

Editorial & Opinion

Local economy has its bright spots

A handful of local business failures, not unique these recessionary days, hardly provides cause for alarm. Because business persons become closer friends in a small town where folks known in business double as neighbors, the casualties appear more drastic.

The economy, however, runs in cycles, as do salmon and smelt. Slow runs are followed by good runs. In Sandy's case, though, this slow run is showing some bright new fish migrating upstream against the current.

While Heritage Square is losing its major tenant, there's new hope a new department store may take its place. While wood stove, television, and clothing stores are liquidating, new stores recently have opened to take their places.

Examine the blessings of the past economic year here: A children's clothing store has opened in the Frontier Building, with another boutique and beauty salon upstairs. Nearby a big, new video arcade has opened to give local youth something to do in town.

Also, a trading post has opened in the Western Alley Building, with a new flower and garden shop just down the road.

A waterbed store new in Sandy this year already has expanded with a second store in Portland, while a new Sandy bank is growing this year with a merger.

New owners of Sandy's travel agency recently expanded with a second shop in Estacada.

One builder, Mike Nicholson, reportedly has enough confidence in Sandy's future economy to begin construction of a house here with no pre-sold buyer.

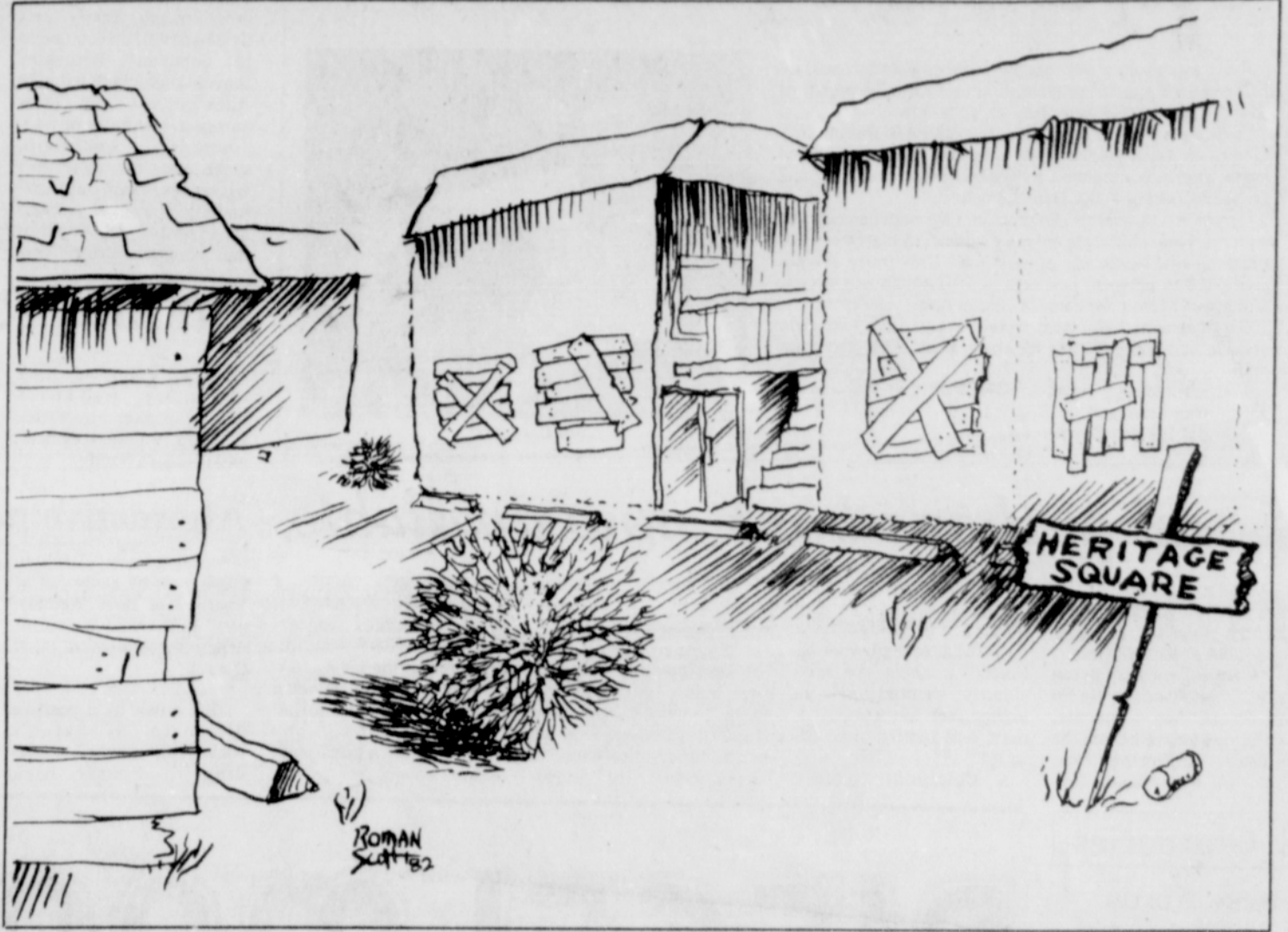
Joel Shekter of Sandy Shoe Repair celebrates his fourth anniversary in business here with similar optimism captured in his sign: "We still believe in Sandy."

