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Best for the district

When the Sandy Elementary school board arrived at its decision this week to retain Jerry Dickson as instrumental music teacher it was trying to make what one member called the best choice for the good of the educational program and the district.

Its decision must not be viewed as a victory for any one side, or a loss for some other side. Rather it should be seen as an honest effort to enable the district to continue with its programs without the burden of having a division of feelings in the community.

It became apparent to this writer during the six hours of public hearings last week that none of the parties involved in the procedure had handled the situation entirely

correctly.

The hearing last week showed that the district due process procedures to work when they are needed. An adversary situation which could have left bitter feelings throughout the community was conducted in a calm, rational manner which indicated that all parties were truly interested in the welfare of the district.

Now, guided by the board's example of doing what's best for the school, we should all concentrate on correcting the mistakes that have been pointed out, improving communication both within the district and between the school and the community and making the Sandy Elementary school a good place to educate children.



"I THOUGHT he just grew them. I didn't know he flew them."

letters to the editor

Write now

On May 20 the Columbia Region Association of Governments will act on phase three of its comprehensive plan. Included in that part of the three-county plan is the requirement that local comprehensive plan changes, zone changes, subdivisions and variances be approved by the executive director of CRAG before being considered by the local county or city governing body.

Too much of the input that has been used to prepare this plan and designate what land in a given area will be given a certain zone or use description is based on large scale, broad views of an area. Gullies and hillsides have been set aside as farm land while some existing berry fields would have new houses built on them.

We think that the executive board of CRAG should be told by residents of the entire region that their plan is unacceptable and should be reconsidered.

Here is a list of the board members with their addresses and telephone numbers so that they can be told what the citizens think of their plans.

If enough people speak out on this issue the CRAG board will have to listen.

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt, City of Portland, Portland City Hall, Portland, OR 97204, 248-4275.

Commissioner Mel Gordon, Multnomah County Court House, 1021 SW Fourth Ave., Portland, OR 97204, 248-5215.

Mr. Charles Becker, 255 SE Evelyn, Gresham, OR 97030, 229-4977.

Commissioner Ray Miller, Washington County Court House, 150 North First Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123, 357-2106.

Mayor David McBride, City of Beaverton, P.O. Box 128, Beaverton, OR 97005, 646-4069.

Commissioner Stan Skoko, Clackamas Co. Court House, 8th and Main Streets, Oregon City, OR 97045, 655-8581.

Mayor Phil Balsiger, 30450 SW Parkway, Wilsonville, OR 97070, 638-8531.

Commissioner Dean Cole, Clark County Court House, Vancouver, WA 98660, 206-399-2232.

Mayor James Gallagher, Vancouver City Hall, Vancouver, WA 98663, 206-696-8211.

Councilman Stan Pintarich, Route 1, Box 608 B, Scappoose, OR 97056, 242-5763.

Mr. Lloyd Anderson, Port of Portland, Lloyd Building, Portland, OR 97232, 233-8331.

Mr. Gerard Drummond, Tri-Met, Public Services Building, Portland, OR 97204, 224-3920.

Commissioner Thomas Walsh, 2839 SW Second Ave., Portland, OR 97201, 222-4375.

Julia Butler Hansen, Washington State Highway Commission, Highway Administration Building, Olympia, WA 98504, (Phone No. unavailable).

Measles Back

Measles are back.

Parents who thought the disease was whipped with the development of a vaccine should check their children's health records.

The Multnomah County Health Division cautions that youngsters given measles vaccine simultaneously with gamma globulin prior to 1969 or who had the "killed" vaccine should be vaccinated again.

The present outbreak at Corbett could spread to teenagers in junior high and high school who may have outgrown immunity from their early vaccinations.

Measles are a miserable disease and can often have serious complications.

A vaccination sure beats two weeks with a rash and a fever in a darkened room.

