

## The Sandy Post

## Editorial &amp; Opinion

Scott Newton, editor  
Kimberly Nelson, advertising representativeMoving children  
touching gesture

Members of one of Sandy's oldest civic organizations — the Kiwanis Club of Sandy — never cease to amaze us.

Last week at the annual Fourth of July fireworks display, Kiwanis Club members provided help taking about 65 crippled children from the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Club Camp in Rhododendron to Pop Rannow Stadium.

The Mt. Hood Kiwanis Club Camp is supported by several Portland and Portland area clubs, but it was members of the Sandy club who decided, for the second year in a row, to share our fireworks display.

For the first time this year, the club will be bringing campers down to watch the Sandy Mountain Festival parade.

Helping to move the children last week was no small task. Sixteen of the youngsters were in wheelchairs. There was also some expense involved in leasing two buses.

But then, that's just the kind of thing we have come to expect from the Kiwanis Club, which also sponsors a softball team, Boy Scout troop, Christmas basket drive and Easter egg hunt. They also provide scholarships and other financial aid to young people and the handicapped.

There is a way to return the favor to the 40-plus member club, which is headed this year by Terry Lenchitsky.

The club's primary fund raiser — in addition, of course, to a booth at the Sandy Mountain Festival — is the Fly-in Breakfast at Rich's Airport on Sunday, July 21.

Rest assured the price of breakfast will go to a good cause.

## Letters to the editor

We cannot tire of  
living up to ideals

We are celebrating the Fourth of July and doing so mainly with fireworks, parades and display of our flag.

It seems to me that the occasion should have some serious treatment in addition. We might review the great dreams our forefathers had for our country on that July 4th in 1776. We might find in Lincoln's words at Gettysburg a restatement of the 1776 ideals and "take increased devotion" to the great principles announced to the world at our country's birth.

The essential words are not lengthy. One paragraph from the Declaration of Independence states it beautifully.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed: that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

Fifty-five of our patriot forefathers risked their lives by signing the Declaration of Independence. They pledged "— our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" to bring about government by consent of the governed.

This precious gift has been held and extended in our country by other patriots from 1776 to the present.

Lack of government by consent of the governed almost always leads to repression, denial of rights and much suffering.

We, as a nation, have not always thought that government by consent of the governed should be allowed other peoples. When the French were about to lose their ruler over the people of Indochina at the close of WWII

we propped them up with weapons and money. When the French lost out we, in effect, took their place in the years of the Vietnam War.

Perhaps our greatest failure to practice our own ideals has been our course for the last century or more in Latin America. We have supported many dictatorships there through interventions by our Marines and our CIA. The list is rather long. One bad example is that of Chile where, given ten million dollars and plenty of agents, our CIA managed to upset a properly elected government and bring into being a one-man dictatorship where torture stations are regular policy.

