

Editorial & Opinion

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Why not enlarge festival's site?

The Sandy Mountain Festival Committee and some merchants disagree whether the summer fest should be permitted to sprawl beyond Meinig Park as some merchants want or be confined to arts, crafts and food inside the park.

Merchants hungrily eye the 30,000 or more festival visitors as opportunity for sales. They say the festival hasn't brought them much business, despite the huge two-day influx of visitors. Park booth space is limited with growth of the festival, they say, so they should be permitted to build booths outside the park.

Festival organizers, on the other hand, want to maintain control of the festival in the park to protect the arts and crafts fair's aesthetics against commercialism.

The crunch came this spring when some Sandy Area Merchants members claimed a right to cash in on Sandy's one big tourist draw July 10-11 and agreed to discuss differences with the festival committee.

The weekend festival has outgrown its present quarters, but perhaps there's a better solution. Why not clear more space in the park?

Rustic 11-acre Meinig Park is only 60 percent cleared for booth space, with heavily wooded trails on the remaining 40 percent seldom used during the rest of the year. The only other time you see

many people in the city park is during the popular Easter egg hunt.

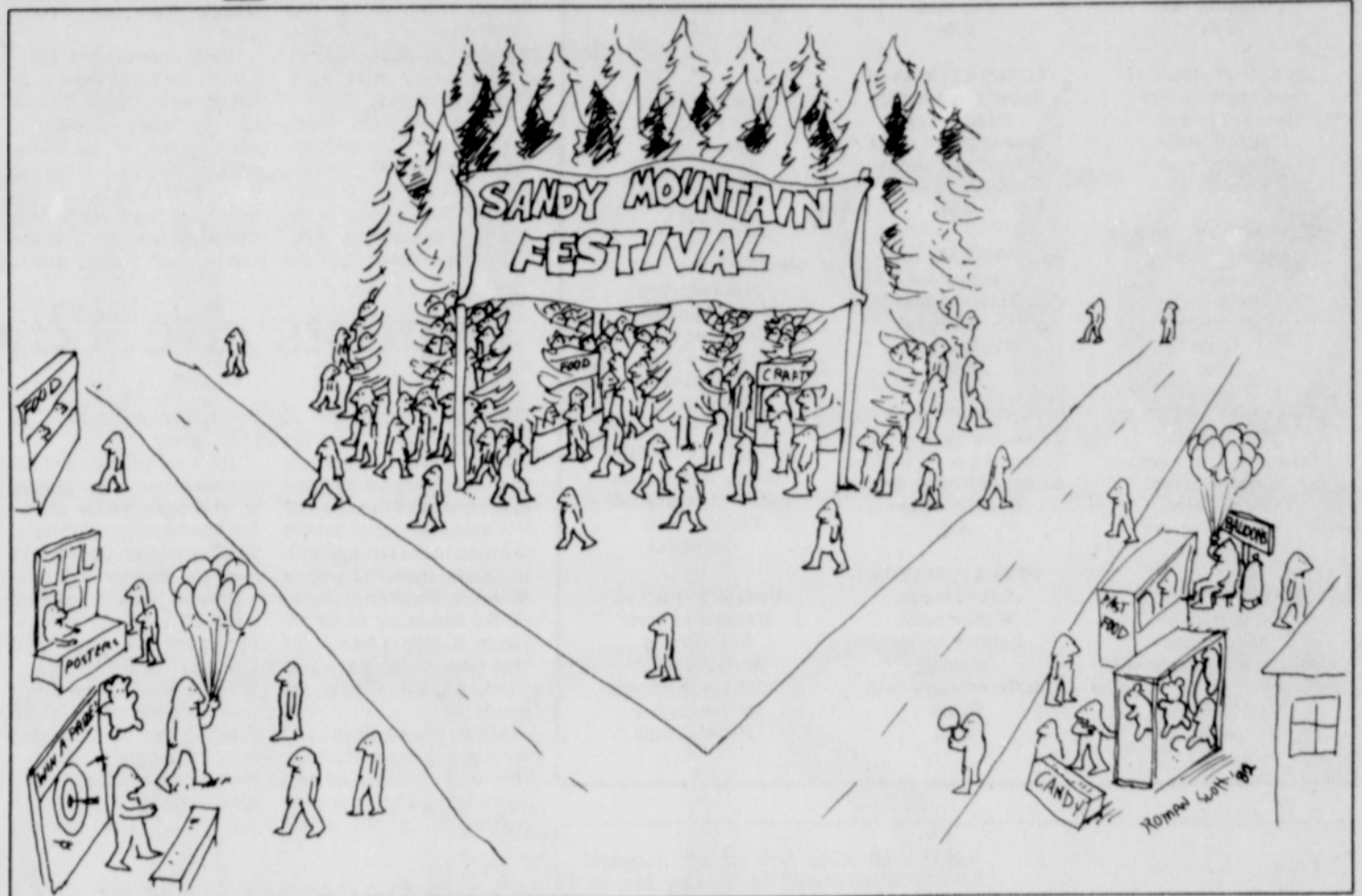
Indeed, the festival committee has considered clearing a little more brush for a little more booth space in the park. However, the city has shown reluctance to give up virgin woods for use only one or two weekends each year, according to festival chairman Darrell Dempster.