'Narrow-minded'

To the Editor:

Once again the Sandy Chamber of Commerce and Sandy bureaucrats are showing their "narrow-minded, tunnel vision affliction."

The community of Boring and Boring area citizenry petitioned and supported the proposed Carmel Estates shopping center to be located on U.S. Hwy. 26 across from Heidi's.

Now we find that the City of Sandy has filed a writ of review with Clackamas County Circuit court and petitioned for a review from LCDC.

An additional shopping complex can only prove beneficial to all citizens of the area (Sandy included); as it will add a spirit of badly needed competition to this area. Apparently Sandy hasn't grown up enough to accept healthy competition.

The City of Sandy recently requested expansion approval in four directions from CRAG and when they were told only two expansion areas were allowable they became incensed because such restrictions would curtail their growth (incidentally we agree such restrictions are unreasonable), now however, they request that other areas retrench in order that Sandy might grow.

Gresham had originally intended to join Sandy in pursuing an injunction against Carmel Estates but through intelligent reasoning backed out seeing how ridiculous such an attitude would make them look.

Come on Sandy, show a little class.

Gene Warren
12040 SE Revenue Road
Boring.

Support

To the Editor:

We wish to affirm our support of the Sandy Elementary school board's decision not to renew the contract of Jerry Dickson.

A music teacher must be able to work with all students not just those involved in the school band. All students should be encouraged in the appreciation of music. We feel that many students have been discouraged and their incentive to learn impaired by Mr. Dickson's impatience.

We were relieved to hear he would not be returning for the

coming school year. We know that an appreciation of music is just as important as the ability to play an instrument. We must develop the ability to listen to a wide range of music and enjoy it in those not adept enough to master an instrument. We feel Mr. Dickson has not been able to demonstrate an ability to work with all the students effectively or his dismissal would not even have been considered by the board.

We must apologize to the school board for not appearing at the hearing held earlier, prior commitments made it impossible. We feel they are acting reasonably in behalf of all the children and fully support their actions. We have submitted further comments to the board documenting actions of a serious nature that involved Mr. Dickson and one of our children last year. We hope that it will not be too late for them to take this instance under consideration in their decision to dismiss this teacher.

R. Alan Berck
Patricia H. Berck
45765 SE Pugh Road
Sandy

Apologies

To the Editor:

Last week's letter by me had a poorly written statement. Mrs. Florence Schmitz, Sandy's outstanding fifth grade teacher throughout her teaching to retirement and now as a substitute gave many additional hours teaching young girls to sew in their 4-H projects. In later years she gave countless hours helping teachers and children in their ceramic projects. I detected this error and wish to apologize for it.

Going on with apologies. A mother and her daughter certainly deserve some. To them I'd like to say "It is truly much harder to keep a large building and area, clean and orderly, when it is used by many children, than one that is smaller, newer and used by fewer children. I've worked in both situations. Check our Firwood and Sandy Ridge areas for neatness and good manners. No "Boos" are allowed. They were not when I was there and I'm sure this remains so.

The Senior Center would love to see your program, Mrs. Lamb.

For Good Manners visit the children in the special rooms. Mrs. Spahr taught the first four

years of this program. These children so appreciate extra things done for them. Their teachers are truly dedicated teachers.

I feel proud of the teacher, Jim Duff, who is a parent and speaks up, as a parent when he feels his children may lose a good instructor. He's thinking of all children too. His true feelings were showing. Keep these good people and all instructors who care and instruct well.

Alice C. Will
Sandy

Blood needed

To the Editor:

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here May 17, Monday, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. in the Sandy Union High school gym.

A blood donation can be a vital thing, especially if you are on the receiving end. And statistically speaking, the chances of your having to need a blood transfusion are not as far-fetched as you might wish them.

We have a hemophiliac student at Sandy High. If he should not get a shot of cryoprecipitate he could die from nothing more than a skinned knee.

Several bad accidents have occurred in the Sandy area recently. If pints of this life giving fluid had not been available the accident could have turned into a real tragedy.