Things aren't even that bleak for Heritage Square, where Earl Spinks continues his year-old gun store business here, with other tenants upstairs and next door.

The once-vacant Timberline Trailer industrial building houses a new employer with a solar-energy product for future growth, and the city's joint effort to attract more industry shows promise.

Soon Sandy gets a new, larger post office and a larger Community Action Center, too.

Sandy's brightest run is just around the bend, waiting for the patient. (VB)



Local city manager will be missed

Resigning city manager Roger Jordan credits Sandy for experience in a quality community that got him his promotion to city manager in larger Dallas, Ore.

That's quite a tribute to Sandy, because young Jordan, 32, has developed into a fine city administrator. His four-year track record here provides proof positive.

Sandy has emerged from \$200,000 in debt three years ago to solvency. The city has received long-awaited LCDC approve of its comprehensive plan. Sandy also has lead a three-city regional effort to stimulate industrial growth for planned economic diversification.

Streets that needed paving received paving, despite tight budgets not secured by new tax base election.

Many public services are provided by this small city, yet city departments never have operated more efficiently.

Perhaps the best things to say about the way Jordan is leaving the city is seen in his own confidence in it. While he's returning home to Dallas where he was assistant city manager, Jordan said he someday would like to return to Sandy as a private businessman. At least if he ever went into business for himself, he sees Sandy as a good location.

He helped make it that way with youthful vigor and vision. It's no wonder some city council members consider another young city manager the city's best bet to succeed Jordan.

Sandy will mature and grow larger with time, of course, to where he might not recognize the streets when he returns.

It's just nice to find modern-day pioneers these days who want to see a community develop. It takes a special kind of person, and we wish the city council luck in finding another. (VB)

Letters to the editor:

School board candidates sound off

School, beware

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the citizens of this area who supported me in the June 29, high school board of directors election.

Even though I was defeated, I feel that you as voters and I as a candidate rattled enough cages to make the high school administration aware of the fact there are quite a few people vitally interested in how this school is run and that we are dissatisfied with how our tax dollars are being used in this district.

We lost this battle, but the war is far from over.

Those of you who comprise the high school district administration, be advised. We are watching and will definitely be a force to be reckoned with in the future in regards as to how well you are doing your jobs.

My best wishes to Terry Lenchitsky, and I hope that his term of office on the board of directors will be productive and worthwhile.

Again, my family and I thank you for your support and help. It is our hope that

we can continue to support one another and see to it that our young people receive the very best education they are entitled to and that Sandy High School again becomes one of the best high schools in the state.

