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## The Saga of Timberline Rim

The story of a real estate development called Timberline Rim is, we think, the perfect example of bureaucratic bungling.

Timberline is the development of a Seattle firm called Brown Enterprises Inc. not far from Brightwood. Several weeks ago, an extensive advertising campaign was begun. Object: To move Timberline Rim lots.

Lots were sold, only rumors soon began to be heard that Timberline had not gone through the necessary legal steps before sales began. Most specifically, this included plat approval by the Clackamas County Planning Commission and recording of the plat.

A perusal of county records indicated that Timberline, indeed, had not been approved and that any sales activity seemed in direct violation of state law.

Timberline, however, claimed it did take the required steps and was operating entirely in legal fashion.

The facts are these: Timberline did submit a preliminary plan to the Clackamas County Planning Commission and this was

approved by a sub-committee. Armed with this approval, Timberline went to the State Real Estate Board and obtained permission to proceed with sales.

Such action by the Real Estate Board would seem to be directly contrary to state law which says, explicitly, that no sales shall be made until final plat approval is given.

In the case of Timberline Rim, only preliminary, tentative approval had been given when the State Board gave a go-ahead to start selling. Clackamas County commissioners had, in fact, suggested several changes before they would give their approval.

Yet when the State Board is asked how it can contravene state law, you get a large dose of shoulder shrugging. The Board says, in effect, that such problems are left to the Planning Commission of the individual county involved.

Why, then, do we have state laws governing real-estate developments? Or more to the point, why do we even have a State Real Estate Board?

## The Democratic Convention

Several weeks ago, we wrote -- just before the Republican national convention -- that a lot of so-called experts said the GOP was committing hari-kari if it nominated Richard M. Nixon.

But they went ahead anyhow. Now the same experts are saying the same thing about the Democrats and Hubert Humphrey. This is written before Wednesday's balloting begins, but it appears the experts once again will be wrong. Hubert looks like a shoo-in.

This time, however, the Democratic party seems afflicted with a miasma the likes of which we've never seen before. Usually the Democrats are pugnacious, cocky and just spoiling the take on the Republicans.

## Rain . . .

Sometimes, it's difficult to pick an editorial stand on which everyone will agree.

But we have one this week . . . TURN OFF THE RAIN!!

The Weather Bureau reports we've long since set a new August record for rainfall. The damage to crops has soared into the millions, the State Fair at Salem has been all but drowned, and roofs are leaking everywhere!

Last Saturday when the State Fair opened at Salem, some of the tents were so filled with rain puddles

Contrast this with the bunch in Chicago which seems defeatist, jittery and almost drowsy.

The Democrats, of course, are afflicted with pollitis or whatever affliction it is which comes with poll watching. Roper, Harris, Gallup and Co. seemingly have so convinced the Democrats that they can't win with Hubert Humphrey, that the faithful are grasping at straws.

The draft Ted Kennedy boom seems an almost desperate attempt to capitalize on the Kennedy name with no apparent concern about the man, his feelings and whether or not he's even qualified for the presidency.

The Republicans, for once, must be enjoying the show.

that they couldn't be raised. When finally they went up, water cascaded down onto everything. And so heavy was the rainfall that power lines went out all over the Fairgrounds.

But just to prove that Oregon's weather isn't always thus, refresh your memory on these figures:

A year ago today (Aug. 29, 1967), the temperature was 101 degrees and we had completed 69 days without rainfall.

Don't say it always rains in Oregon!

## novice.

"We came out of the forest near a field dotted with cows and steers. I kept my eye on one young looking bull as we walked by the fence.

"I wouldn't worry about him," Betty said, "there's the big one!" She pointed. I looked. I froze.

"Love the way you take to the country Joanne," Betty said.

Jo was silent, it took all her energy to carry our cone harvest.

Back at the Hartman ranch, we dried out. We also greased our hands with lard which is the only thing to cut the pitch.

"You know, if we went back tomorrow, the squirrels will have gone right behind us and cut more cones," Jo said.

"Can't make it tomorrow girls," I said, "but perhaps when the sun shines."

They had made a fair-weather convert to cone crawling.

CUTTING CONES open to check for seed count is part of the job. A few from each tree should be opened to insure a minimum count of five seeds per cone. Mos pickers have special tool for this, but a knife will do in a pinch is the user is as patient and careful as our Joanne.

