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A Change Made

The Sandy High School board members made a very difficult decision Tuesday night when they voted not to renew the contract of Charles Croston as superintendent of the district.

Croston has dedicated 23 years of his life (18 as superintendent) here at Sandy. It was no small decision for the board to seek a change.

Regardless of public pressure and

statements which were made at public meetings, we feel each board member weighted his vote based on what was best for education in the Sandy area.

We hope that the communications between the public and the board which have opened over this issue will continue to grow. Especially as we approach budget time and as the board seeks to hire a new superintendent and principal.

The Vote in Florida

We have at this point no particular favorite for the Democratic presidential nomination so we're not just rationalizing when we say, don't put too much stock on what happened in Florida.

Florida is one of the most atypical states in the country. It has, for instance, more people over 65 than any other state, about 20 per cent of the total population.

It also has an unusually high percentage of retired military families, another conservative group. It has the smallest number of union members among the 10 largest states.

The Shape of Gresham's Future

A Gresham of 50,000 people in perhaps 15 or 20 years.

Sounds incredible? Not if what City Manager Bob McWilliams said Tuesday night comes to pass.

In face of impending city-county consolidation, all cities in Multnomah county have been asked to lay out what they feel is their logical service area.

McWilliams and Gresham city councilmen made their proposal to the Boundary Review Board recently. It was unveiled publicly Tuesday night.

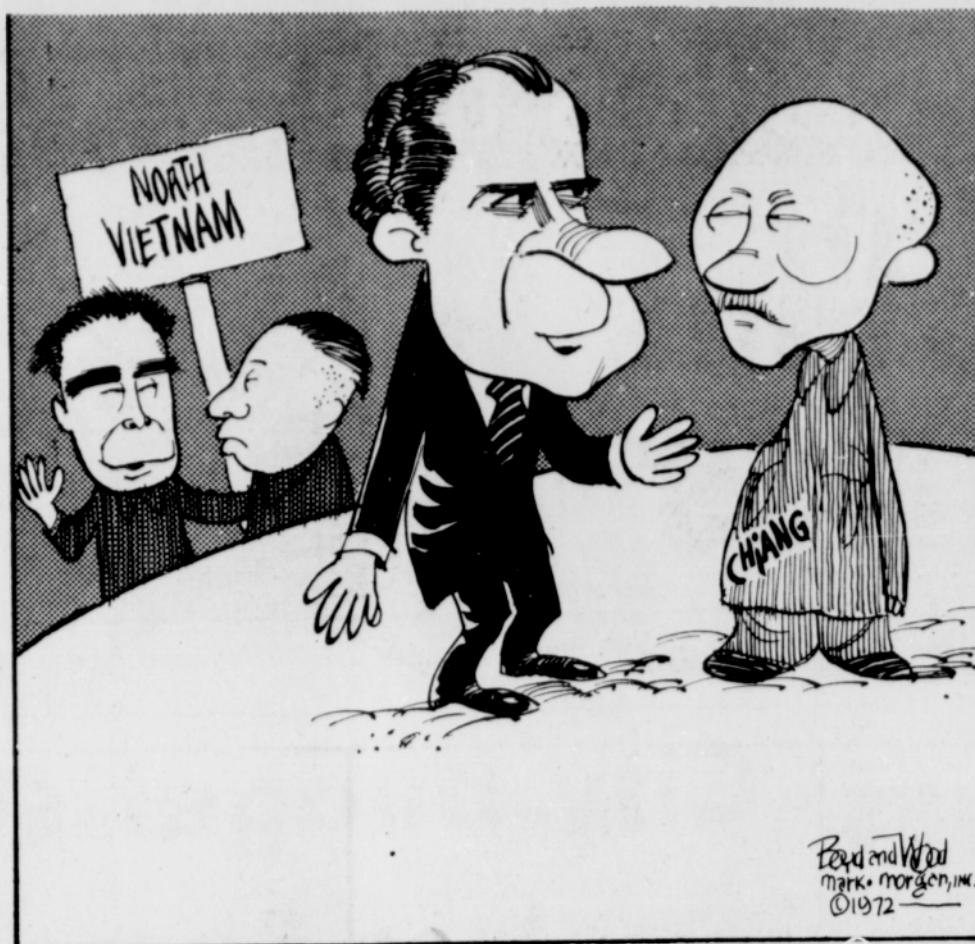
It would almost double the total area in Gresham—from today's 8.49 sq. miles to 15 or 16—and it would add perhaps 4,000 more people to today's 12,390.