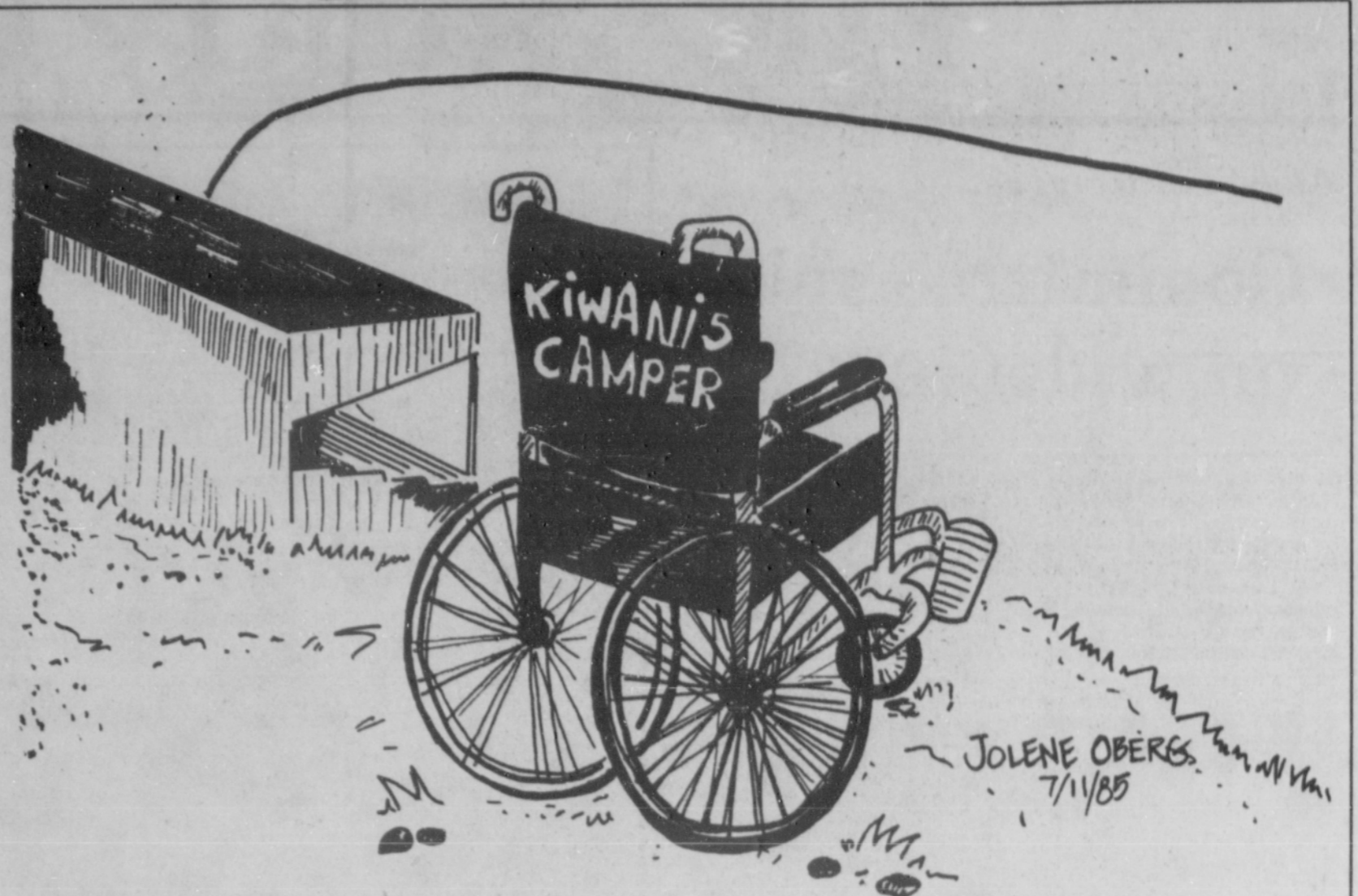
Among others is the case of Guatemala where we managed to take away from the people "government by consent" and are still backing one-man dictatorship. The military kills people there with careless abandon and we provide the weapons.

Right now we condemn the actions of the Moslem sect called Shiites. They have recently taken a planetload of people (ostage and several years before that Shiites in Iran took our embassy staff hostage during the Carter administration.

It is well for us to realize that the Shiites are almost always on the low end of things in the Moslem world and that in Lebanon we supported a government which did not give them fair representation. In Iran we put a Shah back on the throne of one-man rule after his people had thrown him out and set up an elected government. Then we had our CIA teach the Shah's secret police dirty tricks to keep him in power. When they finally won their revolution and kicked out the Shah we allowed him to come into the USA. A day or two later, members of our embassy staff were hostages.

It seems to me that we should never tire of insisting that our government, in its foreign dealings, project the best of our ideals and especially our creed of government by consent of the governed.

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Sandy



WITHOUT THE SANDY KIWANIS CLUB THIS SEAT WOULD BE EMPTY FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

## Yesteryear in Sandy

## Letter questions goal of little league

by SCOTT NEWTON

Twenty years ago this month the Brightwood Bridge opened. Sandy merchants were hindered by a downtown repaving project and volunteers prepared to send out brochures providing information about a measure on the ballot that would provide funds to build a swimming pool.

Florence Jancan was Brightwood's queen for a day, and cut the ribbon opening the new bridge across the Sandy River. George Bistorious was on hand to help out, as was County Commissioner Darrel Jones, "Brightwood Mayor" Art Jonsrud and Frank and Jane Curran. According to the Snooper, Bistorious and the Currans gave out "free" tickets to the ceremony. Hood-land Chamber President Jack Jancan was dressed up as — believe it or not — Santa Claus. No mention is given as to the temperature that summer day.

While one construction project was completed, another was just getting underway in downtown Sandy. Contractors brought in the heavy equipment, dug down two feet the entire length of Main Street, filled with gravel and paved.

Patrons of local businesses were inconvenienced, but reportedly still

## Salem Scene

## Elections remain measure of Assembly

by JACK ZIMMERMAN  
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The 63rd Legislative Assembly has adjourned. Lawmakers have gone home. The scene in Salem is quiet.

