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The McCall Tax Plan

What about the McCall tax plan? Is it a rare jewel as the proponents claim? Or is it a fraud as the opponents say?

Obviously, it's somewhere in between.

There is much of merit in the plan and its aim of reducing property taxes.

But the Post cannot support the plan and urges its rejection at the polls on Tuesday.

There are a dozen reasons, three of which bear repeating here.

Our first objection is philosophical, one of tax theory. We do not think a viable tax program can be built with a one-legged stool. That leg (the income tax in this instance) just cannot support the tax load it is being asked to carry. We think there is nothing wrong with taxing property; it is wealth just as much as currency.

Secondly, we think, the plan is so confusing as to almost defy explanation. We've tried to figure out our tax liability on the tables provided, but ran into problems and can see the need for an accountant.

Yet at the meeting on Tuesday night, a local C.P.A. admitted to also having problems figuring out the taxes under the plan.

As far as the small local businesses are concerned, this is where the tax increase will be felt the most. These industries which show little or no inventory.

Finally, we object to the canonization of school budgets. We object to the elimination of budget elections. We object to the diminution of the taxpayers' right to have his say about school financing. And we most definitely object to a plan which says nothing at all about cutting costs.

Further, we think school administrators should go to the people every year and explain how they're spending our money.

This is an extremely important election and there are predictions of a light voter turnout. However you feel, get out and vote. Don't let someone else vote your taxes for you.

Waiting for a Plan

It appears the Clackamas County officials are ready to amend or rewrite parts of the proposed comprehensive plan. This move is an effort to avoid more conflicts at meetings being held on the plan.

We wonder if the planning commission had held these types of meetings during the development of each stage of the plan if the current situation could have been prevented.

If the officials are sincere to change the plan to meet the "best interests of the public", then we wonder what has been going on the past four years of planning.

The county is in need of a comprehensive plan and it should be for the best interest of both the public and the land itself.

If the changes in the proposed plan are made, the county may take another four years to develop the new plan.

If so, we wonder what will be left to plan.

Deadlines for Candidates, News

Area school board candidates have slowly been getting information in to the Post. In order to make it easier for them, the deadline for submitting a statement and picture to the Post has been extended to Monday, April 30, at 5 p.m.

Also, any write-in candidates who wish to have their material in the paper next week may also get their information in by Monday.

Speaking of deadlines, the Post has a news deadline of Monday for society and people news and Tuesday for general news.

Too often in recent weeks, material for stories has been turned in on Wednesday. Because of this, information has not made it into the paper.

Backlash from Watergate

Watergate may be much more than a headache for Richard Nixon and the Republican party.

It could already have decided the actors in the 1976 presidential election.

On the Republican side, it quite likely has eliminated Vice-Pres. Agnew and John Connally. It hasn't helped Govs. Rockefeller and Reagan. But people like Charles Percy, Jacob Javits and even Mark Hatfield certainly have benefitted.

On the Democratic side, Sen. Edward Kennedy hasn't been helped because of his part in an equally-questionable incident at Chappaquiddick. Perhaps Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota and Adlai Stevenson III have most benefitted.

There is no question but what the Democrats have been given a tremendous lift by Watergate. They were literally hanging on the ropes before the lid was pried off Watergate and, much more importantly, the money behind the Nixon campaign.

American politics takes strange twists. Watergate may ruin the Republican party in the years ahead. But another odoriferous operation—the votes stolen in 1960 for John Kennedy by Illinois Democrats—went virtually unnoticed.

There is no question whatsoever that Watergate has alterated the political balance of power. How much is still very unclear.

Bull Run, Eagle Creek, Cottrell dinners

The folks in the Bull Run and Cottrell and Eagle Creek grade school areas are getting ready for community dinners.

Tonight the Eagle Creek Mothers Club will sponsor a Fun Night at the school. A dinner will be served starting at 5:30 to 9 p.m. and the rest of the evening will be for fun and games.

Saturday night the folks at Bull Run will attend the annual spaghetti dinner at the school. The dinner will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and the Fun Night activities will follow.

The proceeds from this event will go towards the 4-H scholarship fund and for school projects.

At Cottrell the annual ham dinner will be held on May 5. The dinner will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at the school.

Hearing date set

Clackamas County Juvenile Department has set a May 4 hearing for remanding a 16-year-old boy to adult court to face murder charges.

