

Where'll destructive behavior end?

A public record-burning by 350 church-goers at Sandy Assembly of God Sunday might not mirror wartime book-burning, but it cries for soul-searching.

Commendably, church members warned teenagers about subliminal messages in some popular rock albums that include occult and even satanic statements. The point well made is that rock bands with occult leanings are slipping hidden meanings into popular music, and these messages could affect teens who listen. Suicide, drinking, promiscuity, homosexuality, rebellion, violence and even satanism can result from listening to these records, according to church leaders.

The warning made good sense, and a nationwide scare over rock "satanism" finds the California Assembly even considering a law to label such records with a warning. The public burning Sunday in Sandy, however, appeared more

like a destructive mob out of control.

This is hard to say about friends and neighbors who meant only good by their righteous actions. Unfortunately, the burning barrels fired rage over more than nasty rock records unveiled in church. Mild ballads by artists like James Taylor and even books by renowned authors like Mary Stewart were ripped to shreds and burned with whoops and fiery eyes. The young kids especially seemed to destroy the wild abandon.

Bits of plastic and cassettes hurled in the air struck more than one on-looker, as gleeful teenagers battered Satan's sneaky music into tiny pieces, as encouraged by indignant church elders.

One wonders what such destructive release of pent-up energy by church kids has to do with restoring God's peace and love as dominant message.

Why can't feds budget like Salem?

How come state legislators can cut \$106 million to balance their budget in a single day? For the federal congress, the act's as futile as pitching dimes to balance on a carnival dish.

Surely lame-duck Salem legislators played a role Monday in the quick-fix. Also, Gov. Vic Atiyeh probably wouldn't have asked their concurrence on his outlined cuts, if this hadn't been a re-election year for him.

But he did, and together they showed courage in quick action. Let historians review the wisdom of the cuts. With continued state revenue shortfall hounding them, their budget cuts necessarily cut to the quick and may hurt like heck.

They trimmed \$21 million from state salaries, \$10 million from

state agencies, \$13 million from schools, and \$30 million from property tax relief.

They also hope to realize \$34 million more from increased personal income withholding taxes.

The cuts won't be popular with many Oregonians who will be affected by the blood-letting, but at least our legislators acted decisively to balance the balance.

Contrast them to the great pontificators, debaters and apologists who loiter in the nation's capitol. They haven't balanced the federal government's budget in years and don't appear ready to put themselves on the line with such tough decisions now.

Maybe it's time to send some of our local legislators to straighten things out in Washington and send the great orators home to deliver Fourth of July speeches.

Personally speaking:

Fight fans must be nuts

The Irish challenger was keeping the champion off balance.

He'd climbed through the ropes to take the heavyweight crown away from a man the experts said was unbeatable, but it looked like he might have a chance.

He kept the champ at bay for 12 rounds, and somehow the challenger knew his big punch would land and put the champion and his heavyweight crown in dreamland.

So the challenger battled on, dodging and weaving, just like the old ringersiders said he couldn't—brushing off the champ's jabs, doing his best to stay out of harm's way and shaking it off when it came.

He battled until late in the 13th when he fell under a torrent of blows. He was counted out with seconds remaining in the round.

"I was hitting him and I figured I'd knock his ass out," Billy Conn said after that 1941 title fight with champion Joe Louis. "Hey, what's the use of being Irish unless you're nuts?"

I thought about those words last Friday afternoon and wondered if they applied to the crowd that had gathered in the Southeast Portland watering hole where the publisher and I had stolen away to watch another Irishman, Gerry Cooney, take on another seemingly-indestructible champion, Larry Holmes.

I knew not everyone in the joint was Irish but, at the same time, the thought that we were all a little nuts kept flashing in my mind like the neon sign offering cold suds on tap.

Four and a half hours before the principals were scheduled to enter the ring, war chants were singing their praises. "Cooney, Cooney Cooney" volleyed against "Holmes, Holmes, Holmes."

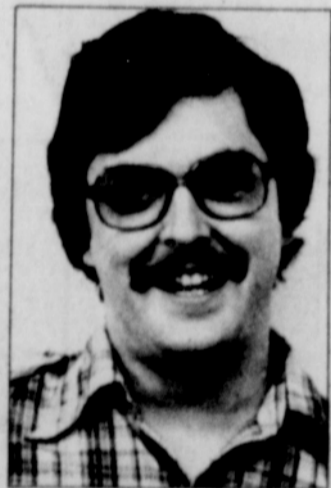
Screams of "Down in front" filled the air, although the big screen was filled with a match recorded months ago and everyone there already knew Thomas Hearns wouldn't beat Ray Leonard.

