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Shopping Center Mistake

The Clackamas County commissioners have made a serious error in approving a regional shopping center in the Boring area and attempting to call it suburban-rural center.

The proposed development, 90,000 square feet of store space, at US Highway 26 and Highway 212 is intended to serve 30,000 persons in its market area. According to the Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan a suburban-rural center is defined as providing services for its surrounding area. In the plan communities such as Redland, Colton and Marquam are defined as suburban-rural centers. No one expects these communities to sell 30,000 persons.

In order to provide service to that many people the proposed development would have to draw customers from California and Washington, says Comm. Robert Schumacher. That sounds like an awfully big area to be called surrounding.

The county commissioners should take it upon themselves to review their decision that the size of the center is justified. If that much store space is really needed in the area, fine. But if existing and planned services in Sandy, Boring, Kelso and other communities in the region can fill that need why does the county need a super shopping center along the Mt. Hood Highway.

The College Levy

A final decision won't come until next week but Mt. Hood Community College is planning another election April 20.

This time, the College will ask approval of a three-year serial levy for \$1.9 million per year.

This compares to a five-year levy for \$2.3 million per year which was defeated in a special election Jan. 13.

Neither the figures nor the date are completely firm at this time but both have been recommended to the board by Pres. Dr. Earl Klapstein.

The \$64 question, of course, is this:

Will the reductions in both time and money satisfy the voters? Or will they demand still further cutbacks?

Should Teachers Lead the Lobbyists?

We get a queasy feeling when we read that the Oregon Education Assn., a teachers' group, is the state's biggest lobbyist.

At least the OEA spent more than anyone else according to reports filed with the Oregon Ethics Commission.

During 1975, the OEA spent \$64,441 for lobbying activities, far outstripping Associated Oregon Industries which spent \$43,272. To name just a few others, the Oregon AFL-CIO spent \$29,594, the Assn. of Oregon Cities \$19,698 and Common Cause \$18,892.

OEA spending shouldn't surprise anyone. During the tag end of the 1975 legislative session, the OEA said its aim for 1976 was voting control of the legislature...i.e., more muscle than anyone else in the state.

We're as suspicious of the OEA as we are of other power blocs. Why do they spend so much in lobbying activities?

Some Good Advice

In the discussion, pro and con, over the projected 1976-77 federal budget, we think Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex) had some powerfully good advice.

Rep. Mahon, chairman of the House Appropriations committee, told Congress that "Except in times of war or deep depression, we should not initiate new programs or expand old ones unless we are willing and able to provide the funds to pay for them."

Rep. Mahon runs counter to most of

Two Sides To Every Coin

It's perhaps understandable that with memories of Viet-Nam still fresh, Congressmen are reluctant to get the U.S. involved in Angola.

But we simply cannot understand the indifference with which Congressmen view Russian and Cuban intervention.

It's totally wrong, in the eyes of most Congressmen, for the U.S. to "intervene" in any way in Angola. But these same Congressmen are strangely silent about Russian in-

tervention (roughly 10 times greater than ours) or the use of Cuban troops by the Communist side in Angola.

Fresh from denouncing the administration for its interest in Angola, why don't these same Congressmen speak up against Communist intervention? Don't both sides have to play by the same rules?

It's almost as if Congress was more interested in opposing the administration than the Communists.

The Latchstring



For you, Carl, it's always out.

Rook will seek fourth term as Clackamas district attorney

Roger Rook has announced he will seek reelection as Clackamas County district attorney.

"I have enjoyed serving the people of this county for three terms," Rook said. "I still find the work challenging, and I would like to continue for another term."

The district attorney, who was first elected in 1965, was president of the Oregon District Attorneys Association in his first term. He is now president-elect of the National District Attorneys Association.

Rook said he had managed to

acquire an experienced staff through extremely low turnover in his office. A principle reason for this low turnover, he said, was that deputy district attorneys in his office are given broad responsibilities and encouraged to work independently.

"The people of this county are the beneficiaries of this experience," Rook said. Rook said he had begun a number of special projects to improve law enforcement in the county. One recent project, the establishment of a special burglarly strike force, has

resulted in a satisfying improvement in the speedy disposition of burglary cases.

The district attorney said he has a number of projects in mind for the future and hopes to have an opportunity to put them into operation. He mentioned the rape victim advocate program, which is just getting under way, as an example.

Rook lives in Milwaukie with his wife and four of his five children. The fifth is in the Navy.

Howell seeks reelection to Oregon Supreme Court

Supreme Court Justice Edward H. Howell has an-



Edward Howell

nounced he will file a candidate to retain his seat on the seven-member Oregon Supreme Court.

Judge Howell has served on the state's highest court since 1970, following earlier service of five years as the judge of the Oregon Tax Court and of 16 years as a circuit court judge.

He is the only judge to have held court in all 36 counties of Oregon and the only judge to have served on the circuit court, the Tax Court and the Supreme Court.