But the property to be added contains 3,000 parcels of land and hence Gresham today and Gresham tomorrow, if all this comes to pass, could contain 50,000 persons.

Actually, Gresham's proposal to the Boundary Board was modest enough, considering the many requests Gresham has had for annexations in recent months. A very great many persons living in unincorporated areas want to join Gresham, rather than taking a chance on city-county consolidation. But Gresham is proposing only those areas which it can logically serve (a line meandering between 181st and 192nd on the west, Glisan on the north, the Clackamas county line on the south, and generally Troutdale road on the east).

All this, of course, must be approved by the voters; the city, in fact, may propose an election this summer.

Gresham has grown 325 per cent in population since 1961, 442 per cent in land size. The latest proposal boggles the imagination.



We Didn't Make A Deal! We Didn't Make A Deal!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In regard to the subject of locating the second Mt. Hood Community College Campus in the Sandy suburban area. I have not seen or heard of any opposition to this proposal yet and I cannot believe everyone is in favor of it. It might be well to consider some negative aspects of a campus in our area.

First of all it is going to cost xx numbers of dollars to finance its initial cost and the operational costs in the future. The college administrators say they want xx numbers of acres of land for the site. I have heard all the way from 300 to 1200 acres would be needed. I think they (the administrators) had better be more specific on what they want. When this property is sold to the college it goes off the tax rolls and this tax loss must be absorbed by the real estate of the surrounding district.

What is the development of a M.H.C.C. campus in this area going to do to the land values? The only thing that can happen is that the already over-inflated property values will take another jump. The property owner does in no way gain from over-inflated land values. By the time he pays the sale price plus interest plus the increased tax assessment that seems to increase all the time, he is lucky to balance out even money when the time comes to sell, and sell he must when the taxes get so high he can no longer afford to pay them. The only benefits gained are in the school and county budgets which seem to swell more every year. For fiscal year 71-72 eighty some cents out of every dollar of my property tax money went for school support. I for one taxpayer wonder where all the additional tax revenues collected on new home construction within the county each year go, while at

the same time our property tax rate increases?

The third point to consider is do the people of this area want the rapid population growth that will follow the establishment of the campus? This Sandy area is growing fast enough as it is. The campus will only serve to increase this growth and development rate. We can look to the area of East Gresham and see what happens in the way of high density apartment and housing complexes that will follow the establishment of the campus.

If a second M.H.C.C. campus is really needed of which there is some doubt, then why not construct it closer to the population centers? I am sure another tract of land can be made available somewhere closer to the Gresham area even though the price of land will be higher. We cannot totally stop the eastward urban sprawl but we don't have to accelerate it by building another M.H.C.C. campus in our area.

I suggest the formation of an organized group of opposition as soon as possible dedicated to the total blockage of all attempts to establish this campus in the Sandy suburban area.

Ken Miller
P.O. Box 464
Sandy, Oregon

To the Editor:

The Sandy Ambulance Association is in dire need of more new members again, we have gained a few, but the ones that we do have are mostly night crew members.

There is a great need for day crew members. Day crews are really the best for more people as it doesn't include week-ends. Day crews serve duty from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and for the interest of the public, night crews stand duty from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday thru Friday and from 6 p.m. Friday evening straight thru, day and night, during the week-end until 6 a.m. Monday morning, plus if there are any holidays, night crews must automatically cover this day and night, regardless if it falls on Thursday and Friday like Thanksgiving or on Monday as some holidays fall to make three day week-ends.

So, really day crews are very much better. It is open to both men and women, 18 to 55 and who have first aid cards. If you have no card, when there are enough people interested, we have an instructor who can teach you.

You will never know a greater feeling than when you have given first aid to a victim of an accident or illness. And, too, because of the first aid you give, it may be enough to have saved that person's life.

We need volunteers. Can you help???

Mavis A. Fischer
Sec. Treas.
Sandy Ambulance Inc.

To The Editor:

Adding to a letter sent in by Edna Cooper. I couldn't agree more Edna.

This discussion has been hot and heavy at our home too. All we hear anymore, is "The poor People." Indeed we all can't be rich (and believe me, we are far from being well off financially). As the good old saying, "God Helps Those whom help Themselves." Indeed how true. We must learn to put to good use all our assets such as the

use of our eyes. Anyone that can see and is able to get out and do something has the greatest asset in the world. Not all our poor are sick people. They are just those that have no drive to do anything but sit around and cry how hard times are.

