

# Gov links local recovery to a lower federal deficit

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Gov. Vic Atiyeh says Oregon's economic health depends on a decreasing federal deficit, but he will continue to declare, "Oregon is open for business."

Atiyeh, who is seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination in the May 18 primary, says the federal deficit must be reduced despite adverse political consequences.

"I don't really care who's going to get blamed," he told a Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Eugene Rotary Club.

The key to Oregon's recovery is a lowered deficit, Atiyeh said, adding that recovery is possible only if interest rates drop. "The contest is going on in Washington, D.C.," he said.

On the Oregon front, however, Atiyeh promotes his economic recovery package: changing the state's anti-business image, marketing the state to tourists, expanding the sales of Oregon timber throughout the world, and attracting high technology industry — "our customers in the Santa Clara Valley."

The state's future is likely to be slow, steady growth reaching a peak in late 1983 or early 1984, he said. The current cut-ridden state budget is a "two-year problem," Atiyeh added. "The future is much brighter than the present or the most recent past."

The governor told the Rotarians he has tightened state government, created 25,000 jobs through aggressive marketing of industrial revenue bonds, and increased the state's import and export trade. Oregon needs a governor who understands and helps business, Atiyeh said.

Businessmen apparently agree Atiyeh is their man, despite charges by Atiyeh's challengers that he is a "do-nothing" governor.

According to the first pre-primary contribution and expenditure reports filed with the secretary of state, Atiyeh reported raising \$246,333 and spending \$121,821. The governor's four Republican challengers — two of whom face probable fines for missing the April 27 deadline — have reported less than \$1,525 in campaign contributions from Sept. 10 to April 18.

All eight Democratic challengers combined have reported raising \$141,721 and spending \$130,501.

Atiyeh's major contributions and supporters include: \$8,500 from R.B. Pamplin, former board chairman of Georgia-Pacific; \$5,000 each from Ted Gamble, president of Portland Pepsi-Cola; and the Citizens Contribution Committee, a group of Portland executives of Pacific Power & Light; and \$3,000 from the Bi-Partisan Committee of Portland investor-owned utilities.

The Atlantic Richfield Co. of Los Angeles, Shell Oil Co. of Portland, and Union Oil of California each gave \$2,500 to the incumbent governor.

L.L. Stewart, Eugene lumberman, gave Atiyeh

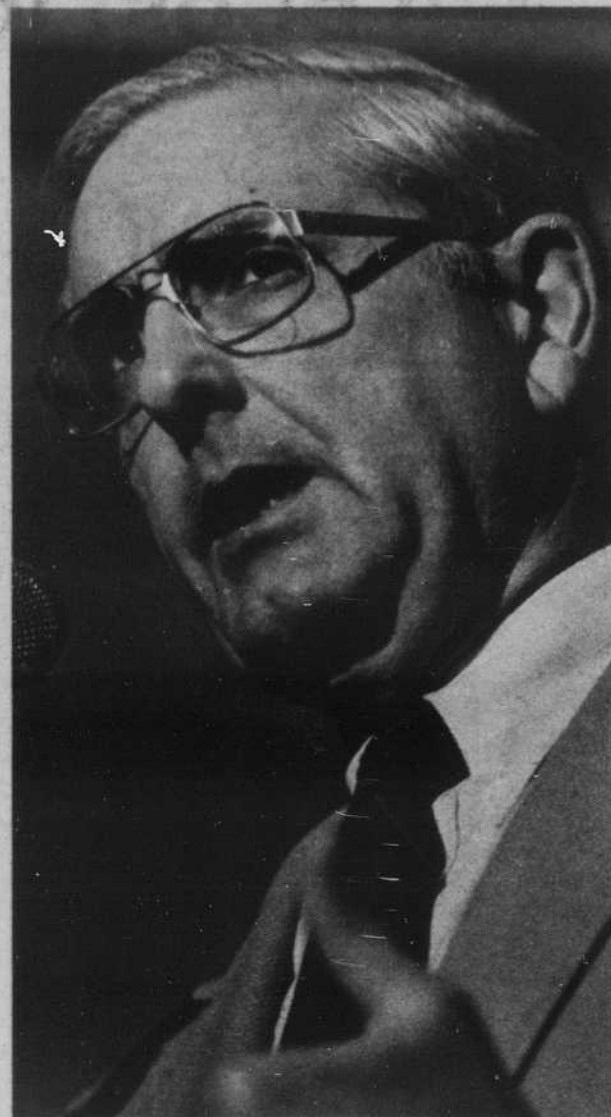


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Gov. Vic Atiyeh spoke to the Eugene Rotary Club Tuesday to explain his economic recovery package, a plan which he said depends on the contingency of a decreasing federal deficit. "The contest," he said, "is going on in Washington, D.C."

\$1,000, as did W.C. McCall, Portland fuel company executive; Louisiana-Pacific Corp.; and Dillingham Ship Repair Co. of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Thomas Hoyt, Eugene lawyer, contributed \$500, as did Robert Booth, Eugene lumberman; Don Frisbee, Pacific Power & Light chairman; Frank Warren, Portland General Electric chairman; and the National Gas PAC of the Northwest Natural Gas Co.

Two of Atiyeh's Republican opponents, Bruce Broussard and Cliff Everett, failed to meet the filing deadline. John Todd has unofficially withdrawn from the governor's race, but reported contributions and expenditures of less than \$500 each. Walter Huss also reported less than \$500 in both campaign contributions and expenditures.

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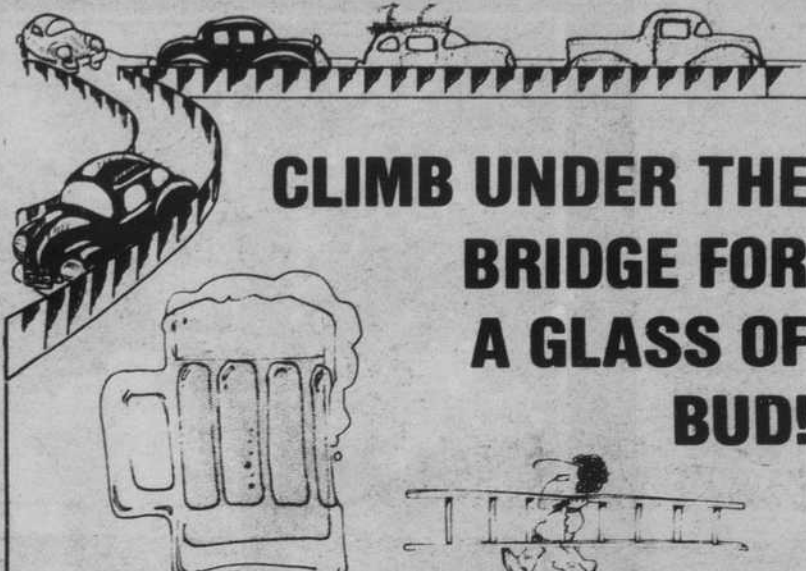
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