

The Sandy Post

# Editorial & Opinion

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## Mountain men added to Festival

The failure of the Sandy Elementary District board of directors and members of the Barlow Trail Long Rifles to reach an agreement over the use of the athletic field for the annual black powder shoot and rendezvous is unfortunate.

We sympathize with, and in fact strongly support, the school district in its desire to have agreements for special activities put in writing.

In the past there have been damages resulting from the club's use of the field. To the credit of the club members, they have always acted quickly to take care of any problems. Mountain men are like that. They pull their own weight.

Unfortunately, members of the school board cannot assume they will always be so lucky in their verbal agreements. The next group that wants to use school property for a special activity might not be so conscientious.

This is the first year the district has sought to get its agreements on paper. The board negotiated with two groups, the Barlow Trail Long Rifles and Sandy Civic Services. Sandy Civic Services sponsors the carnival, which provides the funding for the annual fireworks display.

There can be no disputing the fact that some people are unhappy with the conditions set forth by the Sandy Elementary board.

Be that as it may, we elected the board to provide for the educational well being of our young people, and that includes good management of district property so that money can be spent on teachers and books and not for cleaning up the parking lot after the carnival has left town. In this day and age, a written agreement for use of school grounds is not only acceptable, but perhaps even overdue.

Hopefully, tensions between the board and members of Sandy Civic Services will cool by this time next year.

As for the Barlow Trail Long Rifles, they have been almost too successful. Five years ago the black powder shoots weren't the draw they are today. Currently, with 100-plus participants, it is a challenge to run a good shoot — to which they are entitled — and host an open, public event.

With the Sandy Elementary board not exactly thrilled about the idea of overnight camping on its grounds, members of the club decided to move on instead of negotiate. Mountain men are like that. They're independent.

We understand that the club's move this year to Veneer Lane east of Sandy may be temporary, a stopgap measure while they decide what they want to do.

What we know for sure is that the people of Sandy will miss having the Barlow Trail Long Rifles at their old, familiar site. Many a greenhorn got his first experience shooting a black powder rifle at the field behind Cedar Ridge School.

Letter to the editor

## Group 'ticked' about commercial label

The words, "America is Free," used to ring loud and clear for all of us, but it appears it is no longer true, even in the little town of Sandy, Ore. Now they have placed a commercial value on the Black Powder Clubs marching in the annual Sandy Mountain Days parade.

They are charging \$1 per head for all the Black Powder Clubs in the area to participate in the parade. Those in charge have stated we are not a civic organization, so therefore we should pay. Our gun club opens the shooting range to 4-H kids and teaches them the proper safety rules and instructs them on how to shoot, for free. We also open the shooting range to the public for sight-in days for hunters before hunting season opens.

When Sandy Mountain Days was first first organized, we were invited to participate, and proudly accepted. There were three Black Powder Clubs participating then, two from

the Sandy area and one from Gresham. Now that the Mountain Festival has been established for a few years, apparently they feel they don't need us as a drawing card. We are all non-profit organizations and the money we have to function with has been earned the hard way by club members. We derive this from raffles, within the club, and through annual shoots with other clubs.

We have been asked to march in parades in many other towns for free. We have won a number of ribbons and trophies, including the Francis award, from the Sandy Days parade, so apparently our home town doesn't need us any longer. This letter speaks for all the clubs in the area that feel they are being discriminated against.

Guess you can sign us, "Ticked off in Tepee Town."

Steve Brown, president  
Wy'East Mountain Men

Personally Speaking

## 'Cheap' people are not to be trusted

by SARA FORK

Don't look for objectivity here; there isn't any. On this subject I cannot, I will not, be objective. After all, as apology for the devil remember we have only heard one side of the case. God has written all the books. What am I talking about? Let's call it being frugal, being economic.

No, the heck with frugal — let's call it cheap.

