

## Sandy would smile with facelift

City Planner Don Wilson this month is treating Sandy Chamber members to programs on downtown revitalization the business community would be wise to put to local use.

The idea of such storefront facelifts is to put on a happy face for tourists that model towns like Sisters, Jacksonville, Leavenworth, Winthrop and White Salmon-Bingen also have found uplifting for residents refreshed in civic pride.

Oregon's director of Preservation Resource Center told Sandy merchants the local Barlow Trail Road provides ideal theme for Sandy to dress its streets, storefronts and public buildings in a pioneer motif.

Eric Eisemann, who has helped revitalize comparable cities, points out that federal tax credits are available for revitalizing downtown buildings 30, 40 and 50 years old.

A western theme has worked to dress up Jacksonville, Jackson Hole, Sisters and Winthrop. Suddenly the towns prosper with the charm of the shops that draw new shoppers. Across the Gorge near Hood River in White Salmon-Bingen 2400 persons stopped fighting long enough to give their poor stores a Bavarian facelift. Civic pride bloomed, according to chairman John Blake of United Telephone, as shoppers stopped heading out of town to shop. Suddenly folks started drifting into their tiny community to spend the

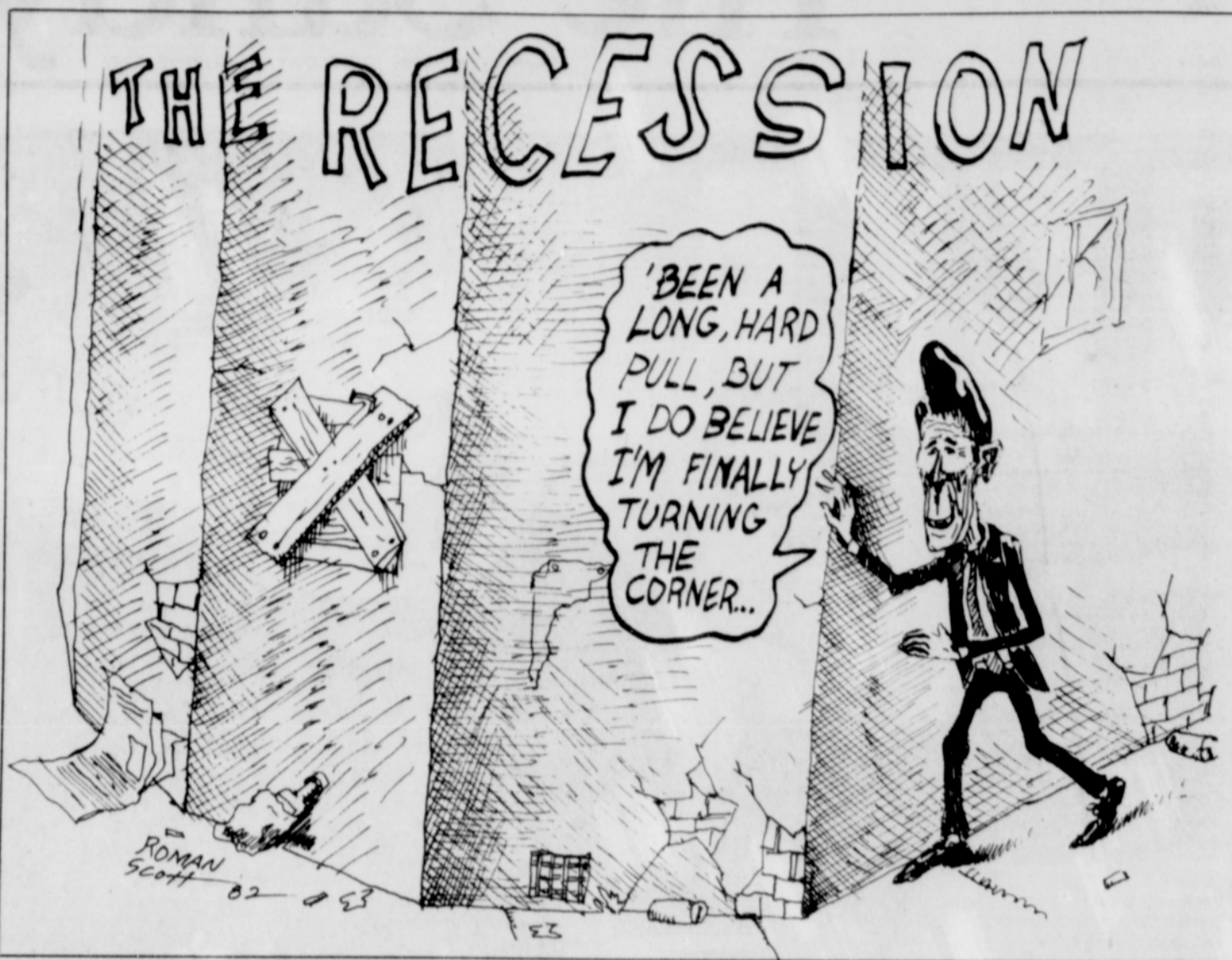
day. In the first phase, 32 new businesses started as a result of the project. Also, some 250 new jobs were created, tax rolls increased by 32 percent and property value increased.

