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Breakdown in County Leadership

Whether we want it or not, the Sandy area and the rest of Clackamas County is growing and developing at a rapid pace.

The key to helping guide this growth and to meet its needs while maintaining our natural beauty is good planning and enforcement of the planning ordinances.

To do this right, there must be good leadership in developing the comprehensive plans.

As our cartoon this week suggests, this good leadership has not been apparent on the proposed Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan.

The plan has recently had several hearings in the county and it has been met with a strong disapproving voice from those who have attended the hearings.

The people are not against planning, but are against parts of this plan and the way it was developed without strong citizen input.

It took over four years to develop this plan. When it was started, county officials promised to go to the citizens during the development stage of the plan, not to wait until the plan had been completed as they have done. And now the county planning department and its director James Hall are under review for alleged changes made on ordinances and other planning matters.

This apparent breakdown in the leadership from the county level is certain to delay planning in the county. Thus the county will be losing its battle to control and guide the needs of rapid growth.

An Unfortunate Precedent

We don't particularly disagree with expansion of the Port of Portland into Clackamas and Washington counties. But we vehemently disagree with the way it was done...without a vote of the people.

This is but another example of the Oregon legislature's growing tendency to foster taxation without representation.

Until the Port of Portland maneuver, the most glaring example had been Tri-Met. Enabling legislation was approved in 1969 to bail out the Rose City Transit system. An appointive board was given the authority to levy whatever taxes were needed.

The choice, as most people will recall, was a payroll tax with employers given absolutely no say in the matter. All they could do was pay.

Now, residents of Clackamas and Washington counties will receive the same treatment. They have been annexed to the Port by legislative ukase and now must pay whatever tax is levied.

They will have no say about the tax, no say about whether or not they should be a part of the Port. The legislature has decided for them.

Too many things are happening in the Oregon legislature-Tri-Met, city-county consolidation, the Boundary Review board, Port of Portland expansion-which undermine the people's right to govern themselves.

We believe profoundly that the people should make their own decisions, especially when it comes to tax matters. We'll certainly support a referendum on the Port action, should one come to pass.

LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:

Sandy High stretches across an exciting, though dangerous frontier.

It is perhaps symptomatic of our noisy era that at the time when our high school is making its greatest achievements, it becomes suddenly vulnerable to attack. Progress is never accomplished in the dark. Often, its very visibility is intimidating to those who, for reasons best known to themselves, refuse to see it.

And let there be no doubt; your high school is at a crossroads. To look at its accomplishments during the year just over is to look ahead to a future which holds the same promise and the same measure of fulfillment for members of this community.

In curriculum, new courses are emerging in mathematics, science, and social studies. All last for nine weeks and quadruple a student's yearly class options. The job skill areas, the career clusters, the vocational subjects which prepare students for the working world, all have increased beyond our imagining a short year ago. So, too, have the opportunities enlarged in drama, art, and foreign language. Fifty-six courses alone in 12 different communication skills now comprise the English department.

In addition, regular meetings joined by representatives from the five feeder elementary schools have added depth to our high school's assessment of the needs of its freshmen. In the areas of science, social studies, mathematics, and English, planning is now under way to integrate the educational experiences of grade and high school students district-wide.

Common textbook adoptions will be made whenever possible.

Since the fall of 1972, faculty and lay committees to advise the administration on subjects ranging from study hall procedures to future construction have functioned effectively and have successfully recommended internal policy changes. Five citizen advisory panels assisting our vocational and academic programs are currently operational.

Sandy High now releases a newsletter every term. Faculty members have been asked to participate in local organizations and have been encouraged to become active in the life of the community. What's more, Sandy High keyed the City of Sandy's centennial year and plans even more activities in the months ahead. It has been a long time since the high school's involvement in the area it serves has been so intense.

Thus, may this letter demonstrate our confidence in the high school, its programs, and the progress it has made in just a year. May it also serve as a reminder that Sandy High has many friends.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Crow
H.W. Berger
Kathleen J. Eldridge
E.W. Eldridge
Melvin Haneberg
Ivan A. Barker
Rev. Jim Davis
A.A. Bryant
N.L. Naas
Willard Boring
Earl S. Meier
Gertrude H. Meier
Edward L. Neuenfelt
William C. Kitchen
Robert F. Johnson

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MHCC drama students will present a series of new one-act plays in the studio theater May 31, June 1-2 at 8 p.m. Director Dick Melo says the six new plays come from the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater Company, a clearing house for unpublished playwrights.

"To my knowledge, none of the plays we'll be doing have been performed before," Melo says. "It'll be an experimental evening for the actors, playwrights and the audience."

Four plays will be presented each evening. A minimal admission will be charged and tickets will be available at the door each evening.

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Michael Kostuba
Dennis Warren
Jack Delaney
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Jerry Swails
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LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:

We would like to extend our appreciation to the Sandy Fire Department for their prompt and efficient service at the brush fire behind our home recently. A special thank you to the fireman in the blue pickup who was off duty, driving by, saw the smoke and stopped to investigate.

