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Turn Off the TV!

Vice-Pres. Humphrey recently told a Washington meeting that the average American youngster spends 10 hours watching TV for every hour he spends in supervised sports or physical activity.

Humphrey gave the statistic in connection with his plea that schools be kept open this summer as neighborhood recreation centers. He pointed out that school sports facilities are largely unused during the summer and that trained people (presently teaching in the schools) could be utilized at a relatively minor cost.

The trouble is that most schools don't have the funds necessary to implement the vice-president's suggestion, meritorious as it might be.

Right here in our own area, for instance, Rockwood voters overwhelmingly rejected a special summer recreation levy last week. Other factors

contributed to the result, but the voters just didn't want the extra expense.

The only answer would seem to be a program with voluntary, parental supervision. Perhaps this is possible but Humphrey's figures indicated that half of American adults today are overweight; further, that half of today's college students cannot meet accepted physical fitness standards. The elders, thus, don't offer much promise.

There is the further difficulty that whenever a school budget gets in trouble, physical education is one of the first areas chopped out. PE somehow is deemed less essential.

It isn't; its place in the school program is as necessary as most any other subject. Parents can do two things: (a) support the PE programs in the schools and (b) turn off the TV.

Primary Not Really Representative

State Rep. Betty Roberts has proposed that Oregon's primary law be changed so as to include all possible presidential candidates.

The present ballot will have the name of Pres. Johnson, who isn't running. It will not have the names of Hubert Humphrey and Nelson Rockefeller, who are running.

"Thus," she concludes, "at present an accurate picture cannot be obtained because not all candidates are on the ballot."

She suggests a last-minute ballot, with the Secretary of State delaying until the last possible moment before drawing up the list of names. Another alternative would be a completely blank ballot with the voter given his choice of whomever he wished to write in.

Mrs. Roberts certainly is correct in that the Oregon ballot cannot give a true picture this year. We suspect

that a Nixon-Rockefeller race would have generated much more interest than the Nixon-Reagan contest; and would have been a lot more meaningful.

Similarly, had Hubert Humphrey been on the Democratic ballot, our primary would have had much more national significance. Mrs. Roberts says by all means the primary should be retained because of the national publicity it gives our state. However, some sort of change is necessary, she feels.

We agree. We feel somewhat frustrated this time because only a partial list of candidates is available. But we'd like to go one step further and let everyone vote for whomever he wished irrespective of party lines. In other words, make it a true popularity poll, just like the general election. Then Oregon surely would be a weathervane.



DOWN ON HIS KNEES, this appealing goat seems to be begging for help from Sandy citizens. Poster caption, too large to include in picture, reads "DON'T MAKE HIM EAT IT"

ALL - HELP CLEAN UP SANDY." Original idea and art work won a first prize for sixth grade student Nancy Taylor.

★ Letters to the Editor ★

To the Editor

I have wanted to answer Mr. Hewitt's letter on sex for some time. In the main, I agree with his views, but he made one error. He said "there is nothing new about sex. Parents have been doing it for centuries."

He's wrong. He is thinking of sex as just an act, but sex is more than an act - it is genetic dynamite!

Young people hold within themselves the seeds of life, which can people the world and change it! Mr. Hewitt forgets that no two hairs on any person's head are alike, nor are any two heads of hair alike, nor are any two races heads of hair alike!

In his book "The Wellsprings of Life," Professor Isaac Asimov tells how it has been discovered that viruses divide the multiply exactly like a human cell, through chromosomes and the genetic process.

Viruses are mutated cells that got sidetracked from the human chain in evolution.

In the TV show "How Life Begins," the doctor says new viruses have been created in the test tube!

"I foresee," he says, "when the tendency toward cancer and diabetes can be done away with by injecting a bit of chromosomal cell tissue into the mother at the time of conception! Or if a musically gifted or scientifically gifted child is desired!"

There's nothing new about sex? Up to now Nature at random has provided the gifted, or the diseased! Not so in the future!