But what could offer better use for the seldom used woods behind city hall? This year, 90 percent of the booths for 130 arts and 20 food vendors were snapped up a month before April 1 deadline. Some two dozen early applicants were shut out.

New booths could mean fresh, extra revenue for the growing festival, too. The number of business contributors is down this year with the economy, although the size of contributions is running a bit larger. Actually, the festival committee squeaks by on an efficient, little budget from \$30 artist booth fees and a percentage of gross sales charged food vendors on a sliding scale.

The all-volunteer festival committee has worked hard with city crews to clear the brush in the park for the gala weekend.

Maybe the city should permit them to clear a few extra booth spaces, so some people here won't feel crowded in a corner.



Letters to the editor

Readers pick candidates, measures

Kulongoski pick

Shucks! My letter last week was shot down by the changing of one lone "article" (inadvertently, I'm sure), but I don't want readers to be misled as to what I meant.

In the second paragraph, line seven, the article "a" was changed to the article "the." What I had written was that Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust is "a" most viable candidate for governor. My dictionary says viable means "capable of growing." Commissioner Rust would be wise to serve as state legislator for a term before seeking the office of governor.

As for this election, in my book Democratic State Sen. Ted Kulongoski is the man of the hour.
Margaret Ann Fielding
Brightwood

Prom lauded

The Hoodland Women's Club would like to commend the junior and senior prom committee and all who attended the prom this year at the Hoodland Women's Club. They worked so hard and did such a fantastic job!

They left our building spotless. All 250 were ladies and gentlemen, and we would love to host them again! Special recognition to Donna Nelson who is such a "small" wonder.
Best wishes to Sandy High for the future.
Hoodland Women's Club

Hospice aided

Mt. Hood Hospice thanks John Christensen at Williams Thriftway, Jacob Elmer at Heidi's Bakery and Mary Lang at Sandy County Florist for their generosity in helping us celebrate National Volunteer Week April 18-24.

MHH served breakfast in bed to Hospice volunteer nurses, assistants, bereavement team and board members to say thanks for all the time, energy and expertise they have given Hospice this past year.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank the Cejka family and the Sandy community for continued support and encouragement.
Patricia Spradling
Executive Director
Macy Brader
Patient Care Coordinator

Play funny

If you like to laugh—really laugh until it hurts, don't miss "A Flea in her Ear" playing Friday and Saturday evenings at Sandy Union High School.

I saw the play last Friday and was delightfully exhausted after two hours of non-stop thrills, spills, frantic action and uproarious laughter that surely made Groucho Marx chuckle from wherever he is.

Don't even think of a high school play. Think of the fun you had seeing "Animal House," "A Night at the Opera" or your all-time favorite comedy. Multiply by 3.5, and you will come close to rating the evening of fun we experienced.

The revolving set is awesome, with more entrances and exits than the Benson Hotel. The actors are superb. Every character is highly developed. The cast sparkles, crackles and flashes with enthusiasm, energy and near-perfect timing, pace and rhythm.

Hats off to Katie Ten Eyck for the colorful, marvelous costumes. A 12-gun salute to commander Mark Kuntz for being drama chief extraordinaire.

Was there anything I didn't like? Well, yeah. Sorry, guys, but the cookies were somewhere between yuck and yechhh!
Jim Wilhite
Sandy

Plants help

The volunteers who operate Sandy Community Action Center wish to offer thanks to the Sandy Garden Club for their recent planting of shrubs on either side of the porch at the Center.

