

## Keep festival non-commercialized

Cooperation of Sandy storekeepers should be enlisted by the Mountain Festival Committee to insure the integrity of the arts festival booths in Meinig Park.

We're referring, of course, to the outbreak of outcast food and trinket stands outside the park. Some feel they detract from the artistic purity of the Festival where hand-made items are the only kind for sale.

No one really questions the renegades' legal right to make a buck off the Festival traffic, nor their integrity as street merchants who give honest value for the money. But the Festival people should have an "original" on the idea, and the day should belong to them.

That's the way the Festival Committee sees it, at least. One of their worst fears each year, according to chairman Darrell Dempster, is that things will get too commercial with fly-by-night booths springing up all over town.

Indeed, their worst fears seem realized this July, since at least one of the several streetcorner booths

was rejected by the committee as too commercial (mass-produced goods.)

The outside booths went over big, however, and seemed to bring only positive reaction from the crowd.

The point remains that the Sandy Mountain Festival Committee brings this crowd to town each summer and shouldn't have to compete for attention. To date, the committee has brought honor to this community with increasingly bigger Festival crowds and parades—due in large part to their artistic integrity. Sandy's festival is a low-budget success, because it hasn't degenerated into a cheap carnival atmosphere like other arts festivals.

Perhaps the business persons who donated space in their lots to the renegade booths this summer (probably in the best intent toward Festival involvement) now could get with the committee.

Together they might settle on some kind of deal with the Festival logo to identify Festival-sanctioned booths—in Meinig Park. (VB)

## City could encourage involvement

City officials and concerned citizens who sincerely seek broader community involvement should look around at what other municipalities are doing.

Free coffee and cookies at break time during council meetings make attendance at long night sessions almost a social event in some small towns.

Other cities publish an agenda of upcoming council meetings in their community newspaper. The teaser topics lure spectators who often get involved. At least prior advertising serves more purpose by early warning than reports after the fact.

Shortening those "long night sessions" helps, too. What citizen on the sidelines wants to tough it out 'til midnight? Of course, it's expect-

ing a lot to ask unpaid councilors to decide all the affairs of state, meeting only twice a month. Still, it might shorten council meetings to have council members thoroughly prepared for actual meetings. Taking city staff time to explain situations to councilors during bi-monthly Monday night meetings slows proceedings considerable from a spectator's point of view.

The ideal, of course, is to get residents to attend city council meetings as spectators and then graduate them into more active roles.

It's toward this goal we gingerly propose steps to increase public involvement in city affairs.

If the city can't buy the coffee, maybe an auxiliary can be formed to assist. (VB)

## Salem scene:

### Political tricksters tiring

by JACK ZIMMERMAN  
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The Legislature may have adjourned by the time you read this.

Or it may not.

It quite likely is still adding days, dollars and confusion to a session that has become a political liability for all concerned.

At the same time, the so-called crunch of frantic, last-minute bill-passing that usually accompanies final weeks of a regular biennial session had failed to materialize on the respective floors of this 61st Oregon Assembly.

Only 711 measures had achieved final passage by both House and Senate, little more than 28 percent of the 2,528 measures so far introduced. Of that number, only 432 achieved final passage in a span of five weeks.

It appeared obvious this longest and costliest session would enact fewer measures than any Legislature in more than a decade—or it would add yet another record to its journal and pass more than any other.

Major obstacle to adjournment was inability of House and Senate to agree on a revenue program—a method of raising enough money to balance the budget for the next two years. The House had passed a plan that would have come close, but didn't satisfy the Senate. The Upper Chamber was mulling a more generous amount to spend, but neither satisfied Gov. Victor Atiyeh.

The games lawmakers play when such an impasse occurs involve attempts to gain last-minute passage of one bill or another—quite often a measure already discarded as unworthy in the course of the normal process. This political chicanery utilizes what House Minority Leader Paul Hanneman (R-Cloverdale) publicly branded as parliamentary trickery and threatened a measure to halt legislative pay, unless the practice ceased.

Even the language to describe what goes on sounds unsavory. For instance, a bill that has passed one chamber may be "guttured" in the other and "stuffed" with different provisions and passed in the second chamber. It then must return to the first chamber for concurrence. In retribution for the gutting and stuffing, the first chamber may hold that mutilated measure "hostage."

The gutting and stuffing has become con-



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fusing this session a journeyman reporter of the scene in Salem prompted an editorial that angrily requested gubernatorial veto of a measure that had passed both houses in different form and was still far from resolution and a potential Atiyeh signature.

By way of example, the bill was SB 623, designed to permit school districts to call special tax levy elections. It passed the Senate 19 to 9 on May 5 and was sent to the House. The bill finally was passed by the House on July 14, but no longer dealt with school tax levy elections. The House-passed version of SB 623 had been gutted and stuffed with provisions of HB 2640, that proposed permitting Independents to vote in partisan Primary elections—a concept that had been tabled in House committee back in April.

