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Opportunity bypasses Tri-Met

Tri-Met passed up an excellent opportunity to improve often-strained relations with the Sandy area recently in refusing a request to bring in shuttle buses to aid in Sandy's forthcoming Mountain Festival.

Tri-Met was quoted as saying we "have to eliminate such things since we got clipped" (at the polls during the May primary). In the long run, it will cost Tri-Met more not to give a little more in attempting to promote services to this area. The shuttle to the Mountain Festival would have provided badly needed improved public relations.

A good mass transit system is desperately needed in the Portland Metropolitan area and Tri-Met

provides an important service. But many in this area believe that Tri-Met, along with the Port of Portland, represents "taxation without representation." And many also resent that those closer to Portland receive more benefits from both the Port of Portland and Tri-Met.

Tri-Met also hasn't gained any points with patrons with the new 40 cents fare increase. We heard of one group of riders now saving pennies. They have vowed to pay their fare one cent at a time. Tri-Met has hardly been making money hands over feet and the fare increase should come as a surprise to few people in these days of rapidly rising costs.

Tribute to the festival

In advance, we would like to pay tribute and congratulate those who have contributed so much to this weekend's Sandy Mountain Festival. The July 4 activities last weekend were a great kick-off for the Sandy Mountain Days with the Sandy Chamber of Commerce picnic in beautiful Meinig Park and other festivities and fireworks sponsored by Sandy Civic Services.

This is the third year for the ever more popular Mountain Festival and there should be a big crowd in town this weekend to enjoy the myriad attractions of the event. Our Mountain Festival is a relative newcomer among the many arts and crafts festivals held each year and has

already grown to be one of the largest and best attended festivals in the Northwest.

Plaudits go to the sponsors, patrons, donors and members of the festival. But even more recognition needs to go to the hard working Sandy Mountain Festival Committee. The members are too numerous to mention here.

The most original attraction of the festival undoubtedly will be the pet rock races which will start tomorrow at 3 p.m. in a grassy area across from the U.S. Post Office (not to be confused with the Sandy Post) on Pioneer Blvd. We plan to be there with our rock, who has been in training for this event for several million years.

Correction, Please

An unfortunate mistake crept into a Post editorial last Thursday and we hasten to make a correction.

Briefly, in writing of last week's school elections we described the 6 per cent limitation as "the maximum amount of budgetary increase allowable without an election."

The word "budgetary" was wrong. It should have read "tax base."

Most districts have a tax base, established by voters, and this base can be increased 6 per cent per year without any further vote. The increase is automatic.

The XYZ school district, for instance, has a tax base of \$100,000 and next year this will increase to \$106,000, the following year to \$112,360 etc. But the XYZ district's budget is \$470,000 per year. Where does the district get the balance of the money? From state funds, various offsets and from a levy voted by the taxpayers.

Hence, "tax base" and "budget" are not the same. A budget in most

cases is far beyond the tax base. Sandy Elementary, for instance, has no tax base and thus has no automatic 6 per cent increase. Its total budget must be approved each year.

Other districts, like Gresham Grade, have a tax base which falls very far short of the annual budget. The district's voters are asked annually to approve the amount between the tax base and the budget.

There is no way that Gresham Grade, for instance, could live with its tax base plus 6 per cent each year. The district has grown far beyond the limits of the tax base.

How does a district get its tax base, or increase an existing base? Only by approval of the voters at a general election. It can be done in no other way.

Oregon municipal financing is not easily understood and the tax base is one reason. But except in a very few districts it just isn't synonymous with the budget.

Food stamp eligibility level changes

Individuals living in one or two person households, who were denied July food stamp benefits in June because their incomes exceeded maximum standard, may now be eligible for the program, according to Oregon Food Stamp Program Director Dwayne Prather.

In a June 29 telegram from the Western Regional Office of

the Food and Nutrition Service, Oregon was notified that the maximum incomes for eligibility have been raised from \$215 to \$245 for two person households. Maximum incomes for larger households were not affected by the new requirements.

"We urge all Oregonians of one and two person households

who applied for food stamps in June but were denied because their incomes barely exceeded the maximum incomes to reapply at their local offices," said Prather.

Individuals wishing further information are encouraged to contact their local food stamp offices or to call Jean Stryker in Salem at 378-3193.

'An excellent job'

To the Editor:
I wish to publicly offer the thanks of my family to John Cook for the excellent job he did as Principal-Superintendent of the Welches School this past year.

He brought a school on its

Recreation survey

To the Editor:

The City of Sandy has contracted with the Center of Leisure Studies-University of Oregon, to conduct a community-wide recreation study. As part of this study, a randomized sample of the community will be surveyed on Monday, July 19.

The survey will consist of a brief questionnaire. These questionnaires will be delivered to the selected households by members of the recreation study team. The questionnaires will be left at the households to be picked up later on the SAME day.

If your household is one of those selected you will receive a notice in the mail by July 15. This notice will give you the approximate time during which you can expect a study team member to deliver a questionnaire.

The City of Sandy intends to use the information compiled in this study as the "backbone" for the development of a five year community recreation program. Consequently, we ask for your assistance and full cooperation in responding to the questionnaire.

The members of the study team will be wearing identification tags on their shirts. Please greet them cordially—they will be working for you.

If you have any questions regarding this study or the proposed five year recreation plan please contact Dick Halvorson at the Sandy Senior Center, 668-5569. Thank you!

