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The School Levies

Over the past year or so, it has been popular to ascribe school levy problems to "voter resistance to higher taxes."

We think it goes a whole lot deeper than that.

People obviously are saying "no" to higher taxes in one of the very few places where they still have that right. Schools are taking the brunt of the disrepute into which most government has fallen.

But the people also are telling the schools in no uncertain terms that the

days of educational experimentation are over, that administration must be cut to the bone, that any extra programs or expenses must be completely and thoroughly justified.

Perhaps the schools are going to have to live within their 6 per cent next year (the maximum amount of budgetary increase allowable without an election). Perhaps this means cutting a whole lot of things to the absolute maximum possible.

This seems to be what the voters want.

Something will be lacking

The U.S. Olympic trials in Eugene last week were a financial and an artistic success. But the one-shot trials dictated by the Olympic committee unfortunately will leave some of the best U.S. athletes at home.

Take specifically Steve Williams, probably the world's very best sprinter and before the Eugene trials, an odds-on bet to share in four medals at the Olympics... perhaps even four golds.

But he won't be going to Montreal because he suffered an injury during the trials and thus was unable to qualify.

The U.S. Olympic committee insists our representatives qualify through the trials. If for any reason they don't make it there, they stay home even if, as in Williams' case, they're the class of the world in their particular event.

With the exception of all other nations except Britain, the best men are sent to the Games; not merely the best on a given Tuesday afternoon in Eugene.

Quite possibly, in Williams' case, he'll be completely recovered by late July and the U.S. will see someone from Russia or France or Cuba take the gold medals in the dashes. Most track and field officials think selection of a national team makes

more sense. But the USOC doesn't agree, and sticks stubbornly with its one-shot selection procedure.

A number of excellent people will have to stay home this time because of one circumstance or another. People like Terry Albritton in the shot, Bill Schmidt and Don Luke in the javelin, Dan Ripley in the pole vault, Mike Manley in the steeplechase.

The USOC claims no interest in medals but in giving everyone a chance "in the American way."

Translated that means we're right, every other country (except Britain) is wrong.

In years past, we could pick our team most any way we wanted and still be competitive. But the Russians and the Germans, in particular, have come on like gang-busters and we need the very best people possible.

One suggestion is for a picked national squad to go into training and then go through a series of competitive trials, with some leeway for special situations.

Our people did not do well four years ago at Munich and they may not do well in Montreal. A good share of the blame—if that be the proper word—rests with the USOC and its selection process.

Officials express concern over July 4 fireworks

With the nation's Bicentennial July 4 this weekend, fire control agencies in the Pacific Northwest are concerned about the use of fireworks in the forests and rangelands.

Those planning to celebrate the holiday camping in the National Forests are asked to remember that fireworks have to be left at home.

"Fireworks use is not allowed in National Forests," says Jack Neuman, Mt. Hood Forest dispatcher.

"Fireworks are a real threat to the woods as sparks blown off can cause fires. We're not trying to diminish people's celebration of the Bicentennial, only help them enjoy it," he adds.

Neuman went on to say that July 4 weekend is always busy with numerous people in the forest. This year, with the fervor over the Bicentennial, forest officials are even more concerned. As a result, there will be many Forest Service

people patrolling and on the lookout for fires.

"If they have to, patrolmen will issue notices of violation if fireworks are used," warns Neuman.

Officials of fire control agencies have issued a plea for individuals to attend local fireworks displays that are well planned and more attractive than individual efforts. But for those who plan to make their own fireworks show, they offer some suggestions.

They ask that legal fireworks be used only in cleared areas, such as roadways and areas of mineral soil. Fireworks should not be discharged in dry grass, brush or forest land.

There should be adult supervision of all fireworks activities to prevent fires from starting, as well as to prevent injury.

They also ask that people remember the use of most fireworks is prohibited in most parts of Oregon and Washington.



Chirp: "You say its for their Uncle's Birthday?"

Twirp: "Yeah. They say the old Gentleman is 200 years old today."