Eventually some state and federal matching grant money helped complete the downtown revitalization, but the program started with personal commitment of unified merchants. College students were happy to donate their expertise.

In Petersburg, Alaska, an authentic "Little Norway" theme transformed the town with donated time from artists who sketched false storefronts and high school shop students who cut the one-piece arches as add-on carpentry. Merchants painted their own storefront pieces as key-coded and picked up the materials-only tab of \$300 per front.

There's a lot an authentic pioneer town like Sandy could do to dress up its downtown, too, while providing more jobs and better cash flow for stores and tax-funded services.

It doesn't even need to be costly or compromising in a plastic sort of tourist approach. A little daring and cooperation could transform Sandy into a very exciting and beautiful city with personality. How about it, hungry merchants? The place to start is within the Chamber and merchant association with the help of city hall. (VB)



## Letters to the editor:

# Roads, nukes, world finance eyed

### Fix roads wisely

I understand that Bluff Road again is undergoing repairs. We moved to Sandy five years ago, and we found potholes and shoulders marked for repairs. In the past five years we have seen these same potholes and shoulders marked for repairs. North Bluff Road persists to be the most expensively kept road without proper maintenance procedures.

In another city and county in Oregon I asked the chairman of the county commission why his roads were better than ours in Sandy and Clackamas county. He said he told his road department that if funds are limited, whatever they do they should do right and not do anything not right within the funds.

A year or two ago I discussed with the city manager the repeated repairs for the same things on North Bluff Road, and he said that the city doesn't have funds for inspection.

I recall a cartoon on the editorial page of The Post a few months ago showing a road crew repairing Bluff Road. One of the crew, presumably the foreman, was sitting in the truck, having a smoke. One of the

crew was digging potholes, and the other was filling them up. If this is the way the repair crews work, shouldn't we find some other way to get our road repairs done?

I recommend that inspections be included in the repair contract and that Bluff Road be maintenance-free for at least three years.

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### Watch banks

Few people realize it, but emitting from the intellectual sector of the National Democratic Policy Committee headed by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. comes a warning of potential bankruptcy of the international Euro-dollar banking system.

The trillion-dollar-plus international bank is the off-shore, unregulated, dollar-dominated system that allows creation of bogus money out of thin air in any currency. This currency then is pegged to the U.S. dollar and issued as loans to insecure third-world developing countries.

Some of these debtor countries now are unable to either service or repay their loans, and their financial collapse will collapse

the Euro-dollar system, which largely is influenced or controlled by England, English, Swiss and other international bankers will try to prevail upon United States monetary authorities to rescue Euro-dollars by supplying billions of newly printed money.