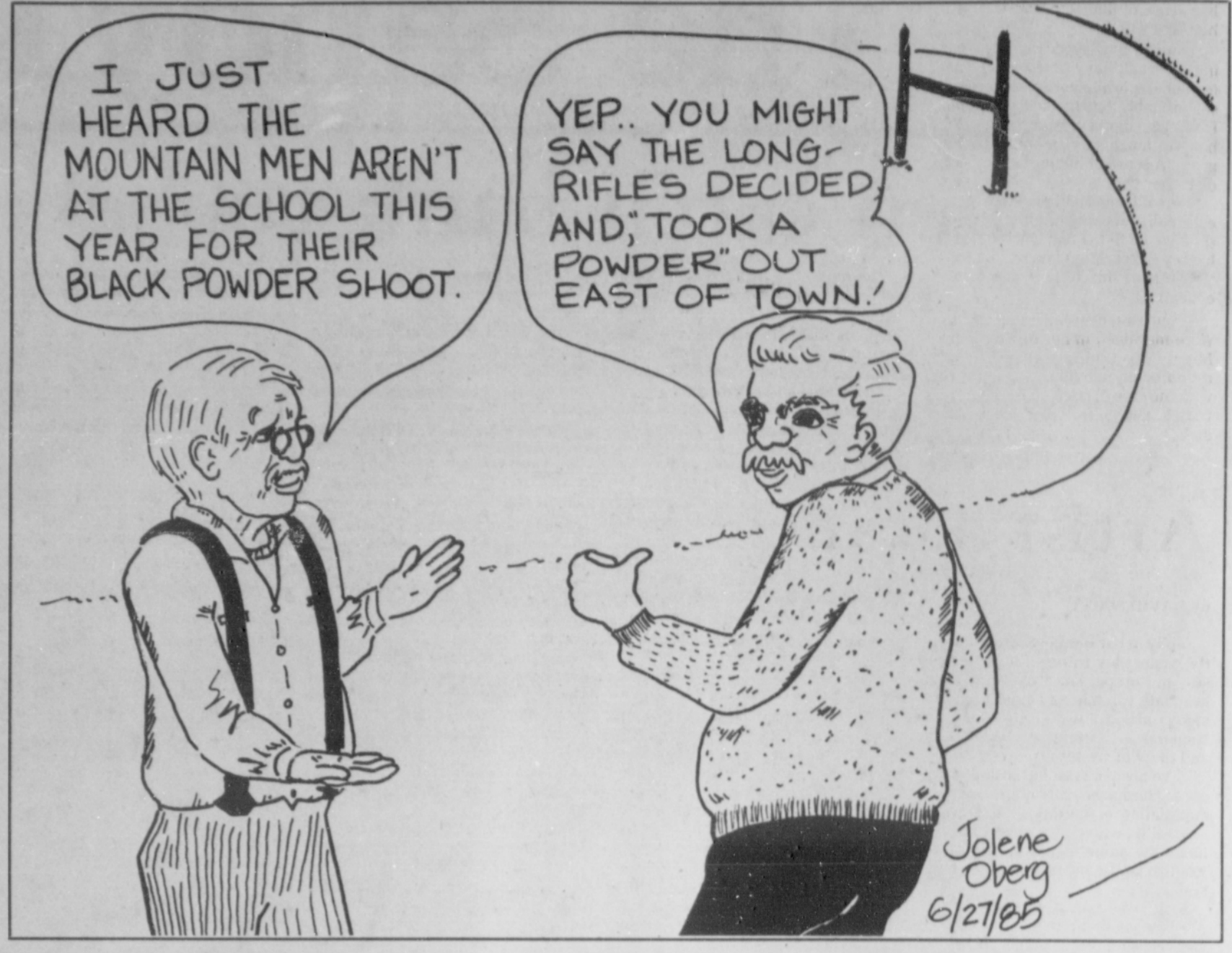
There are lots of books written on being frugal. They range from cute to sick-making. Paeans of praise are published on being economical, written by old maids of both sexes. I for one would never read them.

