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An open letter to Mrs. Carter

NEW YORK — An open letter to Rosalynn Carter —

Dear Mrs. Carter: Well, I guess things are a lot happier at your house than they were a few months ago, when everybody said Jimmy didn't have a chance of being re-elected, and it looked like back to Plains for sure in 1981.

But if you don't mind just one small friendly tip that might help keep those prospects pleasant, here it is:

Don't change a hair for me otherwise, but please, please stay the heck away from economic analysis and prognostication.

You don't need it, and it doesn't need you.

Richard Nixon once remarked with a smile, "I'm controversial — but everybody loves Pat."

And, in that same spirit, while Jimmy Carter has attracted his full Presidential quota of detractors, your own national image has been of a gracious, energetic First Lady — helping to an unusual degree to maintain an admirably stable marriage and family life amid the pressures of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

All that is terrific, and in these hectic and untraditional times, no minor achievement. Ordinarily, indeed, I wouldn't presume to venture at all into your area, where you have performed so beautifully



by Louis Rukeyser

(without benefit of unsolicited advice), but when you crowd over into my territory — the economy — I think it's only fair to warn you:

Look out, Mrs. Carter, look out. The U.S. economy has been the burial ground of more enormous reputations than the legendary elephant boneyard in Africa.

And, to be boldy frank about it, your latest intrusion did not suggest that this really ought to be your specialty, either.

It was, to be sure, not the easiest of pitches that a reporter threw at you the other day: asking you, in effect, why anybody should any longer have faith in your husband's hapless "anti-inflation" program — right after the government had reported the worst consumer-price increase since 1973.

It would have been a good one to duck, or answer with a loyal platitude: You are not, after all, Secretary of the Treasury, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors or even poor old Alfred Kahn — and nobody expects you to

be. But your actual answer — oh, oh, Mrs. Carter, oh, oh.

First, you said that what we had to do about inflation was just give your husband "more time" for his same old policies to operate. That, alas, is likely to be taken by the informed portion of the electorate less as the lofty promise you intended than as a terrifying threat.

Time, you see, is precisely what Jimmy has failed to utilize — except in reverse. The brutal fact, on which they may have failed to brief you, is that inflation has risen distinctly, painfully faster in every single year of the Carter Presidency than it did the year before.

"More time," in that context, is exactly what the country does not need right now.

But then you went on, perhaps even more unwisely, to offer us all a little lesson in economic history.

Best to Amy and the big kids.

Respectfully,

Louis Rukeyser

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Tollgate to offer family dining

by LINDA CROCKETT
Post Correspondent

Sandy will soon feature a new restaurant for its residents, visitors and travellers.

The Tollgate Inn will provide family-oriented dining in a relaxed, friendly, country-western atmosphere, according to owners Mike Louderback and Mike Lesowski. The two were business partners for seven years in the Mt. Hood Fruit Market, at the site of the new restaurant at the intersection of Highway 26 and Bluff Road.

Homestyle cooking will be the specialty at the restaurant. Breakfasts will include pancakes, waffles and crepes. A variety of sandwiches, soups and salads will be featured on the luncheon menu. Dinner customers will be able to relax with fireside dining and

select from pan-fried chicken, steaks and seafood, barbecue spareribs, Yankee pot roast or stuffed pork chops. Only fresh ingredients will be used.

The Tollgate has been granted a Class A liquor license for a "small, intimate lounge," according to Louderback. The bar's decor will follow a saloon motif and keep with the predominant use of wood throughout the building. Partial wagon wheels hang along the eaves.

The name keeps with Sandy's history. Tollgates were located along the old Barlow Trail, including one in Sandy.

"Consistency of food and service are our main goals," said Lesowski. "We want to create a facility where people enjoy coming, get a good meal, and a friendly atmosphere."

Part of their total ap-

proach to that goal is the importance the co-owners are placing on landscaping. "Upkeep of the grounds is very important to us," Lesowski said. Spring and summer-blooming flowers will be planted to make the exterior as "appealing" as the interior.

Because they were in the wholesale fruit and vegetable business, Lesowski and Louderback got in the back doors of many restaurants. They had been approached by many people to either sell or lease the fruit market to be transformed into a restaurant. Feasibility studies indicated that the site was an ideal location for this type of business. The two men "decided to give it a whirl," said Louderback.

The fruit market closed last September. Building of the restaurant began in November and the two are shooting for an opening date

of April 1.

C-3 Builders of Milwaukie is in charge of the construction and remodeling. Landscaping is being handled by Ownings and Associates of Portland. C & L Remodeling of Sandy provided the architect for the building's exterior.

Restaurant hours will be 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. during the week. The business will remain open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations will not be accepted.

The Tollgate Inn will employ 40 to 60 people and interviews are now underway. Applications are available at the construction site.

"Sandy people always treated us well," said Lesowski. "If not for their previous patronage of our market, we couldn't be doing what we're doing now."

Better use of volunteers needed

Greater use of volunteers by state agencies is recommended in a report prepared by the Governor's Task Force on Volunteerism which was recently presented to Gov. Vic Atiyeh. Arty Trost, 4343 SE Tapp Road, Sandy, is one of 15 task force members appointed by Gov. Vic Atiyeh in April, 1979.