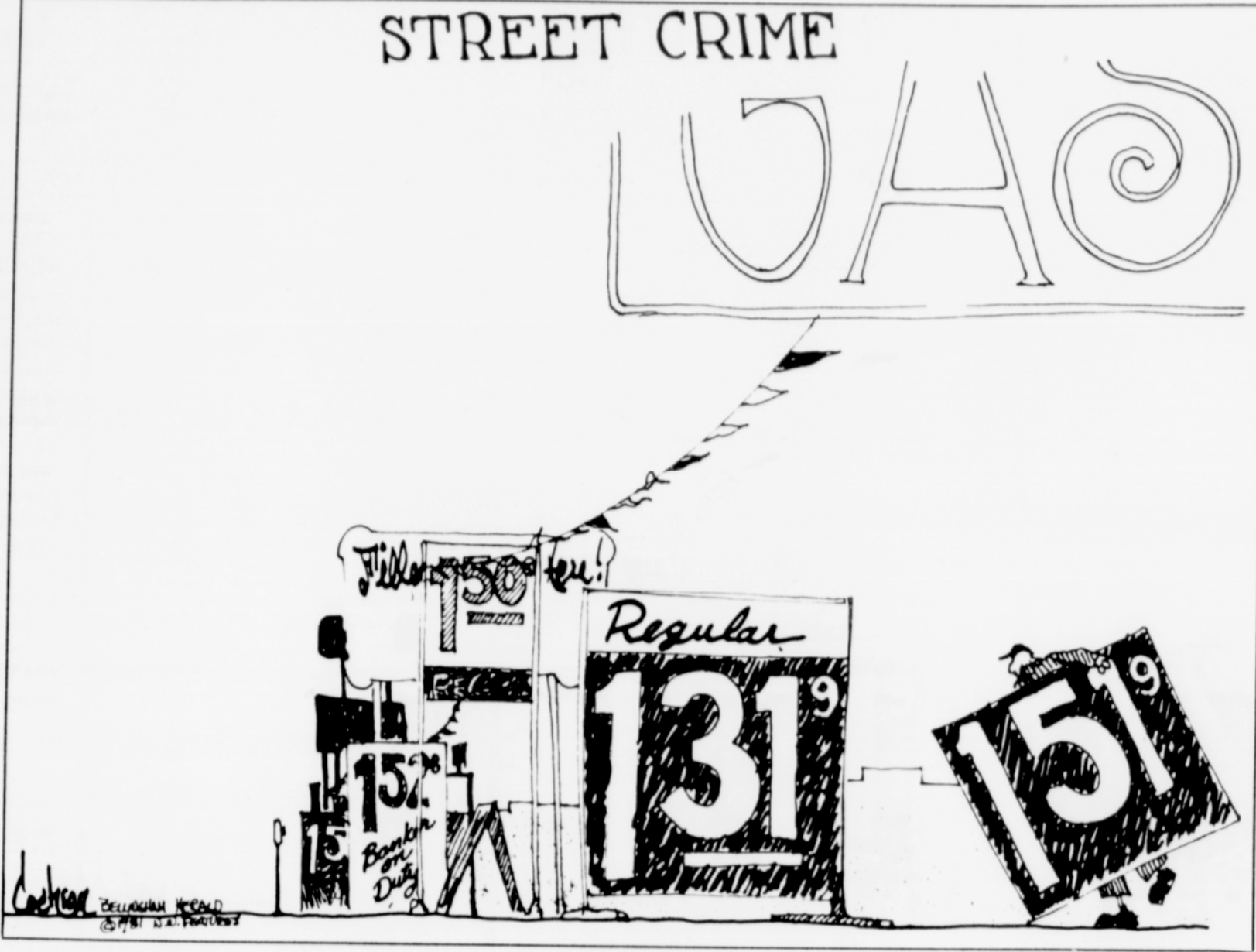
So what part of the Legislature thought was a good idea has been sacrificed for something another part of the Assembly long ago deemed unworthy. The party of the first part was sitting on the party of the second part's skulduggery, until the parties of all the other parts got their respective acts together.

Unfortunately for this Assembly, this practice is not uncommon. Examples fairly abound. Another specific is HB 2241, passed by the House as a measure absolving child-caring agencies for filing annual reports. It turned up on the Senate floor last week, emasculated and patched up to require public officials to file lobbying reports.

This particular ploy so outraged another member, he offered a minority report that would have prevented Legislators from receiving any campaign contributions from lobbyists.

After lengthy heated debate, the new version of the bill was declared nongermane and referred back to another Senate committee.