Marge Jacoby, member of the Garden Club and proprietor of Jacoby Nursery, contributed most of the shrubs. Porter Nursery contributed the remainder. Marge did the planting with a bit of muscle assist from volunteers at the Center.

We are now in line with other establishments along Sandy's main streets, who have moved to make our city more attractive with shrubs and trees.
W. Pete Sulzbach
Sandy

Water offered

Passage of Ballot Measure 1 May 18 will benefit communities who desperately need public water supply improvements for both health and economic survival.

Measure 1 would allow up to 50 percent of the state's voter-approved Water Development Loan Fund to be used for such improvements in communities of less than 30,000.

The water fund currently finances irrigation and drainage projects. However, only two percent of the \$1.2 billion fund has

been used for such loans. This leaves ample loan funds for drinking water systems.

The need for financing municipal water supply improvements with low cost loans has been documented. In a survey by the Oregon Water Resources Department 268 municipalities, water districts and community and private water systems were considering improvements in their water supply facilities within the next three to five years.

Some 219 said the Water Development Loan Fund would help finance their proposed improvements.

The survey also indicated that approximately \$44,900,000 would be needed for small municipal water supply financing in the next five years.

Approximately 49 communities have persistent water quality problems, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Responding to these water quality and quantity needs of small communities, Gov. Vic Atiyeh introduced legislation creating Measure 1. It passed both the House and Senate in the 1981 legislative session with only one dissenting vote.

Passage of Measure 1 would help financially-strapped small communities protect their citizens' health, keep pace with population growth and provide a solid base for economic development.

James M. Wright, President of Associated General Contractors
Wilsonville

For Measure 5

For the past several years, I have been a member of the Oregon Commission on the Judicial Branch. I am one of two lay members. The remainder of the members are judges of the supreme, appellate, circuit and district courts—as well as senators, representatives and practicing attorneys.

All of us, together with the public at large, are appalled at the backlog of cases which inevitably delays any new case for months and years at a time. We believe there must be a better method. The Commission will offer to the 1983 Legislature several alternatives that will speed up the process.

As we all know, most people equate efficiency in schools or any governmental agency with dollars.

Wrong! Efficiency is built on intelligent procedures, carefully monitored and modified when necessary. Under the recently enacted

court reform bills, the new system of state court funding provides that the chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court will handle all the funds for the entire justice system in the state. We need the best administratively oriented member of the Supreme Court to have this important job.

The issue raised in Ballot Measure 5 is whether or not the elected justices, themselves, should select the justice administrator, or should he be appointed by the governor from among the elected members of the court.

With all due respect to the seven justices, it is the belief of the Commission on the Judicial Branch and my personal belief that in the selection of the administrator there may be less friendship and seniority taken into consideration by the Governor than by the members of the court, itself.

I urge you to support a "YES" vote on Ballot Measure 5.
Sam Johnson, Mayor
City of Redmond

Death option

Will Capital Punishment be re-instated in Oregon?

The answer to that question now lies in the hands of Oregon's voters. One hundred thousand signatures are needed to assure the Capital Punishment initiatives qualify for the November ballot.

We thank all those who have donated time and money to support this effort. In the first two weeks, our mailing required \$429.80 in postage along. Of course, our printing and office expenses have also been costly.

As a volunteer citizens' group, working for the protection of all, we rely on citizen donations. Many donations have come in response to our buttons. Have you seen them? Our buttons proudly state that we want justice returned to Oregon.

One of our greatest concerns is the lack of credibility in Oregon's justice system. Our present system requires we try reformation of cold-blooded killers. Reform is a desirable goal, where achievable. Most of us admit reformation in some cases is not possible.

To assure future innocent lives are our first consideration, we have made our initiative petitions in two parts. Both parts must be signed and passed in November to create an enforceable capital punishment law.

The first petition actually changes Oregon's constitution, by exempting capital punishment from the refor-

mative clause, and from the cruel and unusual clause. These clauses are two possible obstructions to constitutional law.

In the statute, which is the second petition, we provide for lethal injection as the means of execution. We also have repealed past statutes on the gas chamber. In repealing those statutes, we will save Oregonians nearly \$500,000 in construction costs.

However, much help is still needed. Our first hurdle is to qualify for the general election.

Dedi Streich
Sherwood

Candidate speaks

Since it is impossible for me to meet all voters in your area, I would like to suggest they support a candidate for Senate District 14 who has learned to save and pay rather than just learned to spend.

