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City Needs Help

The present mess which the Sandy city planning commission is in stinks. It shows a tremendous need for some strong administrative leadership so the right hand will know what the left hand is doing.

Most important is a need for good legal advice not only for this one instance but for every move which city officials make.

We have attended several council and planning commission meetings during the past year and we shudder to think of the number of times when good legal advice would help.

We don't need legal advice from a planner who is not qualified to give legal advice as is currently the situation at the planning commission.

Sandy is a growing community and the decisions being made now will effect it for years to come. The city is badly in need of a city manager to

give strong administrative advice to council and planning commission members. Also there is a need for the city to hire a lawyer who will be available not only for city council meetings but also for planning commission meetings.

The men and women that serve in our city committees are doing this on their own time and are not paid for their work. They need to have all the professional help they can get to make sure that when they make a decision it is being made on facts.

This is extremely important right now for the planning commission because they are updating city ordinances. Without good professional help the city could be in trouble.

This will take money and we request the city council to take this into consideration now as they prepare the city budget for 1972-73.

The Value-Added Tax

We've heard a lot lately about the value-added tax. Just what is it?

Basically, it is a national sales tax designed as a substitute for property taxes.

It would tax everyone, but a system of rebates would make the load fall largely on those making in excess of \$20,000 per year.

Concurrently, states and localities would receive revenues from the tax to replace property-tax levies. States would be encouraged to enact statewide levies limited to industrial and commercial property.

Everyone would pay the sales tax, of course, but a sliding scale of rebates would apply against individual income-tax returns. Poor people who pay no income tax would get checks from the government.

The tax obviously has great political appeal. It hits only a limited group of people. It would eliminate property taxes for support of schools,

except for business and industry. It would be tremendously lucrative and is nearly invisible, as far as the consumer is concerned.

The Nixon administration has loosed several trial balloons and thus far, Democratic liberals have been predictably in opposition. The system of rebates may mute their criticism, however.

A sales tax, of course, always is attacked as being "regressive", as falling most heavily on those with the least ability to pay. Pres. Nixon's rebate system would meet this objection.

On the other hand, we question the equity of any system which forces one small group to bear the full cost of supporting the school system. This, the president would do by effectively limiting the impact of his value-added tax to those earning over \$20,000.

If we're to have public schools, they should be supported by the public.

The Odds Are All Against Us

In the long, dreary recitation of our involvement in Viet-Nam, virtually nothing we've done has gone right.

You can add to that list Pres. Nixon's latest efforts to free U.S. war prisoners.

Very simply, there is no reason for the North Vietnamese or the Viet-Cong to release any U.S. prisoners, callous as this may sound.

The prisoners are the only bargaining tool the Communists yet have left. They have been unable to win a military victory, so hang onto the prisoners for whatever ransom they can extract.

That ransom appears to be (a) complete U.S. withdrawal and (b) complete U.S. abandonment of the Thieu government. The first of these could be accomplished tomorrow, the second is quite something else.

Salmon River

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estimated one and a quarter billion board feet of timber in the area, of which just under 1 billion board feet is economically feasible to harvest.

Buscher would not speculate on what sort of "allowable cut" figures would be reached, saying that all the factors of the study would have a bearing on the ultimate determination of such an amount.

High on the list of area inquiries, another Forest Service spokesman said, was a study of the eventual and actual water uses of the Salmon River, including a study of public wants in terms of water purity and possible future municipal use of

this source.

Alternatives offered the general public in a 23-point questionnaire at the conclusion of the meeting included a sampling of opinion on such topics as sheep and cattle grazing in the area and desire for a two-lane road so motorists could tour the area in an afternoon of driving and viewing.

The Forest Service will now study further input and tally the answers of those who attend the meeting. Another public meeting is scheduled tentatively for May, at which time the results of the survey will be announced.



THE MOBILE WHITE HOUSE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

The poor and those of low income were given a cold shoulder at the last meeting of the Sandy zoning commission and a half million in federal funds was spurned. This came about when a proposal to build a fourty-four apartment complex at Third and Hood Avenues was denied. Twenty-two of the apartments would have rented for \$100-110 per month. Eleven would have received special subsidy for hardship cases such as an elderly couple on a small pension or a disabled veteran family and rented for as low as \$35 per month. The remaining eleven would have rented as open market rates of \$150 per month. Thus the plan was to include some poor, some of low or modest incomes, and some of good incomes. The project was designed to be privately owned but under federal rules of occupancy and maintenance. The rent schedule listed would

Taylor files for sheriff

James G. Taylor, 35, filed for the office of Clackamas County Sheriff on the Democratic ticket. Taylor is employed as an inspector in the enforcement division of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. He is a former chief of police at Madras and Mt. Angel, and was a detective for the Marion County sheriffs office.

He is on the staff of instructors for the board of Police Standards and Training as well as the Portland - Multnomah County Police Academy and teaches classes in Supervisor-Patrolman Relations. He is a member of the Oregon Peace Officers Association and the Oregon Narcotics Officers Association.

He holds a certificate in Police Science and has graduated from numerous regional and advanced schools in police subjects. In 1967 Taylor was awarded the "Citiation for Bravery" from the National Police Officers Association of America. Taylor resides with his wife and five children at 9821 Harvey Ct. in Milwaukie.

Singing group

Senior Citizens will be entertained this Sunday afternoon Feb. 13, at the Senior Adult Center by a student singing group, the "United Way", from the Multnomah School of the Bible.

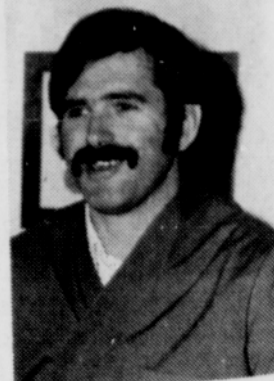
A 45-minute concert is planned and all Senior Citizens are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

WEATHER

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Feb. 4	32	22	.00
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Feb. 6	34	27	.00
Feb. 7	44	34	.10
Feb. 8	52	37	tr.
Feb. 9	54	35	.00

The Troutdale station weather readings are made by 5:30 p.m.

Veterinarian joins staff in Sandy



Chris Kleps, 29, has recently arrived in Sandy as an associate to Jack Keating at the Mt. Hood Animal Clinic.

He has a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Cal. at Davis and has practiced most recently in the San Francisco area.

Before spending 1½ years in San Francisco, Kleps worked as a veterinarian in New Zealand and in Ecuador.

While in Ecuador, he was working for the Peace Corps in helping to establish an out patient clinic for livestock in the mountain area near the capital of the country Quito.

While in New Zealand, he worked for a co-operative clinic run by the local farmers.

Kleps is single and living in the Sandy area. He enjoys skiing, sport cars, horseback riding and other outdoor sports.

Women make up only 22 percent of the faculties in colleges and other institutions of higher learning in this country.

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