

Editorial & Opinion

Packwood fights for equal rights

As Oregon's senior senator works to make it impossible for any woman to get an abortion in this country, Sen. Bob Packwood has picked up the dropped torch of Equal Rights Amendment.

His brave stand on the feminist movement, that died recently three states shy of the 38 needed for ratification, is no small gesture. Republican Packwood already survived one reelected scare on the Moral Majority's hit list of lawmakers the ultra-conservatives want removed.

Packwood, however, believes in a woman's individual right to choose abortion, just as he believes a woman deserves a fair chance to pick her way through business on equal footing.

He argues convincingly that Title IX and Equal Pay and Credit Acts have helped women, but could bend backward with changing political winds in congress.

"Women should not have to fight for equality every two or four years," he said. "Equal protection and opportunity for women should not be subject to the capriciousness of politics. A constitutional amendment is the only permanent insurance women will have of equal opportunity in

education, employment, credit, retirement plans and numerous other areas."

He points out that women account for more than 60 percent of the net growth in the labor force in the last 10 years with 44 million workers. More than half all children younger than 18 have working mothers.

The equal rights amendment only asks in writing what women are supposed to possess already—equal opportunity and pay in a free country. Women today are sort of like the American Indians who asked for a formal treaty to guarantee them the space they thought they had already.

Despite what alarmists who cry "witch" in the streets say, ERA only asks that. Forget the idle chatter about unisex public restrooms or military combat for mothers and daughters.

This state of Oregon Trail pioneers and progressive individualists can be proud of its junior senator for standing up to witchhunters for something as fundamentally American as equal rights. This time, however, let's give him a little support. (VB)

Sandy becoming area hot spot

Residents have to feel proud at the uptown flavor tiny Sandy is gaining with popular cultural events like Sandy Community Players productions and Sandy Mountain Festival.

The ninth annual arts and crafts festival with a record 130 booths recently drew spectators from as far as Wisconsin and North Dakota, according to a guest registration book.

SCP thespians are packing folks from out of town into their little theatre on Proctor Boulevard to watch their musical review of show tunes, "I've Got Rhythm." The George Gershwin numbers especially seem popular with theater-goers, many of whom drive here from out of town in parties for a night on the town. Attendance is running 100-200 nightly, with final shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Like Sandy's little theatre group, the Mountain Festival committee does more with less on a tiny budget of \$10,000 subsidized

by booster button sales, nominal artist fees, commission on food booths and some contributions.

Still, the committee figures to end this season in the black, due in part to commission from hand-picked vendors they signed to work the festival parade route Thursday night.

Like the festival in the park and adjunct fun games throughout town, the parade was a whopping success with a record 102 entries.

In fact, it's grown so large and long that organizers next year might be wise to start the parade an hour earlier to leave a little daylight at the end for the annual moonlight sale of sponsoring merchants and the carnival that finances Fourth of July adjunct activities.

Sandy feeds its guest well, too. More food reportedly was consumed in the park than ever before, which is saying something when you consider some 10,000 elephant ears alone were consumed last year.

Salem scene:

Bicentennial fete timely

by JACK ZIMMERMAN
Associated Oregon Industries

Among suggestions for revitalizing Oregon's economy is one that recalls a brief moment in history, when the spotlight of international attention focused on the state and its largest city.

The suggestion is that Gov. Vic Atiyeh appoint a task force to study the feasibility of conducting a bicentennial exposition to commemorate discovery of the Columbia River in 1792.

Mere mention of such an event in 1992 evokes images of the Pacific Coast's first full-fledged world's fair in 1905—the Lewis & Clark Exposition in Portland. Based on results of that event, such an undertaking indeed could be a significant shot in the arm for Oregon's economy.

The Lewis & Clark celebration not only turned a tidy profit for its investors, it provoked a seven-year development boom, the likes of which were unequalled in Portland until the massive influx of shipyard workers in the early 1940s.

There is a current rebirth of interest in the 1905 world's fair following publication last year of a booklet by the Oregon Historical Society entitled: "The Great Extravaganza."

The most likely indication something might come from the exposition suggestion is the personal interest Gov. Atiyeh has in the Lewis & Clark event. Also a collector of keepsakes from the fair, he discloses that interest in a foreword to Abbott's book. It was from another booth at the fair that the governor's father launched the family-operated rug business that still flourishes in Portland.

There also is an interesting parallel between now and the time that earlier fair first was conceived.

Author Abbott recounts the idea was



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first suggested by Portland dry goods merchant Dan McAllen in the midst of a national depression in 1895—just 10 years before the exposition became reality.

Real economic benefits however, resulted from spending outside the fairgrounds. Attracting more than a million and a-half visitors, the fair infused some \$8 million into the Portland economy alone.

The development that followed truly was phenomenal. In the seven years from 1905 to 1911 bank clearings increased by 150 percent. Value of building permits rose 45 percent. Streetcar traffic doubled and doubled again as 2,400 homes and apartments were built each year during what Abbott describes as the Exposition boom.

Aside from mementoes in collections or gathering dust in someone's attic, few tangible remains of the extravaganza are visible today. But the event officially called "The Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair," launched Portland as a major U.S. metropolis, established that city as a hub of Northwest commerce and is credited with inaugurating trade between this country and those surrounding the Pacific Rim.

So it might take 10 years to put another great extravaganza together. There just happens to be that many available between now and the summer of 1992.