Volunteerism was a major priority in the governor's inaugural address in January, 1979, where he said, "If all the people of Oregon can take to their hearts the age-old concept of volunteerism we can reduce the need for government intervention and tax support, we can improve the quality of life in Oregon, and we can grow as a community."

The governor has advocated the use and need for volunteer assistance in state government, in an effort to "streamline the operations of government without reducing its services to

Oregonians."

He said, "There may be some final modifications to the report as it is applied to government but overall it is an extremely useful tool. It provides excellent guidelines to anyone interested in volunteerism."

The task force recommended to the governor, in a Jan. 30 meeting, that a full-time, paid staff position be created at the state level, advised by a Commission on Volunteerism, to carry out objectives in three goal areas.

Goal area I addresses the expansion of volunteers in state agencies and em-

phasizes the need for each state agency to make a clear commitment to provide a

volunteer coordinator and adequate support budget for the volunteer program.

SBA outlines disaster aid scope

The Small Business Administration (SBA) last week outlined the scope of disaster aid available to business owners and farmers who suffered losses as a result of the severe snow and ice storms of January.

"To clarify and avoid any misunderstandings in the business community, SBA encourages business owners to visit our offices and discuss the eligibility criteria for both business disaster loans and economic injury disaster loans," said S.L. Rollins, SBA district director. "Our services are available to business owners in Multnomah County declared a disaster area as well as the four adjacent counties."

According to Rollins, there are two types of disaster assistance available to business owners. Physical loss disaster loans are made to cover the uninsured portion of damages and can include damage to real property, inventory, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment and leasehold improvements.

In addition, funds are available under physical loss to cover expenses related to disaster cleanup; the

payment of current installments on term debts when the lender refuses to defer or reamortize the payments and for the cost of hiring professionals to reconstruct legal or accounting records destroyed by the disaster.

Economic injury disaster loans are intended to aid the small business owner during and after the period of disaster recovery. Economic injury disaster loans (EIDL) provide working capital to meet obligations which the business would have been able to meet if the disaster had not occurred and include accounts receivable and the decrease in net profits caused by the disaster.

In other words, "business expenses which continue during the disaster period, the current portions of long term debt and reasonable owner's withdrawals are all eligible under EIDL," said Rollins.

Since it is difficult to estimate the extent of economic injury in a short time, the filing date is through Nov. 11, 1980. This will allow applicants sufficient time to estimate not only the duration of the economic injury, but to make reasonable estimates of the actual period of less-than-normal operations, ac-

cording to Rollins.

Interest rates on SBA disaster loans, where credit is not obtainable from private sources and where refinancing is not involved, is five percent. The interest rate on business disaster loans which, in SBA's judgement, are obtainable from non-federal credit sources is eight and one-quarter percent. All EIDL are made at eight and one-quarter percent.

SBA business disaster loans are made to any business, farmers, private institutions and charitable organizations. Economic injury disaster loans are intended only for small businesses and farmers.

Business owners who need the SBA Disaster Office, Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd St., Room 676, Portland from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the week.

For information on Hoodland events, see *Hoodland Happenings* every week in The Post.

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Fashion show benefit slated here March 25

The Sandy Business and Professional Women's Club finalized plans for the March 25 "Fashions of the '80s" scholarship benefit when it met March 5.

Ladies' and men's sport, dress, formal and wedding fashions will be modeled. Children's clothes and sew-it-yourself fashions will also be featured.

Participating shops are Calico Country, Decker and Scales, Dee's Bridal Salon, Gordon Stone's Key to Fashion, Grokett's Jewelry, Heidi's Boutique, Linda Kaye's Dress Shop, Montgomery Wards, Patti Jo's Dress Shop and Pauletta's.

Organ music will be played by Don Bliss of Bliss Music Company.

Howard Berger will escort. Floral fashions will be displayed by the Country Florist, Dorine's Florist, Liz's Flower Basket and Mrs. B's Flowers.

The North Willamette District Conference will be held March 20 at the Holiday Inn, 25425 SW Boones Ferry Road, Wilsonville. Activities begin at 1:30 p.m. Reservations should be made by March 25 by calling 668-4054.

The March Fireside Meeting will be held at the home of Chris Mac Donald, 44871 SE Highway 26.



Katie says it's "Stitch N' Time"

Join our workshop classes:

Machine Applique
Instructor Shirley Forrester. Class meets 6:30-9 p.m., March 17. Bring sewing machine; kit included. Cost \$10.

Quilting I
Instructor Kay Daniels. 5 weeks, starting March 19. Cost \$22. Quilt-as-you-go method. Hand quilting; learn 3 patterns.

Dynamic Denims
Instructor Sharon Pellum. 3 weeks starting March 25 7-9:30. Cost \$15.
Call or stop by and sign up!!!

Beginning Sewing
Instructor Sharon Pellum. Day class 10-12:30 April 11 or night class 7-9 April 15. Cost \$20. Learn fitting-setting in sleeves, fast button holes, matching plaids. Skirt & blouse completed in class.

Soft Sculptured Dolls
Instructor Julie Smith. Next class starts April. Learn to make Jenny, Joe or Jingles 36" dolls. Bring sewing machine. \$18.

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