This would not be a crowd for the faint of heart, I thought. Nor, it appeared, would the faint of heart be tolerated.

It was a fight crowd, readying itself as vigorously for the showdown as the boxers themselves.

Spurred by hype or hope, there are few sporting events like a heavyweight boxing championship.

Seats were sparse by 4 p.m. Customers appeared at the door, left and came back



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with chairs of their own.

While some 3,500 fans paid upwards of \$25 to sit in the Portland Memorial Coliseum for closed-circuit viewing, that tavern with the pirated transmission made life in the cheap seats a little more enjoyable for the 500 patrons who shoe-horned their way inside.

When the scene shifted to the Las Vegas parking lot where Cooney and Holmes would do battle, it seemed appropriate. Most of the fight-goers in our audience, it appeared, had garnered their pugilistic experience in other lots.

Jack Nicholson smiled from the Vegas crowd. Ryan O'Neal sat next to Farrah Fawcett, sipping cocktails.

We shared a table and pitcher of beer with a roofing materials salesman named Al, whose Tareytons added to the haze that threatened to cloud the screen from view.

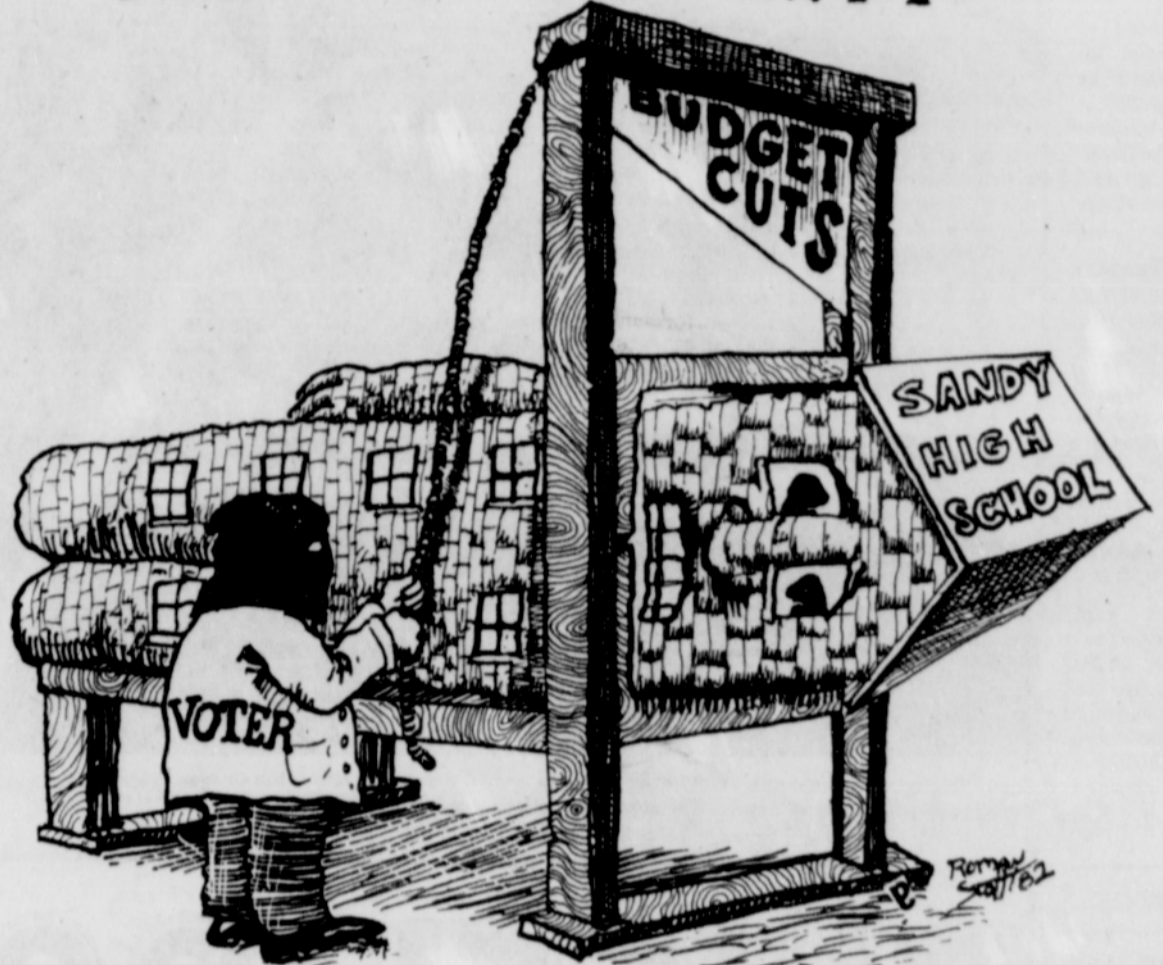
The crush of bodies moved forward in anticipation, round by round, as the Irish challenger kept the champ at bay for 12 rounds and hoped his big punch would land and put the champion and his heavyweight crown in dreamland.

