

Editorial and Opinion

Andrew Young: Not a total liability

Our Ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young, is undisputed USA foot-in-the-mouth champ.

It was Young who said Cuban troops were a "stabilizing influence in Angola." It was Young who said there were "hundreds, perhaps thousands, of political prisoners in the U.S.A." It was Young who said the British were the "ultimate racists." Etc.

Politicians of whatever persuasion are clamoring for Young's removal and President Carter is said to have strongly reprimanded the ambassador. Reportedly, he will be put under wraps as far as future public pronouncements are concerned.

However, it's only fair to report that Young doesn't do everything wrong. Agreement recently was reached to bring independence to

Namibia (South-West Africa). U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said the pact was the "one positive development on the international political scene this year." It provides for a UN-supervised election which would grant Namibia independence and end 11 years of guerilla warfare.

Andrew Young was deeply involved in these proceedings. One of the negotiators said that Young "more than any other factor or person helped create the political climate for agreement. Working behind the scenes, Young played a crucial role."

Thus, while his off-the-cuff remarks keep him in constant hot water, he's obviously effective working in the background. Perhaps this is why President Carter is standing by Young, giving him every chance.

The weather? We're not complaining

Every year about this time, we seem to come up with an editorial extolling the "air-conditioned comfort" we experience here in the Pacific Northwest.

Perhaps we're rationalizing for the too-frequent gray skies and the constant references to a "green-tomato summer."

But there is another side to the coin. We just don't have searing temperatures (It was 116 degrees in Olney, Tex. as on Monday and 21 lives have been lost due to extreme heat in the Dallas-Fort Worth area).

We don't have excessive summer rainfall (No flash-flood warnings like Minnesota is experiencing). Nor do we have endless days of choking smog (Southern California has been on smog-alert status for about a week).

Sure, the sun worshipers may be short-changed here, but yesterday's 112 degrees in Yuma or the 111 in Las Vegas is more than most of us want. Besides, Oregon's nicest weather usually comes in August and September.

The best is yet to come.

Brock Adams may be on the way out

Despite immediate denials, we would not be surprised if rumors that Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams is about to resign are substantially correct.

It has been obvious for some time that Adams isn't a full voting member of the Carter team. We were at a newspaper meeting in Washington, D.C. earlier this year and several cabinet officers spoke. Adams seemed to be a maverick,

operating on his own.

It's likely that Adams would seek to return to Congress. (He represented Washington's 7th Congressional District from 1964 until his appointment to the Carter cabinet). His old congressional seat was won by a Republican in a special run-off last fall, probably heightening Adams' interest in returning to elective politics.

What price 55 MPH?

For whatever reasons, most motorists have increasingly decided to ignore the 55 mph limit on the nation's highways.

Drive from here to Eugene at 55 mph and virtually everyone on the freeway will pass you by.

At what cost? Perhaps at the cost of 2,140 lives, nationwide, during 1977. Figures from the Department of Transportation showed a 4.7

percent increase in traffic deaths in 1977 over 1976.

The DOT listed a number of reasons for the increase but said disregard of the 55 mph limit by over half of the nation's drivers was the biggest factor.

If you break the speed limit between here and Eugene you might save 10 minutes overall. Is it worth it?

Human rights losing its steam?

How widespread is support for President Carter's human rights program?

You have to wonder when you read that a poll taken recently by Newsweek magazine indicates people feel limitations on nuclear arms are more important than human rights; 61 percent so indicated.

Moreover, nearly half of those

polled said that what goes on inside the Soviet Union, such as trials of dissidents, is none of our business.

However praiseworthy his efforts have been, President Carter doesn't look like a winner on human rights, either. Too many people either feel the Soviets are totally insincere and thus not to be trusted, or else look on a nuclear arms pact as an imperative.



"Gee, Cy... I Didn't Know It Was Loaded. It Just Went Off In My Mouth..."

Letters-to-the-editor

Political parade

To the Editor:
As secretary-treasurer of Sandy Civic Services, I also know the rules for the Sandy Mountain Days Parade very well.

In answer to Pete Sulzbach's letter (July 13) regarding the appearance of political candidate Paul Walden in the parade, let me state that Wayne Fawbush was also invited to take part in the parade.

However, he did not acknowledge my letter. Several other candidates were also invited to participate.

Florence J. Schmitz

Traveling athletes

To the Editor:
In discussions with parents and citizens of our community, I hear many people who feel they can't make a difference or be heard concerning policies of our school. I would like to suggest a way in which people can be heard.

The issue I would like to bring up is athletics and the traveling our students must do to compete with other schools in any sport.