It is heartwarming to find that what I thought would be a lonely crusade against cheap is truly a popular cause.

There are cheap husbands, bosses and acquaintances (rarely friends). Cheap people expect a lot from

humans. If, for instance, you are invited into their homes, you are expected to provide your own cigarettes. Not only your own cigarettes but your own ashtrays. To top that off, you are asked to smoke outside on the very edge of the property line. Cheap people are extremely annoyed if everything relating to them is not handled impeccably.

If they are traditionally expected to do something for someone, like buying flowers for their secretary, cheap bosses have been known to apply pressure for "donations" from employees. National Secretary Week is a good time for that. Cheap bosses buy day-old corsages (much reduced in price, of course) for the secretary and take her to lunch. Naturally, the excess "donations" after a free lunch go in his pocket for all the trouble he went to. When cheap bosses are asked to buy lunch, they are likely to go



Letter to the editor

## VFW thanks businesses for support

We, the comrades and ladies of the V.F.W. Post 4273 and Auxiliary humbly, and with deep appreciation, desire to express our heartfelt thanks for the tremendous support of the local businesses of the Sandy area, likewise for personal donations toward procurement of Buddy Poppies!

We also wish to extend a special thank you to the Hoodland communities for their generosity and care in giving to this fund, which is specifically planned to facilitate the "Veterans Assistance Programs!"

The members of Post 4273 also wish to express their appreciation for the effort given by their leaders and Cub Scouts of Pack 663, as well as the Boy Scouts of Troop 176, for their assistance in the collection of personal donations on May 24 and 25 respectively!

Among the businesses that contributed to the veterans assistance programs were:

Toni's Restaurant and Lounge, Mt.

Hood Dairy Queen, Monster Lunger, George Hyland D.C., Buckboard Pizza, Jim's Big Apple, Chevron Station, Action Auto, Best Friends, Tom's Wheel Alignment, Accent Hair, Olaf M. Oja Lumber, Sandy Hi-School Pharmacy, Sandy Public Library, Country Donut House Restaurant, Sandy Shoe Repair, Sandy Auto Body, Sandy Office Supply, Classic Holiday Travel Service, Ron Norquist, U.S. National Bank-Sandy branch, Ferguson Power Equipment, Hairline Coiffures, Mt. Hood Cleaners, Taco Time, Sandy Funeral Home, Baert's Metal Products, Jim Turin and Sons Inc., Sandy Fast Print, Pet 'N' Pond-Sandy, Bowman's Sandy Thriftway, Paola's Pizza Barn, Wasson Brothers Winery, Janz Berryland, Carlson Chevrolet, Sandy Country Florist, Gateway Inn, Montgomery Ward, Decker and Scales, Mountain Video, Coast to Coast, Sandy Liquor Store, Mark M. Mullin's Chiropractic, Howard's Barber Shop, Sandy Rexall

Drug, Clackamas County Bank, Sandy Decor, Tri-County Electric, Dr. Robert D. Shouten-optometry, All-main Tax Service, Dr. Paul Guilleux, Al's Barber Shop, Sandy Travel Service, T.J.'s Restaurant, Sandy Sentry, Cook, Middlemiss and Atkins, Our Gang, Sandy Animal Clinic, Dan Reed, Sandy Arco, Plaig Pantry, Deane's Auto Repair, Shorty's Corner, Calamity Jane's Restaurant, Gateway Tire and Wheel Co., Toney's Farm Marketing, Mt. Hood Body and Towing, Cascade Hair and Tan, Cascade Insurance, Dover Machine Shop, Sandy Truck Lines, Tollgate Inn, V.J. Keating DVM, Linda Brown-dentist.