Students are asked to urge their relatives and friends who are at least 17-years-old and weight at least 110 pounds to donate now. Because our Red Cross blood bank is getting very low.

Blood donors are special people. The balance between supply, demand and human life depends on blood donors. What about you? Your concern can be a vital thing.

Come to the Sandy High Blood Drive May 17.

Stan Bowman,
Teacher S.U.H.S.
Sandy area
Blood coordinator

Property

To the Editor:

The votes of seven politically appointed members of the Land Conservation and Development Commission control land use in Oregon. Clearly the people's prerogative to enjoy their own property has been taken from them.

A measure to repeal this tremendous power can be put to

Keeping Posted

Budget committee to meet Monday

THURSDAY, MAY 6
The businessmen's coffee hour starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Oregon Trail office.

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The Clackamas County Library board will meet at 4 p.m. in the Health auditorium, 1425 Kaen Road, Oregon City.

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FRIDAY, MAY 7
The Sandy Library board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the city library.

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MONDAY, MAY 10
The Clackamas County Board of commissioners meets at 10 a.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City.

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At 7 p.m. the county planning commission meets in the courthouses in Oregon City.

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MONDAY, MAY 10
Bull Run Cascade Study group will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Bull Run School. Interested persons are welcome to get acquainted with county candidates.

Each candidate will have a short time to speak followed by a question and answer time when refreshments are served.

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The Sandy Elementary District Budget committee will hold a budget meeting 7 p.m., in the I.M.C. room of the Upper

elementary school. The purpose of meeting shall be to assess the recent defeat of the general operating levy and the special serial levy. The committee will set the date for the next budget election and make plans for the preparation of the budget.

The regular school board meeting for May will convene at 8 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
The Cottrell School Board will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the West school gym. Scheduling a time for a workshop session on the defeated budget proposal will be an item on the agenda. The public is invited to the meeting.

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THURSDAY, MAY 13
The Sandy Rebekah lodge will meet at 8 p.m. in the Odd Fellows hall in Sandy.

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The Sandy elementary school intermediate grade spring music concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in the gym of the intermediate building.

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A well baby clinic will be held in basement of Lutheran Church in Sandy. Call the Community Action center for an appointment, 668-4746. Clackamas county sponsors the clinic. Appointments are from 9 to 11 a.m.

a vote of the people this November. Needed are 46,235 valid signatures on the Initiative Petitions which are already distributed throughout the State.

Every registered voter can help—in several ways. First, find and sign a petition (every Grange has some); second, get your own petition from us and complete it with twenty or more names; third and most importantly, please urge all petition carriers to complete and return their petitions as soon as possible to:

Cliff Everett
Chairman,
Repeal Committee
37761 Wheeler Rd.
Dexter

Paper ceases

To the Editor:

As editor of the Pioneer Press at Sandy Union High school I would like to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers and the community for supporting us.

Recently, I have had to decide whether or not to continue putting out a newspaper even though this year's budget has dried up. By continuing to print we would be forced to use next year's newspaper funds—a move that I deem would handicap that news staff as we ourselves were handicapped

this year by reduced funds. Consequently, our last two issues, a "Fiddler on the Roof" special and an eight-page senior edition will not be printed.

It must also be realized that our financial problems did not creep up on us unexpectedly. As early as December of this school year we knew we were running short of money and we tried to avert it by taking on more advertisements and switching to a newsprint paper instead of book stock.

The Gresham Outlook was also helpful in saving us money by greatly reducing our printing costs.

On behalf of the Pioneer Press staff we hope we entertained you with our features, informed you with our news, and made you think with our editorials.

Steven M. Wolf
Pioneer Press Editor
Sandy Union
High School

Bondage

To the Editor:
When people are held in bondage, as they are in most of the world at this time, they do not prosper as they would if they could be free. Government tyranny does not allow any

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