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Cyclist pride of Sandy

Sandy's Mike Sheppard, 17, continues to bring honor to his mountain community as one of the premier racing cyclists in the nation.

Recently he brought home a silver medal for his time in team pursuit and set a new personal record at Colorado Springs by shaving 12 seconds off his best 3,000-meter time.

While he finished just out of the top four spots to qualify for Junior World events in New Zealand, his fifth-best overall effort is not disheartening to him or fans back in Sandy.

Basically, the recent Sports Festival qualifying rounds picked junior national team members in road racing and sprint racing for a long-distance team.

Mike's basically a pursuit

racer—something he does very well in top competition. In early qualifying rounds at Colorado Springs, he placed fourth in individual pursuit and lapped the field.

And Mike reasons there's plenty of time at nationals in the Los Angeles Olympic Velodrome to qualify for junior world cycling championships in New Zealand.

Making it to nationals and doing well there has been his goal all along.

Incidentally, he must race to Los Angeles July 31 and then race back to Sandy Aug. 6 to race to New York with the family for an annual reunion on father Peter's side of the clan.

They must be proud of this young man who still plays with bikes—as we all are. (VB)

Chamber tent party worthwhile

The Sandy Chamber of Commerce has invited the entire greater Sandy community to join them at a no-host wine-tasting party 5-11 p.m. this Friday at their Wine Fair and Food Feast tent off Pioneer Boulevard.

The informal party at the "Bear Garden"—not to be confused with the Lions' Beer Garden, has been organized basically for weekend Mountain Festival vendors to unwind after setting up their booths in the park Friday night. Members of all area chambers also have been invited.

The party also represents one way virtually all residents have to show Chamber support. It's also a good way to experience the fun the Chamber has created with its new 12-vendor festival annex-

fair behind Decker and Scales Store.

Necessity, it's said, is the mother of invention. Sandy's Chamber with a whopping 96 members but mounting bills to operate and staff an office, long has searched for a good fund-raising event.

The tent the Chamber rented to lease booth space to companion wine and food vendors may gross an estimated \$5,000 for the Festival Committee's parent body, perhaps netting the Chamber some \$2,000 profit.

So purchase of a glass of Chamber wine in a souvenir Wine Fair and Food Feast glass might be a fun way to help support the Chamber and its many civic functions. (VB)

Salem scene:

Legislature 'unproductive'

by JACK ZIMMERMAN
 Associated Oregon Industries

The 62nd Oregon Legislative Assembly is about to adjourn, sine die.

Or, the 62nd Legislative Assembly ISN'T about to adjourn, sine die.

On the other hand, the Assembly ALREADY may have adjourned, sine die, by the time you read this.

Based on rumors rampant in the capitol's corridors, these are among conclusions drawn, as the 1983 regular biennial session of the Legislature concluded 25 weeks of deliberation in Salem.

For a number of reasons, the first assumption appeared the most likely. Among them was the fact this Assembly hadn't yet solved the major problems it faced when it first convened last Jan. 10.

The state's budget for the next biennium wasn't yet balanced—a constitutional requirement.

All of Ways and Means Committee's spending bills han't yet been approved by both House and Senate.

The session's major land-use law revision bill hadn't been passed.

The property tax relief and revenue reform issue was far from settled.

If those reasons weren't enough to suspect lawmakers would continue the present session for some time to come, consider the fact they had enacted only something less than 25 percent of all measures introduced during the last six months.

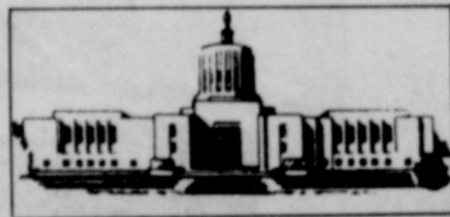
In light of those considerations, the Legislature was about to adjourn. But not quite yet.

Due to years of persistent recession that produced dwindling tax revenues, hardly anyone expected this session to be one—during which a flood of spending proposals would swamp the process. If fewer bills were introduced, it also appeared likely fewer would achieve enactment.

On this session's 172nd day, a total of 2,070 had been introduced—the lowest number in a decade comparing most closely with the 1,911 introduced in 1971. But that year lawmakers enacted 792 of those measures in 151 days. That was 41 percent of all measures considered.

Later sessions saw 2,481 introduced and 841 passed (34 percent) in 1973, 2,630 introduced and 867 passed (33 percent) in 1975, 2,812 introduced and 978 passed (35 percent) in 1977, 2,434 introduced and 946 passed (39 percent) in 1979 and 2,533 introduced and 988 passed (39 percent) in 1981. That means that in sessions since 1971, Oregon Assemblies have enacted an average of 37 percent of all measures introduced.