Those from the Hoodland area who contributed include:

Huckleberry Inn, Chalet Swiss, Log Lodge, Alpine Hut, Salazar's, Zig Zag Mountain Store, Zig Zag Inn, Barlow Trail Restaurant, Cascade Springs Dental Clinic, Mt. Hood Properties, Designers Hair Center, Hoodland Video, Hoodland Rexall,

Hoodland Thriftway, Bennett's Union 76, Mt. Hood Travel Agency, Hoodland Family Medical Clinic, The Old Stamp Shop, The Book Place, Rippling River Resort, Jennie Welch Antiques, Jackie Cary, One Day At A Time Bakery, Shannon Marketin', Inn Between, Color Craft Body and Paint, The Fly Fishing Shop, The Store Natural Foods and Cafe, The Mountain Air Motel, Oregon Ark Motel, Marmot Enterprises, Shamrock Motel, Rainbow Trout Farm, Brightwood Garage and Towing, Brightwood Tavern, Brightwood Store, Brightwood Automotive, Dr. Tera Palmblad-optometry, K and W Septic Tank Service, Brightwood Enterprises and Los Amigos Restaurant.

Again, many thanks and may God bless all of you.

E. Paul and Denny Brown  
V.F.W. Post 4273 and Auxiliary  
Co-chairmen  
Bud Riley and Al Green  
Hoodland area co-chairmen

Salem Scene

## Legislature adds credence to process

by JACK ZIMMERMAN  
Associated Oregon Industries

After nearly a decade of testing the patience of most Oregonians, the Legislature has restored a measure of credence to the lawmaking process.

That was a consensus of Capital insiders as the 63rd Assembly adjourn-

ed sine die on June 21 after 159 days of relatively orderly deliberations in Salem.

And since restoration of credibility was the leadership's overriding priority, most members likely are heading home buoyed by their collective success.

Although the accomplishment required cooperation from all 90

members, most of the credit belies the old saying about too many cooks spoiling the broth. In this instance, it was more a case of four heads being better than one.

The four heads, of course, belong to Democrats Vera Katz and John Kitzhaber and Republicans Larry Campbell and Tony Meeker. The House Speaker, Senate President and GOP House and Senate leaders respectively, hewed steadfastly to their pre-session scenario — methodically tackling major issues and largely avoiding politics for its own sake.

Highest on everybody's agenda was resolution of the revenue reform/school finance issue — twin problems that have confounded predecessor Assemblies and left the last Assembly in utter shambles after struggling vainly with them for 188 days in regular session and 21 in special session.

This Assembly succeeded in crafting what is considered a truly unique package in only 13 weeks — a proposal that if approved by voters in September will stabilize school finance, provide significant property and income tax relief and effectively limit future growth of both taxes and spending.

A second major goal involved balancing the biennial budget without continuing temporary tax increases levied during the recession to avoid emasculating government services. This too, was accomplished — largely by raising sin taxes in order to discontinue the high-impact 8 percent income tax surcharge.

Other goals were establishment of an economic development strategy, allocation of lottery revenue (compa-

nion issues), health care cost containment, water policy and legislative reform.

Most observers believe solid progress was made in favor of economic development — largely with lottery revenue. But attempts to resolve the three other issues turned out to be learning experiences that may help the 64th Assembly solve them two years hence.

That it accomplished as much as it did in a relatively short period of time is attributed largely to the spirit of cooperation that was this Assembly's hallmark. Shorter than any session since 1975, it considered only about 2,200 measures and agreed to pass about 40 percent.

Because of the foregoing, it gets good marks from those closest to the process. Whether the public concurs is another matter.

The biennial budget — swollen by hefty pay increases for virtually all state workers and elected officials, including lawmakers — may not set too well with constituents in many areas still plagued by recession's business closures and unemployment.

Still others may smart when they discover property tax relief checks will dwindle to a paltry \$100 or less.

The first solid indication of their attitude will be delivered in the hours immediately following closure of the polls following the sales tax election Sept. 17.

The next will occur next May. And the final verdict remains as always — the outcome of voting in the next general election when members are selected to serve in Oregon's 64th Legislative Assembly.