Sandy High School is assigned to the Coast Valley League by the Oregon School Activities Association. The league stretches from Sweet Home to Astoria and the closest school we play is in Estacada. Many times on the way to a game, our athletes pass through as many as 10 school districts.

Away games may require students and teachers to miss school time requiring the district to pay for substitute teachers. The coaches and students arrive home very late at night.

The one good thing that comes from the long trips is that it teaches students determination and dedication to a commitment under tiring conditions.

The Oregon School Activities Association has strict controlling rules. I addressed the association at a state meeting over a year ago but they continue to have an unsympathetic view of our situation. At that time, the association was studying realignment of school districts but nothing was changed as far as our district was concerned.

There are now three high school leagues in the Portland area. I feel a fourth league could be formed comprised of eight schools all of which would be within easy driving distance of Sandy.

The O.S.A.A. is again studying realignment of high school leagues; they need your input. If they were to receive several hundred letters from Sandy Union High School patrons, I'm sure it would have an effect.

Writers should address their letters to: Dr. Edward J. Ryan, Executive Secretary, Oregon School Activities Association, 6900 SW Haines Rd., Tigard,

Oregon, 97223.

For additional background and information, call Sandy High Superintendent Jack Peters (668-5360) or myself (668-6286).

The above views are my own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the school board.

Ginny Brewster
Sandy High School
Board member and parent

Festivities tops

To the Editor:

I would like to express my congratulations and gratitude to the community of Sandy and all of those who made possible the organization and operation of the July 4 activities and the Sandy Mountain Days and Mountain Festival.

Judging from the comments of the large volume of out-of-town people, I believe that the Sandy community can be credited with a huge success.

Sincerely,
Leonard Paola
Boring

Another view

A 'good' tax is paid by someone else

The Oregon Legislature's Ways and Means Committee has consistently had a problem appropriating money from gas tax dollars into tourist promotional advertising. They ask for proof that the advertising pays dividends to the state.

They wonder why it costs so much. They question the result potential from the media in which the advertising is placed.

Undoubtedly, some of these questions would

remain in the minds of the lawmakers if, as has been suggested, travel promotion were moved from the State Highway Division to the Department of Economic Development. However, it does seem a wise move.

It was suggested by a special group of the State Travel Advisory Committee and endorsed by the full committee. It will be considered this month by the State Transportation Commission and eventually

Gallop Poll offers hopeful future

Those of us who struggled through the 1960s and survived the early 1970s may be able to take hope from what may come. That at least is one conclusion that might be drawn from a recent Gallup Poll. We certainly hope the poll turns out to be correct.

The poll results are based on interviews with 1,523 adults 18 and older in more than 300 selected localities between April 21-24. The results were tabulated and released this past week.

Some of the points in the survey results that are reason for hope include:

— Nine in 10 (89 percent) say they would welcome more respect for authority in the coming years.

— A similar proportion (91 percent) would welcome more emphasis on traditional family ties.

— Seven out of every 10 (70 percent) would welcome less emphasis on money.

— Three in four (75 percent) say they would welcome more emphasis on self-expression.

— Seven in 10 (69 percent) would welcome more emphasis on hard work.

— Three out of every four (74 percent) would not like to see more acceptance of marijuana usage.

— Six in 10 (62 percent) would be opposed to more acceptance of sexual freedom.

The poll takers asked people to state which items they would welcome and which they would not welcome in eight areas. The results show a rather widespread acceptance of what many might call the "traditional values."

As might be expected, the survey results found a difference between younger and older Americans on some points. The younger individuals were more likely to welcome more acceptance of marijuana and sexual freedom. But the results also found an agreement on the desire for more emphasis on family ties and more respect for authority.

One poll does not make for a whole new revolution in attitudes. But it is nice to see that there is a swing away from the uncertain standards of recent years.

— Ashland Daily Tidings

Salem scene

Oregon's waste not all wasted

(Ed.'s note: Salem Scene is a legislative report from the state capital compiled by Jack Zimmerman of Associated Oregon Industries.)

Modern technology has all but disproved the old saying that you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

It would be stretching the truth to suggest some Oregon manufacturer is planning to make silk purses out of sows' ears, but industrialists throughout the country are becoming increasingly aware that one company's junk may be another company's treasure.

Some 3,600 manufacturers in Oregon have been invited to list usable wastes in a confidential bulletin that is destined to be published for the first time late this month. The information service is being provided by the Oregon Industrial Waste Exchange — made possible by a limited grant from the state Department of Energy.

A carefully coded newsletter will contain not only existing wastes and leftovers but include "want ads" as well. Manufacturers in need of certain substances may suspect some other firms create those substances as by-products destined for discard. The waste exchange gets the two parties together and a substance that once posed a disposal problem becomes useful again.

