

Communication our aim

Two-way communication with the community — that's one of the important roles of a local newspaper.

After an interesting conversation one walks away with a good feeling. The same should be true with a good community newspaper.

When changes occur in daily life, or business, it gives us time to pause and reflect on ways we can live or work in better fashion. This week, the staff of The Post sat down to discuss ways it can publish a consistently better local newspaper.

Like conversation, a good community newspaper provides its readers with images — actually reflections of the past, present and future.

Certainly, new information adds to any dialogue. In a newspaper that information should be presented fairly, accurately, with balance and as completely as possible manner.

The best conversations are with a friend. At The Post, our friends are your neighbors and fellow workers. Local news and feature stories about our community — and your friends — are our primary purpose. We put you first and we always will.

No conversation is complete without some sort of entertainment. Sometimes it may appear that a newspaper's mood is darker than the ink with which it is printed. A sense of humor or a

light touch should surface somewhere. A good newspaper also should help to educate its readers — providing information which can improve daily life.

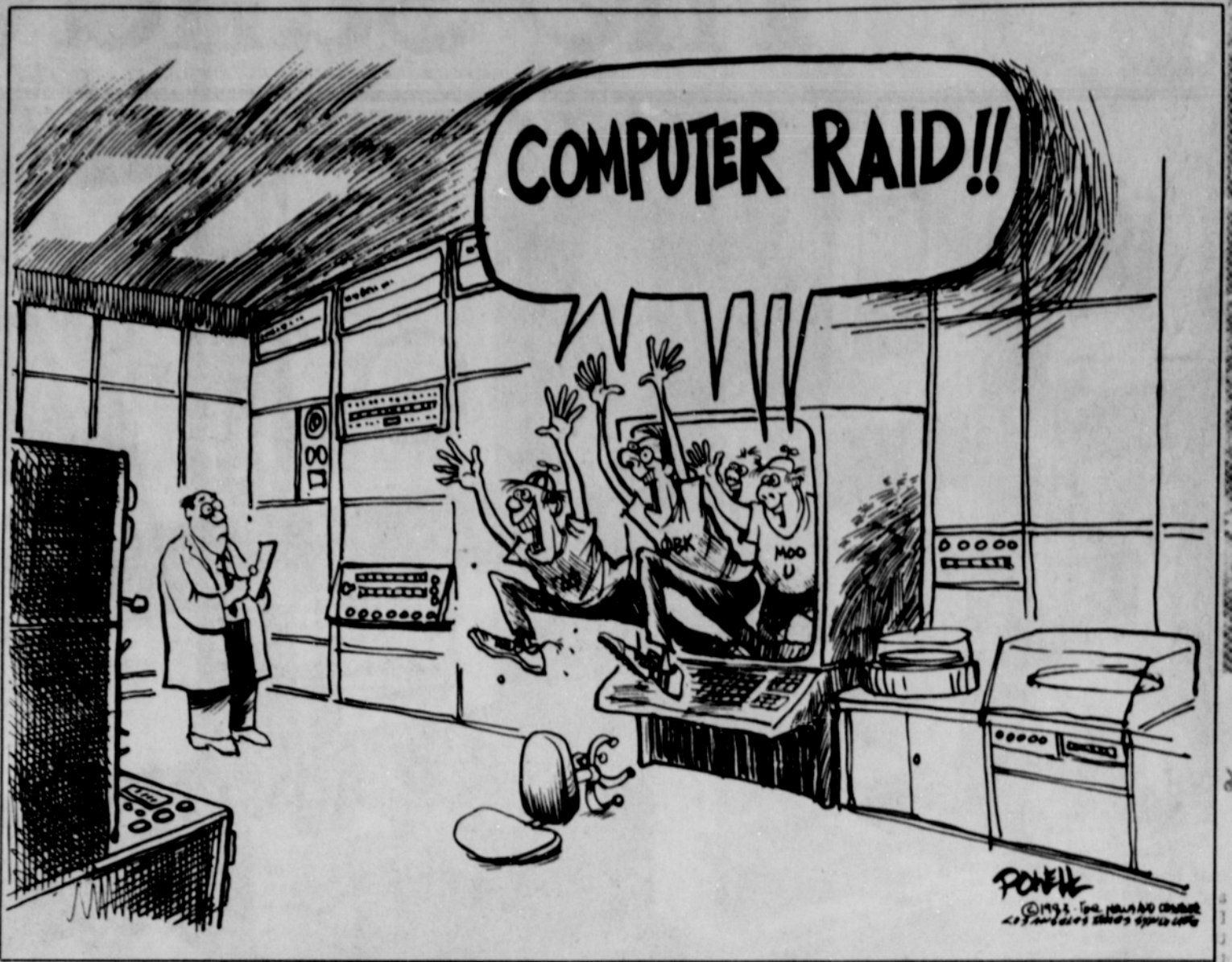
It should also help to promote a free enterprise system through news coverage and affordable advertising, which should assist local businesspeople to effectively and successfully merchandize their goods.

