

# Atiyeh's primary issues taxes, environment, energy

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Oregon needs a governor who "really understands" the issues and people, State Sen. Vic Atiyeh told Rubicon Society members Thursday and he said he's the man for the job.

Atiyeh, speaking at the society's weekly luncheon meeting, has joined Tom McCall and Roger Martin in the Republican race for governor, following his unsuccessful bid for that post in 1974.

"Oregon is in trouble and will continue to remain in trouble until someone who does (understand) takes the reins," the Portland senator said. "I know what to do and how to do it."

Oregon's problems are not being solved because the government has erected bureaucratic "barriers" that block solutions, Atiyeh said. "Government is part of the problem rather than part of the solution," he said.

Atiyeh said he hopes to get through these barriers to the problems.

This year's campaign issues are the same as those in 1974, Atiyeh said, "and that's too bad, because now they're worse." He maintained the number one issue is still property taxes, but other big issues are environmental protection and energy.

"My feet are firmly planted in both the environment and the economy," Atiyeh said. "I believe we can have both."

"Added energy" — conservation and alternatives — should also receive top priority, Atiyeh said. He said Oregon's colleges and universities must expand their research efforts to help in the search for answers to energy problems.

Atiyeh also mentioned a problem in higher education — many people are getting "squeezed out of it," and it's not the poor, either, he said.

People with "an awkward amount of money," or those who are "too rich" to qualify for benefits available to the poor, cannot afford to pay for a college education themselves, he said.



Sen. Victor Atiyeh

## Survivors of jetliner collision try to cope with emotional scars

LONGVIEW, Wash., (AP) — For Cleo Brusco, each moment of life is more precious today since she survived the worst disaster in air history.

"Now that I have seen how quickly life can be snuffed out, I don't want to lose a single day of loving and living," she says.

A total of 581 persons died one year ago this week in the collision of two 747 jetliners at Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

But survivors, too, were victims — most will carry physical scars for the rest of their lives as reminders of their brush with death.

Others, like Terri Brusco, suffered psychic scars. She still is under a doctor's care, working her way through the trauma of the crash and the guilt feelings that come when "you escape and everyone around you is dying or injured."

She and her husband walked away from the crash without injury. Four other local residents have spent much of the last 12 months undergoing treatment for burns and fractures.

Today they thank God as well as doctors and nurses who worked around the clock to save their lives.

"I'm sure faith was the answer to our being spared," says Erma Schlect, a Longview realtor. "The fact that I felt no fear and that everything seemed automatic, as though someone was helping me along, makes me sure of it."

Schlect, Dick and Kay Sinnett, Cleo Brusco and her son and daughter-in-law, Rosland and Terri Brusco, survived the fiery

collision. Two longtime Longview residents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Craig, died in the crash.

Sinnett, a grocery store owner, says he remembers dropping to his knees as the impact shuddered the Pan Am 747.

"I felt in that instant that we were going to die," he remembers. "So in the act of contrition you pray your thanks for all the good things in your life and ask forgiveness for the things you're not too proud of."

He said that only his wife's insistent voice saying, "Come on, Dick, we've got to get out of here," brought him to his feet.

They climbed over the seats to the edge of a gaping hole. Sinnett's hands were burned as he cleared a path through the flames.

"Then I don't remember anything until I picked myself off the ground," he said. "I began to search for Kay and, looking back, saw her crawling away from the wreckage."

She had broken her left foot and fractured her other leg when she jumped off the wing, the equivalent of jumping off a three-story building.

Mrs. Kay Sinnett sums up the reaction of the six survivors: "We will never forget the out-pouring of love that has come from people everywhere. People really do care about each other."

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