Peter Diefenderfer
University of Oregon

knees to a standing position. He restored a sorely needed esprit-d'corps and created a positive, receptive atmosphere for both students and teachers.

I have had the privilege of speaking with John more than once concerning his philosophy of education. It is a joy to talk education with this man who is in his profession for all the right reasons. His regard for the individual learner automatically tempers blind acceptance of group educational practices.

Talking briefly with John of his plans for the coming school year, I have felt that at last Welches School is headed in the right direction under competent leadership.

John came to us from a large system that truly hated to lose him. Obviously they knew what they had. Do we?

Mrs. Craig W. Warnock & family
Brightwood

Grateful to Cook

To the Editor:

Our family would like to express our thanks to John Cook for making this past school year a positive and progressive one. John's hard work brought Welches School through a difficult and chaotic time.

We are grateful to John for all of his efforts to improve our school. Thank you, John, for leading our school this year.

Ron, Joan, Joshua
and Jesse Berger
Rhododendron

Pools useful

To the Editor:

The community of Gresham needs to be set straight on the usefulness of the Mt. Hood pool facility. It is being built for the public's benefit. There will be water safety lessons, swimming lessons, boat safety instruction, scuba diving, lifesaving classes, public swimming, competitive swim workouts, and therapy for the handicapped and other physical injuries.

The pools are not being built for looks; they do have a reason. People should stop and think about the lives that may and will be saved and helped by

the pools being built. Parents, especially, should consider this thought.

The medical building is almost finished and had priority over the swimming pools. Both of these facilities were built from funds authorized by bond issues passed by the voters for that purpose and not from operating funds for the College which have been the subject of recent elections.

As for the "fancy tennis club," wake up mister—there is no more connection between the Mt. Hood Racquet Club and the College than there is between Mt. Hood Meadows and the College. The name Mt. Hood doesn't necessarily mean it belongs to the College. So before people criticize this necessity stop and think about what it may be doing for you and the community.

Barbara Law
Student
MHCC

'Fight trends'

To the Editor:

I just want to thank and congratulate those many people who signed the petitions, to help get the Senate Bill 100 referendum on the ballot. There is a valid need to fight against the political trends of today! I just couldn't agree more with Dale Nicholl's editorial on safe guarding our property rights.

Though not a viewer of his program, I understand ex-governor McCall made some critical remarks against this referendum. I would be very skeptical of Mr. McCall's views on issues. After all he wanted that sales tax put on us a few years ago, remember? And the people of this state, in their infinite wisdom, threw it back at him! And I loved the subtle way he tried to increase his own governor's pension before finishing his final term of office!

With the advent of this election year, let the people's will be known. Have you noticed the reaction of Governor Straub over the Senate Bill 100 referendum? He's met it with less enthusiasm than when the same people voted him into office. Isn't it amazing the people's choice of him for governor was



"Just think, Pedro! If our great Fidel had not sent so many of us, we might be the Foreign Mercenary Pigs!"

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.

Keeping posted

Mountain Festival activities prevail

THURSDAY, JULY 8
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will start at 9:30 a.m.

Fantastic Shows Carnival will be held between Pioneer and Proctor Blvds. off Shelley Ave. Discount tickets will be good Thursday and Friday until 6 p.m.

Sandy Area Merchants will sponsor a moonlight sale from 7-10 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 9
The carnival will continue today and tonight.

What has been billed as the "Pet Rock Race of the Century" will start at 3 p.m. Special races will begin at 7 p.m. The races will be held in a grassy area across from the U.S. Post Office on Pioneer Blvd.

SATURDAY, JULY 10
The carnival will continue through the evening.

The Lion's Club will sponsor a street dance on Shelley Avenue between Proctor and Pioneer Blvds.

The Sandy Mountain Festival will be held in Meinig Park from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 11
Wooden Nickel Days will end. The Sandy Mountain Festival will continue from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The carnival will continue through the day.

MONDAY, JULY 12
The Sandy Civic Services will meet at 8 p.m. at T.J.'s.

There will be a meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce at noon at Heidi's.

TUESDAY, JULY 13
The Sandy Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon at Foothills Inn.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14
The Sandy Area Merchants will meet at 6:30 a.m. at Griff's.

The Cottrell School Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the West Building gym.

Local residents make OSU honor roll

Numerous area students were included in the scholastic honor roll for spring term at

Oregon State University. Local students on the honor listing included the following:

Boring: Paul K. Beatty, freshman, engineering; Diane G. Dweck, junior, education; Alison M. Hill, sophomore, home economics; Lisa J. Hylton, junior, home economics.

Brightwood: Beatrice S. Strong, junior, science. Rhododendron: Leslie A. Thompson, freshman, liberal arts.

Sandy: Kenneth M. Haselwander, freshman, health and physical education; Scott LeRoy, junior, education; Russell M. Logerwell, freshman, engineering.

A total of 614 students earned straight A's (4.0) and another 1,481 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the honor roll. Students on the honor roll must have earned a 3.5 or better on at least 12 graded hours of coursework.

Cottrell board sets meeting

The Cottrell School Board will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, in the West Building gym.

The agenda will include yearly board organization including the election of a board chairman for the 1976-77 school year, the selection of three budget board members

and the determination of their respective terms of office.

Any district patron interested in serving on the budget committee for the Cottrell School is asked to call Jean Lundy at either 668-4856, or 668-5521 and place their name on the list for board consideration.

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