If the 62nd Assembly matches that average, it must enact something in the neighborhood of 766 measures—about 200 more than were passed by the end of the 25th week. If this Assembly only achieves a production record of the lowest percent-



tage in the last decade, it will still push more than 200 measures through before adjourning.

Senate President Edward Fadeley (D-Eugene) has been claiming for some time this Assembly will conclude its business and leave many bills unpassed, still languishing in committees.

That prediction appears quite likely, considering a number of committees in both chambers have ceased work and large numbers of bills still haven't received final disposition. As the 25th week started, Senate committees still had 574 awaiting disposition of one kind or another. House committees still had 358.

More interesting than actual passage of bills, however, is the time this Assembly is consuming in the process. That 1971 session adjourned after only 151 days. By comparison, this session's 151st day was last June 9.

The 1973 session lasted 180 days, while the 1975 session lasted 153 days and the 1977 session 177 days. The 1979 session lasted 178 days, while the 1981 session lasted 203 days.

Considering the fact this Assembly appeared likely to observe at least a two-day Fourth of July holiday, it looked just as likely it will match 1977 and 1979 sessions for length and perhaps even become the second-longest session by beating the 180-day mark set in 1973. That occurs Friday, July 8, this year.

It's interesting also to note that since the 1971 session that achieved a 41-percent mark for passage of measures introduced, successive Assemblies have vastly expanded staffs and facilities, ostensibly to achieve greater efficiency.

Cost-effectiveness of those expenditures has to be a question in the minds of many observers.

Despite doubling the amount of space in which they conduct their sessions and doubling the amount of staff to help them, Oregon Legislative Assemblies obviously are meeting longer and accomplishing less—at least from a statistical standpoint.

What good are statistics? That's a good question. The answer isn't obvious. But it's likely they'll come in handy for those who seek other solutions, if major issues such as land use and property tax relief aren't satisfactorily resolved by this Assembly.

(NOTE: Jack Zimmerman writes a regular weekly column for Associated Oregon Industries, a state lobbying group. His statements don't necessarily reflect opinions of The Post.)



Letters to the editor:

Festival team raps Post for cartoon

Many helped

We wish to thank the Sandy Fire and rescue crew, Orville Hartshorn plus Jack, Karen and Kathy Layton for their help following our recent accident.

Ron and Jimmila Jantz
 Sandy

finest supplement to the Sandy Post on the Sandy Mountain Festival that has been published to date.

In the same issue the editor has published a cartoon concerning the

festival that is in extremely bad taste, to say the least.

To infer that the Sandy Mountain Festival is nothing more than traffic, carnival and beer is a direct slap in the face to the

hundreds of local people who exert their time, skills and money to put together the finest example of clean family entertainment in the Pacific Northwest.

I believe the editor owes

each of those people a personal apology.

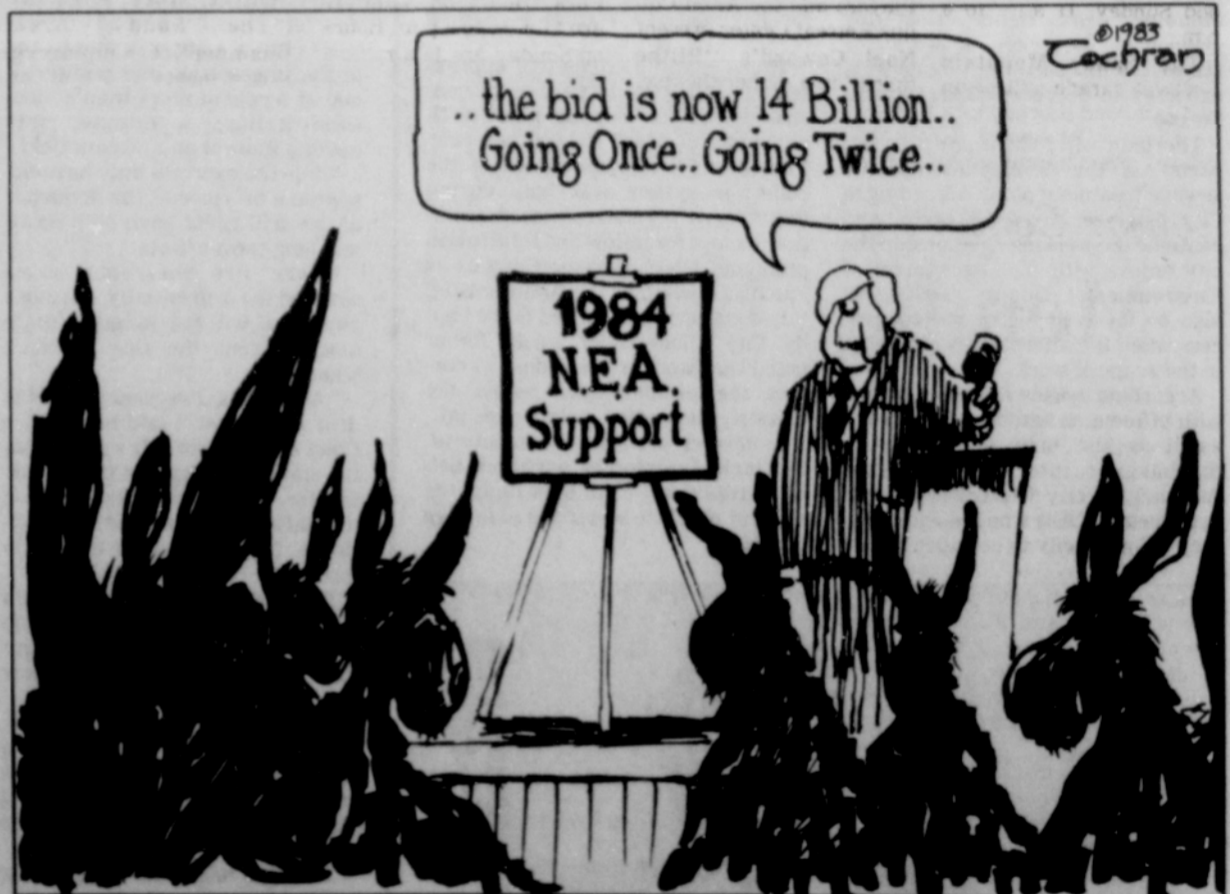
Darrell Dempster, chairman
 Mountain Festival Committee

