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## Try, Try, Try Again

The city of Sandy will seek for the third time this spring to get voter approval for a budget for next year.

The city officials have cut the budget reducing the tax rate by over one dollar per \$1,000 of true cash value.

Yet at the same time, the council also made funds available for the hiring of a city administrator this

January.

Both the move to cut the budget to lower taxes and the budgeting of a city administrator were done by the council to meet the demands of city voters.

We agree with the city council and hope the city voters will also on June 1 by passing the budget.

## More Serious Look Needed

It was obvious from the meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers that they had no set plan for the Sandy river, but rather were acting to follow up on authority given them by Congress.

The meeting could have been more meaningful if the Corps had presented information on the need for flood control. Instead they just kept saying there was a need for it.

We also feel there is a need for some

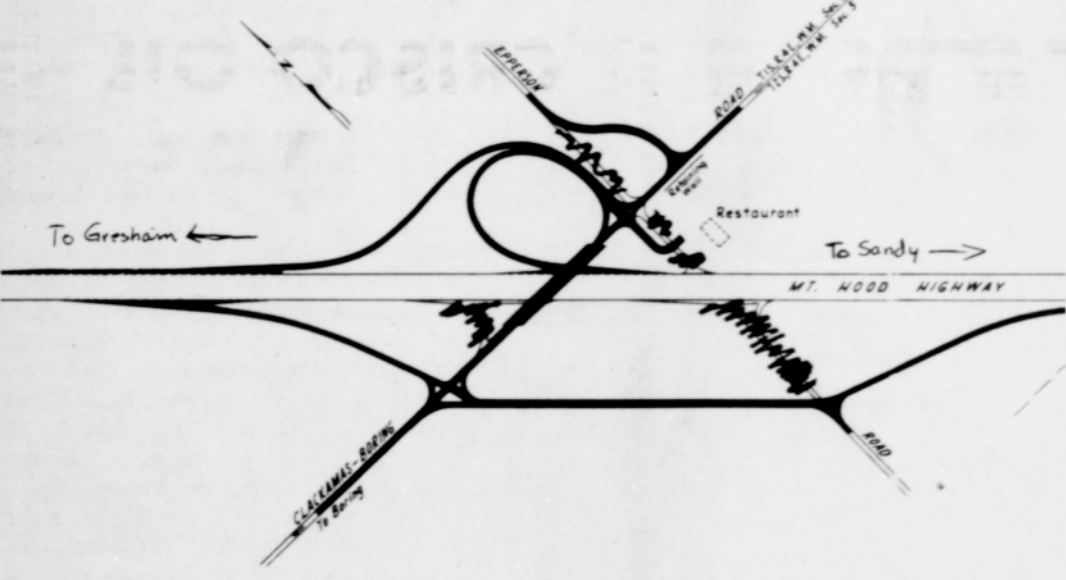
form of flood control work and at the same time this work could be used to improve the environment of the River area, especially the fish habitat.

Yet we question the Corps doing the job, seeing the problems the state is having with them to meet environmental standards.

Also we have heard of the Corps use of cement to replace river banks.

We feel the flood control problem on the Sandy river needs a more serious look by all.

## OREGON STATE HIGHWAY DIVISION CORRIDOR AND DESIGN HEARING MAP BORING ROAD INTERCHANGE MT. HOOD HIGHWAY CLACKAMAS COUNTY



WORK HAS begun on the overpass at the Boring Rd. interchange. While the construction work is being done, local

residents are warned to be on the lookout for work crews and machinery. The above drawing shows how the interchange will be changed once the work is completed.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,  
The Sandy Post:  
After reading your editorial in the May 25th Sandy Post I conclude we must have had our wires crossed when I talked to you on election day last week.

For one thing, I know what my precinct is (No. 373) and had no trouble whatsoever in voting at the proper polling place.

What I was trying to convey to you was that the recent alteration of precinct boundary lines and Clay Myers' peculiar redistricting methods have resulted in confusion on both ends of the ballot box.

For example:  
In past elections candidates from precinct 373 and Sandy's precinct 101 have been identical (and still should be). Since information on precinct 373 was omitted from the voters' pamphlet, it was not until I received my ballot that I found what changes had been made in my state representative and senatorial districts.

They are now not only completely different from Sandy's 101 but also those of my other neighboring precincts 371 and 372. The reasons for this change are not obvious to me (and some may be good ones) but I feel I should have been informed of them in advance of the election.

In addition, I live on the west side of Langensand Rd., the old precinct 373 boundary line, which has now been moved a

mile or two eastward.

My daughter and her husband have recently built a house just across the road from me on the east side of Langensand Rd. which was formerly in precinct 372, but is now in 373.

They both registered at this address in March at the Sandy fire hall (but on different days). My daughter was notified later that she was in precinct 373 but her husband found himself in 372.