Jeff Miller
Sandy

school has to offer and that are included in the 1982-83 proposed budget. We need more input from citizens at school board meetings about these concerns, instead of non-supportive votes at the ballot boxes.

I intend to propose to the board the concept of having a student sit on the board

(ex-officio) and view student concerns, just as I would encourage local citizens to participate in public board hearings.

All school board meetings are posted as to times and dates in the Sandy Post. Most meetings are held 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month

in Rooms 50-51 at the school.

Thanks again for the support, and I will do everything I stated in my candidacy platform to continue to make Sandy Union High School a quality education facility.

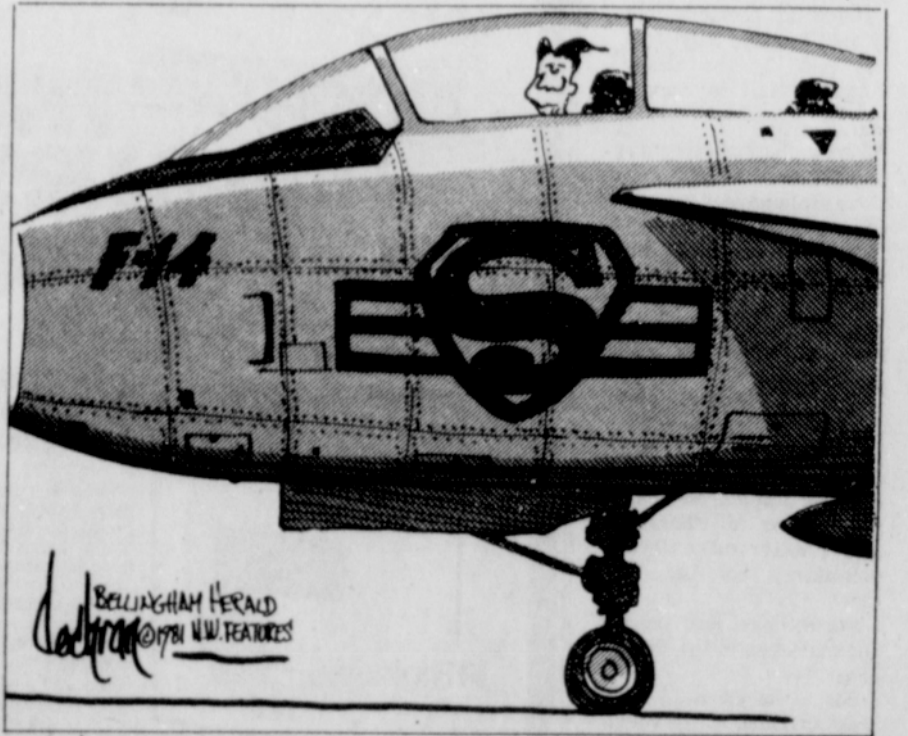
Terry Lenchitsky
Boring

Input sought

I want to personally thank all those citizens that supported me in the June 29 school board election. I especially would like to thank the numerous students who called my house and business, expressing their concerns and desires of Sandy High School.

These students represent all career endeavors including co-curricular activities, academic curriculum, vocational skills and performing arts. These students wanted to know about their school and what changes would occur if any or all the adverse publicity they had heard would become a reality.

Fellow citizens, I feel dedicated to continue the many fine programs the



Ask the superintendent:

Reading, writing skills key

by DR. JOHN PETERS
Sandy High superintendent

QUESTION: What are you doing to teach students to write?

ANSWER: Every student at Sandy High School must complete four years of English. The first year is partially devoted to a serious study of English grammar. The second year is fully composition where the student practices writing using the rules of language he learned as a freshman. In addition, each student who fails to score high enough in language on the California Achievement Test given during the junior year is required to take enriched English as a senior. This course is a writing course with emphasis on mechanics and usage. Three of Sandy High's graduation "competencies" (i.e. minimum goals for graduation) are in the area of writing and spelling. No student can graduate from Sandy High unless he meets these very basic standards.

