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Reservoir needed

Faced with only a handful of water connections available and the refusal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds for construction of a water storage tank Sandy voters will go to the polls Monday to consider a \$155,000 water bond issue designed to help solve the city's water problems.

No one claims that building a new tank will end the continuing threats of running out of water, but as part of a long-range design to supply the city to the limits of its expected growth the storage facility will help.

With a larger storage tank the city would have between 150 and 235 new service connections to supply growth in the city for up to five years. Each new water service hookup would mean more tax income to the city. As the tax base of Sandy would expand it would mean a lower rate of tax on each individual.

When it comes time for completing the expansion of the water system by constructing a new supply source at Alder Creek the growth of the city

would lessen each individual's financial burden in paying for the system.

An expanded tax base brought on by growth in Sandy would not just help pay for water service, but would contribute its share to all costs of city government.

Payments for the water bonds would be made from revenues from the current water service charges and a recently adopted systems development charge for new construction. There would be no tax hike or water rate increases needed for the issue.

Sandy must have more water to grow. The proposed water storage tank is necessary to provide that added water. If Monday's voters do not approve the bond issue there will be no growth. No growth means higher taxes for the people who live in Sandy.

Let's vote yes for the water bond issue Monday and help share our local tax base with our new neighbors growth will bring.

Tell It To Tri-Met

The Tri-Met Board of Directors has placed a Tuesday deadline on any written comments from the public on its latest collection of revenue increasing proposals before it makes its own choices on Sept. 2. The transit system's suggestions for getting more local money include submitting a \$5 a year automobile registration fee increase to Tri-county voters in May, a 25 per cent jump in the payroll tax, a nickel hike in bus fares and the selling of advertising in buses.

Note that only on the auto registration matter will voters have a chance to choose how much they want to pay for mass transit. The only reason the \$5 a year registration increase could be on any ballot is that the last legislature placed a constitutional amendment on next May's ballot allowing such fees collected within a transit district to be used on mass transit in that district, and then only if district voters choose at the polls to levy the increase on themselves.

Tri-Met has never been forced to

submit any of its taxes and revenue plans to voters in the past and has never placed any tax before the voters by its own choice. Now that the legislature has taken action we hope the people in the three counties supporting Tri-Met will tell its board, in writing by Tuesday or in person at the Sept. 2 meeting, that the transit district should seek voter approval of all its taxes.

Auto registration fees, payroll taxes and the often threatened sales and income taxes all should be put on the ballot rather than being rammed down our throats. A government-run transit system may be the best idea for a metropolitan area that covers parts of three counties, but no government should have the power to tax without the explicit approval of the voters. We should get to vote on whether or not we are willing to keep paying the taxes the Tri-Met board imposed in the past.

Tri-Met can ask us to mail in our opinions on transit taxes, but the decisions should be made at the polls on all transit taxes.

Unemployed vs. Underemployed

You read and hear a great deal about the unemployed.

You hear a great deal less about the underemployed, although there are those who claim those who claim it is every bit as serious a problem.

The underemployed are those, of course, who have been forced to take on positions below their level of skills, or level of education.

More and more college graduates are joining the ranks of the underemployed. They would rather wash dishes or sweep floors than do nothing. And in the process, they are displacing the poorly trained.

There are no government statistics on underemployment but a 1974 survey found that better than one-third of all American workers felt they were overqualified for their jobs.

Nor does there seem to be an easy or quick cure for underemployment. The government has barely addressed itself to the problem, if at all.

For years, the Great American Dream has been to go to college and

graduate into a good job. The hard facts are that by 1985, there will be 800,000 more college graduates than there are jobs.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that college graduates will have to take jobs which make little or no use of their skills. This will result in burgeoning job dissatisfaction and continual job shifting.

Does this mean youngsters who are in elementary or high school today should look elsewhere than college. Most assuredly not. With unemployment and underemployment apparently a fact of life for years ahead, those with education still will get the jobs, however little training is required. It does mean that education which focuses on job skills probably will be pre-eminent.

We hope that in the process, however education isn't downgraded. The economy won't forever remain stagnant and rewarding, satisfying, challenging jobs won't forever disappear.

Services idea draws protest

Clackamas County commissioners heard mostly objections Tuesday to a proposal to form a department of human services in the county during a hearing in Oregon City.

No action on the proposal, which was suggested as a means of coordinating county service agencies, was taken. Several people testified against the proposal. Others

said the idea needed more study. Chairman Tom Telford said another hearing would be held before action on the proposal is taken.



