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Dropping unitary tax would send message

by GOVERNOR VIC ATIYEH

A story is told about an Oregon motorist who drove into a gas station and asked the attendant to check his tires. His son jumped out of the car to help.

"Let the man do it," the father ordered the boy. "That's what we pay gas taxes for."

The motorist obviously did not understand the purpose of the gasoline tax — to pay for highway construction and maintenance.

Likewise, until recently few Oregonians knew much about the unitary method of taxing the worldwide incomes of multinational corporations.

Today, most Oregonians understand that using the unitary method is like erecting a barbed-wire fence around our state against the "intrusion" of payroll-producing U.S. and foreign investments. That is why I have called a July 30 special session of the Oregon Legislature to repeal the unitary method.

The so-called "unitary tax" is not a tax at all. It is instead a formula that uses a multinational corporation's property, payroll and sales in Oregon to calculate the percentage of its worldwide income owed as Oregon corporate income taxes.

The Japanese, West Germans, British and others say the unitary method results in double taxation of corporate incomes, that it requires extra bookkeeping (because the federal tax formula differs), and that it raises costs for multinational corporations doing business in Oregon.

It is clear many foreign-based companies will not invest in Oregon, will not expand in Oregon, will not even consider Oregon because of their opposition to this method of taxing their incomes.

The Japanese-based Mitsubishi Corporation, which last year considered Salem for a major new electronics plant, selected North Carolina instead to avoid Oregon's unitary method. Another foreign-based company that will locate a new plant in Vancouver, Wash., did not even look at Oregon because of our unitary tax structure.

Repealing the unitary method is far and away the single most significant step Oregon can take to enhance our attractiveness to multinational corporations.

Repeal will send a worldwide message that Oregon is, indeed, "open for business."

Among those receiving this message will be 170 Japanese companies that are interested in siting plants in the United States.

I have proposed removing Oregon from the list of states employing the unitary method.

My plan will repeal the unitary method and instead apply Oregon's corporate income-tax rates to an adjusted federal taxable balance. This change will not only streamline Oregon's tax code for corporations, but also reduce the administrative burden on state government.

This plan is fair to businesses of all sizes and types, whether based in Oregon, in another state, or abroad.

This plan will cost less than the estimated \$18 to \$23 million that would be lost annually in corporate tax revenue.

I say that because repeal will not only attract new industries and jobs to Oregon; it will generate corporate income taxes because more Oregonians will be working, and broaden property-tax bases to support local public safety, public works and public schools. It also will reduce tax requirements for welfare payments and unemployment compensation.

The most costly thing we could do is to do nothing.

Oregonians, unlike the motorist in the "gas tax" story, can no longer afford not to understand the significance of repealing this unpopular method of taxation.

Oregonians interested in jobs for themselves and their neighbors — and in payrolls for the next generation — should contact their state legislators and urge repeal.

Oregon cannot afford to impose a tax on multinational corporations that causes some corporations to conclude they cannot afford to invest in Oregon.



REAGAN'S VIEWS ON A FEMALE VICE PRESIDENT...

Yesteryear in Sandy

Fly-In, lunar landing compete

by SCOTT NEWTON

Despite competition with the lunar landing, the Kiwanis Club's Fly-In Breakfast drew over 1,360 people at the 12th annual event.

A new hover craft was displayed. Capable of climbing a bank of 25 degrees and more, the craft could be run into and out of lakes and rivers without a boat ramp. Makers said it could do anything one could do with a small boat, a snowmobile, a jeep and a dune buggy.

Television personality Heck Harper made an appearance at the opening of Ernie Beers' tire center.

Though 1969 does not seem too distant for some, cheddar cheese was on sale for \$1.39 for two pounds. "Tenderness Ten Times Out of Ten" was the claim for round steak advertised for 98 cents a pound at Williams Thriftway.

For those wanting to butcher their own meat, a healthy stock calf could be purchased for \$5 and up, according to a Sandy Post classified advertisement.

Connie Berger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berger of Sandy, was named Miss Lake Oswego and participated in the Miss Oregon Pageant at Seaside. The Sandy High graduate was attending Lewis & Clark College.