We make most of our own suffering. All of us know of some one that has had it rough but they haven't laid around and said you take care of me for I am bad off. No, they just dug right in and went back to fighting and getting on their feet again.

I believe in helping those that are down, as long as they too are willing to help themselves.

If need be a dollar can be stretched even in these times. How many back yards could raise a garden, instead of a swill of filth. You bet. I have worked with, in and cared for those on Welfare. Those on welfare I found that 65 per cent were living in a novel they themselves created. The father laying around drinking and mother screaming at her brood. We pay for this filth and then have to clean up after them too.

The only way to stop this, is to fight it and not just talk about it. Just like our crime rate. It is all encouraged too much. People are coddled. Well let's uncoddle them, I say. I'll speak to anyone, anytime, anywhere on this subject—both on crime and the poor. We need Welfare but let us use it where it belongs.

Let us fight it say. Show these people the light.
Mrs. John (Ruth) Bailey
Zig Zag

★ Letters

Letter to the Editor:

The Sandy Volunteer Ambulance Association wish to extend our many thanks to Mr. Bill Marshall of Bill Marshall Ford Inc. of Vancouver, Wash. for his helpfulness at the scene of an accident on Highway 26, one mile east of Zig Zag, on March 1, 1972.

Mr. Marshall helped to release a man who was pinned in a pickup truck. This man was covered with gasoline. Mr. Marshall then proceeded to take this man to a near by ranger station, shower him, and then gave him some of his own clothing in exchange.

It was this gentleman's quick thought and good judgement that saved the accident victim from serious gasoline burns. In this day and age there are very few people who care to get involved in any way to help people in a great time of need. Mr. Marshall showed great spirit and his kind is what this world needs more of.

Also, we wish to thank the members of the Hoodland fire department for their help. If these two parties had not been on hand as quickly as they were there may have been a different ending to the story.

The Sandy Volunteer Ambulance Association



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County zoning amend approved by commission

County Commissioners today approved all but one section of an amendment to the county zoning ordinance aimed at controlling the compatibility of commercial and multi-family developments with their surroundings.

The section not approved was one dealing with height and area of signs. Commissioners felt the sign provision was

vague and should be more adequately defined.

Planning Director James Hall said he would re-write this provision and re-submit it to commissioners, probably within a week.

Several persons testified in favor of the alteration, which is designed to promote aesthetics and better protect property values in multi-family and

commercial developments.

It regulates height and sizes of developments, the proportion of land that buildings or structures shall cover, the area designated for parkings and its relationship with the other land areas, and the location for pedestrian and vehicular access.

The amendment covers all future developments in multi-family residential, local commercial, community

commercial and general commercial zoning districts. Besides the testimony received, commissioners received six letters supporting the amendment.

The section governing signs received some criticism.

As written, the sign section called for limitations upon the size, design, lighting and location of signs and advertising structures as determined by the planning commission.

The amendment says the signs should be non-flashing, non-revolving with a maximum height of 20 feet with a maximum area of 30 square feet for multi-family developments and 30 feet maximum height and a maximum area of 40 square feet for commercial developments, designed in a subdued manner.

The amendment provides that all multi-family residential developments must utilize a minimum of 25 percent approved landscaping, and all commercial developments must have 15 percent of its grounds landscaped.

but ask the travel allocation be increased in order to utilize personal cars rather than the large capital outlay for new vehicles.

Other increases are found in the areas of teacher inservice programs, fixed charges (state retirement, social security and industrial accident), in the computer instructional program and in the Trainable Mentally Retarded program.

It is proposed that 2-1/2 positions be added, director of instructional services, a secretary and half-time doctoral intern for community education. Three positions were deleted: Key punch operator, programmer and a testing clerk.

County school budget

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the state Board of Education and the local school districts, providing various services to the schools. Because there are no state or county funds available to it, the IED must rely almost entirely on a tax levy for its revenue.

Salary schedules in the new budget will be the same as adopted at the beginning of the 1971-72 school year. The major budget category increase is for rent, for which an expenditure of \$24,000 is proposed to find new quarters because the county is taking over the IED's present building in July.

Also increased is an item for travel expense. IED officials propose that no new cars be purchased in the upcoming year,

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