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are acceptable on any subject. They should be limited to 300 words and must bear the signature and address of writer. They may be edited to conform to style.

Swimathon

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club to the people of Sandy who gave us such tremendous support during our recent Bicentennial Swimathon.

The sponsorship of individuals, organization and businesses in the community enabled our club to raise over \$2,000 which will be used to further our program and activities.

Those of us who are involved in AAU Swimming find it one of the most worthwhile activities for our young people, and we are very proud of the 80 plus youngsters who represent our community as they take part in swimming activities around the state. We know that you would be proud of them too, for the Blue Marlins represent Sandy well, not only as outstanding swimmers, of which we have many, but also as well-behaved, responsible young people.

We invite you to follow the progress of the Blue Marlins this summer, under the leadership of Head Coach Mark Smith. We expect several of our swimmers to go on to success in regional and national competition.

We also invite interested young people who might wish to be involved in swimming to inquire at the pool about joining the Blue Marlins.

Let me share with you the philosophy of the Blue Marlins: "Improvement is a main objective of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club. Desire is another, for without it there can be little improvement of success. We feel swimmers are only as good as the effort they put into their swimming. Remember, 'Champions are made, not born.'"

"Not every one can be a winner; for every winner there are one or more losers. The real winners are those swimmers who always try their very best

and display fine sportsmanship whether they have won or lost. We feel improvement is more important than winning for winning is a mere product of improvement.

"All swimmers, parents, and coaches of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will maintain the high respect for the club, the community and the sport of swimming."

I know that you are proud to have been a part of supporting a program that holds these goals for the youngsters in our community.

LeRoy Russell, President
Blue Marlin Aquatic Club
Sandy

Stand up for rights

To the Editor:

Just read an article re: "kids in fields." Don't the U.S. Wage and Hour investigation have anything better to do than torment the farmers. At least the kids are willing to work. Where are the people on welfare, the able bodied who are spongers on our tax money? Why can't the people get some guts who are against this kind of "dictatorship" stand on their feet and fight for their rights? I had to blow up and thought maybe you can make some sense of this and print it. Thank you.

Mrs. Mary Knapp
Rt. 1 Box 485
Corbett, Ore

Elect Carter

To the Editor:

Being law abiding citizens enables each of us responsible Americans to maintain our self respect and demonstrate our respect for the personal sovereignty of each of us humans.

When it was ratified by our Congress, the treaty which transferred residual sovereignty in the Canal Zone to us in perpetuity and committed "We the People" to preserve the independence of the people of Panama in perpetuity became the law of our Republic.

But, instead of talking about when and how to restore independence to the people of Panama through free elections, our representatives are talking to the dictator who

destroyed their independence about changing the law of our land while our Congress stands mute.

Any change in this treaty which is not negotiated with a duly elected government of Panama will be unconstitutional on its face.

Using our secret ballot to elect Jimmy Carter president, and, to elect candidates with equal integrity and ability to our Congress will once again provide our Republic with quality leadership.

Hugh D. Dudley
Fayetteville, N.C.

Indians plan Fourth parade

The only Indian Fourth of July parade in Oregon will be held in Warm Springs, sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. July 4 at the Warm Springs grade school. A highlight of the celebration will be the singing of the Indian Flag Song by tribal elders. The song, a traditional and semi-religious one, is used during feasts of thanksgiving dedications of longhouses and similar events.

A barbecue will be held from noon until 3 p.m. There will be contests, children's games and softball tournament.

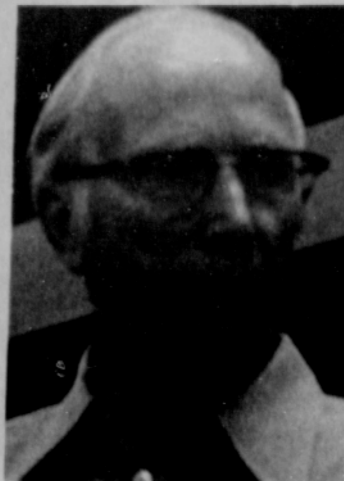
The festivities will conclude with a fireworks display in the evening.