A classy 1964 Chevelle could be purchased \$1,298. Some car buffs would gladly pay that now.

Randy Stone and Bill Vaeretti were winners at a national speech tournament held in Washington, D.C. They were among 10 winners in the United States, according to a July, 1969 issue of The Post.

The Sandy Community Presbyterian Church scheduled a mortgage burning to celebrate the fact that the indebtedness in-

curred in the construction of the church had been cleared. A new organ recently installed in the church was also dedicated at the time. Afternoon events such as horseshoe pitching and softball enabled the men of the church "to call up forgotten skills and stamina as they competed against the youth," said The Post.

In Nell's Notes from Hoodland, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cook of Marmot Road announced the engagement of their son, Roger, to Miss Edna Stoltzfus of Los Angeles. Cook was a student at the Art Center College of Design in LA.

An item in Making the Sandy Scene, by Kathleen O'Brien, credits a local teenager watching President Nixon on the television screen talking to the astronauts on the moon with two comments. One

was, "Your three minutes are up, sir." The other: It had to have been the most expensive long-distance call ever made.

In the same column, one local establishment had a cartoon on the cash register with words to the effect, "There is one good thing you can say about the rising cost of living. You are getting more Green Stamps."

Clackamas County deputies rang the bell on two loggers fighting outside the Dew Drop Inn in Sandy by placing them under arrest. One of the men, a 6 foot, 3 inch 230 pounder, continued to battle. The Post said, "A violent scrimmage ensued before officers were able to subdue the biting, kicking hard-hat swinging combatant."

Sandy police officers stated that much of the "arrest problem" could have been avoided if the

crowd, whose presence seemed to excite one of the men, had not gathered, or had dispersed when requested to do so.

On July 24, 1969 The Post announced that Bruce Hoard had just completed basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas.

On a somber note, a 20-year-old Boring man died in Vietnam.

Five boys were injured making a bomb in Dodge Park. Authorities said the boys were using the powder gathered from ammunition for cap pistols and putting it in a glass bottle. They were seated at a picnic table when the bomb exploded. The five boys were given first aid and taken to Gresham General Hospital.

In summer basketball, Roger Williams of Sandy was leading the league in scoring with 99 points in five games.

Commentary

Drinking age considered

by SEN. BOB PACKWOOD

Drinking and driving can be deadly. Countless tragedies confirm this point. Driving while under the influence of alcohol is the cause of more than 20,000 highway deaths in the United States each year. These accidents involve people in all age groups, but a disproportionate number involve young people.

In response to this tragic problem, the Senate recently voted overwhelmingly to encourage states to raise their minimum drinking age to 21 or face a cut in federal highway money. I believe that a 21-year-old minimum drinking age has the potential to save a substantial number of lives each year.

The statistics are shocking. According to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis, the Surgeon General reported that life expectancy has improved in the United States over the past 75 years for every age group except one. The exception is the 15- to 24-year-old age group, whose death rate is higher today than it was 20 years ago. Why? The leading single cause of death for this age group is drunk driving.

Although there is no single explanation to account for this fact, young drivers' lack of driving experience is usually an underlying factor. Not only do teens usually have less driving experience, they also usually lack a mature attitude toward alcohol usage.

Other statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration include:

- 16- to 24-year-olds cause 42 percent of all fatal alcohol-related crashes even though as a group they represent only 20 percent of the total vehicle miles travelled in the United States.

- Almost 60 percent of the fatally injured teenage drivers are found to have alcohol in their blood system, with 43 percent at legally intoxicated levels.

- Teenage drivers are involved in one out of every six fatal traffic accidents, of which half are alcohol related.

I am proud to note that Oregon has a strong program to fight drunk driving, including the 21-year-old minimum drinking age and a toll-free hotline for citizens to report drunk drivers. In addition, Oregon has many citizens organizations fighting alcohol abuse, for example Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

On the legislative front, I have co-sponsored a resolution designating the week of Sept. 10-16 as "Teenage Alcohol Awareness Week." By increasing awareness through this specially designated week, we hope to teach teenagers and their parents all the dangers associated with alcohol.

