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Know Your Candidates

We urge area residents to attend both the Republican candidate fair Friday and the Sandy high school board forum on April 25.

Both of these meetings will enable

area residents a chance to see and hear some of the candidates they will be voting on and it will also give you a chance to air your thoughts to the candidates.

MHCC Strikes a Happy Chord

Good news for the taxpayers!

Mt. Hood Community College's projected tax rate for 1972-73 will be less than the current year, perhaps by as much as 10 per cent.

Preliminary budget figures unveiled at the College last week indicated a projected figure of \$2.00 per thousand of assessed valuation for 1972-73. This compares with \$2.23 at present.

It's not just unusual, it's almost unprecedented for taxes to go down and College officials are understandably pleased with the projections.

Increased valuations within the college district account for most of the tax drop; adjustments in bond payments for the balance.

Whatever the reason, the taxpayers are happy!

A comprehensive survey of public opinion taken over the past month was unveiled last week by the College. It showed strong support for most College programs and altogether indicated the taxpayers are happy.

With taxes going down, even more so!

The People's Marketplace

Something new has been added to The Outlook and Sandy Post.

It's a brand new tabloid-size classified section, separate from the rest of the paper.

We've gone to the new classified section—printed on distinctive peach-colored newsprint—because "of the rapid growth of Outlook classifieds in recent months. In a word, classified ads deserve their own section.

A separate, distinct section, we feel, will not only enhance classified readership, give better service to our advertisers, but also prove much

easier to handle.

Classifieds heretofore have run inside the paper. But by having their own separate section, classified ads in The Outlook should take on a new dimension, a new importance.

These classifieds, of course, run in all three of our publications... the Outlook, the Sandy Post and the Outlook Shopper. This means each classified ad goes into 24,876 homes, either by mail or by carrier delivery. No guessing about our circulation.

A lot of planning has gone into the change. We hope you'll like it!

The Tri-Met Story, Chapter II

News that Tri-Met is running deeply in the red should be more ominous than surprising.

Tri-Met, you'll recall, is the publicly-owned transportation system created by the 1969 legislature to bail out Portland's debt-ridden Rose City Transit.

You'll perhaps also recall that Tri-Met is uniquely financed... financed by a tax on employers, a tax on which none of them had the slightest say.

The news that Tri-Met is a million in the hole and working towards \$2 or \$3 million is no surprise. There's hardly a transit system anywhere which operates profitably. Tri-Met is

no exception.

But the news also is ominous, particularly to employers. It obviously means another raid on their pocketbook. If Tri-Met can't pay its own way, just hike the taxes. After all, there's not a darn thing they can do but pay.

Despite the gross inequity of the Tri-Met tax, nothing is done because there aren't, collectively, very many employers... i.e., many votes.

But as an employer, it's downright disconcerting knowing that each night, down the hall, the Tri-Met board and the Transit Union are going through your wallet.

City budget

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Astleford questioned this, stating that during the past year the city has approved 471 new living units for the city.

He said the city needed a city manager to make sure plans were developed not on a crisis need, but for at least five years in advance.

"Of course these plans could and would be updated every year," said Astleford. Duff stated it was impossible to plan five years in advance.

Council Does Work

Councilman George Burg said the residents of the city must realize that the city council this year had moved to start a comprehensive plan, build a new sewer plant and trunk line and several other major projects.

"The residents must realize this council is not able to make up in one year all the problems which have been here for years," said Burg.

Ken Hallgren said, "It seems to me, the problems brought up at this meeting could all be solved through the hiring of a city manager or administrator or whatever you want to call him."

George Morgan told the council the city budget was too low.

Mayor Haneberg said he was disappointed by the number of persons attending (14) the meeting, but indicated the council would consider the statements made when deciding on another budget election.

OEA looks

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in Sandy on April 23 to determine whether or not a full-scale investigation is warranted, Elliott said.

Half-hour interviews will be conducted by the investigating team beginning at 9 a.m., Sunday morning at the Sandy Community Action Center, 111 S. Shelly, Sandy. Appointments may be made by calling 668-5373 Thursday and Friday from 4 - 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Any person who is interested in Sandy high school and who lives in the district or is otherwise involved with the situation may appear before the committee.

Hunter safety class

Hunters safety classes start May 2 at 7 p.m. at Sandy High School, room 48. Contact Chuck Markwell, 668-4701 or John Metzger.



THE COTTRELL Community Club will sponsor their annual benefit dinner this Saturday night from 5 to 8 at the grade school. The proceeds from the ham dinner go towards meeting any needs in the school and the community. Getting ready for the dinner are from left to right Mrs. Janet

Caba, publicity manager; Mrs. Pauline Miller; and Mrs. Peggy Peck, chairman of the event. Over 1,000 dinners were served last year and the club is hoping more will be served this year.

(Post photo)

LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To The Editor:

The witness for the state was an insult to the intelligence of the people who attended.

The rhetoric of Mr. Hatten was the slickest circumvention of the issue that I have ever heard.

Mr. Telford did try to answer the questions to the best of his ability, they seemed factual and accurate. Mr. Telford, thank you.

