

# Editorial and Opinion

## City losing money without lodging facilities

Nothing seems as frustrating — or necessary — as attempts to improve visitor facilities in Sandy.

Just try petitioning the state Department of Economic Development (DED) as Oregon Hospitality and Visitor Association (OHVA) director Don Rickel did recently on behalf of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce.

In his letter to DED, Rickel outlined the need for a new motel or hotel in Sandy, and suggested that the state might assist Sandy in attracting a business group to build here.

The Post called the Department of Economic Development office to follow the progress of Rickel's request. Curiously, no one remembered the letter or seemed too interested in the proposal.

Furthermore, we were told that present government structure gave tourism as a function to both the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Transportation's Highway Division. The responsibilities might seem to overlap, but neither government agency displays that much concern. It seems as though the Department of Economic Development doesn't consider tourism a state industry under its management guidelines. And the Department of Transportation only counts cars as they pass through the state.

Well, there are a lot of cars passing through Sandy on State Highway 26. In fact, there were approximately 10,000 cars passing

through Sandy every day throughout 1977, according to the state's own count.

And most of them did just that — passed through without pausing, because there are simply few places to stay overnight in Sandy.

Many travelers, of course, are headed up the mountain for skiing, hiking or fishing. Many more are headed to central Oregon, with Sandy the last major town visited before crossing the mountain pass. A number of them might consider spending the night in Sandy, if the town had adequate overnight lodging.

Presently, the only accommodations offered here are the five rooms of Sandy Motel, and three of those rooms are filled by permanent tenants.

We're not talking about the kind of tourism that includes plastic souvenirs and tours along the Barlow Trail. Just a place where some of those 10,000 daily visitors could spend the night here.

Get the travelers to spend a little more time in town, and the whole population will profit economically. Overnight visitors would eat dinner here, window shop and encourage cabaret entertainment and other services that the resident population could enjoy as well.

The worst they'd do is tip a waitress and check out of their motel by 11. Sounds like the kind of clean, year-round industry that Sandy needs.

— V.B.

## State of Oregon Should Get "Off the Bottle"

The State of Oregon should not be involved in the retail liquor business.

A special commission set up to study liquor control in the state is expected to make that recommendation next week.

The proposal would turn over the state's liquor stores to private business. The idea is to make sales of liquor more convenient to consumers by having more outlets with longer hours. Operators of the liquor stores would still be subject to state approval.

The idea is a good one. It offers a workable compromise between the tight control offered by Oregon's current system of "greenfronts" and a wide-open state like California where booze is sold in every

grocery store. The commission's suggestion would make distilled spirits more available to those who want them, but at the same time still provide adequate control for those who worry about uncontrolled drinking.

The state would still control the wholesale end of the liquor business and would set wholesale prices, keeping control away from nefarious interests.

The current Oregon system is a throwback to the days shortly after the repeal of Prohibition. It is outdated and can only be improved.

The governor and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission should waste no time in implementing the study panel's recommendations.

## Good News on Columbia River Water System

After struggling through a couple of summers of drought conditions, it's pleasant to read that water supplies on the Columbia River system are near normal.