Listening is probably the most difficult art in any relationship. Our involvement in the community, such as active membership in such organizations as the chamber of commerce, assistance in projects beneficial to area residents, and local purchase of goods and services make listening a little easier.

And a good paper should help lead through the publication of well-written and researched editorials and columns.

We sincerely believe that a one-way conversation is no conversation at all. Extending our listening abilities to the editorial page provides readers opportunity to express their opinions. The Post attempts to print all letters of good taste and reasonable length and will continue to do so.

These are our goals. By reaching to achieve them, The Post will become a better community newspaper and each week will give its readers the satisfaction of having completed a good conversation with a friend.



Letters to the editor:

'Foxy' survey suggest name change

Ball fields bring benefits

The creation of a four-field athletic complex being planned by local baseball and softball enthusiasts is a good idea for Sandy.

The development is taking place off North Bluff Road behind the Sandy Ward Chapel (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). Along with the four fields, a log building is planned to provide a pioneer look.

The land is owned by the Sandy Union High School District, and officials have reportedly approved the project, providing that discipline is maintained in the area and youngsters benefit from the project.

User fees for visiting teams should take care of maintenance and improvements, with extra funds supporting Sandy programs.

The complex would benefit about 350 local youngsters and another 300 adults — that's at present participation levels. The size of the adult league is somewhat determined by the amount of playing space.

The fields could be used for baseball or softball. Base paths could be adjusted for play by adults or youngsters.

Both Will Abshire, president of the Sandy Area (Adult) Softball Association, and Glenn Abbott, president of the Sandy Area Summer Recreation (Youth) Association, agree that there is definitely a need for such a facility.

With six lots at the high school, including two already developed on the east side of Pop Rannow

Stadium, Sandy could host a 32-team tournament, even without benefit of lights.

The new facility would benefit others in the community besides those interested in youth and adult programs — Sandy restaurants would benefit from tournament traffic. The area's grocery stores would benefit, as well.

In some communities, such as Canby and Redmond, tournaments of one kind or another are held nearly every summer weekend. Merchants in Canby recently took advantage of the numerous parents (many accompanying Sandy teams) in town by handing out coupons at the ball fields.

Lighted playing fields would add another dimension to the athletic complex proposal. Abshire received estimates last year ranging from \$25,000 to \$30,000 to light four fields. This investment would double the capacity of the fields by lengthen the playing schedule.

Work to clear the area, which includes cutting up alder, maple and fir trees for firewood, is progressing slowly due to vacations. Come fall, Abbott is looking for assistance. Cash donations "always help," he adds.

The athletic project is worth such support. It would benefit Sandy's economy as well as making the community a little more livable.