Many workers are giving 10 percent to 46 percent of their income to the government to spend. (In fact, beginning in July, the Oregon special session ruled to take from you the amount you would have gained from the Federal tax reduction.) I am not in favor of any new taxes. What is needed is employment.

Instead of a legislature that is anti-business (such as almost passing a requirement that firms must give six months notice to close), we need legislators who will encourage business. If there is no business, there are no jobs.

Eliminate government harassment of small businesses, hire Oregon residents for Oregon jobs, and institute a state bank to lend money at a reasonable interest rate. Then people will be back at work and the budget will be balanced.

I am 63. I married during the great depression. We raised three daughters, sponsored an exchange student one year and put two extra boys through high school.

My husband was a logger. I operated a cafe and post office and drove school bus. I learned to be efficient with money to survive.

As a legislator, I would be just as careful with your money, as my own. At age 50, I went to college and graduated in 2½ years with a GPA of 3.3 in education. I then was an instructor at Tongue Point Job Corp for 8½ years and chose Oregon state employee of the year in 1973.

The legislature needs people with some common sense, like me.
Jean Roberts
Mehama

Salem scene:

Local students eye business

by JACK ZIMMERMAN
Associated Oregon Industries

A sound investment in the economic future of Oregon.

That's the way concerned individuals, firms and organizations are describing the dollars they're contributing to purchase scholarships for high school students and their teachers to attend something called Oregon Business Week.

Tyson Grant Cummins, Anne Sarich and Tracy Seegar will attend from Sandy Union High School.

Sponsors figure a population familiar with the role of business in society and the so-called free enterprise system is a basic necessity for establishment of a revitalized economy in our state.

"Business activity creates payrolls for the employed, products and services purchased by us all and the source of taxes and fees that support government activities ranging from protection of public health and safety to education and welfare," according to Dick Reiten, president of Nicolai Company in Portland, who currently serves as chairman of Oregon Business Week.

"That's the fundamental goal of Oregon Business Week," Reiten explained, "making certain citizens of tomorrow and their teachers understand the process and helping today's students find their places as workers and entrepreneurs in the future."

Participating teachers also can earn college credits and expand their ability to instruct their students in subjects related to economics and personal finance high school graduation requirements.

"The scholarship investment turns over many, many times for the high school



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teachers involved," Reiten said, "when you consider the numbers of students they influence when they return to their individual schools."

This is the third year for Business Week in Oregon, which consists of a jam-packed week of learning experiences on the campus of Western Oregon State College in Monmouth, 16 miles southwest of Salem.

Students and teachers from throughout the state will gather the week of July 25-31 this year. Each will attend by virtue of an all-expense-paid \$150 scholarship, covering room, board and materials. They will learn from a volunteer faculty of business people who are making that system work. They learn fundamental economics, essential business practices and how to prepare themselves for the business career of their choice.

More than 150 business people act as instructors and advisors.

Participants also get to operate a business of their own through a computerized management game and visit businesses in the mid-Willamette Valley.

Primary sponsors of Oregon Business Week in addition to WOSC are the State Department of Education, Oregon Council on Economic Education and the Associated Oregon Industries Foundation.

Ask the superintendent:

Cuts, curriculum explained

by JOHN PETERS
Sandy Union High Superintendent

QUESTION: What have you done to reduce your administrative costs?

ANSWERS: Since 1977 we have eliminated seven administrative positions: one coordinator, one director, one transportation supervisor, one administrative assistant, one evaluator, one vice principal and one administrative intern. This has resulted in considerable savings to the district. Currently, all but one of our coordinators also teach, so we are stretching the administrative dollar even more.

QUESTION: Why aren't you placing more emphasis on "basic skills" such as reading, writing and arithmetic?

ANSWER: In order for students to graduate from Sandy Union High School, we require them to have ability in the basic skills. Four years of English, which includes reading and writing, are required. The state of Oregon demands only three. Every student must take mathematics and also must demonstrate skill in mathematics on an achievement test taken during the junior year. Students



who still require special instruction in the "basic skills" when they are seniors automatically are enrolled in either an enriched mathematics or enriched English Class. They must pass these classes at an acceptable level to receive a diploma.

(NOTE: Please address questions for Dr. Peters in care of The Post, P.O. Box 68, Sandy, OR 97055. He promises to answer all questions addressed to him.