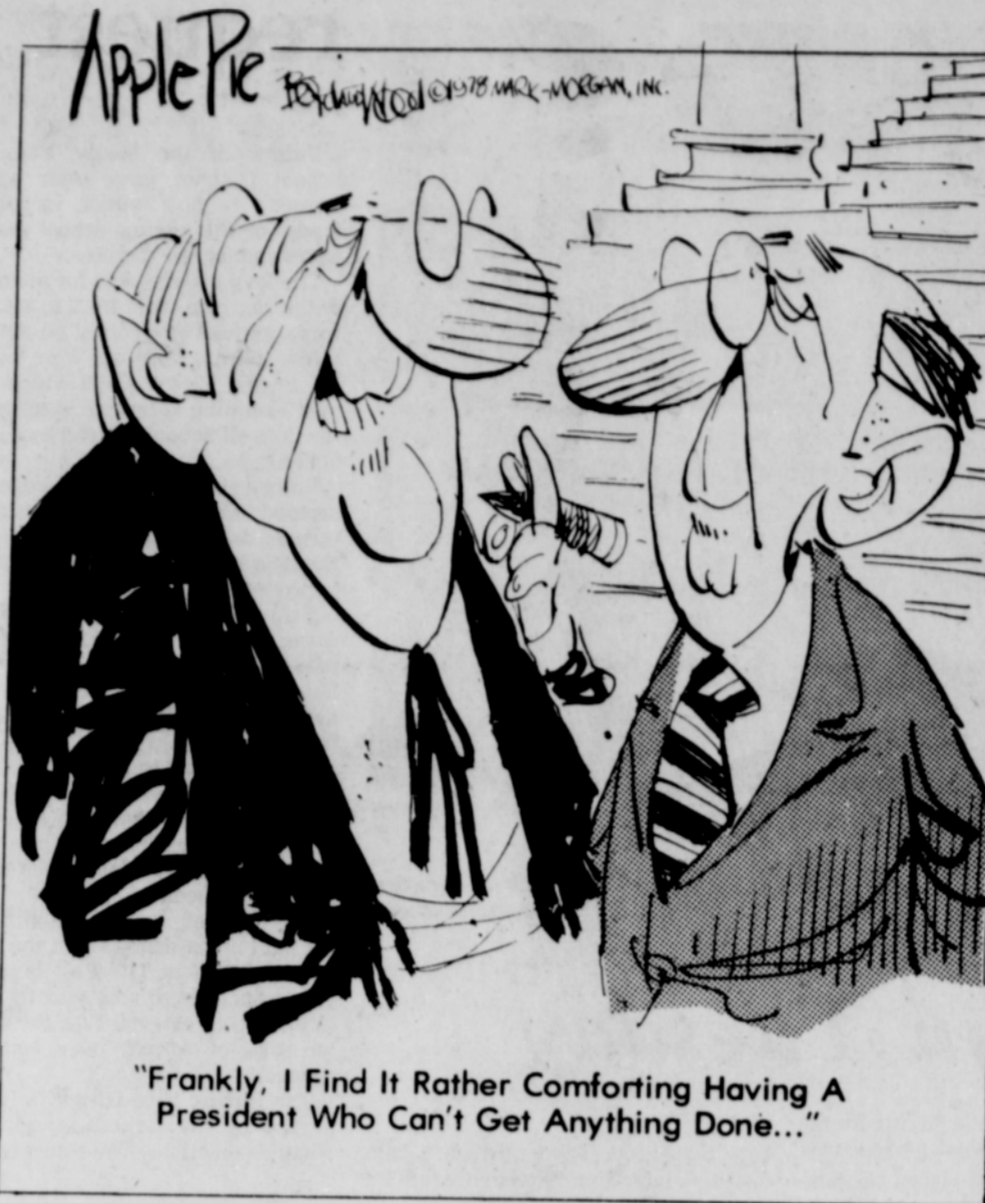
The Army Corps of Engineers says every reservoir, save one in Canada, is full and the one malingering will fill this month.

Columbia River water is used for a number of things — navigation, irrigation, fisheries, power

generation, etc. The fact that reservoirs are full means we apparently are going to have sufficient water for all these diverse uses.

Reservoirs in northern California, which held virtually no water a year ago, also are back to normal.

In short, barring unexpectedly dry weather this fall, the drought is history.



"Frankly, I Find It Rather Comforting Having A President Who Can't Get Anything Done..."

## From other editors:

### EPA change represents progress

The Environmental Protection Agency is going to issue only one mileage rating for 1979 cars instead of one each for highway and city driving and a combined average of the two, as in the past. The new miles-per-gallon quotation will be based only on city driving.

This is progress, but not enough.

EPA Administrator Douglas Costle explained the change this way: "Dropping the highway and combined ratings removes that irresistible but human urge to accept the highest numbers available in buying a car. Publishing only the lowest number should help make customer expectations more realistic."

"This is not a final solution. This single rating is a temporary step. It's the most immediate action we can take to make the 1979 ratings more accurately reflect consumer experience. We are continuing to consider possible changes in the program that will make the ratings more representative of actual driving conditions."

It's the latter point that people care about. Most drivers get much worse mileage than predicted in the EPA estimates.

The announced change represents progress in the sense of reducing the number of fictional figures EPA will be posting on the window sticker. But the important thing is to try to make what is printed come closer to real life "consumer experience."

— Eugene Register-Guard

### Inflation raises worth of man

It should come as no surprise that inflation is making you more valuable than ever before — any way you look at it.

Not long ago, the constituent minerals and chemicals of the human body were valued at 98 cents. That was the price estimated for five pounds of calcium, one-and-a-half pounds of phosphate, nine ounces of potassium, six ounces each of sulfur and sodium and about an ounce each of iron, copper and iodine in a person of average (160 pounds) weight.

At today's prices, these same constituents would bring \$5.60, according to a story by the Associated Press.

Not surprisingly, then, medical schools are reporting the cost of cadavers spiraling upward. One Midwest school noted

recently the price increased early this year from \$145 to \$165 and that that figure likely would grow to \$200 in coming weeks.

So, too, has the price increased for skeletons. The hip bone connected to the thigh bone — and all others — is now up to \$300 from a previous price of \$225, according to the report.

A headline writer in The Oregonian, dealing with that heavy subject, wondered in print if it might bring, in turn, more skeletons out of the closet.

Unlikely, we would suspect, but it most certainly gives more reason than ever for whistling in the dark.