As a consequence she voted in 373 for a representative from district 26, while he, in 372, voted for candidates from representative district 55 and senatorial district 28. They did not realize until they got home (due to the fact that 373 was not listed in the voters' pamphlet)

that they were voting in different districts.

I can imagine that this farce was repeated many times over in the primary election due to the aforementioned state redistricting and changes in precinct boundary lines.

I don't know how others in this situation may feel about this gerrymander, but I feel that I have been largely disenfranchised.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Hartman  
Rt. 2, Box 626  
Sandy, Oregon

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## Choir to perform

The Gresham Boys' Choir concert will be at 8 p.m. Friday, June 3, in the Mt. Hood Community College theater. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

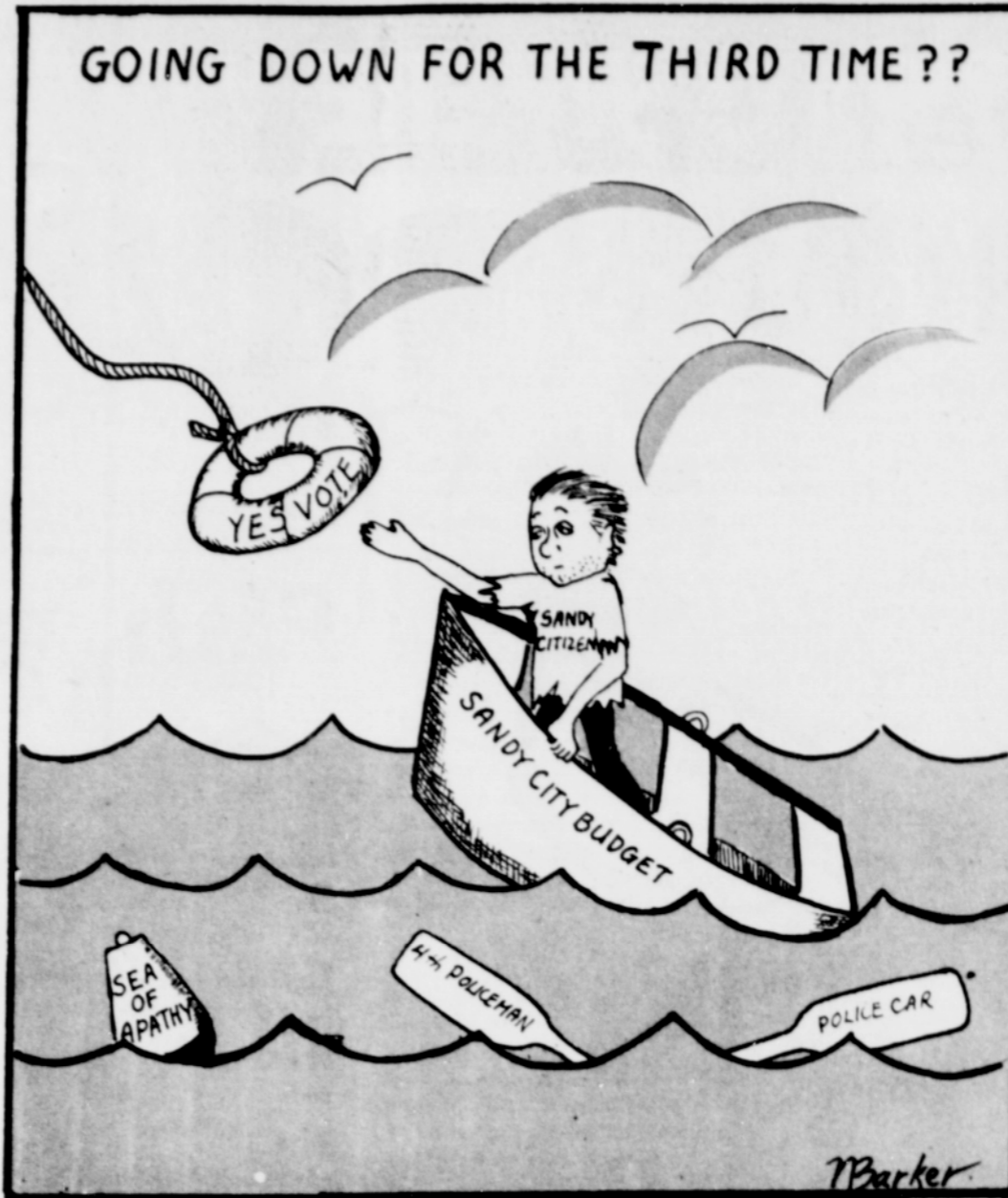
The three-year-old organization, directed by Gary Funk and Gary Kaiser of Gresham High, is composed of two groups of boys. The advanced choir of 35 boys will perform all the selections from "Oliver" which was a musical written for a boys' choir, "Spinning Wheel," "Clap Your

Hands," and several other tuneful selections.