"Women And Children Last!"

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We want to say thank you to so many people for the interest they showed us by attending our flower show recently at the Sandy Grade School gym. Our response was so tremendous we plan to have another in a few more months.

Help wanted: Will some one along Proctor Boulevard be kind to a flower today and see that they get sufficient water these hot summer days. It is a thrill for us garden club members to drive through town and see the planting areas clean of weeds and a sprinkler running.

Our club has spent a lot of money on the planting and a lot of hours have been worked. We regret that time did not allow us to get all planting and weeding done.

We want to say thank you to the Kiwanis Club for giving us a hand. Thanks goes to Enola and Geneva for planting their area at 7 a.m. before their working hours begin and our many thanks to Oscar for seeing to it that we had coffee and cold pop.

A kind word or kind deed is not easy to forget. Thanks to the Boy Scouts who gave us a hand at end of a shovel. We appreciate the long hours that have been given in labor by Ned at the CPA office, Mr. Johnston and others I am sure we missed making contact with. Also the areas that were cleaned of weeds and filled with new bark dust when we arrived were so much appreciated, but we do not know just who to thank. Keep up the good work; it looks great.

Remember the garden club is willing to keep our city beautiful. But we can not do it alone, we need every one to help.

Members of Sandy Garden Club,
Virginia Andrews
Betty Bordeaux
Shirley Dyal
Hope Brader
Marge Jacoby

To the Editor:

I would like to add a footnote to my resignation from news editor to feature writer on the Sandy Post staff four months ago.

People are still asking me what sparked the job switch. So this is for them, and for those who haven't bothered to ask but wanted to know.

First of all, it was a very difficult personal decision of my own.

After spending months reviewing my own priorities I realized that, for me, the pressures and frustrations related to the job represented a higher degree of inconvenience than I am willing to accept right now in exchange for a living.

The Sandy Post continues to enlighten its readers with good reportage of local news. And really, that's all that counts.

Paul Keller
P.O. Box 68
Sandy

To the Editor:

The Sandy Area Boys Baseball Association would like

to give a big thank-you to all the people that contributed to the Fredrickson Memorial Fund. It is greatly appreciated!

This will be applied to our account to supply baseball equipment and supplies necessary to help any boy who is really interested in playing baseball.

The Baseball Association would also like to express their appreciation to all who gave their time this summer in making the teams a success during the season and for the Bicentennial.

Ernest Sander, Pres.
Evelyn Proctor, Sec.
Gary Sandblast, Area Rep.

To the Editor:

Hurt - Grateful - Hopeful. Hurt over the defeat, grateful for the support of those who worked for the budget, and hopeful for the future.

The very close, but defeated budget was to put it mildly - disappointing. It was like having your thumb hit by a hammer - you're too big to cry and it hurts too much not to.

We believe that our low summer turnouts, which have averaged less than 78 per cent of the May elections for the past several years, has to be a factor in budget in that low turnouts have as a rule not resulted in budget support. Various theories can be advanced concerning low turnouts, depending on your point of view, but regardless, the budget defeat is indeed serious. Our task will be to better communicate the facts of the budget to the public. We believe that an informed citizenry will support the financial plan that is needed to maintain the quality of education that our school provides and our children deserve.

In the next several weeks we will attempt to speak to the facts. We will acknowledge our areas for improvement as well as our strengths as we address budget issues.

We are committed to providing our children with the best education possible, and we will need your support. Next week - Strengths and Areas for improvement.

Earl L. Covey
Superintendent,
Principal
Welches Elementary School
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To the Editor:

The productivity of our people is being used to finance a corrupt element within our government. This element seeks total control over us. This feeling has been expressed by people in position to know such as former Atty Gen. Saxbe, William Simons and many others.

When Sandy needed \$180,000 for a reservoir the request was denied. The same day I read this in the "Post" there was an article in which it was stated CRAG has received \$800,000 from the federal government for, of all things, a study.

As I have already said, CRAG's moratorium on building has been implemented

by the D.E.Q., the Oregon Health Div. and others. As a result the lumber industry has suffered along with all phases of construction industries.

What this all leads up to is that people are being denied the right to own a piece of ground or a home by making it economically impossible to do so. Doesn't this go along with the CRAG's spokesman's statement that we would be forced to live in high density areas, apartments in particular? And just who will own these apartments? I would believe they will be owned by the corporate giants.

