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The controversial Vitamin C has been championed for a goodly time as a preventer of colds. Up until recently I was a natural born doubter. No Vitamin C for me, no sir! Anytime a cold hit me I'd just take a dose of headache pills, then wait seven days and the cold would be gone. It worked nearly every time. But during the last cold, that hit me on paper day, I was talked into gobbling down the Vitamin C to cure it right up.

I went right home after the paper was out and poured down the Vitamin C. And sure enough, after I waited seven days the cold was nearly gone.

Well, whether the Big C will cure or prevent a cold or not is very debatable. And there are no definite answers as yet. There is, however, a publication that may shed some light on the subject. It's called "What About Vitamin C?", and it's available by writing Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

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If you haven't sent in your income tax returns yet, the IRS would like married taxpayers to be reminded that the Social Security number of both husband and wife must appear on returns, whether they are joint returns or not. IRS utilizes the SS number in processing returns and a missing or erroneous number could delay any refund due.

Taxpayers who don't have a Social Security number may get one by filing Form SS-5 with the Coos Bay Social Security office. You can probably get a form at the local post office. See the little Jewell that runs the place.

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This week Oregon salutes older employees. Gov. Bob Straub has, in fact, declared the entire week (March 9 through 15) as Employ the Older Worker Week. Straub says he was "urging all employers to give special consideration to the skills and qualifications of those men and women 40 years of age and older." I appreciate the sentiment, Gov., but how come you include us young kids in that category?

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More than one-half of the drivers killed in automobile accidents in Oregon last year had been drinking prior to their death, and over 46 percent were legally under the influence, says a report from the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division.

The report was based on blood alcohol reports on 72 percent of the drivers killed in traffic accidents in 1974. The reports are forwarded to the Motor Vehicles Division by the Oregon Medical Examiner.

The division reported that 150 of the 272 drivers killed last year who were tested had some alcohol in their blood. Of that group, 68 had readings of .20 or more, 31 had readings of .15 and .19 and another 28 had readings from .10 to .14.

Blood tests were given to 104 of the 186 passengers, 43 of the 54 motorcycle operators and 50 of the 101 pedestrians and bicyclists killed in traffic. Fifty-two of the passengers, 18 of the motorcycle operators and 22 of the pedestrians and bicyclists who were tested showed levels of alcohol in their blood at the time of their deaths.

Overall, the division said that of the 667 persons killed in traffic last year as drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists, 426 were tested for alcohol in their blood, and of that group 224 showed blood alcohol readings.

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U.S. Educational Commissioner Terrell H. Bell, in an address prepared for delivery to the school division of the Association of American Publishers in Cherry Hill, N.J., urged publishers to print "materials that do not insult the values of most parents." He also urged the publishers to focus on "good literature that will appeal to children without relying too much on blood and guts and street language for their own sake." Some of the juvenile literature now being included in textbooks (and school libraries—Ed.) "appears to emphasize violence and obscenity and moral judgments that run counter to tradition, all in the name of keeping up with the real world," Bell also told the publishers.

"The children's book publishing industry and the schools need to chart a middle course between the scholar's legitimate claim to academic freedom in presenting new knowledge and social commentary on the one hand, and the legitimate expectation of parents that schools will respect their moral and ethical values on the other," Bell suggested.

In Charleston, W. Va., a member of the Kanawha County School Board has called for a congressional investigation of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) because of controversial English textbooks. Mrs. Alice Moore declared that "the greatest potential threat to our nation lies within the public education system (and) HEW funds are used to develop, promote and force on our schools these value-changing programs." She also charged that "for years, HEW has been pouring funds into promotional programs that undermine basic American traditions and insult values of most parents."

Meanwhile, the National Education Association is planning an investigation and series of public hearings in Charleston on the textbook controversy in an attempt to "stem an apparently nationwide well-organized, well-financed resurgence of extremist activity," according to an NEA official.

A spokesman for Commissioner Bell said his remarks represented a policy statement for the U.S. Office of Education, although it was made "without any direction from the White House."



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Loyal Opposition Small But Only In Numbers

The task of providing the loyal opposition in our legislative process is always difficult.

The term refers to law-maker members of the party out of power. In short, the minority.

The role is paradoxical at best. Minority Legislators share the same desire with majority members for meaningful laws in the best interests of the people.

