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Why Did Budget Fail?

The people of the Sandy-Hoodland area showed their support for the grade schools in the area Monday, but failed to give support to the high school.

The high school budget loss by only 14 votes 291 yes to 305 no. We wonder if the vote was against the amount of money the school district was after or over the voters dissatisfaction over internal problems at the high school.

We know through talking with several persons who voted against the budget that they were voting against the fact that the budget talks had gone to an impasse committee and that they did not feel the administration was doing a good job.

These voters did not feel the money issue was the key to the budget failure.

Whatever the reason was for the failure of the budget levy we hope that those who voted against it will show up at the budget committee hearing on Monday night at 7:30 in the high school library.

At this meeting you who voted against the budget should speak your piece to the budget committee so that the next election will result in a budget passage.

Remember that the cost of this next election will be taking away funds which should be spent on our children's education.

Parking Lot Needed

The City Council is taking a giant stride in the right direction by looking into the problem of parking in Sandy.

The city is in need of a central parking place in town other than along the streets. The lot where the old city hall was located on Shelly St. has been set aside by the city for this purpose, but at this point nothing has really been done to make it a parking lot.

Are We Another Appalachia?

We certainly don't like to look upon ourselves as another economic Appalachia, but the federal government just may be.

A meeting in Seattle last week heard reports that the sad state of the economy in the Pacific Northwest has revived talk of a federally-funded ship canal between Puget Sound and the Columbia river.

The idea is that construction of the long-talked-about canal might pour badly-needed funds into the economy of the Seattle-Portland area.

The canal has been talked about for

years. It would provide an "inside passage" from Seattle to Portland via Puget Sound, Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor to the Columbia.

We also hope that when they "look into" this problem that the councilmen take time out to look at the good job which the city of Gresham has done in developing their parking lots into something else than just a black-topped area.

Not too many major land crossings are involved and the route is considered by many engineers to be economically feasible.

Should the federal government seek to pump some quick funds into the economy of the Pacific Northwest, the canal could become a reality.

It's too bad, though, that it takes a near debacle on the economic front to stir the government into action.

In the Oregon House this week, a bill which would increase workmen's compensation benefits for minor children of workmen killed on the job has passed overwhelmingly. The bill now goes to the Senate. The increase in the amount for the first two children would be from \$40 to \$100 a month. Children in excess of two would receive \$50 instead of \$30 a month. The bill sets a maximum of \$300 a month that can be paid and the money is paid until the child is 18 years of age.

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The House also passed a bill this week authorizing the use of money raised for personal license plates to clean up litter. The money from the plates amounted to about \$60,000 during the year 1970 and the special plates are expected to raise \$100,000 during the next two years.

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THIS IS THE FIRST place poster in the contest sponsored by the Sandy Chamber of Commerce in connection with the Clean up Week in Sandy May 1 to 8. The poster belongs to Doug Buhler an eighth grader at Sandy Grade School. He took first in grades seventh and eighth.

House bills move to Senate

The Oregon Legislature enters the month of May with the promise of major property tax relief for Oregon's senior citizens.

The property tax relief proposal for the senior citizen is based upon a percentage of household income, and the House Republicans have endorsed the plan assuring it of passage in the Oregon House.

The plan which will give relief to the tune of about \$11 million during the next biennium would increase the relief for those over 65 years of age by some 500 per cent. The program would be financed with a five cent per pack cigarette tax increase which has already passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.

The plan, coming from the House Revenue Committee, would eliminate property taxes to three percent of household income for persons over 65 years of age whose household income is under \$3,000 a year. A household with an income of more than \$5,000 yearly would pay not over \$200 in property tax.

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CITIZENS FORUM
News and Views About
Mt. Hood Community College
By N. Ferris Top
Acting Information Officer

Dedication Week and all of the people and events surrounding it gave the feeling that the word "community" in community college really means something.

But the real significance of the word hit me as I was looking at a schedule of some of the events that are taking place on Mt. Hood's campus that aren't really heralded as "special" but rather, just normal.

More than 200 young baseball players, their coaches and their dads attended a Youth Baseball Clinic at Mt. Hood last week. Conducted by Ron Walp, Mt. Hood's baseball coach, the clinic helped young little leaguers with the fundamentals of baseball.

Along that athletic line, upcoming this Saturday Mt. Hood is the host for the Northwest Women's Track and Field Meet. It will attract women from all over Oregon and Washington and the Northwest.

Saturday 245 people attended the National Science Awards on the Mt. Hood campus. This event is a cooperative venture between OMSI and Mt. Hood's Community Services Office and is a tremendous experience for young science students.

As if to accentuate the potpourri of "community" happenings on the campus Lute

Jerstad started another community services' course in Mountain climbing and "outdoor adventure." This same week the college is offering a pre-natal clinic for expectant mothers and interested member of the community.

Mt. Hood's place in the community extends beyond the campus. This Saturday

students from Mt. Hood will join together in Operation SHINE (Students Help Improve Neighborhood Environment.)

The intent of this project is for students and staff to work together helping a family who is less fortunate than themselves. The project will need 40 to 50 volunteers in order to successfully complete it in one day.

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Thursday and Friday Nite Special
Chicken & Dumpling DINNER
2 for \$3 Soup or Salad & Coffee
Live Music
Friday and Saturday Nights
by Ray Overton & The Moonliters
9 P.M. to 2 A.M.

STOCK UP FOR TROUT FISHING
Snelled Hooks Pkg. of 6 5¢
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100 E. 1st St. Sandy

THANK YOU, MOTHER...

On this special day for all your thoughtfulness

You've cared for all our needs. You've shown your love each day. Thanks Mom, for being a wonderful you.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor-

What is wrong with the Hood-Land Area interest in school activities? Sandy High School Symphonic Band and Choir came up to our new school to entertain us and not even half of the Welches teachers appeared.

Twelve of the participants were from the mountain area out of which eight graduated from Welches.

I know the small group of fifty who attended would tell you it was good. Especially the "Variations On a Kitchen Sink" was different and interesting. Mr. Bowman and Mr. Gardner, you are doing a great job.

Birdie Stienbarger



THIS POSTER BY Virginia Boes took first in the contest for grades fourth through

sixth in the contest sponsored by the Sandy Chamber of Commerce. Virginia is a fifth grader at Sandy.

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