— The News Guard  
Lincoln City

### Biorhythms: A lot of hogwash

You can stop feeling guilty if your emotional, intellectual and physical cycles keep failing to match your biorhythm charts. The charts are just so much hogwash.

That's the conclusion reached by a University of Washington professor after using biorhythms in research with his students and comparing the supposed physical biorhythms of professional athletes to their actual performance on given days. As might be expected, there was no correlation between

the athletes' performance and their "biorhythms" and students proved highly susceptible to suggestion from the professor.

The professor, William Sims Bainbridge, wrote of his research in Skeptical Inquirer magazine, which was further reported in a Seattle newspaper.

Biorhythms are based on the assumption that each person has a 23-day physical cycle, a 28-day emotional cycle and a 33-day intellectual cycle — all charted from the date of birth.

The idea of cyclical patterns in human behavior may yet prove a valid one, but it certainly can't be reduced to the simplistic formula the popularizers of "biorhythms" have perpetrated on a few gullible followers. Given the vast variation among human beings — from personality to body type, in intelligence and metabolic rate — it is inconceivable that anything so complex as "biorhythms" could be reduced to a form so simple as birth charts.

— Daily Journal-American

### Jackson should shake Cold War mentality

Henry M. Jackson, Washington's junior senator, just can't stop his knee jerk reactions every time he thinks about the Russians.

Now he's sore at President Carter. Not because Carter has sent a personal message to Soviet President Brezhnev, expressing concern for dissidents on trial in Russia, but because Jackson thinks Carter hasn't gone far enough.

What does Jackson want, for heaven's sake: A declaration of war?

And, before the Senate is presented with a SALT II agreement, before an agreement even has been reached, he says it's a manifestly unequal treaty and

will only persuade the Russians that we are weak.

There clearly is a limit to how far this country can go in criticizing the trials of dissidents Anatoly Shcharansky and Alexander Ginzburg. Carter has expressed his nation's concern for human rights in Russia with greater vigor than anyone before him. Instead of reproaching Carter, Jackson should congratulate him.

But Jackson has never been able to shake his Cold War mentality. Apparently, he never will.

— The Daily Journal-American  
Bellevue, Wash.



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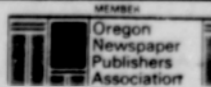
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## Letters-to-the-editor

### A goodbye to readers

To the Editor: This is to inform readers of my column, "Nell's Notes," that I will no longer be writing for the Sandy Post. After 30 years of plugging away, at a very small paying job, and after receiving a letter from the editor John Kline, I feel it is time to retire.

Mr. Kline objects to my using words like "sorta" and "cause" as they are slang and must be changed. Also that I should no longer put in so much family news and put in more activity news, something I did very little of.

It also seems I fail to include a subject in some sentences which I am sure no one who read the column even noticed. An AP style book is used for copy editing of which I am not the least familiar with, and furthermore don't wish to be.

So it seems that the time has come for a long association, through a number of editors and writers, that the last and oldest employee should retire.

Nell K. Howe  
Welches

### Thanks for Fly-In support

To the Editor: On behalf of the Sandy Kiwanis Club, I would like to extend a thank-you to the community and to those individuals who helped make the Fly-In Breakfast a wonderful success.

Without the great assistance of the Boy Scouts, Rainbow Girls, and many local merchants, the task would have been more than our members alone could handle.

For the 21 years in which

Kiwanis has been giving the Fly-In, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Wesselink have continually given their overwhelming support.

A special Acknowledgment to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, owners of Rich's Airport, for extending themselves in allowing Kiwanis to make this community event possible.

Thank you,  
Dennis W. Crow  
Sandy Kiwanis Club

## Crime prevention is big business

If crime in the United States is big business, so is trying to catch the crooks.

In addition to police departments and other law officers, the protection of life and property by private individuals and organizations has become a big and growing business.

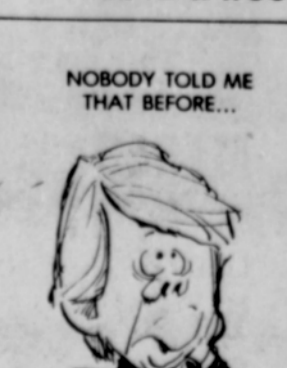
The security industry has become a multi-billion dollar business. Included in the field are thousands of security agencies (most of them aren't called detective agencies anymore) and a growing list of manufacturers of all types of alarms, locks and other types of security devices.

Protecting people and their possessions against fire, vandalism and theft may be one of the few activities which is recession-proof. An official of one of the leading security agencies made that claim, pointing out that "plants have to be guarded, especially when they are shut down."

With crime continuing at a high level, the market for the sleuths, guards and security advisers to business, management is virtually guaranteed. When a recession hits the security business, the nation will know it has finally begun to turn the crime picture around.

—Lebanon Express

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Especially in the rain, we presume.

—Daily Pilot  
Orange County, Calif.