From this group, John Sooge, Lloyd Good and John Holding will perform individual solos, and humorous impersonations by Lloyd Good, Brian Macy and John Holding will be featured.

The beginning choir of 30 boys will be singing a humorous selection about a deaf old woman who can hear nothing but a proposal for marriage, "Glocken Jodler," and "This Day."

## GOING DOWN FOR THE THIRD TIME??



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:  
The petitions against a second Mt. Hood College Campus in Sandy are a misinterpretation and misrepresentation of facts with limited research done on the issue.

To prove what I mean consider their statements and these facts:

1. "No campus in Sandy will prevent Sandy from growing into suburban community". Five years ago in a state study Sandy was predicted to be the biggest growth area in the next 15 years, without any hint of a college. Beaverton had no community college but it has had tremendous growth. Let's face it, we're close to Portland and people want to live here with or without a college. A college would force us to anticipate our growth and to establish good zoning to protect our area instead of the haphazard building we are experiencing now.

2. "A college will cost us more money" This is false. The college will stay within the \$2.50 limitation of its tax base with the new campus. How? They have set money aside for purchase of the land and want to buy now while it is available. As we retire bonds for the now existing college the new bonds will be sold for the new campus. There may be slight adjustments, but taxes will remain within this limit. (Such as our taxes will be down next year because they are operating efficiently.)

The college is financed only 21 per cent by property taxes. 50 per cent comes from state and Federal funds and 29 per cent from tuition. This State and Federal money we would never see in our community unless we have a facility to make use of their programs.

3. "Land assessments will go up." They will anyway as assessments are based on the demand and land is in demand in Sandy. Who's to say land isn't in a bigger demand without the college.

4. "The college will take valuable land off of the tax role. 300 acres is what the college will need. It will create needed jobs in a non-polluting industry for people of our area which will raise standards of living."

5. They say there hasn't been enough facts presented. There were two well publicized public meetings as well as several extensive news stories. No one voiced opposition at these meetings so I assume no committee members were in attendance. If they had been they would have known correctly what the college would cost the taxpayer and how much land would be used; just two items this committee says haven't been publicized.

They would also have learned that the college would suggest zoning and planning to eliminate the high density type community that they were not able to go in Gresham because of the conflict of three zoning commissions.

6. One Columnist mentioned that it seemed just as easy once you've got in the car to keep on driving to Portland. This attitude exists concerning our community activities, school

activities and support of local businesses now. I have seen the same people contribute to our area while others just complain or once in awhile work in opposition. Our community needs support not Portland!

7. Another point is that the college should concentrate on quality not quantity. They have quality now and they are turning Sandy students as well as many others away from good programs because their classrooms are full. You would have also learned at this meeting that a community college tries to stay under a 10,000 student campus because problems are reduced and a more personal and superior educational situation can exist. A smaller campus can better serve the student and community.

8. Why do I want a community college? It will cost me no more than what I am presently paying in taxes. The college will offer an excellent educational choice to my children as well as many others who may not have the opportunity otherwise to learn a good vocation or profession. The college will also offer a tremendous resource to the community. All facilities at the college are available to anyone and everyone. Older people enjoy all programs and classes free or at a much reduced rate. The college would work with our grade and high schools, sharing facilities so that as we grow we would not have to add auditoriums, athletic fields, as well as other facilities.

The college would like to be a community center. It would offer many cultural and entertainment opportunities. We have virtually no community facility available now.

They say they aren't against education—then what are they for? Low taxes? Everyone wants low taxes, so do I. I'm willing to work through alternatives that can be presented by our legislature. I want to see some of my tax dollars invested in my children and my community.

Ginny Brewster  
Sandy, Oregon

## Drowning reported

A 10-year-old Portland boy drowned May 28, in a swampy area near Rooster Rock State Park.

Sheriff's reports said Michael Perry Bennett was found in approximately five feet of water at about 6:30 p.m., after he had disappeared from a group of youngsters who had been playing in the area earlier.

The site was east of the park's boat ramp and south of the parking lot.

## House entered

Therold Steffanson, 1405 SE 9th, reported to Gresham police May 25 that in recent weeks his dwelling had been vandalized several times. He suspects juveniles. A bike was stolen, a window broken, a door kicked in and other damage done. The cost was estimated at \$104.

## Knopf graduates with high honors

Gregory Michael Knopf, Troutdale will graduate with honors at the commencement of Oregon State University June 4.

Knopf received high scholarship honors in Science. To qualify for this designation, he had to maintain a grade point average of 3.25 or better.

As a triple-jumper, Knopf was a three year letterman in track.

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