QUESTION: Why does Sandy use so much water in sprinkling its grounds?

ANSWER: Ninety percent of the water used in maintaining the fields and grounds which comprise the Sandy High campus originates from Sandy High's own self-contained water source (its wells and its pond). Watering of the fields and grounds takes place on a minimum rotating schedule which allows for sprinkling of an area every five days during blistering hot weather. At other times watering is done



to simply keep the fields from drying up and becoming dusty. It should be noted that all playing fields are used as teaching stations for our physical education program and must be maintained to meet Oregon standards for this program. Much of the water used at the fields facing Rannow Stadium is recycled and flows back to the holding pond located in that area. City water to sprinkle campus grounds is used infrequently and only during exceedingly hot weather.

(EDIT NOTE: Dr. Peters will answer questions addressed to him in this column. Address questions in care of The Post, Box 68, Sandy 97055.)

Personally speaking:

No wonder congressmen act crazy

Just when the tension began to climax, the good old "Congressional Record" came through with some munitions for the battle against stress last week.

This talk of stress is no prattle. Like most everyone else, the international situation festered in my mind. I shared the worldwide concern about the name of the new British prince. I pondered events closer to home and worried what life without Al Haig's expropriation of compound military-bureaucratic voguisms will be like.

Worrying about which side road would be my new parking place when my old car died—again—shot my blood pressure to a point I'm sure wouldn't be healthy for someone who is in shape. I worried about worrying too much.

It got to the point I had to admit that, yes, those are gray hairs cropping up throughout my scalp like mushrooms in a cow field after a rain, not specks of paint from refinishing the kitchen ceiling.

Just when I went around the corner and saw the breaking point on the horizon, "The Congressional Record" came to the rescue.

It seems that a lot of U.S.



by DAN DILLON

senators and representatives evidently have days full of stress. Sparing the populace the added cost of throwing elections to replace dying legislators, the daily report of legislative activities provided its readers with some hints for unwinding.

I've started incorporating some of the suggestions into my daily routine and already I've noted a change. I don't worry about what Chuck and Di are going to name their little prince anymore.

1. "Park at the far end of the parking lot, so you have to walk a little farther to your office."

That's a particularly sound suggestion for people who don't get enough road work. If you're like me, it also makes a palatable excuse if you're interested in abandoning your jogging program.

2. "Take catnaps if possible. Lie down in your office and listen to the sound of your breath. This helps blank everything out of your mind."

That certainly sounds like some worthwhile advice. I've always felt a blank mind is a healthy mind. In the case of a few representatives, I'm curious if their minds can get any blander.

I find my catnaps are also more fruitful if I work on them just after completing the first suggestion so I can draw from the added weariness created by the longer walk to drift into dreamland.

So far no one in the office has commented. Probably because it keeps me from spending my working hours lecturing on the importance of supporting the Boston Red Sox.

3. "Carry a heavy attache case, overloaded, when you go home, even if you don't open it, to get

the exercise of carrying weight."

That's ridiculous. I suppose a lot of people with stress probably enjoy eliminating tensions at the end of the day the way I do, with a cold beer or two.

If one keeps this program up for any extended time at all, they already know about carrying a little extra weight.

4. "Take a seventh inning stretch five or six times a day and certainly between meetings."

That works out pretty well, but customers tend to eye you a touch warily after about the fourth time they come in and you're singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

I know "The Congressional Record" was trying to be helpful, but since reading their hints, I've found that if you follow the philosophy of baseball player Mickey Rivers, you won't have to worry about stress.

As Rivers explains it, "Ain't no sense in worrying about things you got control over, 'cause if you got control over them, ain't no sense worrying. And there ain't no sense worrying about things you got no control over, 'cause if you got no control over them, ain't no sense worrying."

Or you can go to the Mountain Festival this weekend. Anyone who can't relax there, can't relax.