(Post photo)



"VOTE HERE," READS sign on door of Wemme Lions Hall where Mt. Hood Loop Water District half-million-dollar bond election was held Monday. Some voters complained that sign was too small to be seen from highway and also that the election was not properly publicized. However, those who did find their way to the polling place defeated the proposal by a vote of 110 to 56. (Post photo)

## Letters to the Editor

Letters from Sandy Post readers are welcomed on almost any subject. However, letters must be legible and signed with the name and address of the sender. Names will be withheld upon request. Since we reserve the right to limit length as space permits, please try to be as brief as possible.

Editor, Sandy Post

On Monday, August 26, the Board of the Mt. Hood Loop Water district had an election to determine if the people

wanted an operable community water system and would bond themselves to pay for it. The bond election lost 56 to 110.

While the Board feels that this is a loss to the community, we none the less feel that we have fulfilled our obligations by offering the opportunity to vote. Someone elected five of us to the water Board--they must have expected us to try to bring about a water system.

Although the Board needs no defense of its actions, I personally wish to express my own disgust at the attitude of some of the voters at today's election.

The election board was composed of 3 private citizens who spent some 14 hours of their time to serve their fellow voters. These ladies were not even on or connected with the water board, yet they were subjected to a continual barrage of insults, name calling, pencil slamming, door slamming and general abuse from a segment of the voters. The disgusting thing is that much of the childish actions were by persons of good education and of responsible positions in Federal offices and private enterprise. One woman in indeed be proud of herself as she dashed in, grabbed a ballot, marked it and stuffed it in the ballot box and dashed out laughing and knowing full well she was not even in the district. Does she know that action such as this could invalidate the entire election and cost the taxpayers the expense of another election?

Many remarks were made that the election was illegal. Are the accusers so ill-informed or naive that they think an elected body has no state laws governing them? We had checked every detail with the

attorney and the county. If so many persons thought it was illegal election, why did they bother to vote -- don't they trust their own judgement?

The results of the election cannot be disputed, but the attitude and manners of a number of voters leaves much to be desired.

Some of them owe the election board an apology.

Walt Blaisdell, Chairman  
Mt. Hood Loop Water District

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To the Editor:

Over two months ago at our Clackamas Co. Court House when Clay Meyers was conducting an investigation of our primary voting mess, I asked for the names of all those who had helped to program Mr. Schumacher's voting machines. The several reasons for this request were: the machines obviously weren't programmed right and many other disgusted voters had expressed a desire for this information and one of the programmers was actually a relative-in-law of the candidate in charge of county elections and we had printed material saying that a machine could be set to give a machine candidate any desired percentage of the vote.

To ask for the names of all programmers still seems a reasonable request inasmuch as a much needed investigation was underway. But my request was not answered or even acknowledged so I asked it again. Then Robert Schumacher went over and confided something to Clay Meyers who, in the presence of an overflow crowd, told me that Mr. Schumacher would send me the names of the programmers in a letter. Several others at least as interested as I was also asked for this information and Clay Meyers asked for a copy of the promised Schumacher revelation.

No such letter has ever been received by me or by the others to my knowledge. And after two months none of us expect it. The question is: why the secrecy?

Now Phyllis Schlafly who wrote about voting machines has her material well documented and is a responsible national figure who has held elective positions on every level of political action, precinct, district, state and national and yet one does not like to believe she is right when she says flatly, on page 179 of her book, "Safe Not Sorry" that "... voting machines can be fixed to give the machine candidate any percentage of the vote". However one does wonder why the identity of the programmers is being kept secret, since it is quite obvious that if any "fixing" was to be done, it would have to be done by the programmers. One also wonders why Robert Schumacher is so determined to keep his voting machines when the people distrust them.

Stan Skoko has indicated that he'll give no consideration to a petition to abolish the voting machine in Clackamas Co, which is hardly news as it is no change from his attitude when he said he would not agree to rescind a certain ordinance even if 999 out of 1,000 wanted it rescinded. But we do have two other commissioners.

Anyone interested in getting signatures to a petition to

abolish voting machines and return the paper ballot, can contact Josephine McKinney, Route 5, Box 347, Oregon City or Ellen Gasser, Route 1, Box 105, Mulino, Ore. More helpers are needed in some sections.

Grace A. Lien  
Route 2, Box 135,  
Estacada, Oregon

## Student Jobs Needed

Clackamas Community College is developing a student employment office, and is interested in obtaining lists of part time jobs available for students.

Jobs which could be handled by college students include service station work, store clerks, secretarial, custodial work, watchmen, farm work, restaurant work, etc.

Anyone having a part time job available is urged to contact the CCC counseling office, phone 656-0675 and ask for Charles Adams.

## FOOD JUDGING NETS RIBBON

Eight individual blue ribbons were awarded in the food preservation judging contest for 4-H members at the State Fair Monday.

Alice Young of Troutdale won a blue award.

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