Wrong.  
The Assembly did adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Friday, June 21 after only 159 days of deliberations in the Capital City. Members did indeed go home — after many self-congratulatory declarations for what was perceived as a job well done.

But the gavels that ended this regular session also signalled the

beginning of what likely will be an unrivalled 16 months of political activity culminating on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1986.

The scene in Salem is far from quiet and the growing hub-bub will reach to every corner of the state as Oregonians are persuaded to participate in the grand climax.

And there are a number of preliminaries that will affect the outcome of the finale.  
The November general election is when voters determine who will sit in the 64th Legislative Assembly when it convenes on Jan. 12, 1987. But other — as yet undetermined events — promise to influence the outcome of that election.

Take the Sept. 17 special election this year when voters will decide whether they want to reform the state's revenue system and provide stable financing for public education.

The sales tax election campaign is just barely under way.

Five days before that election — Sept. 12 — candidates may begin to file to seek nomination to various legislative and statewide offices during the primary election next May 20. Deadline to enter the primary fray is next March 11.

And as if those aren't enough dates, consider next July 3 — the date by which signatures must be gathered to place initiative petitions on the November ballot.

The Secretary of State's office reports 21 prospective petitions already have been sought on various issues for which interest groups are seeking ballot status. Eight of those petitions have been approved for signature gathering and those campaigns will persist along with all others.

Salem-watchers also are concerned about a couple of other dates this year — July 15 and Sept. 20. The first is Gov. Vic Atiyeh's deadline for signing, vetoing or permitting laws enacted by the 63rd Assembly to become law without his signature.

Gov. Atiyeh's generous use of gubernatorial veto in the past can't help sustain a certain suspense through the middle of this month. Shortly after session's end he had cancelled four bills outright and exercised a controversial line-item veto on another.

Two years ago he vetoed a modern record of 40 bills and excised parts of another.

Even though such drastic action is not anticipated following what was a much more orderly session than the 1983 imbroglio, more vetoes are expected.

Less than two weeks after the session Atiyeh had reviewed less than half the 863 bills passed. So the potential is at least double the number already killed.

The Sept. 20 date is that on which

raised questions about the goals of the little league baseball program.  
The mother, in a signed letter, wrote: "He asks to play, no answer, the game is over and the light is out. He only wants to get away, get home and out of that uniform, up to his room where Dad won't see him cry. He makes it, God bless him."

"Why are not all boys given an equal chance to play, perhaps they are not a prospective Roger Maris, but, how do they learn?"

Authors of anonymous letters in reply drew the ire of The Post's editor. In Jerry Crouse's column, "The Mousetrap," he wrote: "We relinquish most of our column space today to two freedom loving writers and boys baseball boosters who do not have the intestinal fortitude to let our readers know who they are — that is, except for their little clique!"

"I wonder what these same folks would think of a newspaper editor who was equally ashamed???? to sign his 'John Henry' to a controversial subject. It is unsigned letters from smart alecks that tempt an editor to become cynical in his writings."

"I could say a whole lot more but my Christian constitution tempers me down and just says 'shut up and print those letters!'"

"No Dry Towel!" wrote that Mom and Dad were to be held accountable for their son's lack of playing time because they didn't take time to work with him. The coaches "send out for someone to show him but he is slow to catch on." The letter writer adds: "So why don't you people that all ways find the fault with the coaches do some work instead of all the crying."

"A Coaches' Wife" wrote: "It is very danagious to put a boy into play that can't handle himself."

"Wife" added that a lot of boys show up to play but only a small percentage of fathers offer to help with the coaching. "It is always the ones that don't do anything that feel they can sit back and find fault in the way the boys are coached. No one can point at them and their faults, true, cause they don't do anything but grip!"

We can definitely all agree with one thing the editor wrote. "Your spelling is as bad as mine. . . Might I suggest an English grammar course this fall at the new East Side Community College for the both of us."

We may never find the balance between the teaching of fundamentals and the desire to win baseball games. Some things haven't changed at all in 20 years.

## Contributors, others thanked

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped to make the Queen's Ball a success.

A special thanks to Patty Shelton and Lee Ast of Mercury Development for arranging the use of the former Thriftway Building.

Clark Lund, superintendent of the Sandy Elementary schools, was most gracious in allowing us the use of tables, chairs, risers and a piano from the school. Thanks also to members of the custodial staff, Gerald Grassl, Gary Buhler, Eugene Cissna and Carroll Mayfield, for

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