CITIZENS FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College
By Jim Hultden
News Services Coordinator

The annual follow-up study of graduates and former students is being compiled for 1974-75 now and several interesting facts have been uncovered. Some 327 of the 1307 students responded with answers to the questionnaire. The respondents indicated that 77 per cent of the graduates are working and the average salary is \$631 a month. Twenty-six per cent of those working are earning over \$900 a month. The majority of the other former students have gone to further schooling. Further information will be released when the report is finally compiled.

Guest Editorial



W. Pete Sulzbach

W. Pete Sulzbach is a retired school principal and a retired army officer. He is active in the Sandy Community Presbyterian Church and is chairman of the Sandy Community Action Center. He is former county chairman for the Clackamas County Democrats and was a delegate to the 972 Democratic National Convention in Miami. He is also an avid reader.

The June 24 issue of the Sandy Post carried a guest editorial by my friend Dale Nichols which expressed grave concern about land use legislation and the impact of land use planning upon the rights and privileges relating to ownership of real estate. Dale finds that the liberty of an owner to do what he wishes with his property is unduly curtailed, that protection of agricultural land is being needlessly overdone and that land use planning is being done by bureaucrats and experts and this is not good.

The Sandy Post has often run articles critical of land use planning and particularly of the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG). Perhaps some words in defense of land use planning are in order.

Tom McCall, popular governor of our state, and the state legislature of his last year in office, cooperated in the passage of Senate Bill 100. This bill gave decided impetus to land use planning and created the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to encourage and oversee land use planning in our state. The federal government has offered funds to help states do their land use planning.

CRAG was created to coordinate land use planning in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Columbia counties of Oregon and Clark County of Washington. Regional associations of governments were formed because many problems of sewage, water, solid wastes, pollution, transportation and metropolitan sprawl stretch out beyond the boundaries of individual cities or counties.

Problems of protection of our beautiful rivers and the Columbia Gorge require the attention of state or regional governments.

LCDC, CRAG, county commissioners and city councilmen hire experts to help them make decisions in advance planning. We are accustomed to seeking university trained persons to help us in medical, bridge design, economic problems and a host

of other tasks. It seems reasonable to me that governmental bodies should do the same. After these staff persons have labored to produce plans or suggested policies it is city councilmen, mayors, and county commissioners who make the decision to accept or reject and they are the people we have expressed confidence in by our votes.

I have only attended three land use planning meetings of the Sandy area. Each was dominated by the remarks and angry shouts from those for whom land use planning meant potential loss in income. The man who bought 40 acres in 1955 for \$2,000 now sees that the land is in an agricultural area limiting new homesites to 20 acres. He can sell two 20 acre sites at a gross of \$25,000 - \$40,000 but is furious because he wants to sell his land in two acre plots and realize a larger gross. Public demand has raised the value of his land and that same public has zoned the land through its representatives and limited his possible profit.

I am convinced that a majority of people in the Sandy area are satisfied with land use planning which is designed to protect livability, scenic values, agriculture and will cope with such problems as urban sprawl, water supply, sewers, pollution and transportation in the coming years.

We have 1,000,000 people in the Columbia-Willamette region now. Industrial leaders are planning that there will be 2,000,000 residents in the year 2,000. It seems wise and prudent for governments to plan now for this doubling of population.

Most all critics of land use planning fail to offer an alternate choice. Surely no planning will result in chaos. Critics might also reflect that planning on the present scale is a new venture for Oregon. It will improve as experience is gained.

Injustices can be corrected and plans amended if we do our best to plan now. No land use planning is sure to spoil that livability which brought most of us to Oregon in the first place.

Reynolds graduated

Navy Airman Ret. Denise M. Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oho G. Giesek, 21032 SE Lansing Lane, Boring, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

During the eight-week training cycle, Reynolds studied general military

subjects designed to prepare her for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Among the subjects she studied were seamanship, close order drill, naval history and first aid.

A former student of Sam Barlow High School, Reynolds joined the Navy in March 1976.

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