In "How Life Begins," the doctor goes on, "this will create the problem of control. Will there be a brilliant elite (by control, not by natural selection) with a class of ant-people bred to be slaves? I believe the good will far out-weigh the evil!"

Why do you suppose so much interest is being taken in thymus and heart transplants? If the body can be conditioned to accept foreign heart cells, it can be conditioned to accept foreign chromosome matter!

Nothing new in sex? Just a few million tons of genetic TNT greater than the hydrogen bomb, and young people must be educated to the good and moral use of the genetic dynamite or they become the ants! God is Life, and God made sex and is in sex! Sex is the love of BEING!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Phillip J. Bernard
Rt. 2 # 862
Sandy, Ore.

To the Editor:

I have found myself in a rather unusual situation and thought perhaps you could help me out.

In finding myself a Webelos leader to a group of 84 cub scouts with approximately 8 parents between them - I know for a fact that these kids had parents at one time - (They all signed for the boys to become Cubs). However, they have now disappeared. The first meeting we held was crowded with cubs and parents. Then suddenly all we had were cubs. I realize that some parents must work at the

times the meetings are held; but all of them? This letter is not meant for the working parents.

The past meeting 13 boys could not receive the awards that they had worked hard for, because the parent has to be present for the boy to get his award. It is heart breaking to have to tell these deserving kids that they can't have the award because they are alone - surely they deserve better than this!

If the parents could see a picture of the disappointment on their sons' faces, I don't think they would ever let this happen again.

Is it too much to ask of parents to devote an occasional evening to their kids for something that means so much to the boy?

There will be a meeting tonight, May 16, at 7 p.m. This is the 1st meeting of the year. It will be held at the grade school gym for Sandy Pack 248.

Parents of these cubs - surely you can spare one hour this week for your son!

Gordon Markvardson
Webelos leader Den 1
Sandy, Oregon

TO THE EDITOR

It is interesting to see that a candidate is charging that the Clackamas County Commissioners ignored provisions of the State Constitution in connection with the rental of space in the Trans-America Building.

Commissioners Fred Stefani, Stan Ely and Stan Skoko were aware of the constitutional provisions and the matter was specifically and openly negotiated between the County and the other parties involved.

The agreement does not violate our law and, in fact, actually mentions Article 11, Section 10 of our Constitution, including the debt limiting section.

This matter was thoughtfully and judiciously considered by our Board of County Commissioners, and I personally want to commend them for the care with which the legal aspect of this agreement was handled.

Roger Rook
District Attorney

Sandy Soldier Now Sergeant

Gary G. Blankenship, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn V. Blankenship, Route 2, Sandy, was promoted to Army Sergeant upon completion of the Ft. Benning, Ga., Infantry Noncommissioned Officer Candidate course, April 23.

During his 12 weeks of training, the sergeant received instruction in leadership, light weapons, infantry tactics, map reading and communications. His selection for the course was the result of a specialized Army program that grants rapid promotions to outstanding individuals. He entered the Army in August 1967.

His wife, Reta, lives in Lebanon.

Gresham Co-op Salesroom Open

The opening of the Gresham Cooperative's new farm supply salesrooms at 325 NE 242nd Dr. was held last Wednesday evening.

The 34th annual membership meeting followed. In an election of directors, David Tillstrom, Lester Johnson and Carl Lyski were named to the board for three-year terms. They replace Robert Carlson, Arnold Moore and Kenneth Stone who are not eligible for re-election under cooperative laws.

A new all-time sales record of \$610,963 for the 1967 year with net margins for distribution of \$38,182 after payment of \$1,010 in dividends on stock was announced.

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Women Attend Meeting

Three women from East County were present at a meeting in Hood River this week of Farm Bureau women leaders. Attending the four workshop sessions at the two-day meeting were: Mrs. Victor Thompson, Gresham; Mrs. John Sedle, Troutdale; and Mrs. Glen Tuttle, Boring, Multnomah County Farm Bureau Women's chairman.



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Located in the Sandy Woman's Club Hall. Open 2 - 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 12 - 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Few people know that we have several authors who live or have lived in the Sandy area at some time.

