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## Park is beautiful

"The park is beautiful."

We're still getting comments of that nature from those who attended the successful Sandy Mountain Festival this month in the city's Meinig Memorial Park. The city has a beautiful site for events such as the festival as well as an extensive recreational facility for people in the area.

Much credit goes to City Manager Paul Helton, City Public Works Director Ken Burdick and a visionary city council for the hard work they

have done. And city employees have put in a lot of overtime hours to get the park in shape that should be acknowledged.

Recently, Paul Helton and his wife donated a rhododendron plant to the park in hopes of setting an example for other residents to follow. A gift of a plant to the park would be something that could grow and be appreciated for years to come, the Heltons reasoned. The city should be proud of its well landscaped and functional park behind the Sandy City Hall.

## A Big Change in Courtroom Procedure

Since time immemorial, cameras and broadcast equipment have been banned from courtrooms. The unwritten law said that the sanctity and decorum of the legal procedure might otherwise be endangered.

Now, however, courtrooms are being opened—at least in Washington state.

The State Supreme court unanimously decided to allow news cameras and broadcast microphones inside courtrooms during trials. The presiding judge may permit broadcasting, television, recording and taking photographs during sessions, including recesses between sessions.

It's a monumental change and one that won't be assimilated without some difficulty. Cameras, especially

TV cameras, bring out the ham in most people and it's easy to visualize courtroom histrionics on a scale hitherto unknown. Judges, juries, attorneys, plaintiffs, defendants, etc., may now play for the TV audience.

On the other hand, anything that contributes to better understanding of our court system is eminently worthwhile. Many people have a profound distrust in our legal system and if they can see and hear for themselves what actually happens in courts, that distrust may be erased.

We hope Oregon might consider similar relaxation of courtroom rules. We'll be watching the Washington experiment with interest.

## TV Coverage vs. Newspapers

Which medium of communication has the biggest influence on the voter?

All sorts of learned research says television first, then newspapers, then radio.

We wonder.

A research study just completed by two Michigan State professors on the 1972 presidential campaign shows that newspapers lead television four to one when it comes to informing voters.

A controlled situation was arranged whereby one group of people was exposed only to TV news prior to the election. Another group was exposed only to newspapers.

When the election was over and the results compiled, the newspaper group was found to have four times the knowledge of the issues. The TV group was literally right where it was at the start of the experiment.

The conclusion was obvious. TV entertains but doesn't enlighten.

## Who Will Ford Pick?

Now that Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan—the latter somewhat hastily—have picked their vice-presidents, how about Pres. Ford?

Will he go with Texan John Connally or perhaps with Nelson Rockefeller again? Or what about Gov. Dan Evans of Washington, Cabinet members Elliott Richardson, Donald Rumsfeld or William Simon, or perhaps a woman in Ambassador Ann Armstrong? Maybe even Reagan to bring harmony to the GOP.

The choice could be crucial to Ford, if nominated. Regardless of what one might think of Walter Mondale (Carter's choice), he adds greatly to the Democratic ticket. He is strong where Carter may be weak.

Pres. Ford, if nominated, will have to go for someone with pizzazz, someone a bit younger. Carter obviously is way ahead at this juncture and Ford best play his cards very carefully.

## Blaze destroys Clark home

The home of Robbie Clark, 48949 SE Baty Road, was termed a total loss by the Sandy Rural Fire Department after a fire in the early morning hours last Thursday.

Lt. Don Armintrout of the department said three engines, one from Sandy, Boring and Hoodland and one tank from

Sandy and one tank from Hoodland answered the call.

Armintrout said the cause of the fire was thought to be an electric wall heater.

Fireman Garrett Lang suffered a severe sprained ankle while fighting the blaze, said Armintrout. He added that Lang will probably be out of

action for some time.

The building was fully involved in flames when firemen arrived, said Armintrout. Clark was not at home at the time of the fire.

The fire was reported at 7:12 a.m. by a neighbor. Firemen were not back to the district station until 11 a.m.

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"Well! Imagine meeting you HERE!"

## 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.

### Local planning

To the Editor:

Julius Caesar had Brutus; Napoleon Bonaparte had Waterloo; and we have Governor Straub!!

The governor and his wonderful predecessor, "newsreader" Tom McCall, are out pounding the brush with their scare tactics. Trying to frighten us with visions of ravaging the land; desolation; complete doom if their land use laws are reversed.

No one will argue against proper land use! The whole point is; which our esteem Governor and the Mayor of Portland have refused to recognize; let's do it at the local level!

Clackamas county does not need the state or city of Portland to tell it how to use its land! Mayor Goldschmidt

would like us all to move into Portland and live in a cubicle.

That way we could ride his wonderful Tri-Met bus from our wonderful cubicle to his wonderful downtown mall!!!!

To get back to the point; who is more qualified to know what's the best use for any particular land than the people living in the area. Put the decision of land use back to the people; not a select few who think they know best for everyone!

I'd hate to think the county is being sold out to C.R.A.G. by our commissioners! They should remember who they represent! I've heard about county commissioners who get run out of office if they forget!