One party who was involved in this suit in the position of a defendant was literally kicked out of Lincoln County. He is now with the Oregon Health Div., where he has been accused of the same malicious antics. This resulted in SB 612 being passed. This bill practically eliminated the OHD jurisdiction over mobile home parks.

A suitable question would be—who installs these people in key positions? There are many people in positions of authority who are injuring each of us by destroying our freedom, etc. They must be exposed and in so doing so the chain of positions will eventually lead to those who wish to enslave us by controlling our nation's wealth.

Bill Schneider
Boring

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored and supported me on to Ithaca, N.Y., Aug. 7 - 12. You were the ones who made it all possible, part of a dream come true. I am very grateful to all of you.

I would also like to thank all of those who helped with and contributed to the bake sale and car wash.

And most of all I would like to thank coach Mark Smith who went with me to New York and through his patience worked with me and did all he could for me every since last November (he also worked with me over weekends and on his vacations) through this August.

Chris Roth
Blue Marlin Aquatic Club

To the Editor:

On Aug. 14 the Sandy Community Action Council met to hear reports and to guide the affairs of Sandy Community Action Center. Dick Harrison, vice-president, reported that Clackamas County Community Action Agency and Clackamas County Coalition For Social Services had expressed satisfaction with the work of Sandy Community Action Center and had budgeted funds to pay the rent, utilities and certain other expenses of the center for the fiscal year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976.

Sandy Community Action Council approved the granting of office space at the center for a federally sponsored youth counseling service and also for the biweekly dispensing of unemployment checks by the

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Keeping Posted

THURSDAY, AUG. 21
Sandy businessmen will have a chance to wake up at the coffee hour at Oregon Trail Savings and Loan beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Firwood's Neighbors Inc. will meet at Firwood School at 8 p.m. tonight. Guest speaker will be Robert Schumacher, Clackamas County Commissioner.

Welches Grade School families will be able to attend the PTA potluck picnic at 6:30 p.m. in Wildwood Park.

The regularly scheduled Aug. 22 meeting of the Metropolitan Service District board has been cancelled for lack of agenda items.

MONDAY, AUG. 25
The Welches Grade School Board will hold another special meeting at 8 p.m. in the school. Agenda items will include filling of three faculty vacancies, continued work on a parent-student handbook and work on the board's policy review project.

Sandy's water bond election is today with polls open in the city hall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Sandy City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners meets at 10:30 a.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City. Main topic on the board's agenda is an amendment to the solid waste ordinance.

At 7 p.m. the Clackamas County Planning Commission will meet at the courthouse in Oregon City. Separate requests by Fred Wickersham and Eagle Crest Mobile Home Park, Inc., for unzoned area development permits will be discussed.

TUESDAY, AUG. 26
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce meets at noon at the Amber Lantern.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28
Businessmen's coffee hour begins at 9:30 a.m. at Oregon Trail Savings and Loan.

The Bull Run Citizens Advisory Committee will discuss management options for the Zig Zag Ranger District at a 7:30 p.m. meeting Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Mt. Hood National Forest supervisor's office, 2440 SE 195th Ave.

Layoffs averted through budget cuts

Budget cuts of \$330,000 made by Clackamas County commissioners Thursday should enable the county to avoid laying off any employees.

The budget cuts were submitted by 18 of the county's 23 department heads and, according to officials, were necessary to meet the 7 per cent salary increase granted general fund employees.

The budget cuts do not affect the sheriff's department. Sheriff's deputies are currently in binding arbitration with the county over a salary dispute.

Savings to the county could increase another \$35,000 if Commissioner Bob Schumacher approved an increase in zoning and other planning department fees.

Commissioner Tom Telford opposes the move while Commissioner Stan Skoko favors it. Schumacher was on

vacation when the plans were submitted.

Largest projected savings would come in the county clerk's office which expects \$81,413, the bulk of it from additional state fees.

An assessor's office plan also calls for each employee to take three days off without pay for the next 10 months. This would save an estimated \$31,380.



"HAVE WE NOT ALL ONE FATHER? HATH NOT ONE GOD CREATED US?" Malachi 2:10

A lot of people acknowledge God as Father. But do they really understand the man He made?

As you get a deeper understanding of the Bible, the spiritual nature of man and of all creation appears. Then Christian unity and the brotherhood of man appear in your life, too.

Selections from the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, to be read in our church service this Sunday, will help you understand the Bible's message of brotherly love in a new light.

We'd love to welcome you.

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