Judge Howell was born in Portland on Jan. 1, 1915; attended grade and high schools in The Dalles; received his law degree in 1940 from Willamette University College of Law; practiced law in The Dalles and John Day; served as an Air Force intelligence officer in

World War II; and began judicial service in October, 1949, as a circuit judge of the 11th Judicial District, consisting at that time of Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman counties.

Judge Howell has been president of the Oregon Circuit Judges' Association, member of a legislative interim committee on Criminal Law and Procedure, and president of Willamette University College of Law Alumni Association.

Added design suggested

Placing both a six lane and eight lane version of the I-205 Freeway before the public at an environmental impact hearing this spring could delay beginning of construction of the project two or three months.

Bob Bothman, assistant state highway engineer, said each month's delay adds approximately \$2.5 million to the freeway's cost.

Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt and Portland Commissioner Frank Ivancie have suggested that both versions be placed before the public for comparison.

At a hearing last week on the six lane - two bus lane design most people testifying said they favored an eight lane freeway with no busways.

MacLeish play dated at MHCC

Mt. Hood Community College's fourth Bicentennial production "Scratch" by Archibald MacLeish will open in the studio theatre Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.

It will play Feb. 14, 20 and 21.

Keeping Posted

Clinic planned

THURSDAY, FEB. 5
The weekly businessmen's coffee hour starts at the Oregon Trail office at 9:30 a.m.

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At 4 p.m. the Clackamas County Library board holds its February meeting in the Health Auditorium, 1425 Kaen Road in Oregon City. Friends of the County Library plan a no host lunch at Cindy's Pancake House on Beaver Creek Road at 2:30 p.m.

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A rabies clinic will be held at the Mt. Hood Animal Hospital, 37820 US Highway 26, Sandy, starting at 2 p.m. This clinic has been scheduled primarily for the benefit of elderly animal owners. Vincent J. Keating III, DVM, recommends that pet owners feed their animals before taking them to the rabies clinic.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 7
An auction to raise money for improvements to the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby will be held at 10 a.m. today at the fairgrounds. Refreshments will be available.

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Clackamas County Democrats begin a two-day convention at 10 a.m. at the West Linn Inn. State Rep. Ralph Groener will be the keynote speaker.

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MONDAY, FEB. 9
The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City to

continue a public hearing on a proposed mobile home ordinance.

The hearing was begun at the commission's Jan. 19 meeting and additional testimony will be taken today.

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The Sandy Union High, Sandy Grade, Cottrell and Welches school boards all hold their regular February meetings tonight at 8 in their respective schools. Proposed district budgets are included on each board's agenda.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 10
The Sandy Chamber of Commerce meets at noon at Foothills Inn. This week's speaker has not been announced.

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The Welches School budget committee will hold an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. Public input on the budget is welcome.

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The Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees meet at 8 p.m. at the Oregon Trail Plaza.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11
A public hearing on the allocation of a water system territory for the Faubion Summer Homes Association, at Crystal Springs Park near ZigZag will be held at 7 p.m. in room 602 of the Multnomah County Courthouse in Portland. The hearing will be conducted by the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission. The Hoodland Lions Club meets at 8 p.m. in the Lions Hall in Wemme.

Licenses required for technicians

Radio and television technicians are now required licensing in the State of Oregon due to a bill passed by the legislature.

Mt. Hood Community College is helping prepare technicians for certification.

The bill, requiring licensing through the Department of Commerce, necessitates present and future radio and television service technicians to either successfully pass a state certification examination or earn a journeyman certificate through the new apprenticeship program offered by the Bureau of Labor. Otherwise a technician will not be issued a license nor be able to practice in the state.

Vern Hartshorn, MHCC electronics service technology instructor and past president of the Oregon Television Service Association, was instrumental in developing the new state standards. Because all technicians would be required certification, Hartshorn saw the need for an upgrade training program.

Through the efforts of Hartshorn, Mt. Hood became the first community college in the state to offer such an upgraded program recognized by the state. State officials determined that it would be the responsibility of the community colleges to provide the training in the state so MHCC's program became the pilot.

This is the first year of the program's operation at MHCC. The entire program is run at night and requires two full

nights of classroom study each week. MHCC will upgrade about 150 of the state's estimated 700 practicing radio and TV technicians.

The instructional program is sponsored in cooperation with the Portland Radio-TV and Home Entertainment Electronics Joint Apprentice and Training Committee as well as MHCC. Hartshorn noted that two courses in solid state servicing are also required. Upon completion of the program students are given the state certification test and with their past work experience are usually awarded their State of Oregon Journeyman Certificate.

Resident charged

Leonard W. Cool, 59, Sandy, was arrested Friday in connection with reported rapes, according to Sandy Police Department Chief Fred Punzel. Punzel says that between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Friday three girls, ages 9, 11 and 13, were assaulted.

Cool was arraigned Tuesday on one count of rape, three counts of sodomy and two counts of sexual abuse in Clackamas County Circuit Court, Punzel says.

"Extensive investigation is still pending," Punzel said. The police chief says he expects further charges to be filed in connection with the case.

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