When trainer Victor Valie jumped through the ropes in the 13th to save Cooney from further punishment at the champion's hands, the cheer was less rejoicing than relief.

A thought crossed my mind as we pushed for the exit.

You don't have to be nuts to be a fight fan, but it helps.

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Letters to the editor:

Creationism, school recall debated

Accept Bible

With great interest, I mused over Mr. Hayward's letter about the teaching of divine creation in public schools. Let me first say that a "Christian" is defined as being a believer in the teachings of Jesus Christ. If one believes in Jesus Christ, he or she also accepts the word of God literally and not allegorically. God's word contradicts evolution without a doubt, and leading scientist have agreed that our Earth has experienced many happenings that are recorded in the Bible.

Furthermore, the methods used to determine the age of our Earth, such as carbon dating, appear to be losing their accuracy, as more sophisticated methods are devised and the earlier ones deemed obsolete.

Again, to accept Christ, one accepts Adam as the first man and Eve as the first woman. Man's origin was in the Garden of Eden, and if God had the power to create in the garden, he certainly had the power to create other things to look as old as he wanted them to look.

In John 1:1. The Bible says "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." To "allegorically" accept the Old Testament (which literally explains creation) would mean the acceptance of the word of God as generalizations.

We should not limit what we teach on our "earthly origin," but at least offer "creation" without forcing it upon our students. Creation is not necessarily religion as some refer to religion, but creation is the answer in the acceptance and belief of Jesus Christ.

If anything, man has "de-evolved" since the Garden of Eden. Adam had all knowledge, but we now only use a small portion of our brain. Perhaps we are going backwards?

Skip Walker
Joan Walker
Sandy

Music scare silly

Centuries ago in Europe, the Church sent forth a decree that Satan dwelled within cats and all cats should be killed. The cat population was reduced. A few years later, the plague swept across Europe, reducing the population of human beings by one fourth. The plague was spread by fleas that lived on the infected rats who had a safe life, because the

cats had been killed.

This superstition was responsible for much human suffering. When I learned of this in a history course, I was glad such absurd superstition was no longer present.

After I read the Sandy Post last week (June 10), I changed my mind. Superstition is alive and well in Sandy. Only now, Satan dwells in the records of certain rock groups! The goal of most rock music stars is to get rich, but somehow they are part of a satanic plot! The sad thing about all this talk is that the publicity will probably raise the record sales of those groups.

There are two ways to teach our young people Christian ideals. One way is to preach fear of Satan, perdition and sin. This is know as the —, fire and brimstone approach. This technique brings a lot of attention to those ministers who use it, but all it does for our young is make them afraid, weak and unable to stand on their own feet.

The alternative is to preach about the power of Christian love. This love, once developed and added to devotion and faith in Christ will give young people strength to overcome all obstacles, both real and imagined. An individual filled with Christian love has nothing to fear from Satan. Christ left a religion of love, not a religion of fear of the bogie man.

If you don't believe what I say, read what Paul says about love in First Corinthians, 13th chapter. There he praises love and counsels adults to "put away childish things." Now abides these three, faith, hope, and love; the greatest of these is love.

Harold Hayward
Sandy

School bubbles

The following only are a few of the many reasons we as parents of children at Bull Run School support the recall of the current school board. The board is now attending OSBA workshops, but was not attending them until they came under fire last year because of improper handling of matters concerning dismissal of teachers. Because of their improper handling of these matters, there are three (possibly four) lawsuits pending. The taxpayers of the district are paying for this litigation.

At the last board meeting, Mr. Janz was asked about a comment made at an earlier meeting by Mrs. Rollins, at which she

stated that the board was "not accountable to the public." His comment was yes, that had been said, and to make note of the wording, he did not elaborate.

When it was pointed out that the board's minutes appeared to be slanted because comments made by two parents and Mr. Hass were labeled negative input, the tapes were unavailable.