The best author here is the world famous bulb grower, Jan de Graff of the Oregon Bulb Farms. His new book, "Lilies" with 47 color plates, has just been published by Funk and Wagnalls in connection with Readers Digest Books. It was written in collaboration with Edward Hyams, an English writer, and published first in Europe by Thomas Nelson and Sons. Mr. de Graff has written other books, including "The Complete Book of Lilies" and hundreds of articles for magazines and newspaper. A full page story of his writings and work was published in the April 25, issue of the Sandy Post. His new book will be purchased and on our library shelves soon.

Emma Bennett Miller (Mrs. J.M.C. Miller, later Mrs. Troy) has five of her poems included in "Oregon Poets," an anthology of 50 contemporary poets published by Henry Harrison in 1935, that included poems by Ethel Romig Fuller and many other Oregon poets who later became well known. Mrs. Miller lived in Sandy Ridge for years and later in Sandy in the brown house which recently burned down, next to the Big Apple grocery. In addition to writing poetry, she was a correspondent for local and Portland newspapers. She lived to be over 90 years of age and was a bright and sprightly figure to the last. The library owns this book.

Emory Strong, whose family lived in the region of Music Camp Road, attended Sandy High School around 1923 to 1926.

He became an engineer and amateur archeologist and wrote a book entitled "Stone Age on the Columbia River," which we have in the Sandy Public Library. He made the history and prehistory of the Columbia River his hobby and made a valuable contribution to local archeology.

About 30 years ago, the half brother of Ray Littlepage of Kelso, John Littlepage, wrote a book about his experiences as a mining engineer in Russia. He lived as a boy in the Powell Valley area and passed away some 20 years ago.

The Littlepage book is titled "In Search of Soviet Gold" and was written in collaboration with a well known author, De-maree Bess. We are presently looking for a copy for our library.

The librarian would appreciate being informed of other authors from the area. The library board has endeavored to acquire all the books by Oregon and Northwest authors, and to specialize in books about the Northwest and Oregon. A new lot of books will be purchased this week and processed for our patrons as soon as possible. Books are purchased several times a year, and these new books together with gifts to the library create a changing panorama of interest for the readers.

The hope of all those connected with the library, as well as its many readers, is that a new library and City Hall will be built soon, the better to serve the people of Sandy and surrounding areas.

Eunice Barnum
Librarian

BPW NEWS

A joint meeting with Sandy's mother club, the Gresham Business and Professional Women's Club, was held at the Satellite Restaurant on Wednesday evening, May 1. Mrs. Lewis Depro, a Certified Public Accountant and recent newcomer, was introduced as a guest.

Mrs. Edard M. Schmitz was the narrator for the Emblem ceremony. Others participating were: Miss Eula Lankard, Torch; Mesdames Lorraine Sieler, Wand; Pauline Buhler, Scroll; Evangeline Buschke of the Gresham Club, Ship of Commerce; and Lorraine Martin, Nike.

Others attending were: Mesdames Elizabeth A. Bartholomew, Deborah Davidson, Lillian E. Orr, Betty Chisum, Jo Hewlett, Ruth Dulin, Mildred Lundblad, Arlie Harris, Emma Lou Webster, Marie Hamner, Lytha Malcom and President Lucy M. Seidel from the Gresham Club; President Audrey Colson of the Sandy club and Sandy members Marie Seematter, Cathy Durr, Naomi Blaisdell, Sara Berger, Esther Hoffmann, Gladys Cannon, Eleanor Howard and Louise Crutcher.

The cooperation of area merchants, private citizens and several high school youth groups made possible a very successful fashion show, a benefit for the club's annual scholarship.

The Fireside Meeting was held May 15 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. Seematter on Brooks Road.

Damascus Plans to Submit Same Budget to Voters

Damascus Union School district will submit the same budget to voters May 28 in an election from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the school.

The proposed budget levy of \$134,030 was defeated by seven votes in the school elections May 6. Votes were tallied at 96 yes and 103 no.