

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

Scott Newton, editor
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worth the trouble

A group of people are quietly working to preserve Sandy's history. They include some of the town's most long-lived residents, many of whom are related to the town's founders. That group of people, who form the Sandy Pioneer and Historical Association, would like to build a museum, and they have made great strides toward that goal.

Until that ambitious, long-term goal is accomplished, however, residents interested in the area's history might wish to view the Association's current display.

It is housed at the Sandy Community Senior Center, and hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

If one visits the Community Center at the right time, it is quiet upstairs where the display cabinets are located. It is appropriate that one can hear the clock ticking as he views the Stone Age tools the Indians were using when the Lewis and Clark expedition arrived in Oregon.

One can detect a sense of transition by viewing the modest display. The rock wedges, bowls and arrowheads give way to logging tools, a brass ruler and a whipsaw.

Not everyone will appreciate the subtlety of the display. It takes a little bit of imagination to see the chipped stones being used as sinkers by early fishermen, and to some the ox shoe will be just a piece of rusty iron, not a throwback to a different era.

But for those with the imagination to begin to bridge that gap in time, the Sandy Pioneer and Historical Association's display is a rewarding way to spend a half an hour.

Commentary

Expo 86 means \$\$
to state of Oregon

by GOV. VIC ATTIEH

What covers nearly a third of an acre, is located in a foreign country, and will bring millions of dollars into Oregon not only this year but for years to come?

Answer: Oregon's history-to-high tech pavilion at Expo 86, which opened May 2 in Vancouver, B.C., and will run to Oct. 13. Consider:

✓ An estimated 400,000 Californians will travel through Oregon — twice — to get to Expo 86 and to return home.

✓ Expo 86 is expected to bring Oregon \$30 million during its 23-week run, another \$15 million within a year, and \$11 million in new business investment.

✓ Oregon's pavilion will introduce as many as 2 million visitors to a cornucopia of 250 Oregon products ranging from blankets and books to pickles and popcorn.

Visiting Oregon's 13,500-square-foot Expo 86 pavilion will make you even prouder to be an Oregonian.

Outside, wood represents our timber industry and a waterfall our beautiful lakes, rushing rivers, cascading waterfalls and breathtaking Pacific coastline.

Inside, attractions include a 21st Century Covered Wagon Time Tunnel that takes you through Oregon's fiery volcanic history, across the rugged Oregon Trail, into modern-day Oregon and beyond to future exploration of the Pacific coastline.

Among the other attractions are regional exhibits on Oregon's seven distinct geographic areas, a theater with a capacity of 190 for films, per-

formers and lectures, a spectacular Oregon garden, and unique gift shop and deli. A lounge in the pavilion provides space for Oregonians to meet with business prospects visiting Expo.

As I write this, 71 Oregon communities — such as Brownsville, McMinnville, Toledo, Veneta and Sandy — are signed up for their own special Community Days at our pavilion.

Vacationers wanting to visit Oregon enjoy access to two computers loaded with statewide travel tips ranging from bed-and-breakfasts, riding stables and golf courses to wineries, hot springs and ghost towns.