But by tradition -- and out of political necessity -- the minority must find ways to discredit actions of the majority if it expects voters to one day put the majority shoe on the other partisan foot.

There are those who might say the job of leading minority Republican members of the 58th Oregon Legislature in Salem isn't all that difficult this session. Democrats hold an unprecedented majority in both chambers. There are only seven GOPs in the 30-member Senate and 22 in the 60-member House of Representatives. And the Democratic partisan edge is honed further by the fact one of their own serves as Chief of State.

It seems apparent the party in power will get the credit or the blame for whatever happens.

So why party Senate Minority Leader Victor Atiyeh of Beaverton and his House counterpart, Rep. Roger Martin of Lake Oswego?

Neither expects pity, much less wants it. Each fully understands the circumstances that have placed their party in its present straits. Each is a veteran of partisan wars and legislative skirmishes.

Both have discarded post-election acrimony and are busy with the job at hand. Neither feels particularly lonely -- in spite of the small number they count as followers. And they are somewhat pleased they fall short of resembling the satirical caricature of a rabble-rousing minority chief.

Eight weeks into the present session, Atiyeh and Martin believe this Assembly's meeting will produce results ranging from average to good. They, along with other Republicans, are busy and believe each is performing productive function in what so far is an orderly process.

Rep. Martin is particularly supportive of Governor Bob Straub's economic recovery plan and has been working closely with Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt on another series of bills that would improve housing in that city and throughout the state.

Sen. Atiyeh is his chamber's chairman of the joint Committee on Economic Development and Martin is vice chairman on the House side. The Senate Minority Leader in fact, is vice chairman of Environment & Energy and also serves on Land Use.

Legislative Administration and Revenue panels.

Positions of such significance are not surprising for Minority Leader when one considers Atiyeh outranks all but four of the 90-member Legislature in point of service. Only Democrats Rep. Grace Peck and Senators Vern Cook and Norman Howard have served longer than the three-term Beaverton Senator, who also was elected three times to the House. Martin was first elected to a Lower Chamber seat in 1966 and has served continuously ever since.

Both have performed legislative leadership roles before and been members of both majority and minority parties in the past.

Atiyeh, expressing a new vigor following his unsuccessful bid for Governor last fall, is quick to praise the other half dozen Republican Senators, is downright proud they range from conservative to liberal and emphasizes there isn't a paty in the bunch.

Martin points out only six of his House caucus are freshmen and readily reels off past accomplishments of veterans among the remainder.

Atiyeh commands respect by reason and leads the same way. But he has been known to vote contrary to his own caucus out of personal conviction. Perhaps more brusque in previous sessions, Martin turns 40 this month and brings a new maturity to Salem this year.

Atiyeh still covets the state's top administrative post but is more concerned now about his own re-election in 1976 and that of four other members of his GOP Senate minority. Martin is being mentioned for higher office but

he, too, is presently consumed with plans that would restore a House Republican majority or significantly increase the present minority.

Both are conscious of a mood in all constituencies that tells them the people are concerned about the size of government and are in the forefront of every move that would reduce or restrain bureaucratic abuse of the governed without the latter's consent.

Each is proud of his party and feels no need to apologize for the affiliation. Both have served long enough to readily recite outstanding accomplishments of other sessions when Republicans were in power. And they're building as quietly as they are leading toward the day the political pendulum points the other way.

Vic Atiyeh and Roger Martin will tell you there's no paranoia in the minority camp. But realist Atiyeh, with less than a third the troops of Martin, grins and admits there are times it's difficult not to flinch -- things being as lopsided as they are.



TO THE EDITOR:

The Rotary Club of Port Orford wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the spaghetti dinner and variety show held at Pacific High.

We also wish to thank the following merchants for their donations for the Door Prizes that were given away to those in attendance. Western Builders, Port and Starboard Pizza Parlor, McKays Markey, McNair Hardware, Western Auto, Silver Springs Texaco, Port Orford Variety Store, Monty's Union, Buck's Sundry Market, Joann's Beauty Shop, Hair Lair Barber Shop, Gallery West, Craft Center, Means of Insurance, Bartlett's Cafe, Lee's 66, Rainbow Cafe, Hodge Union Oil, First National Bank.

To all of you our heartfelt thanks.