If carried far enough, these dollars could create hyper-inflation and completely destroy our monetary system. What now is needed is millions of U.S. citizens to call upon the president and their congressmen to NOT redeem any form of U.S. dollar, except those lawful issues of actual legal U.S. notes.

Such fictitious dollars are funny-money and solely the responsibility of the financial institutions that actually issue such foreign credits.

The Euro-dollar off-shore, unregulated banking system is like a gigantic crap game, and U.S. should wash its hands from all such activity.

Petitions to sign on this subject are available from C. B. Koenig, 668-9845.

Clifford B. Koenig  
Sandy

### Nukes shunned

Ruth McFarland visited Sandy last Thursday. She is

the Democratic candidate for Congress in our district. Not many were present at the coffee hour in Sandy Community Center. Those who were had a splendid opportunity to sit in a circle with candidate McFarland and exchange thinking on major issues. McFarland declared the issue of nuclear armaments and nuclear war was the major issue. "After all," she said, "if we are dead or dying, the others do not matter."

Ruth McFarland is a science instructor at Mt. Hood Community College. Her PhD degree in genetics enables her to be specially cognizant about harm done to our human gene pool by radiation all the way from mine to power plant or bomb assembly.

She is aware of the study done by Dr. Rosalie Bertell on student scholastic scores and the finding that downward of the desert areas where we have set off above and below ground

nuclear explosions the student scores are lower to a statistical significant degree-brain damaged children. This study was reported in the Oregon Journal July 8.

McFarland is strong for the nuclear freeze proposal. "You have got to stop testing and making nuclear bombs before you can begin to do away with them," she said. Her stand is in sharp contrast with her opponent, Denny Smith, who voted against the nuclear freeze resolution in Congress.

In discussing the environment, McFarland indicated she is for protection of it and handing down to our children clean air and water with a careful stewardship of our natural resources. In careless use of our resources, she said we have been like children at the candy jar.

W. Pete Sulzbach  
Sandy

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## Postal hike hits rural community

Roses to U.S. Senators Quentin Burdick (D-N.D.) and Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) for securing a brief rollback in new high postage rates that stagger rural community newspapers and non-profit service organizations with second-class mailing permits.

President Reagan vetoed two earlier efforts for urgent supplemental appropriations for subsidy recently cut. Even so, the temporary rollback in new stiff rates lasts only two months.

It's good news for rural communities served by newspapers mailed to subscribers and service organization newsletters, however.

Congress dealt a blow to the flow of information in rural America recently with overnight large increases in postal rates, rather than gradual step in-

creases earlier promised.

Recent compromises to settle the federal budget means in-county newspaper rates will have more than doubled between January and October.

Some churches, schools, fire departments and other non-profit public service organizations eligible for second-class mailing also have lost postal subsidy.

It would be helpful if Congress would keep its commitment to phase any necessary second-class mail increases by orderly schedule. It's nice to warn someone before pulling the rug from under them.

After all, the free flow of information is just as important in rural communities, where publications depend on the mail for distribution. (VB)

## Salem scene:

# New crunch session looms

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The likelihood of yet another budget shortfall is casting shadows on state government in Salem this week.

But an even more ominous cloud is becoming visible on the horizon.

A still-stagnant economy is blamed for the current overcast. A continuing recession, coupled with voter passage of Ballot Measure No. 3—the 1½ percent property tax limitation initiative—could fill that cloud to alarming size.

The present gloomy financial situation currently is under study by state revenue analysts, who are expected to deliver their forecast to Gov. Vic Atiyeh Aug. 24. Rumors throughout the capitol building indicate the absence of economic recovery will produce less than anticipated tax revenue and still more trimming of spending required to achieve the mandated balanced budget for the remainder of the current biennium through next July.

Size of another deficit this biennium likely will determine whether Gov. Atiyeh calls lawmakers into another special session to deal with the problem.