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Letter to the editor:

Soviet pipeline involvement scorned

The president's decision not to cooperate in the Soviet-European pipeline can't be used as a measuring stick to unemployment, like the editorial department of The Oregonian would have you believe. They must have received that tidbit from their crystal ball. I always wondered where they got their information. Now I know.

You can bet if David Rockefeller has his way the U.S. economy somehow will be involved in its construction. Where else could the money come to build it, but U.S. bankers? Of course, taxpayers will back the bankers' investment.

As far as destruction of NATO is concerned, it's pretty obvious that it's been going downhill for a long time. Only the "inter-

national welfare" the U.S. has paid is keeping it together.

And isn't it rather naive to describe a communist source as a diversified energy supply? The same communist nation the NATO forces are supposed to be protecting everyone against. Now someone is talking out of both sides of their mouth, and as usual it's the media.

Secretary Haig's departure only means one less trilateralist whipping-boy in the administration. Now,

is there a way to get Bush to resign?
Ralph A. Sandercock Jr.
Sandy

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Ask the superintendent:

School nurse, elective needs explained

by DR. JOHN PETERS
Sandy High superintendent

QUESTION: Why does the high school employ a health nurse?
ANSWER: The Minimum Standards for Oregon Schools require all school districts in the state of Oregon to maintain a "prevention-oriented health services program for all students." Sandy High School employs a registered nurse for just this purpose. In addition to screening students for vision and hearing problems, the nurse also maintains health records and health record information, assists in communicable disease control and provides emergency health



care. This year all Oregon schools were required to enforce the immunization law, which

adds another responsibility to the nurse's workload. Sandy High School shares the cost and time of the nurse with Cottrell, Bull Run, Boring and Welches elementary schools.

QUESTION: Why does Sandy High have so many elective courses?

ANSWER: Sandy High School has fewer electives in comparison to its required courses than most Oregon schools. Since Sandy High School requires more English and science than demanded by the state, elective offerings necessarily must be limited. In order to acquire 24 units to graduate (a unit is a single, year-long class that meets

for 43 minutes, five days a week), a student at Sandy High School must take 15.5 units of requirements and 8.5 units of electives. Those electives, such as the ones in English, at times may substitute for required courses. Our philosophy is to make our electives as tough or tougher than those courses which all students must take. We have tried to develop options with our elective program, which allow students to pursue in depth those subjects in which they have a serious interest.

(NOTE: Dr. Peters will answer questions addressed to him in care of The Post, P.O. Box 68, Sandy 97055.)

Personally speaking

New Bull Run board seeks harmony

Bull Run school board meetings are considered the wildest and craziest in the area.

That reputation, regardless of whether it is deserved, may be undergoing a change.

Friday night the three members, including one survivor of the recall election, met to fill the two vacancies left by the recall, and the mood seemed to be one of reconciliation.

"It was really pleasant," said Karen Rollins, who survived the recall vote June 22 by a 76-72 margin. She was elected board chairman later in the meeting, after the two vacancies had been filled.

"I think people may be ready to wipe the slate clean and start over again," Rollins told The Post. "I hope so."

Jim Bollerman, a victim of the recall (79-70), was at the meeting. Motioning toward the front of the room, he said, "These people are our elected representatives. Representative democracy is right here."

"I have confidence that they're all going to do the best job they can for the school. I'd like to see the rest of us here just kind of get off their backs and let them do their job."

In an interesting twist, Jack



by SCOTT NEWTON

Layton, who was turned out of office by a 66-61 vote on June 29 (with David Shaw winning his seat), was back on the board by the end of the evening.

Eight people in this small school district (about 100 students) tossed their names in the hat for the two openings.

They included Layton, Cletus Courtain, Joan Ferdu, Rodger Atkins, Carolyn Romey, Ray Dahl, Pauline Buhler and Glory

Yankauskas.

A unanimous decision, or three votes, was needed to select a fourth member. Layton, with four years of experience to his credit, was selected on the second vote of the board.

"I was both surprised and pleased to have Jack back on the board," Rollins told The Post.

Before Layton was voted back on, Rollins, with just over a year's experience, was the veteran board member.

Life-long area resident Pauline Buhler, who said she would represent the board "from the retired person's point of view," received the nod for the last opening on a 3-1 vote.

Rollins' theory on why things went so well is the feeling that perhaps the recall served as a pressure valve, and now some of the steam has been released.

About the recall, she said, "I was real surprised to have survived it. I was pleased because I really care about what I'm doing."

She added, "I felt it was really unfair. I felt I had a strike against me because I moved into the area and got involved before I really got to know people."

"It hurt my feelings that people formed their opinions without

knowing me."

She feels a compromise must be reached between a board meeting serving as a public forum, and as a business meeting, and she said she would direct her energies in that way.

Layton said he talked to some of the people who helped organize the recall, and they reportedly told him they would now stand by the board and its decisions.

Layton is working to negotiate a contract with Wesley Jahn of Eagle Point, an administrator he feels "has a lot on the ball."

Layton said Jahn has expressed a desire to have a good working relationship with the board, and it is hoped communication will be improved with a new superintendent.

Least one think that all is well, there was an edge in Andy Schmidt's voice as he asked the board to come to grips with negotiations on a new contract for the five teachers.

Layton said getting the teachers' contract settled is now the board's priority.

Rollins is realistic when considering how long the harmony can last. "It has been brewing a number of years," she said. "It won't just heal in one year."