LARRY MEANS
President, Rotary Club of Port Orford
R. S. GAUME
Secretary

TO THE EDITOR:

At regular intervals on TV we are bombarded with propaganda put out by the civil service to justify their mismanagement of our state. They use taxpayers money to tell us we are stupid and they will guide us down the path to salvation. The only thing we need to be saved from is them.

All the environmentalists want is a job, he doesn't care what damage he does to anybody. He does not have the fortitude to save money to buy a business so he watches any complaints that might come into the legislature to see if it is anything by which he could drum up a job for himself. He is right there to fight for it as it means work for him. He takes money the legislature appropriates and spends it on propaganda to try and sell the public that what he is doing is necessary.

I go to meeting after meeting with hundreds of people saying they do not want a person without a penny invested telling them how to run their business, and how to pay huge taxes for a service that nobody wants but the civil servant.

6000 Californians made a trip to Sacramento protesting the unwanted meddling in their affairs and they at least got the attention of the news media. I think the People of Oregon should do the same thing. I know there are hundreds, no thousands, of people who are unhappy and want to do something about the Hitler type treatment they are receiving from the state.

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Highway 42 Support Pledged By Straub

Governor Bob Straub pledged his active support of construction to improve Highway 42 at a Thursday afternoon meeting in Salem with State Senator Jack Ripper, Representative Bill Grannell, Representative Ed Stevenson and four members of the East-West Highway Commission.

Senator Ripper told the Commission members after the meeting that he was "very pleased" with the Governor's response.

"We were able to make the Governor realize how important Highway 42 is to the South Coast," Ripper said.

"I know that we've been disappointed by broken promises in the past," Ripper said, "but we have a new Governor now and I am hopeful that we will see quick action on Highway 42."

Representative Grannell said that Highway 42 is of concern to all of Southern Oregon.

"All eight counties in Southern Oregon rely on Highway 42 as their link to Coos Bay," Grannell said.

"Improving 42 isn't just a convenience for people visiting the coast," Grannell added. "It's a matter of economic survival."

Representative Stevenson said that the Governor was impressed by the unity behind the efforts to improve Highway 42. "In the past we may have been hurt because we were split over improving 42 and constructing an entire new highway," Stevenson said. "But we were able to show the Governor that the entire area is behind 42 now."

The Thursday meeting, arranged by the three South Coast legislators, gave the East-West Highway Commission its first opportunity to discuss the reasons for improving Highway 42 at length with the new Governor.

"I know how important Highway 42 is," Straub told the gathering at the end of the meeting.

"You can tell the people back home that I'll get to work on it," he pledged.

The East-West Highway Commission members attending the meeting were Robert Pittam, Laverne Brodie, Cal Heckard and Robert Williams.

Pittam, speaking for the Commission, told the Governor that the economic survival of Coos Bay depends in large part on the improvement of Highway 42. "Coos Bay is the largest lumber shipping port in the world," Pittam said. "One-sixth of

everything shipped out of the port came down Highway 42 last year."

Pittam presented the Governor with resolutions in support of Highway 42 signed by South Coast County Commissioners, mayors, city council members and other civic organizations.

Heckard told the Governor that the East-West Highway Commission is available to supply both information and citizen input on Highway 42. He urged Straub to prevail upon the State Highway Division to reassess its stand on Highway 42.

Brodie told the Governor that she was a member of the original Housewives for 42. "And I'll stay a housewife for 42 until the projects are complete," she added.

Williams said that the East-West Highway Commission will be satisfied when all the improvement projects on Highway 42 have been scheduled for completion.

YCC Recruiting Nears Halfway

Recruiting for the federally-funded youth employment youth corps is nearing its mid-point, the state recruiter announced today.

All youth between the ages of 15 and 18 years are eligible for employment in the Corps. Corpsmen will be selected at random from among all applicants.

Application forms, obtained from high school principals or from State Employment offices, must be returned to YCC, 775 Court Street, Salem, OR 97310 on or before the March 15 deadline to be considered for employment this summer.

REALTORS WILL MEET TONIGHT

The Curry County Board of Realtors will meet tonight, Thursday, March 13, at Jot's Resort in Wedderburn. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Burton Weist, Curry County Planner.

McCune Selected Honorable Mention

Pacific senior Randy McCune was named to the Big Fir League Honorable Mention list for the 1974-75 All Star Basketball Team lineup. The Pirates did not place on either the first or the second teams.