The governor has the power to trim spending. He is understandably reluctant to make significant cuts without concurrence by the Legislature, particularly with a general election on the horizon.

Even the prospect of another budget-trimming special session is unsettling. Lawmakers have been able to do little more during the last two years than adjust spending and revenue.

A dilemma that faces both the governor



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and Legislature is worsened by the fact they repeatedly have tapped obvious and not-so-obvious revenue sources over the past two years.

Given the impending general election and record tax increases already imposed, it appears likely yet another special session could concentrate heaviest on spending cuts. One of the most likely targets would be something more than the \$140 million left in the property tax relief fund.

Lawmakers have twice pared that program initiated at the height of a budget surplus in 1979. Although further reductions in property tax relief payment, bode poorly from a political standpoint, the precedent for dipping into that fund has been established. If the 61st Assembly does any more dipping, it will have to be done before the funds are committed to residential property owners and renters Sept. 15.

That means if Gov. Atiyeh calls a third special session this year, he will do so probably early next month.

Some estimates peg next biennium's budget shortfall as high as \$1.4 billion, if Measure No. 3 is added to the other deficit factors.

## Innocent Bystander:

# Blessed be Moonies who inherit earth

The Reverend Moon is appealing a sentence of 18 months in the poney for tax evasion. "I misused not a penny," he told his faithful followers through an interpreter. "In the tradition of Jesus, I taught to live for the sake of others."

In comparing himself to Jesus, the Korean evangelist is, of course, referring to that little-known book of the Bible, The Gospel According to St. Pontius. The pertinent chapters begin with "The Sermon in the Mansion." Excerpts follow:

And seeing his disciples, he went with them into his mansion of many rooms so as to dine. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Render unto God the things which are God's, and render unto Caesar as little as you can get away with. For I say unto you:

Blessed are the rich, for they shall inherit the earth, the improvements thereon, and the double-declining depreciation method.

Blessed are the enterprising who diversify their holdings, for their reward shall be inscribed on the bottom line.



by ART HOPPE

Blessed are the meek, for they shall sell flowers in camel caravan lounges.

But even more blessed are those which lead the meek, for they shall have cheap labor.

And again I say unto you, it is easier for a rich man to enter into a tax haven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. But whom say ye that I am?

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Prophet of Profits, to whose miracles wrought with leverage and creative financing we bear witness.

And the Master said unto him, Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my tax dodge.

As the disciples did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of

you shall betray me. And, lo, there came a multitude of tax collectors. And Judas forthwith kissed Jesus, saying, Hail, Master. Thou has led me into wealth, for I am now richer by thirty pieces of silver.

And Jesus was taken before Pilate the governor: and the governor asked him, saying Art thou the Prophet of Profits and what recommends thou for short-term capital gains? But Jesus answered him never a word, as he spoke only Serbo-Croatian and they had taken from him his interpreter.

Then Pilate washed his hands, and ordered his soldiers to take Jesus to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, and there to be (ital) audited.

And, lo, the disciples rent their clothes and tore their hair. And Judas, when he saw the evil he had wrought, went and hanged himself. And the followers of Jesus came unto him, weeping and wailing, and begged him, saying, O, Master, tell us what to do.

And he answered them, saying, Sell more flowers.

Thus was he taken to Golgotha, and, like most taxpayers who are audited, he was crucified. And the tax collectors cast lots to see who would have the very cloak off his back.

Then came unto him the disciples, all in mourning. And he spake unto them, saying, Fear ye not, for our joint business venture shall rise again.

Go ye forth into all nations and multiply. Multiply thy commercial property holdings, thy newspaper's advertising revenues and all thy conglomerates' stock options. Have faith in my teachings; alter thy corporate records, falsify thy tax returns, and lay up the treasures of this earth.

Then he spake prophecy, saying, Some day, there will rise up another teacher, who will remember all the commandments I have commanded you, except for the greatest commandment of all: Don't get caught.

And, lo, so it came to pass.

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