The hearing will be held at 9 a.m.

The boy was arrested March 30 by Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies and charged in the murder of Astrid Cheever, 40. Mrs. Cheever's body was discovered in a shallow grave behind her home in Boring.

Clackamas County's Comprehensive Plan

No bargain, and No sale!

Proposed county plan running into troubles

The hearings on the proposed comprehensive plan for Clackamas County ran into new troubles this week.

Commissioner Bob Schumacher and planning commission chairman Richard Benson both made statements during the past week hinting that a new plan is needed.

The hearings being held on the plan will move to Sandy on May 7, but in what condition the plan will be in is not known yet.

At the three hearings held so far, the critics of the plan outnumber the supporters 41-3 at last count.

The plan has been "in process" since 1969 and the county was hoping to have it adopted this spring.

Schumacher in a letter to the planning commission last week urged the plan not be adopted until current legislation on HB2548 has been decided.

This bill would provide among other things, that the county comprehensive plans in the state be approved by the board of county commissioners rather than the planning commissions.

In his letter, he also asked the planners to slate additional public informational meetings on the plan in other unincorporated sections of the county.

Benson in a prepared statement at last Thursday night's meeting said, "we are prepared to amend, re-write or take any necessary steps to convert the proposed plan to meet the best interests of the public."

The statement was a surprise, but an overwhelming public dissatisfaction with the plan has been evident at the meetings held to discuss the plan.

Benson prefaced his statement by noting that the original contract between the county and the Oregon State Board of Education may not have been fulfilled.

At the same time, Benson stated the commission would not be interested or "tolerate" any rehashing of the origins of the proposed plan and the personalities involved.

The next public meeting on the plan is tonight at Stafford School. Following this, meetings are set for Canby on May 1; Molalla on May 3; Sandy on May 7; and Estacada on May 9. All the meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

LETTERS To The EDITOR

To the editor:

I really want to commend the Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees for the beautiful job they did on the Easter egg hunt for the children Saturday, April 21.

I've been to several unorganized and just plain terrible Easter egg hunts before, but a lot of time and thought was put into this one.

They had the children separated into their own age groups and far enough away so there wasn't a conflict.

I believe some of Gresham groups should be made aware of how the Sandy Jaycees formed and planned their Easter egg hunt. Thank you again Sandy Jaycees.

Karen L. Cody
Rt. 1 Box 145
Boring

To the Editor:

I was one of the girls who signed the letter about the dress code. And I just wanted to say I was sorry about any part of the letter that anyone didn't like about it because of my lack of awareness and thoughtfulness. But I do think it's awful when people complain all the time when they don't get their own way. Like we did when we signed the letter about the dress code.

Thank you for you time and space.

Sincerely
Roselee Gilles

To the Editor:

Is it asking too much of the Clackamas County Planning Department and the District Attorney's office to make up their minds whether the construction of a water storage tank does or does not require a conditional use permit?

On April 9, an applicant from the Orient area was required to pursue this type of permit for a water storage tank through due process of a public hearing. Yet the construction of a 50,000 gallon storage tank, which mushroomed almost overnight last fall, and is horrendously sited immediately road-side on the lower Lolo Pass Road in the Mt. Hood area, was accomplished without either a

More Letters to the Editor

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Parade application

Name of Organization_____

Address of Organization_____

Type of Entry: (Name, size, how many, and if number riding or number per unit)

Name of person responsible for entry:_____

Address of person above_____

Phone number of person above_____

Parade Rules:

1. Each entry is responsible for their financing.
2. Each entry is responsible for their own transportation.
3. Each entry must report at 6:00 a.m. on the day of the parade, August 11, at East end of Sandy on Ten Eyck on Highway 26.
4. Maximum length of motorized 40 ft., width 12 ft., height 13 ft.
5. Centennial or Pioneer theme for parade floats.
6. Entry may be marching units, floats, individuals, kid groups, equestrian units, horse drawn units, and mission and civic groups.
7. No nuisance, type of floats or groups (fireworks, water balloons, excessive noise).
8. Application must be submitted by Friday, June 15, 1973.
9. No entry fees charged.
10. Prizes will be awarded.
11. This committee will acknowledge all entries. Mail to Sandy Civic Services, Gary Sandblast, st, P box 564, Sandy, Ore. 97055.

COW POKES By Ace Reid

"Zeb, did you tighten them brakes?"

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