—Scott Newton

Suggestions continue to pour in for name changes to immortalize our late Governor. Burnside Street, Airport Way, city and state parks, rivers, bridges and holes in the ground are candidates.

A recent poll conducted with the help of that "foxy neighbor" has shown the overwhelming majority of those surveyed demanding that Brightwood Dam be renamed. The size, magnificence and the speed at which their project is being completed more closely represents the Governor's contribution to the state. Some of those interviewed have suggested joint honorarium by changing the name to Hat-Mc (not to be confused with Big-Mac).

The Fox Poll Survey will continue to keep us advised from time-to-time of other critical concerns on the Mountain.

Don Valley
Rhododendron

County tears

The recent picture of Clackamas County Com-

missioner Robert Schumacher with "tears" regarding the county budget appear to be "crocodile tears." A commissioner since 1969, he has known of the budget problems and should try to solve them rather than cry about them.

The Aug. 17 Oregonian editorial, regarding Clackamas County, hit the nail on the head, "Nothing should be swept under the rug." This action is long overdue in our county and suspicions of irregularities should not center on a singular issue.

Mismanagement of budget funds by those elected to manage has raised many eyebrows and many questions. We constantly read conflicting stories: "Problems with computer, so no budget available;" "Problems with '82 fiscal budget;" "Employees to be laid off;" "\$2 Million windfall found;" "Public Works Dept. to loan \$1 Million to general fund;" "\$2.1 Million deficit in spring of '83;" "More employees laid off;" "Recently

discovered \$1.79 Million deficit;" "Inability to find \$70,000;" etc., etc.

There appears to be a touch of deviousness in attempting to place the onus of budget responsibility on the administrative assistant. Commissioner Schumacher stated in the press that Justice had received "zero" help and that the commissioners were aware that budgeting administration was beyond his capability. Why then was he assigned to the position for so long and where was the leadership of the commissioners all this time?

The newspapers will render a great service to the taxpayers by pursuing an in-depth research of all of Clackamas County's administrative problems. It's time for full divulgence and placing the responsibility where it belongs, not on the underlings who are being used as scapegoats by three sacred cows—two of whom, it appears, should be put out to pasture in the next election.

Bev Henderson
Lake Grove

Enjoyed 4-H

Now that the Clackamas County Junior Livestock Auction for 4-H and FFA animals is completed, I wish to thank Sandy Sentry for buying my steer, which they will be selling in the store the beginning of September.

As a 4-H member there are many people in the community to thank for their support of the 4-H program: the other business people and individuals who have purchased animals at the auction, those that have given to 4-H camp scholarships and 4-H Summer Week at OSU. The 4-H youth of this community have developed into more responsible youth because of your support.

The 4-H program could not continue without the assistance of the Clackamas County budget, OSU extension agents, and local volunteer leaders of the clubs. I especially want to thank my leaders of the Sandy Livestock Club, Dan and Ellen TenEyck and Gary and Charlene Opperman. Also to all the

parents of my fellow members for their support at the fair, I say thank you. Thank you also goes to the leaders of the Sandy Prime Cuts-Swine Club, Bonnie Flatt and Diane Peterson, for helping me learn how to show my pig.

Over the past nine years that I have been in 4-H there have been many persons that have given me assistance, to all of you thank you. With 4-H, the Sandy community is a better place to live. May it continue to function and be a vital program to the youth of tomorrow.

Dana Vedder
Sandy

Thank you

The family of Hans Rathjen would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for all their kindness during the loss of our husband and father.

Myrtle Rathjen
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rathjen
Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. George Rathjen
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Keyser

Salem scene:

Veto power echoes public

by JACK ZIMMERMAN

Echoing widespread public displeasure with legislative performance, Gov. Vic Atiyeh has exercised rare veto power over some of the 900-plus measures passed during the 62nd Oregon Legislative Assembly's regular session.

Atiyeh cancelled 40 bills outright and exercised three sections of another measure by line-item veto.