Ralph A. Sandercock Jr.  
39600 SE Allgeier Rd.  
Sandy, 97055

### Petition failed

To the Editor:

The Agri-Business Council of Oregon can understand the Grange; the Farmers' Union; the NFO, the other organizations' disappointment in their inability to secure the

necessary number of signatures for the Initiative Petition dealing with corporate agriculture. Although opposed to the Initiative, Agri-Business Council congratulates these fellow agricultural organizations' efforts in bringing some of the State's major agricultural problems to the attention of the citizens of Oregon.

The family farm is one of the most important and prominent segments in our State's and Nation's agriculture. There is little doubt that the progress of this Nation and this State can be directly attributed to the achievements of the agricultural community. The family farm has been, and will continue to be, the major thrust of a progressive economy.

All of Oregon's agricultural organizations should look to opportunities which will bring about progress for this essential industry.

Tom Hartung, President,  
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Council of Oregon  
222 SW. Harrison St.  
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Portland, 97201

## High school seeks community input

Sandy Union High School needs a developed set of educational goals.

And they are asking the community to help.

Questionnaires will be sent out to a sampling of district residents this week to find out their views.

Patrons who do not receive the form are invited to give input to district Supt. Joe DeMarsh.

"The Oregon State Department of Education has established general education goals to be achieved by Oregon students," DeMarsh said. "In turn, they have asked each district to create its own goals to be compatible with those of the state."

SUHS district is cooperating with the Clackamas County Intermediate Education District in establishing the district goals.

DeMarsh said many of the proposed goals on the questionnaire were already

found in a solid educational program, but the district wanted to see how the community measured each.

There will be 19 proposed goals on the form. Patrons are asked to rate each as either essential, very useful, of some use, of limited use or do not include.

A space for additional goals and comments will be available.

Several examples of proposed goals will include helping students to develop pride in work and a feeling of self-worth, helping them to understand and practice democratic ideas and ideals and to appreciate culture and beauty in the world.

"It's very important that a community member receiving the questionnaire fill it out and return immediately," DeMarsh said.

Not everyone in the district will receive a form because of the expense involved. Research methods allow for a sampling to speak for the community, DeMarsh said.

## Keeping Posted

## Post ad seminar slated tonight

THURSDAY, JULY 29

Sandy merchants-Sandy Post advertising seminar will be held with dinner at 7 p.m. and the seminar at 8 p.m. at T.J.'s Restaurant. Those with questions may call Lynn Ellis at 668-5319.

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Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will start at 9:30 a.m.

**CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM**  
News and Views About  
Mt. Hood Community College  
By Jim Hulden  
News Services Coordinator

Darlene Chambers of Gresham and Richard Coffman of Troutdale are two Mt. Hood Community College students who are making their way to national prominence in the field of business.

Both of the students recently won awards in the national competition for business students sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda, a nation-wide organization for collegiate level business majors. Mrs. Chambers, a medical assistant and secretarial major placed fourth in the nation in the professional typist category. Richard Coffman, a business administration major placed ninth in the data processing event. Both students competed with approximately 30 finalists.

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The business faculty at MHCC also recently announced the winner of the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award. Elizabeth Olson, 936 NE 174th, was named the winner of the award. She was selected as the recipient on the basis of her grade point average and overall excellence as a business student. She is studying accounting technology at Mt. Hood.

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July 30 is the final day to sign up for the second week of summer session classes at Mt. Hood Community College. Classes vary from basic accounting to Real Estate Principles to Women's Studies. Those interested in taking a class during the second session should check with the Admissions Office on the MHCC campus.

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Don't forget Sarsaparilla Summer slated this weekend on the Lake Lawn at Mt. Hood Community College. The community hoedown and barbeque will feature local entertainers including the senior citizen band from Gresham known as the "Hot Shots" and country-western favorites "The Buddy Simmons Family Band." Come and enjoy a hamburger or a steak and get to know your neighbors. Games and dancing will follow the steak-fry slated from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. An old-fashioned melodrama will be on stage in the studio theatre at 8 and 10 p.m. both nights and at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

SUNDAY, AUG. 1

There will be a reunion of the Sandy Union High School Class of 1971 at Eagle Fern Park at 1 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a picnic lunch.

MONDAY, AUG. 2

There will be a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Hoodland Rural Fire District at 8 p.m. at the ZigZag Fire Station.

The Sandy City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

Firewood Neighbors, Inc. will hold a general meeting and executive board meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Firwood School Library.

During this week, the Sandy Community Action Center will be having an open house.

TUESDAY, AUG. 3

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will have a speaker from Transamerica Title Company at noon at the Foothills Inn.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4

The Sandy Area Merchants will meet at 6:30 a.m. at T.J.'s.

Do you have a date you would like included in Keeping Posted? Dates for activities in the Sandy-Mountain area will be included in the column by calling 668-5548.

## Grass fire in Boring

A grass fire started by an electric fence burned three acres of pasture Tuesday in the Boring area before it was controlled by the Boring Fire Department.

The fire was contained on pastureland on Tickle Creek Road at the Jones Stables. A fire department official said the fire department warned of possible fires due to the recent dry spell in the area and urged extra caution in any flammatory situation.

The fire began at 3 p.m. and was put out before it could spread to either timber or the nearby buildings.

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