COASTAL ORGANIC Gardening

BY RANDY SUTTON



How about trying some non-toxic methods of slug control this year? Each Spring vast numbers of gardeners try to halt the annual invasion of their strawberry beds and vegetable gardens by resorting to commercial baits and dusts. The labels on such products, however, warn against using the poison on food crops. Sprinkling the bait around the edges of the garden is not a safe answer either, since our abundant rains swiftly carry the chemicals out into the garden soil where the plant roots pick them up. Here are some suggestions from the first meeting of our organic gardening club to give you some ammunition for this year's battle.

Prevention: slugs thrive on acid soil and moist hiding places. Try picking up the debris on your garden plot early to narrow down the number of hiding places. Apply lime a little early this year to bring your soil up to the mildly alkaline conditions preferred by most vegetables, except peas and potatoes. If you have ducks or chickens, turn them out on the plot before and after tilting. Once your seed is in though, you'll have to keep them out.

The most popular form of non-toxic bait for slugs is beer. Sink shallow dishes of it with the rim level with the soil surface, so the slugs can reach it. Or sink a jar tilted over on its side so that the bottom of the rim is flush with the surface. Slugs are sensitive to the low alcohol content of the beer, and will either drown or remain in the container where you can remove them. Remember to shield the opening from rains so the beer is not diluted.

A nightly jar through your garden armed with a flashlight (and a jar of 1/2 salt and 1/2 water to put the slugs in) will have a marked effect on reducing the slug population. Get them now before they have time to multiply. Also, avoid crushing slugs with your shoe while in the garden; the adult will be destroyed, but you may be pressing eggs into the soil for future hatching. Avoid pouring salt directly on the slugs, since this will result in killing off soil bacteria and rendering the spot unfit for plant growth.

Many gardening books recommend surrounding plants with wood ashes or lime to discourage slugs, but we have found this to be impractical here along the coast. A single night's rain, or even heavy dew, dilutes the effectiveness of such a barrier. An added disadvantage is that a pile of lime around a plant may make the soil too alkaline for good growth.

One answer to trapping slugs is to give them several good hiding places, such as a few shingles or cabbage leaves placed in the garden. Slugs are nocturnal animals and seek a place to hide from the drying effects of the sun during the day. Remember to check the leaves or shingles daily and remove the varmints. This system works especially well early in the season, before vegetable leaves are large enough to offer other hiding spots.

The soft bodies of slugs make sharp surfaces especially unpleasant to them. Some gardeners use a thick border of sharp cinders or coarse sand around their plants. Slugs which do make it across this barrier can be detected by their slime

the Ripper Review

An informal weekly wrap-up of the Oregon State Legislature

BY STATE SENATOR JACK RIPPER

As I have mentioned in previous columns, the state of the economy is of key concern to all of the legislators at this session. I feel this concern very strongly because of the impact of the depressed housing market on our area and because of my position as co-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Now that the session is more than two months old, I want to let you know what we are doing to improve the economic picture. I think that you should be especially aware of the steps that have been taken in enacting Governor Straub's economic stimulation package.

The Governor introduced his 8-point economic stimulation package as House Bill 2161 during the opening days of the session. In a series of evening Ways and Means meetings, we broke that bill down into eight separate measures so that a delay on section would not slow down the entire program.

The new HB 2161 contains the Governor's plan to provide \$20 million from the State's General Fund as interest free loans to developers and builders in order to stimulate the housing market.

The idea of interest free loans is a radical departure from State policy and it came under immediate criticism. Concern was expressed that safeguards must be established to protect the State from builders who might default on their loans.

The Ways and Means subcommittee now working on HB 2161 is exploring alternatives to the idea of interest free loans. The subcommittee feels that the state should design a bonding program to provide more money at low interest rates instead. This would both stimulate the building market and protect the state against a loss of General Fund dollars.

The second part of the stimulation package has already been signed into law. This is HB 2162, which raises the maximum ceiling of Veteran Home Loans from \$28,500 to \$35,000.

It is estimated that raising the home loan ceiling will pump as much as \$114 million into the building market and create as many as 6,000 jobs. This, of course, is very good news for our area.

Now before the Governor is HB 2406, the proposal to create 500 jobs in the state forests. This measure will cost \$3 million and should be signed into law in the near future.