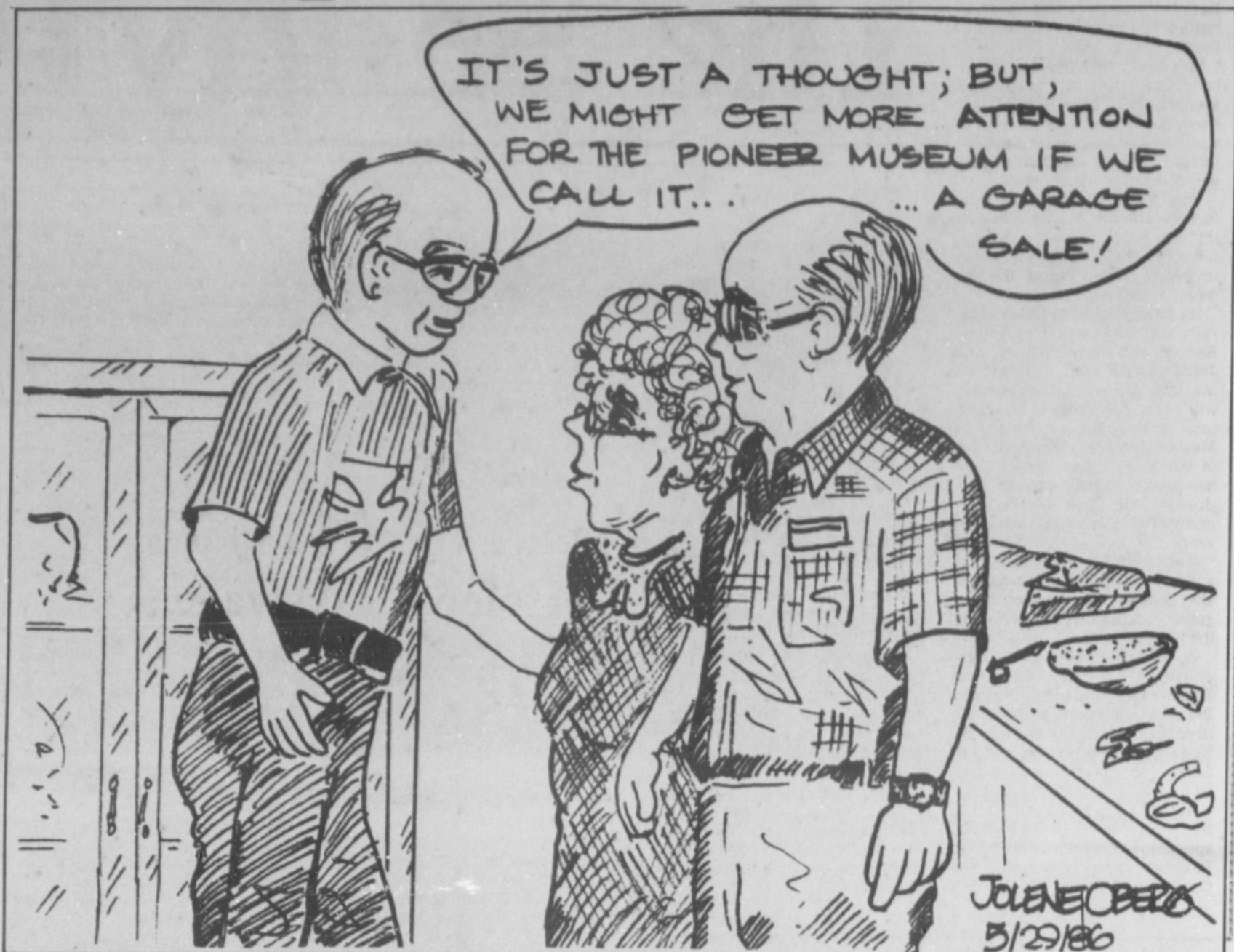
Oregon's pavilion — signed with the "in Oregon you're more than welcome" logo — is larger than those of California or Washington, is located west of the USA pavilion, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

From the main gate to the fair, you can reach our pavilion by skytrain, by ferry or on foot.

Oregon is fortunate to be so visible at so popular a world's fair.

By January, Expo 86 had already sold more visits than New Orleans' Expo 84 sold during its entire run. Expo 86 visitors have bought tickets in all 50 states, in all 10 provinces, and in 22 foreign countries.

To greet our visitors, your state Highway and Parks divisions have adopted the "Company's Coming" theme for an ambitious anti-litter campaign. I encourage you to remember that theme, and to be especially friendly to out-of-state guests.



Salem Scene

More will be at stake in November

by JACK ZIMMERMAN
Associated Oregon Industries

The second act was a yawner, folks.

That was the consensus of media critics immediately after the primary's May 20 second-installment conclusion of the Oregon Legislature's three-act biennial election melodrama.

Unofficial returns produced the familiar "no surprises" results that accompanied reviews of the first act during which fewer-than-usual numbers of candidates filed to seek nomination as candidates for the Assembly's House and Senate next fall.