## STREET CRIME



### Legislator's report:

## Land use, spending slow legislature

by KEN JERNSTEDT  
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The 1981 legislative session will go down in history in more ways than one, but how far down still remains to be seen. The summer of 1981 ruefully will be remembered by many as the year the baseball players quit and the state legislators wouldn't.

This session is already first among the worst. It is the longest and most costly one in Oregon's history. The state's largest newspaper neatly summed up the session:

"Never before have so few met so long to accomplish so little."

There are all sorts of explanatory theories and plenty of people trying to play political pin-the-tail on the scapegoat. The House is blaming the Senate leadership, while the Senate leadership is blaming Governor Atiyeh. The public is blaming everyone involved in the process.

The most recent in a string of wind-up dates projected by the



Senate President is July 28, so perhaps by the time this column is in print we will have adjourned. But I wouldn't bet on it!

There has been some action at long last on several major issues that faced this Legislature: land use planning (LDCD), legislative redistricting and some phases of state spending.

Another major issue has been decided—a workers compensation bill—though watered down over the course of months of deliberation—finally has been passed by both chambers.

Perhaps the major provision is establishment of a system for setting rates of compensation by insurers. Oregon's present system is the most expensive in the nation, nearly 50 percent costlier than the second most expensive state.

One of the major problems is that more than half of the money goes to attorneys, the healing arts and state bureaucrats—not to the injured workers who need it. Economies have been made in the system through Atiyeh administrative initiatives, but the savings are only a drop in the bucket and do little to relieve the onerous burden employers are groaning about.

The change involves abolishing the recommended rates set by a national rating bureau, financed by the insurance industry, and the substit-

tion of a system in which insurers in Oregon would compete on a business-by-business basis in certain job classifications. It is expected that this change will increase the competitiveness among insurers in Oregon and thereby reduce rates.

The bill also would allow injured workers who successfully appeal the dollar amount of their original injury award to keep the entire award. At present 25 percent of the enhanced award goes for legal fees. The change means that attorneys who win for their clients will be paid by the losing insurance company.

At this writing the major issues standing between us and adjournment are headed for conference committees: the revenue bills package and congressional redistricting.

So the Sixty-first Oregon Legislative Assembly, which got off to a limping start, is approaching a whimpering finish.

### Letters to the editor:

## Mother offers parade suggestions

### Parade questioned

I am the mother of two boys, both involved in scouting. The younger of the two boys is in the Webelos group of the Cub Scouts and here is where I am upset.

The Cub and Webelos were in the Sandy Mountain Festival Parade, but these

young scouts were placed at the tail-end of the parade. By the time they were to begin marching, they were all tired, restless and could not march in any kind of order.

They also all missed the parade. Since as they were the last in the line, they did not get to see any of the floats or other groups who

were in the parade. By the time they reached the disbanding area, all other parade participants were long gone. The Boy Scouts who were in the parade did any of their marching up in the front areas of the parade.

Everyone knows the attention span of a child is usually pretty short, and children do tend to get very restless. So why couldn't they have been placed closer to the front of the parade, so that they too could have enjoyed being in the parade with the chance to see some of the parade.

Sharon Clarke  
Sandy

### A bear hug

Thank you, Sandy Optimist Club and Mr. Bates of Sandy Mobil for your sponsorship to the AAU grand national wrestling championships in Lincoln, Nebraska. This is the second time that the generosity of people in my community has helped me to have a chance to compete in the junior olympic championships.

I placed first in Greco-Roman and freestyle in the zone tournament in Pullman, then advanced to a meet in Vancouver, B.C. with Oregon's AAU Canadian cultural exchange team. I placed first there, then injured my ear in practice the first night I had left for Nebraska.

In my first Greco-Roman match I hyper-extended my elbow, pulling the muscles in

my right upper arm. Although I managed to place second with a 3-2 score, in freestyle I came up only fourth.

These injuries ended my plans to go with an Oregon team to Iowa for the high school boy's championships.

Without the support of my community, I could not have gone all these places. Without the great coaching I have gotten from coaches Calhoun, Seale, Coy, Stocking and Kearney at Sandy High School, coach Takeuchi at the junior high and Roy Pittman of Peninsula Wrestling Club, I wouldn't have been able to go. Thanks, coaches.

Thank you, Sandy. It makes a difference in a tight spot to know your town is with you.

Larry Topliff  
Sandy

### Cars donated

We would like to take this opportunity to personally and publicly thank the two Sandy automobile dealerships Pete Carlson Chevrolet and Paul Koch Ford, for the use of their 1981 Chevrolet Malibu and 1981 Ford Granada this past two months in our summer driver education program.

It has been a pleasure to drive these two fine vehicles during student in-car driver

instruction.

Zel Gernhart  
Glen Haberstich  
SUHS Driver Education Instructors

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State Senator  
Majority Leader



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