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Recycling pays dividends

When one considers the time involved and the money saved through recycling, the effort hardly seems worth it.

There are still enough natural resources in the world to make the stockpiling of materials unprofitable for the individual. One is going to have to save a lot of cans before making a dent in the going price of tin.

The easy way out is to throw everything away. That is a decision that will save a person a lot of storage area, not to mention time. It takes an extra effort to wash the labels off bottles and cans after doing the other dishes. In fact, many facets of recycling seem to require extra time.

There is another side to the coin. Do we want to live in a world where it pays for the individual to recycle?

When our resources are that limited, it is safe to assume we will have considerably different lifestyles.

Some advantages to recycling

are without dispute. Recycling newspapers saves trees, recycling cans saves electricity, and anything taken out of the huge volumes of trash we all are responsible for will save space in existing landfills.

Nearly everything can be recycled, but it would take a Herculean effort to accomplish that. However, any person can get involved doing the basics, and should do so as a matter of conscience.

The Metropolitan Service District can provide recycling information if a person is unable to satisfy all their needs locally.

Considering our throw-away society, some educating of the public is going to be necessary to change existing attitudes. Sometime down the line, perhaps hundreds of years from now, people may look back at this era as the start of the recycling movement. It is nice to imagine them saying, "There sure were some forward-thinkers in those days."

Commentary

Oregon is selective but needs business

by GOVERNOR VIC ATIYEH

Winston Churchill, as a young man with a moustache, was once asked to escort a young woman whose political views were opposite his own.

As they left for the evening, his companion said: "Mr. Churchill, I care for neither your politics nor your moustache." "Don't distress yourself," Churchill is said to have replied. "You are not likely to come in contact with either."

Until recently, Oregon was a little like that. We were very choosy about the kinds of industrial investment we would accept in our state. But we need not have distressed ourselves, because we were not coming in contact with much industry.

That has changed dramatically.

Today Oregon is working with more than 60 investment prospects. These prospects represent diversified industries — such as metal fabricating, instrument and electrical machinery manufacturing and food processing — that are looking at communities across Oregon.

As a result of legislative action at the recent special session I called, this interest in Oregon promises to become even more intense.

Legislators acted quickly, harmoniously and responsibly in their repeal of Oregon's use of the unitary method of taxing multinational corporations.

Legislators repealed the unpopular unitary formula in a single day. They did it without acrimonious debate. And of the 89 legislators voting, fully 80 understood the importance of voting for repeal.

Unitary repeal adds still another arrow to Oregon's economic development quiver, arrows that even before unitary repeal were successful in attracting to our state companies such as NEC America, U.S. subsidiary of the giant NEC Corporation in Japan; National Semiconductor Corp., a major high-technology firm; and Eagle-Picher Industries, an Ohio-based Fortune 500 company.

These companies' decisions to invest in our state are evidence of Oregon's improv-

ed business climate.

The fact so many companies lobbied Oregon so hard to repeal our unitary tax formula is further evidence of our state's attractiveness; after all, 38 other states do not use the unitary method.

Today, Oregon is known worldwide as the first state in the Union to repeal unitary. We received prominent coverage in The Wall Street Journal and in Japan's equivalent of The Journal.

The night the Legislature acted, the chairman of the Sony Corporation in Japan, Akio Morita, called me at home to express his pleasure with the action of the Oregon Legislature.

Fortuitously, Mr. Morita said the next day he would be attending an important meeting of the influential Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations, a group of Japan's largest companies and most important trade associations. You can bet Oregon's action was a topic of animated conversation among Japanese business leaders attending those meetings.

But while putting Oregon back in the race to attract foreign investments, unitary repeal also is designed to attract interest from Oregon and other U.S.-based companies with worldwide operations.

For example, a giant New York-based corporation might have bypassed Oregon simply because we used the unitary tax formula. Or a similar Oregon-based company might have elected to build a new plant in a non-unitary state rather than increase its payroll in Oregon.

Oregon is not chasing smokestacks, madly recruiting industries that will foul our air, pollute our waters or damage our land.

We are aggressively seeking responsible companies that will create secure payrolls for Oregonians without damaging Oregon's environmental heritage.

There is no question: Oregon's worldwide message on unitary repeal is further insurance such companies will be equally aggressive in seeking a place in Oregon's future.



Letters to the editor

Bluff Road taxation called unfair

After the last City Council meeting, the people of Sandy are wondering what happened to democracy.

The council met to decide on a Bluff Road Local Improvement District. One hundred and three tax lots were involved, but as the high school owns several, 91 existing resident property owners would actually be taxed. Of this 91, 48 signed and submitted letters of objection to the proposed project. To us, this constitutes a majority against, but apparently, not to the council.

The Sandy Post manager was one of only two people at the meeting to speak for the project and we feel the article of last week did not relate all of the primary objections of the residents. If the matching funds for the project would be raised by a bond, serial levy, or budget item there would be little if any objection, as almost everyone agrees the road needs improvement.

One of the chief objections is the unfairness of the taxation and the assessment boundary line. Bluff Road is basically an arterial out of town and used by many more than the residents, and should be taxed accordingly. In many cases people who live right along the proposed assessment boundary, even through their only access to anywhere is Bluff Road, will not have to pay. In other cases, some are having to pay assessment while people across the street or next door are not. Also, so far the assessments are "estimated" and there is concern, as many L.I.D. projects have been known to go completely out of control in many respects.