Still under consideration in a Ways and Means subcommittee is HB 2407, which calls for the creation of a stream bank erosion control program.

HB 2408, which shifts the priorities of the Highway Division from construction to maintenance and state park projects, has passed both the House and the Senate and gone to the Governor for his signature. Shifting the priorities in this fashion will require the Highway Division to spend close to \$3 million of its current budget on the creation of 675 short-term jobs.

One bill that will have a direct effect in the North Bend-Coos Bay area is HB 2409. This bill calls for the construction of seven State Accident Insurance Fund buildings, one of which will be located in North Bend. Local talent will be used both in the construction and operation of this building.

One section of the Governors' program that came under immediate criticism called for the State to finance construction and improvement projects at the State Fairgrounds in Salem. The Governor recommended spending \$1.57 million on this project and a number of people expressed the opinion that this would actually help the city of Salem more than the state of the economy.

However, the subcommittee working on this proposal has handled the matter very well. It has come up with a proposal that will help the fair survive without costing the State any General Fund dollars.

After receiving financial commitments from the city of Salem and Marion County, the subcommittee proposed a \$3.9 million bond issue to upgrade the fairgrounds and facilities. This bond will be repaid from gate and concession receipts, allowing the State to realize an immediate return on its investment.

This bonding proposal is included in HB 5010, which has passed the House and is now before the Senate.

The final section of the Governor's program, HB 2311, would authorize \$5.9 million to be used to bring the older buildings at state colleges and universities up to current building standards.

I am pleased to see that this bill has passed both houses and gone to the Governor for his approval. In addition to creating much needed jobs, I believe that it is very important that the State meets the building codes that it has established for private industry.

I think that the Legislature has moved very quickly to meet our pressing economic needs. But there is still a lot to be done.

I will continue to inform you in the coming weeks of those bills that are of vital concern to our area. Specifically, I will let you know of any bill that will help improve the timber market, fishing industry or our highways.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding any piece of legislation, don't forget the toll-free number at the Capitol: 1-800-452-0290.

WEAVER

REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT

CONGRESSMAN JIM WEAVER

A GREAT GIVEAWAY

If you steal a loaf of bread you are thrown in jail and the government pays guards to see you are kept there.

If you grab \$250 million you become a pillar of the economy and the government does all it can to see you keep it.

I can understand why a starving man might steal some bread. And I can understand why a starving man might steal some bread. And I can understand why a starving man might steal some bread.

Amex first signed a Bonneville Power contract years ago. They haven't built their plant yet. Money difficulties and site difficulties have prevented them. If we have problems fulfilling our car loan contract our clunker gets repossessed. Amex got BPA to extend and alter their contract a half dozen times. It's nice to have friends in high places.

Now with the energy rates sky high, that contract for extremely cheap power is worth a fortune. Your protectors of the public purse are giving that fortune away.

These same officials who weep over our energy shortages, who call piously for energy conservation, are planning to extend the Amex contract once again, giving Amex 240 megawatts of power.

That is more electricity than the cities of Eugene and Coos Bay use. It will cost taxpayers up to \$250 million to replace \$250 million! Enough electricity to heat and light Roseburg, Springfield, Grants Pass, Medford and Lebanon. All for some aluminum cans that will litter the highways.

On top of this, the BPA is hurriedly trying to fix up the existing aluminum plants with new low cost 20 year contracts.

I am outraged. I hope you are too. I am going to do my damndest to stop the Amex contract. I've got a bill going into the Interior Committee which will do it. But that takes time. What we need now is public clamor. Tell the BPA we need that power for our homes and existing businesses. Let's help ourselves for a change.

trails and picked off by hand. Stir the cinders to destroy this highway each time you find it or you'll have other slugs using it too. One local organic gardener, Nancy Thompson, had such good luck with crushed eggshells as a slug barrier around plants last year that we're carefully setting eggshells aside to give it a try.

The traditional cut-worm collar is also an effective slug barrier. Cut strips about four inches wide from milk cartons and paper-clip them into circles to place around cabbage plants and other transplants to the garden. Sink the bottom into the soil about an inch. We like these collars better than the traditional tin can opened on both ends since they can be left in place until the plant is well grown, then removed without damaging the leaves or accidentally up-rooting the plant. If you use plastic milk cartons, you'll have the added advantage of sunlight reaching all parts of the green plant.