The only bit of pertinent information gleaned from Mr. Hatten's remarks, was that they had hired at long last a man capable of saying this land is suitable for building a house or it is not suitable for that purpose. His title, Soils Engineer.

We went to the meeting hoping to be presented with some hope and encouragement. We were told it is our faults that this is happening, this we knew if there were no people there would be no taxes.

What people want is truth and justice. Truth from the elected and appointed persons and justice in their actions, assessment based on these facts.

1. Residential land and residence based on those sales related to it, not house and land bought for commercial development.

2. Industrial and commercial buildings based on replacement cost, not their depreciation value. Depreciation is a business expense and tax deductible. The land the building site a fair market value.

3. A farm, land in excess of 1 acre used for the purpose of agriculture production. This land should be classed in several ways. 1. Residential 2. Recreational 3. Timber 4. Pasture 5. Tillable land 6. Untillable land (waste land) also under the form classification these considerations should be understood.

A. Does the owner operator live on the farm.

B. Is its absentee ownership, long or short term lease involved.

There are so many areas that

Mr. Hatten could have elaborated on, or asked for help. In getting the laws changed, so that a true cash value would be just for all and not all for the cement plant, in Oswego.

Mr. Hatten we do not want greenbelt or open space tax relief. Those are just a tax lien that can be called at your discretion.

I don't like to pay taxes, no one does, but to have to pay an inequitable assessment is an insult to me as an American citizen.

Wallace R. Hewitt

Dear Editor:

A large number of candidates will be at the Republican Candidates Night this Friday. The only question in my mind is how many of our citizens will show.

At the tax meeting the other night one lady said "Elections are coming and a lot of heads are going to roll." That sounds good but how are you going to choose who to vote for? Maybe you will vote as I did the first time I voted. One candidate was the best looking, another attended the same college I did, and still another looked like he had a good sense of humor. Good reasons? I don't think so and that is why I organized the candidate fairs in our area. I want to meet the candidate, ask him questions, and compare him to his opponent.

Since I have been involved in politics I have been very encouraged. Candidates are ordinary people who do listen to people and try to do the best for us.

The only thing that is discouraging is public apathy. If we get bad candidates it is because we vote for them and we don't give support to good candidates. If it is true that evil men succeed only because good men do nothing then what can we do? The first requisite is, of course, to become an informed citizen.

Many candidates are unable to even meet people in our area. If folders and ads are the only means of getting to know a candidate then we are electing

the candidate with the most money who we hope is qualified.

I guess I wrote this letter to challenge you to come Friday night so elected candidates when they hear the name Sandy in relation to county or state projects can think, "That is a community who gave support and I had better do the most I can for them."

See you Friday at 7 at the high school cafeteria. Feel free to drop in only if you can stay but a few minutes.

Ginny Brewster

To the Editor:

I don't mean to belabor the point (2nd Community College), but I feel so strongly that an investment of millions of dollars of our tax money should be voted on by the people, all the people, not just approved by 800 people. There is too strong a tendency to allow these huge, expensive, establishments to be built, and then vote down the budget. This seems to me to be very inefficient and rather like locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen.

And as to the statement that anyone can teach in a Community College, I realize that this means skilled craftsmen. But what does this do to the high school shop teacher who worked to get his degree so he could teach? Doesn't it cheapen his effort?

Louise O'Dea
Welches

Cottrell ham dinner Saturday

The annual dinner sponsored by the Cottrell Community Club is set for April 22. The ham dinner will begin at 5 p.m. and will end at 8 p.m.

The club last year served over 1,000 dinners and hope to surpass that mark this year.

Funds from the dinner go to meet the needs of the community in the Cottrell grade school area.

The dinner will be held in the WEATHER

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April 13	51	38	.27
April 14	56	43	tr.
April 15	54	42	.17
April 16	54	39	tr.
April 17	52	33	.27
April 18	52	31	.00
April 19	56	33	.00

gym of the grade school. Mrs. Peggy Peck has served as chairman of the event this year. Tickets cost six dollars for families, \$1.50 for adults and one dollar for grade school students.

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VA JOBS FOR VETS

The Veterans Administration had (as of November 1971) 84,261 veterans on its payroll out of a total of 180,000 employees, of whom 12,237 were Vietnam era veterans.

College may drop tax rate

The tax rate for Mt. Hood Community College may drop by as much as 10 per cent next year.

Projections for the 1972-73 budget presented last week by Business Manager Larry Oslund indicated a figure of \$2 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as probable.

This compares with a figure of \$2.23 at present.

Increased assessed valuation within the district plus a slight falling off in bond payments account for the decrease.

Oslund predicted another sizable increase in enrollment next year. The College presently has about 9,500 students, or a full-time equivalent of 4,736.

Not all students take a full-time load, in fact many take only a course or two. A full-time load is 12 hours.

Next year, the College expects between 10,500 and 11,000

total students, or a full-time equivalent of 5,423.

Oslund also said only a minimum number of new programs were planned next year, most specifically in graphics technology and in the occupational area.

Nearly one-half of the district's revenue—48.4 per cent—comes from state sources. Another 28.5 per cent comes from taxes, 21 per cent from tuition and 2.1 per cent from federal funds.

Last Thursday's budget discussion will be followed by another meeting April 27. Final approval is scheduled May 11.