And, almost predictably, the smaller-than-usual cast attracted a similar-sized audience. Pre-election estimates by election officials predicted a turnout of only 45.5 percent of registered voters. Although the final tally won't be determined for several weeks, it appears doubtful the total will exceed that forecast by more than one percentage point.

That would match the 1982 off-year primary turnout and be somewhat less than the 52.7 percent who voted in 1984.

In spite of a less than enthusiastic general audience, those devoted to political theater anticipate a livelier third act and are storing up popcorn sufficient to tide them over until the final curtain falls next Nov. 4.

This is especially true of Republicans, who interpret second-act results as indications they still have a shot at restoring GOP majorities in both legislative chambers.

And winning 16 seats in the 30-member Senate and 31 seats in the 60-member House of Representatives

is always the goal of both Democratic and Republican players when this production is revived every two years.

The numbers each party started with on filing day last March 11 still haven't changed. Senate Democrats maintain their 18-12 edge in that chamber and House Republicans still trail 26-34.

But several developments culminating in the second act provide GOP optimism as this performance continues.

For instance, the disparity between registered Republicans and Democrats continued to narrow as the primary approached. Last available data had the difference at 155,231 — still a significant Demo lead but decreasing steadily from 197,821 in November, 1984.

This development likely will see concerted efforts by both parties to swell their numbers as the general election approaches, despite the fact those registered as independents can vote this fall.

Meanwhile, the second act saw the Senate's partisan contest swing slightly toward another GOP gain. Two Democrat challengers were removed from the race, leaving both parties with one uncontested incumbent apiece.

You may recall three incumbent Democrat Senators opted out of legislative races and six others from their party face re-election contests this year. Only five GOP incumbents face that problem this year. The circumstance appears to provide Republicans with an edge, although several of their races promise to be real battles — two involving former House Democrats attempting to move into the upper chamber.

Republican optimism on the House side is equally enthusiastic. Although early returns saw all Demo incumbents winning, at least one race appeared close enough to require an automatic recount. At the same time five House Democrats aren't seeking their old seats, compared with only two Republicans opting out.

Given the advantage incumbents usually enjoy when seeking re-election, that means Republicans have 24 of 26 seeking re-election, compared with 29 of 34 Democrats seeking to return.

Another circumstance House Republicans count as favorable to their cause is the fact six GOP candidates who lose their bids in 1984 have returned to try again. Five of those races will be replays of 1984 contests and the other pits the GOP challenger against the wife of the

Demo victor two years ago.

By the same token, only two Demo challengers have returned to challenge 1984 GOP winners.

All of this conjecture is just that, however. Because Senate Democrats have maintained numerical superiority since 1958 and House Democrats have ruled that chamber since 1972.

The race to change or maintain those circumstances is what will enliven the third act of this year's production.

And audience participation is bound to be greater for the finale.

There may be some interesting initiatives on the ballot and the races for Governor and U.S. Senate are companion attractions bound to lure many more theatergoers who weren't in their seats for the second act.

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Letters to the editor

6 percent blank check
reason for levy failure

Now that the May 20, 1986 vote has become history, it would only be appropriate to look at the meaning of the results of one of the measures that was rejected by the voters here in the Sandy High School district. I refer, of course, to the proposed tax base measure along with its 6 percent rider.

It should be clear to the majority of school boards from one end of the state to the other that the voter-taxpayer does not and will not tolerate the use of that rider in support of its school system.

If proposed budgets cannot be presented to the voters by the school boards in such a way to inspire voter

confidence, they are wasting more time and more money, yours and mine. It seems to me the Oregon voter, along with us in Sandy, has told the general public that school services will succeed if the various school boards and budget committees will face the fact that taxpayers are in no mood to consider a 6 percent blank check approach to the problem.

The Sandy voting public should congratulate itself on analyzing the tax base measure for what it was as presented.

Lloyd A. Cummins
Sandy

Businesses invest in youth

We, parents of the Mt. Hood Pre-school children, would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to each and every business that donated so generously to our annual auction in May. Without their support, and the support of the community that attended, our school would not continue to exist.

These businesses made an investment in our future, the children; we salute them.

We would also like to recognize and thank Lucy Bowman, who went above and beyond any call to put this auction together, keep it going, and see it through.

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