The majority of the Bluff Road residents at the meeting were completely amazed at the council's disregard for their opinions. Councilman Harrison went on about his road, Langensand being

full of potholes, and stated that if Bluff Road is reconstructed (at assessment to us) the city would have more money to fix his and other city streets needing repair. We on Bluff Road, who have paid our share of city taxes and more (even for sewers which many don't have), failed to see his reasoning. Councilman Duff showed no concern at all for the considerable opposition, even though it was brought up later that the road he lives on, South Bluff was completely repaired, by county and city funds and not a resident assessment such as this project.

Three of the Councilmen stated they didn't see how they could vote for the project, when there was so much opposition but minutes later when the vote was called, two voted for it, with Councilman Ward making insulting and degrading remarks and stating in effect "If we

wanted our potholes that we could just live with them, he didn't have to drive on it," even, as he voted for it.

We would like to thank Councilman Wesselink, the only man who remembered he had the moral responsibility to consider the wishes of the people who elected him and voted against the L.I.D.

We are relating these incidents because we feel the people of Sandy should know these actions of their City Council. We realize and appreciate the tremendous responsibilities the Mayor and Council have to handle, but if they get to the point that they are disregarding the concerns of the people that elected them, it is time to start looking for people who will represent us more fairly.

This letter has a good basis of statement, as it consists of not only our opinions but those opinions

and statements of the many persons we talked to while collecting over 40 letters of objection and also calls we received and discussion both before and after the council meeting.

John and Marilyn Rowell
Sandy

Not all city employees back union

We the undersigned, employees of the city of Sandy, wish to disclaim any presentation of AFSCME. We are not union members, and are not participants in distribution of handouts, leaflets or other activity regarding the union.

Margo Dempster, Albert C. Harper, Roger Moore, Richard Peake, Sara Fork, Patti Tobias, Victor Padra and Mary Powers.

In a different sense

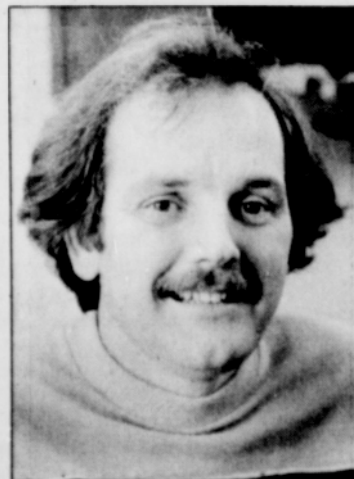
Garden bugs, they only laugh

The garden is the only place on our property where the weeds are taller than those in the lawn. I went out looking for the garden the other day and finally realized that some practical joker must have put Feed-the-Weed in the Weed-n-Feed bag.

That is the only reason I can think of to explain why we are able to relax in the shade of a giant dandelion on hot days. If the county fair had a category for weeds, I would be a 4-H hero. With thistles big enough to use for cordwood, I would have enough blue ribbons to change the complexion of Rancho Rajneesh.

Gardening is such a ridiculous hobby, anyway. There is nothing more absurd than rewarding months of back-breaking labor with vegetables. If you could grow maple bars, that would be another story.

It does not take long to think of better ways to spend a weekend than handling dirt and manure. That's right, manure. Another strike against vegetables. The bigger and better the vegetable, the more likely it has grown fat on that disgusting stuff. I have never trusted my mother since the time she told me vegetables



by Hank Emrich

were good for me. I have seen manure and I know better.

There are alternatives. The choice is between very small vegetables and chemicals. Chemicals naturally have to be regulated very closely. No one wants radishes that bite back. Why anyone would want radishes in the first place is beyond me.

Gardens are best suited for those that they attract most, dogs

and insects. I have a very lazy dog, yet he somehow manages enough energy to mess up the garden, especially just after it has been fertilized. It is hard to believe that a dog who has to be carried to chase a cat can get so excited about smelling bad. His long hair absorbs everything in the garden about as well as a kid's white shirt absorbs chocolate stains.

The dog rolled in the garden just after planting one year. A month later all we had to do was call for him every time we wanted a salad. He had so much green growing from his back, he almost started a pet punk rock movement.

I have heard people that really get into gardening say the secret to a good garden is "communicating" with the garden. I am convinced that if I tried to "communicate" with my garden, the only thing I would hear is insects laughing.

I personally have never seen an insect in my garden. But some things you know exist anyway. I have never seen the person who refills the gumball machine in the office either, but I know he/she/it

exists because the gumball machine is never empty. No penny enters our office without ending up in the gumball machine, and I know somebody does something with them. Unless the gumball machine is alive, subsisting on a diet of cheap alloy and very little copper, but that is another column.

I know insects exist because of what they eat. Insects eat everything but turnips. Nothing eats turnips. They are used chiefly for the inside of baseballs but sometimes people attempt to squeeze blood from them. Insects do not like them and neither do I. What insects do like is lettuce. By the time we finish ridding a head of lettuce of parts insects have chewed on, most of our salads resemble lawn clippings. How such little creatures can cause so much damage is amazing.

Someone once told me that planting marigolds along the edge of the garden would ward off insects. It did not work for me. I never saw a blossom. Either the insects ate them, or took home a bouquet to their wives along with their little insect doggie bags full of lettuce.

MY OWNER LOVES ME
SO I DON'T ROAM.
I WEAR MY LICENSE
AND STAY AT HOME.
SO I'M AS HAPPY AS
I CAN BE...
THE DOGCATCHER WON'T
CATCH ME, NOPE, THE
DOGCATCHER WON'T CATCH
ME!!