It's up to all of us — parents, teachers, legislators, officials and citizens — to impress upon these young people the seriousness of the situation. State and local officials need to do their part by seeing to more consistent and tighter enforcement of laws relating to drunk driving. The laws exist but often are loosely enforced.

Only by increasing public concern and awareness regarding drunk driving can be put an end to the senseless loss of lives.

Letters to the editor

Scouts appreciate help

Our sincere appreciation to all who came to the Sandy Mountain Festival and supported our troop by enjoying our barbecue beef sandwiches.

Thanks to Dr. Al Lamke who provided the picnic tables where people could sit to enjoy their meal and listen to the music.

A special thanks to Ron Gross of Mt. Hood Woodworking for donating the Formica for our booth.

In addition, we extend our gratitude to Iva Christman for the fine job she has done during the past several years as troop treasurer and organizer/coordinator for our barbecue beef project.

Thanks also to all of the parents and Scouts who helped to build and improve our booth and to those who worked in the booth and in other ways to make this project a success.

Scout Troop 662 Committee

June Plaster
Publicity Chairman

Traveler aided

We were recently visiting in Sandy, and while there it was necessary for us to make immediate arrangements to return home to Kansas because of the illness and death of my brother.

It was early evening and we were able to contact Leala Harris at the Sandy Travel Service, who extended us the courtesy of giving us a part of her evening to make arrangements for a flight home.

We feel Sandy is fortunate to have business people so willing to assist outsiders when a need arises. We found Sandy to be a very friendly place to visit.

Betty Newton
Anthony, Kansas

In a different sense

Marshmallow father of super glue

All the advocates of getting back to nature forget one thing. There had to be a reason we wanted to get away from it in the first place.

While every once in a while you will read about someone giving up everything to eat berries and talk to animals for the rest of their life, most people's idea of getting back to nature is a weekend at the closest state park. My idea of getting back to nature is a nap on the front lawn.

My biggest problems with camping are the cold and marshmallows. There is no place in America that does not get cold at night. When it gets cold, a traditional campfire is required. Traditional campfires need traditional firewood, and traditional firewood means traditional work. So much for a relaxing camping trip.

If you are able to get firewood without cutting off a couple fingers or getting arrested by a forest ranger, the fire still has to be started. I have found the best way to be sure a fire will get started is to be prepared. What this means is bring along either a



by HANK EMRICH

Boy Scout or a welding torch.

Even with a successful fire, the camper has not escaped the cold. Forest Service rules require restrooms to be placed as far from fire sites as possible, and sooner or later, everyone has to go. Finding that restrooms are not heated can often be a startling discovery. A frostbitten posterior is the mark of a season-

ed camper.

The happy times around a campfire that everyone tries to achieve is a myth perpetrated by Hollywood. A campfire only gives you two choices, smoke or mosquitoes. More sophisticated mosquitoes have been known to wear breathing apparatus and attack even in smoke.

Another fallacy is that the campfire will keep you warm. It will keep only the side facing the fire warm. In fact, the side facing the fire will be too warm, and the frostbitten posterior will freeze. Many people come away from a campfire resembling a piece of frozen chicken cooked in a faulty microwave.

The real problem with campfires is that everyone thinks you can not have a campfire without marshmallows. Even my wife, who thinks sugar is part of a communist plot, packs marshmallows. With whole wheat pancakes for breakfast, whole wheat sandwiches for lunch, and whole wheat dumplings for dinner, I honestly expected her to roast carrot sticks.

The marshmallow is the father

of super glue. Half of my camping trips are usually spent prying apart fingers. After roasting marshmallows one night, I went to give one of the kids a good-night kiss and almost lost my lips.

I suffered the humiliation of having only half a moustache for three weeks because of marshmallows. Smoky Bear is now reminding children everywhere to blow them out before taking a bite. The worst part is, there is no way to get revenge on a marshmallow. They live forever, usually in hidden corners of car seats, waiting for the first day a new pair of pants are worn.

There are only three good places for marshmallows: jello, rocky road ice cream, and left at home. After marshmallows are eradicated, some thought could be given to the merits of camping. After some thought is given to the merits of camping, camping can also be eradicated.

Anyone who does not feel he is close enough to nature in the front lawn only needs to let it grow a little longer.