Scene**

An exclusive to Oregon's weekly newspapers

By Jack Zimmerman

effecting a smooth transition from one administration to the next.

Even voters appeared to cooperate during last month's General Election by turning out only an average number of experienced incumbents and seating untried freshmen in their places.

What then, is causing the abnormal confusion and who's to blame?

Most of the confusion is in the House of Representatives. And voters must accept much of the responsibility for its

be able to settle their differences.

Most visible, of course, is the difficulty majority Democrats have been experiencing in the process of electing a Speaker of the House. Majority Democrats in the Senate quickly re-elected Jason Boe to an unprecedented fourth term as President and returned each of their other leaders to office. In legislative parlance, the Senate is organized.

That organization was fairly simple. The 23 Senate Democrats acted unanimously and the remaining seven Republicans in that 30-member chamber had no chance to threaten their superiority.

House organization this session is something else. Of its 60 members, 26 are GOPs and 34 are Demos. But eight of the apparent majority Democrats have formed ranks of their own and split away from their peers. The move is a continuation of frustration by that particular group that led to the overthrow of former Speaker Phil Lang during the 59th session two years ago.

Consequently, that left majority Democrats and minority Republicans with 26 members each—something of a standoff when you consider it takes 31 votes to elect a presiding officer.

Failure of the House to organize so far has delayed a number of preparatory activi-

ties—some minor, others of significant magnitude. Unless watered down by new rules, the Speaker has considerable powers and authority. The presiding officer traditionally selects chairmen of the various committees that conduct the bulk of legislative business. His is the last word when it comes to assigning members to those committees. He also assigns bills to committees and through this process alone can shape the ultimate legislative product.

And then there are other details over which he presides: such as the assignment of seats on the House floor, office space and even the spaces in the Capitol basement where lawmakers park their cars. He plays a big role in hiring temporary staff and influences employment of permanent employees also.

When it comes time to convene, the Speaker opens the joint session of both House and Senate and is required to canvass the gubernatorial vote. Although he then turns the gavel over to the Senate President for the balance of the inaugural, he serves as host in his own chamber for the swearing of the state's new chief executive.

While waiting for the House to organize, legislative staff has been doing all in its power to prepare for the coming session. But that power has limits and much is yet undone. Failure to elect a permanent Speaker prior to Jan. 8 won't delay the session's official opening nor the inaugural of Victor Atiyeh. A temporary Speaker could emerge to take care of certain preliminaries. A temporary Speaker also could be named to preside during the session's first day.

Then again, the dissident eight House Democrats might

**Sifting through the TIMES**



Although 1918-vintage cars may not have had the horsepower of today's vehicles, it was still possible to get arrested for speeding in Heppner, as several local motorists discovered 60 years ago this week.

According to the Gazette-Times, "Sgt. Stockwell of the Oregon Military Police arrived in Heppner without previous announcement Thursday last, and his stay here has been fruitful in that a number of speeders have been brought before the city recorder to make a proper accounting for deeds performed. Of this number, Fred Lucas and Joe Kenny were the first to be hailed before the court, the former paying \$15 and the latter \$20.

"George Thomson was taken in also, and contributed his mite, and John Kiehn of Ione was the latest victim. Of course, none of the parties had exceeded the speed limit, but they failed to convince the officers of that fact..."

During the same week in 1918, County lawmen had their hands full handling an investigation into the shooting death of Strawberry Flats farmer Alfred Schaefer.

Schaefer had been fatally shot while operating his horse drawn plow in his grain fields. His body was discovered by his housekeeper, a Mrs. Bowers, who went to investigate his whereabouts when his team of horses appeared back at the farmhouse without him.

The mystery surrounding his death ended not long after the discovery, when Charles Morey, a neighbor of Schaefer's, turned himself in to W.G. Scott in Lexington, confessed to the killing, and was placed in Heppner jail. According to the Gazette-Times account of the shooting, "the tragedy has cast a gloom over the neighborhood, as the dead man was well-liked, and Mr. Morey has always stood well among those who know him."

Thirty years ago this week, Heppner City Council granted Jim Lyons of John Day permission to operate a taxi service in Heppner. During the same week in 1948, a team of two veterinarians arrived in Morrow County to begin testing for Bangs Disease in cattle, in order to create a disease-free district in the county.

Meanwhile, the Morrow County Grain Growers announced plans to build a new grain elevator at Heppner, to handle a capacity of 23,000 bushels of Morrow County grain.

Dr. L.D. Tibbles was appointed mayor of Heppner 25 years ago this week, following the resignation of J.O. Turner. Tibbles had been appointed to the city council during the previous year. Upon his appointment as mayor, the Heppner physician indicated that one of his first steps would be to appoint Turner to fill his (Tibbles') post on city council. Thus, in effect, Turner and Tibbles planned to swap jobs.

During that same week in 1953, winds gusted at up to 60 miles an hour in Morrow County, causing power outages and minor property damage. During one electrical outage, Leta Humphreys of Humphreys' Drug Co. slipped and fell inside her darkened drug store, receiving a dislocated shoulder.

The wind blew down the Lexington fire bell, but surprisingly, did not damage Heppner's recently installed Christmas street decorations.

While the high winds blew, Norman Ruhl, 23, of Lexington was on his way to Portland Induction Center, after being drafted into a two-year hitch with the Army.

Ten years ago this week, Ione area ranchers Bob and Herb Peterson were named Oregon's Conservation Men of the Year during the Oregon Wheat League's annual convention in Portland.

The Petersons were cited for their development of 17 miles of diversions, their work on stubble mulch bed preparation, contour strip cropping, seeding waterways and controlling weeds.

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U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Member of Finance Committee and Commerce Committee, Portland office, 1002 NE Halladay, Rm. 700, (P.O. Box 3621), Portland, Ore. 97208, phone 233-4471.

U.S. Rep. Al Ullman, of the Second District, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Member of Ways and Means Committee, Salem office, 530 Center St. N.E., Rm. 330, (P.O. Box 247) Salem, Ore., 97308, phone 399-5724.

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