Cartoon slammed

The staff of the Sandy Post spent many hours interviewing people plus collecting data and photographs the past few weeks to put together the

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Personally speaking:

Town with Big Macs rules

Sandy's in the winner's circle, some say, now that McDonald's is coming to town. The ground breaking on the highway near Jantz Berryland already has some folks excited.

Sometimes you gotta wonder what they put in those little burgers that makes people keep coming back like addicts. Or maybe it's the charm of the clown and his band of merry men at "McDonaldland." I dunno. But the big top's coming to Sandy, and we better be ready.

I mean, it's big stuff for a small city to have your own McDonald's. Witness what happened in Juneau, Alaska, awhile back, according to Brightwooder Barth Clooten who works at Wildwood Park.

Well, the Last Frontier's capital city of Juneau really isn't that big at approximately 13,000 residents. But it's nonetheless the third largest town in Alaska and certainly a mecca of marketing niceties in the Southeast Panhandle, where surrounding island townships aren't so blessed with "civilization."

Enter McDonald's. Juneau had



by VON BRASCHLER

one, and the other surrounding townships—isolated from civilization of mecca—turned green with envy. Talk about your "Big Mac attack!" Apparently some kids can't go too long without a Big Mac, even roughing it in the bush country.

The Sourdoughs without the sesame seed buns therefore applied for "foreign aid." Folks in Juneau came to their aid.

Apparently the city folks treated their nearby country cousins to an air drop of burgers, known regionally as a "Big Mac Attack Vac."

"Guess "vac" is the inside-out militant word for "evac," as in "medi-vac." Only here the goods went in, rather than the problems being shipped out. OR, "vac" could have been a shortened word for "vacuum," which the deprived nearby village certainly suffered, McDonald's-wise.)

The nice thing about Sandy's McDonald's—other than the 35-40 persons it probably will employ here on the west end of town—will be its accessibility. Deprived neighbors in Hoodland, Eagle Creek, Estacada, Boring and Bull Run can run over to Sandy via handy-dandy roads and quench a "Big Mac attack," should one strike. That's what's nice about having the city of Sandy located smack-dab in the middle of a major state highway with nearby connections for other highways

and major arterials.

Obviously, that fact appeals to the bread and butter folks of McDonald's, who hungrily eye the more than 10,000 cars that cruise through Sandy daily EACH WAY. That's a lot of munchkins to prowl through McDonaldland or any other business you might want to set smack-dab in the middle of things.

Naturally, Sandy city fathers with their scorn for big, gaudy uptown signs, wouldn't approve the famed 200-foot golden arches that identify McDonald's stands the world over. The 34 foot by 77 foot building, rather, was granted a 50-foot sign to snare cars off the highway. Indeed, half of the business for the Sandy McDonald's is expected to filter through the stand's drive-up window.

One wonders next whether Ronald McDonald himself will help Sandy Mayor Ruth Loundree cut the ribbon on the local stand when completed.

And who's gonna keep an eye on the hamburger during all the big-time festivities?