After living in areas where fire departments and neighbors are so far apart that homes, barns, and crops usually burn to the ground from this type of fire, it's a relief to know this type of service is available. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Larry and Bonnie Sagers
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Sandy, Oregon 97055

To the Editor,

Regarding the Sandy Fire districts problems, I feel that the basic problem is the District is going too fast in its spending and the board should stop, reevaluate its many problems, and if necessary, start many of its programs over again even if it means the removal of its paid firemen.

The money problems started with the hiring of paid firemen. Initially, the costs were near \$14,000 for salaries and other related items needed to put the program in effect.

Now the state requires that the Fire Dist. provide and contribute to the Public Employees Retirement program or one that is comparable. The State recommends also that Dist. provide all its personnel with Social Security. This affects all persons who are paid by the Dist. and work about 80 hrs. per month. This program is expensive to the taxpayers and could be reduced substantially if younger men were hired, as the board had originally planned.

The bond issue was proposed so that the district could buy new fire fighting equipment, but the first new vehicles that probably will be seen will be a new Chief's car and a rescue rig patterned after the Boring Fire Dist. new rig. It will be well over one year before the new fire fighting apparatus will be available and by that time, unless the board reviews the spending, there won't be enough money left to pay for the apparatus.

Had the Dist. merged with the Boring Dist. on the dispatch center, there would have been over a 50 per cent savings to the taxpayers on the budget for dispatchers. A central dispatch center is more efficient than having two dispatch centers as we now have.

The board has allowed Chief Rathke almost a free hand in spending, with board approval on large expenditures. But each month, he has made some new spending proposal such as new tanks, remodel GI rigs which were surplus property; some of the ideas were good; but they were still spending money that could be used to improve what was on hand rather than create more money problems by spending more money.

I would recommend a moratorium on all unnecessary spending, a closer look at the budget and the projected high salary increases that are planned, and as long as now there is only one paid fireman on the payroll at the present time, I would remove him and go to a full volunteer group as before. Then after better planning and full review on the pensions, Social Security,

health plans, and the salary structures for the future, then I would hire young men and start with fresh ideas rather than have older inexperienced men who generally create more problems.

I know that the board will say that would be a step in reverse, but the manner in which they are traveling at the present time certainly cannot be said to be progressive. I think that Chief Rathke and the board had better start walking again instead of running as they have been or the Dist. will have to borrow money again at the end of its fiscal year to run the Dist.

I recommend a large NO vote on the budget and if necessary, an investigation into the entire Fire Dist. problem.

Harry Amacher
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Sandy

Editor's Note: Mrs. Barbara Boswell a subscriber to the Post became concerned over the issue of showing X-rated movies over the television following a recent letter to the editor in the Post written by Mrs. Joyce Marcy. (April 5, 1973).

Mrs. Boswell wrote to CBS-TV which Mrs. March had stated was planning to possibly run the s-rated movies on late night television.

The following is the letter Mrs. Boswell received in response to her letter on the subject to CBS.

The CBS Television Network has made no announcement that it plans to run X rated movies. I cannot be too emphatic in stressing that CBS has

no intention of broadcasting X rated movies; nor has it ever had any such intention. Let me, as briefly as possible, set forth the facts.

I should point out that when it was determined that the CBS Television Network would replace Merv Griffin with motion pictures, arrangements were made to purchase 247 features. Of those, one, "The Damned," had originally been given an X rating for theatrical showing. Before we would even consider it, we insisted that the distributors edit the film and have the X rating removed by the Motion Picture Code Office. Both were done; it was edited and the rating was revised to an R. We-CBS-felt that even more editing was necessary and proceeded to take an additional eleven minutes out of the film, after which it was our conviction and still is that the motion picture would have come under the category of PG-Parental Guidance. I think you would agree that any television viewing at such a late hour would involve parental guidance.

I'm sorry you've been misled, and I'll appreciate it if you'd be kind enough to enlighten those by whom you were misinformed.

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"Nostalgia Night" might well characterize this weekend's movie series. Films to be shown both Friday and Saturday evening are: "Lili," with Leslie Caron; "Under Two Flags," with Ronald Coleman and Claudette Colbert; and "Maytime," with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. The shows begin at 7 p.m. in the college theater.

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Two big events wind up the academic year at MHCC. Graduation exercises are scheduled Sunday June 10, at 2:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Commencement speaker is Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt. The Portland Rose Festival Track Meet, featuring the top high school track athletes from throughout the Northwest, is set Saturday, June 9, on the MHCC oval. Competition begins at 3:30 p.m.

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There will be a karate demonstration noon Thursday, May 31, in the MHCC student lounge. On hand will be World Champion Chuck Norris, Northwest Champion Bob Barrow, Western States Champion Dan Anderson and California Champion John Natividad.

Mosee to speak

County Commissioner Dan Mosee will be the speaker Monday noon at the Greater Gresham Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the Garden Village Restaurant.



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