Although not unprecedented, the number of vetoes more than doubles the 19 he nixed following the 1979 session and the 17 killed in 1981. It also doubles the 20 vetoes by then-Gov. Bob Straub in 1977 and exceeds significantly the 16 vetoed by the late Tom McCall in 1973 and 23 vetoed by former Gov. Mark Hatfield in 1963.

Only Oswald West topped the Atiyeh mark in 1911, following a stormy session after which 72 of 233 bills were vetoed, according to Senate Historian Cecil Edwards.

Fully aware his vetoes might precipitate



pique among some lawmakers whenever the assembly reconvenes in special session, Atiyeh nevertheless indicated he was reacting to a greater-than-normal number of hollow bills and schemes without funding to carry them out.

At least three vetoes, levied during the regular session are reasonably certain to survive.

The rest are subject to legislative action as the first order of substantive business when the 62nd Assembly again gathers in Salem. And that event is expected to be mandated by Atiyeh this fall.

Alarm clocks are unforgiving. No matter how many times you press the snooze alarm, they insist that you must eventually get out of bed.

This is what makes the idea of vacation time attractive. Theoretically, you could dig a hole and bury the alarm where not even the family dog could find it for however many days off your employer sees fit to give you.

Realistically, all a vacation means is you have to set the clock an hour early each day because there are always just a few things you forgot to take care of before hitting the road. Such as buying new tires, changing the oil, hiring somebody to mow the lawn, and talking your mother-in-law out of going on vacation with you. If you succeed in the last point, the only two remaining things should be hiring someone to feed the dog and hiring someone to feed your mother-in-law.

It is an awful feeling when you finally realize you only have three days and \$32 left of a two-week vacation before you have even left the house.

To top it all off, the morning you want to hit the road early is the only one in eight years that the alarm fails to work.

Vacations should never be

Personally speaking:

Work and vacation time don't mix



by HANK EMRICH

more work than the job you are vacationing from.

As logical as the previous sentence sounds, people usually pay about as much attention to such advice as a charging elephant does to a cry to halt.

Parents with children are the most apt to make the most common mistake in the art of fun vacationing. They usually take the kids with them. If the thing you remember most about your last vacation is the amazing

similarities in all 97 service station restrooms between here and Roseburg, you probably fall into this category.

It may seem difficult to leave the kids behind. The thought of an emotional farewell may be painful, but there are ways to avoid the trauma. Don't tell them you are leaving.

It's summertime, there is no school, and it's time to see if they really would sleep for three days if you let them. All you have to do is turn on the TV and put out a box of honey-nut cold cereal in case they do wake up.

If you think your kids are likely to be suspicious, leave a recording, timed to go off every hour, which says "Richard you'd better get out of those pajamas and get in the shower!"

While those without children have a head start toward a fun vacation, there are potential problems for both carefree singles, young married couples and others too unpatriotic to follow the basic American tradition of parenthood.

When planning your vacation, the key to fun is minimizing all types of physical exercise. A good measurement would be if it is harder than walking to your car, it is potentially dangerous. As a

matter of fact, more than one trip to your car in a given period, say four days, could be potentially dangerous.

I don't mean to suggest that you give up your favorite vacation spots. Some behavior modification may be necessary, however.

A case in point is a friend of mine who actually runs on the beach. He says it is the best way to experience the feeling of the ocean. Evidently he doesn't realize why they put those big picture windows in motels. There is no acceptable reason for getting any closer to sand than those big ashtrays they always put next to elevators.

An ideal situation would be to acquire a good stock of prepared foods, a motel with a view, a remote control TV, and an antenna hookup close to a bathroom. Think of it, a three-week vacation while only taking 96 footsteps.

I realize this plan won't suit everyone. There are those who feel that vacations should be used for fixing up the house, planting a new lawn or painting all those white rocks on the side of the driveway.

These are usually the same people who don't believe coffee breaks are a constitutional right.