The board has numerous and lengthy executive sessions. Do they make their decisions in secret meetings before any public input is heard?

The teacher turnover because of board decisions has created an atmosphere of confusion and uncertainty for students, staff and parents of the district.

The majority of interested people in the district were in favor of team teaching and retaining Mr. Hass, a very effective teacher. The board said they would study it at length, yet made a decision within a week of being presented with a petition to retain Mr. Hass and have team teaching.

Kathy Quiett
Sandy
Peggy Stansbury
Corbett

Recall board

I read with interest the letter that Mr. A. Klascius wrote to the editor about the excellent job the Bull Run School board was doing.

I believe he should feel that way because 1. his wife is the Deputy Clerk for that school district. 2. She works out of her home and gets mileage to and from school to pick up her work plus other benefits. 3. She is paid \$8,640, a raise of \$3,240, for a part-time position.

Perhaps she now could work out of the school, as the office space is now available, and she could help with the daily work load.

4. A Minolta EP 310 copier was just purchased by the School Board, but it is to be used no more than 600 copies per month, of which Mrs. Klascius and the Superintendent get to use 500 copies and the five teachers get to split 100 copies or 20 each.

5. Mrs. Klascius purchased State surplus property for the school's secretary, but Mrs. Klascius will use them in her home this summer, even though the secretary is working at the school at that time.

In regard to the school board's handling of other matters, if you disagree with them in the board meetings, your comments

are listed lately as "negative input." If you agree, the comments are written in great detail.

When challenged about this "negative input" we were told to read the tapes, but we found out they had been erased. The main theme of the board has been to bring top notch teachers to Bull Run. But the 1-2 grade teacher, Mrs. Snyder, has asked for a 9-month leave of absence to be with her baby after it is born. The board gave her a leave of absence, but did not guarantee her a job. They make that guarantee to classified employees after they work six months. The parents need to vote in the special election June 22 and recall the board.

Wayne Hass
Corbett

Also for recall

The taxpayers of the Bull Run School District will vote Tuesday, June 22, on one of the most important issues ever faced in the district—the recall of three board members. Only after many long evenings of trying to work out community school-related problems with the board did a group of concerned citizens get together and make the decision to ask for the resignations.

Some of the indiscretions committed by the current board have been:

1. The attempted firing with little or no justification of two teachers, which has resulted in a substantial expense to the district in law suits, some of which are still pending.

2. The hiring of new teachers who employ experimental methods as yet not totally proven to be effective in a time when people all over the country are realizing the need to get "back to basics."

3. The 50 percent increase in salary awarded to the new deputy clerk at a time when most people are taking cuts in salary and hours.

4. The firing on a technicality of a teacher greatly respected by parents and children in the community, rather than attempting to resolve the matter as suggested by other teachers and parents.

5. The total inability to relate to the needs and desires of the taxpayers, parents and children of the Bull Run area, but rather seeking to fulfill what sometimes appear to be personal objectives and goals.

We in the Bull Run School District need a new approach to the methods used in operating our school, and the first step in that

direction is the recall of board members.

Peggie Hodge
Sandy

Support market

The time has come to stop the whining and wringing of hands about economic conditions. Sandy needs creative ideas, and Sandy Country Market is trying to help.

Sandy is not a big city, and it is time to remember our more humble beginnings. That is what the Country Market is about—people trying to help themselves and their community.

Bring your garden produce, crafts or services to our bartering table. A contact list will be kept available. It will be a great way to meet your neighbors. The use of the bartering table is free.

We are committed to the idea of a local "people's" market, even though both the market and I have been threatened. Sandy Country Market does not compete with the Mountain Festival, and will continue each Saturday through the summer.

We need other people committed to this community, willing to stand in the rain for an idea. For information call Pam Hauff at 668-7257.

Pam Hauff
Sandy

Celebration rainy

To the Class of 1982:

We at Sandy Union High School are exceptionally proud of your "commitment to excellence" and "perseverance," as demonstrated at our graduation exercises May 26.

We thank the many fine members of your families and the community who demonstrated their support by attending commencement exercises and reinforced the pioneer spirit of Sandy Union High School.

Best of luck in all your endeavors. We will never forget your graduation.

John D. McMahan
Principal

Candidate writes

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who supported me in my campaign and especially to the many volunteers who helped me win the nomination for Clackamas County commissioner.

I truly am grateful for the community endorsements and all the support that was shown throughout our county.

Bev Henderson
Lake Grove