The newsletter will list commodities, volume and whether they are available locally or in another region. A firm interested in a particular commodity contacts the exchange and it in turn notifies the "advertiser." It is up to the generator of the substance to follow up and complete the transaction.

The waste exchange does not get involved in the actual buying and selling once the initial contact is completed. Such an exchange was first organized in St. Louis.

Results were so impressive similar exchanges have been formed in at least five states and several major cities. Jerry Powell, executive director of the Oregon exchange, hopes the experiment here will be successful enough to sustain itself within a year.

Government regulation of hazardous wastes, solid wastes and garbage of all types helps to make such an exchange of information practical. The energy situation plays a big role, too. As costs of energy increase, companies continually seek ways to economize and the Waste Information Exchange might provide some firm with an energy source another business has trouble discarding. Used oils might be an example.

Costs of resources also are being obsessed with transmuting base metals into gold, perfecting cure-alls for every conceivable ailment and producing and elixir that would prolong life.

The waste exchange doesn't hope to produce any gold but Powell knows the acid one company has trouble getting rid of today may well assume a value close to that of the precious metal tomorrow if it is readily available to another processor in quantities that satisfy a need. What's more, a listing in the exchange could well prove the panacea for a company ailing for lack on the rise. Many times a discard from one manufacturing process can be utilized as a resource for another. Waste paper often falls into this category and the exchange began getting parties with excessive paper discards in touch with others needing that commodity even before the initial solicitation brochure was distributed.

Powell reports he is beginning to consider himself and the exchange something like a modern

version of the medieval alchemist. Ancients practicing chemical alchemy of a specific substance. And exchanging wastes will certainly prolong the life of many resources.

Another impetus for success of the Waste Information Exchange involves Public Law 94-850, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act passed by Congress in 1976. Two sections deal specifically with generation, treatment, transport and disposal of hazardous wastes and the law ultimately will require licensing of generators, treaters and disposal sites for enumerated wastes.

Through the exchange, someone saddled with a costly disposal problem may well discover he can make an unexpected profit on something that heretofore was strictly an expensive liability.

Exchanges also receive considerable blessings from the Environmental Protection Agency, which has noted what previously has been a lack of communication and information regarding industrial wastes.

Powell believes the concept will really get into high gear when existing exchanges link together and others are created to provide regional and even national interchanges of waste information.

Headquarters for the Oregon exchange are at 1615 NW 23rd Ave., Suite One, Portland, 97210 (227-1319). Powell explained all services are voluntary in terms of participation and offered free of charge to Oregon firms.

And even if it fails to produce the proverbial silk purse, the Oregon Industrial Waste Exchange appears destined to play a significant role in the continuing process of providing livelihoods for Oregonians.

by the Legislature.

The heart of the plan, besides the agency change, is to increase the promotion budget with a 1 percent hotel-motel tax. This is, of course, discriminatory. But at the same time the accommodation people and the restaurants are the biggest beneficiaries of our tourist trade, although the money filters down to all of us.

Tourism is Oregon's third industry behind only timber and agriculture. It is estimated to bring into the state \$650 million a year and provides 67,500 jobs.

Back to the Ways and Means Committee — this group has always thought those who benefit most from the tourist trade should contribute to the advertising fund. It won't work on a voluntary basis, so the

suggested tax would seem to be the only other way to raise the necessary money.

According to Glenn Cushman, publisher of the Albany Democrat-Herald and chairman of the Travel Advisory Committee. "Studies have indicated that a very low percentage of visitors move here. They leave a lot of money and don't clutter up the highways."

We would argue the latter point, but a little highway crowding is worth it to keep our Oregon people employed.

Their income tax dollars help keep our schools and state agencies going. And it would not be money affected by a property tax limitation. A good tax is always one someone else pays.

Corvallis
Gazette Times

Beware of poa annua

Ever hear of poa annua? It is more commonly known as annual bluegrass.

Anyway, there is a long article in the Wall Street Journal about this grass which primarily infests only those lawns which are lavished with the best of care. Lawns which get plenty of water and fertilizer.

Tom Cook, an assistant professor of horticulture at Oregon State University, is quoted in the Journal as saying, "It's the kind of weed that will get progressively worse the more work you do in your yard. The more money you put into your lawn, the more poa you're going to have."

If the government hadn't come down so hard on chemicals there probably would be a cure for the stuff. But now about the only way to get rid of it is to let your lawn go to heck or return it.

There seems to be little justice in life when a person tries so hard to have a lawn which makes the community more attractive and then gets penalized for it.

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