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The Tri-County Proposal

A vehicle to make local government more efficient?

Or just another layer of government plastered on top of those which we already have?

Those are the different shades of opinion relative the reorganization plan proposed by the Tri-County Local Government Commission and released last week.

The plan calls for a 15-member elected council that would assume duties presently handled by CRAG, the Metropolitan Service District, Tri-Met, the Port of Portland and the Metropolitan Boundary Commission.

Notice the word "elected."

That's the big attraction with the plan. People, even politicians, are filled to their gills with appointive

boards which can levy taxes and generally raise hob with people's lives. Making these people elective rather than appointive has a broad appeal.

But would this be just another layer of bureaucracy?

That's the question which must be answered before the state legislature approves the plan and the financing necessary.

People want less government, not more. As Phil Lang, House speaker, said, "People will want to know if it really will save money, really will cut down on the number of appointive agencies, really will provide better services."

And not just be another layer of government.

Not the Cleanest Way To Go

Both presidential candidates have expressed their undying devotion to clean skies, pure water, etc.

Both also have suggested that the nation should place much greater reliance on the use of coal in the production of energy.

But the two positions may not be attainable, may not even be compatible.

A recent study at the University of Washington indicated that the demand for electricity almost certainly will increase in the Pacific Northwest in the years just ahead and if it does, the demand can be met only

by coal or by nuclear facilities.

And perhaps not even by nuclear facilities if initiative measures to kill further nuclear developments are approved next month.

So if we're down to almost total reliance on coal, get ready for more pollution. Not only do coal-fired power plants pollute—even with the use of so-called clean-burning coal—but transport of coal from mine to factory adds considerably more to the pollution problem.

Coal may be available, it may even be economical. But don't be deluded into thinking it won't pollute.

Something New Called "Cash"

In our credit-card sated economy, it's like a breath of fresh air to hear that at least one firm is offering incentives for the use of cash.

For the uninitiated, "cash" consists of coins and federal reserve notes (i.e. paper money). Many years ago, merchants often would give a discount if someone paid in cash. This was before checks and credit cards became virtually the law of the land.

Now, however, we learn that Exxon, the nation's second-largest gasoline retailer, is going to gamble on cash. It is offering a five per cent discount if you pay in cash.

Commission needs advisers

The Sandy Planning Commission has requested volunteers to serve as advisers to the planning commission.

More information on the positions may be made by contacting Sandy City Manager Paul Helton. Helton suggested that prospective advisers contact him before the Monday night city council meeting.

At their Wednesday meeting, the commission approved a minor partition

request made by Calvin Jones for approximately .36 acre off Langensand Road one-half mile south of Highway 26.

The commission also approved a minor partition requested by Carl and Ruth Loundree for land on the south side of Park Avenue between Scales and Strauss.

George Burg was given the go-ahead for a minor partition to divide an existing property into two pieces.

SUHS sets open house

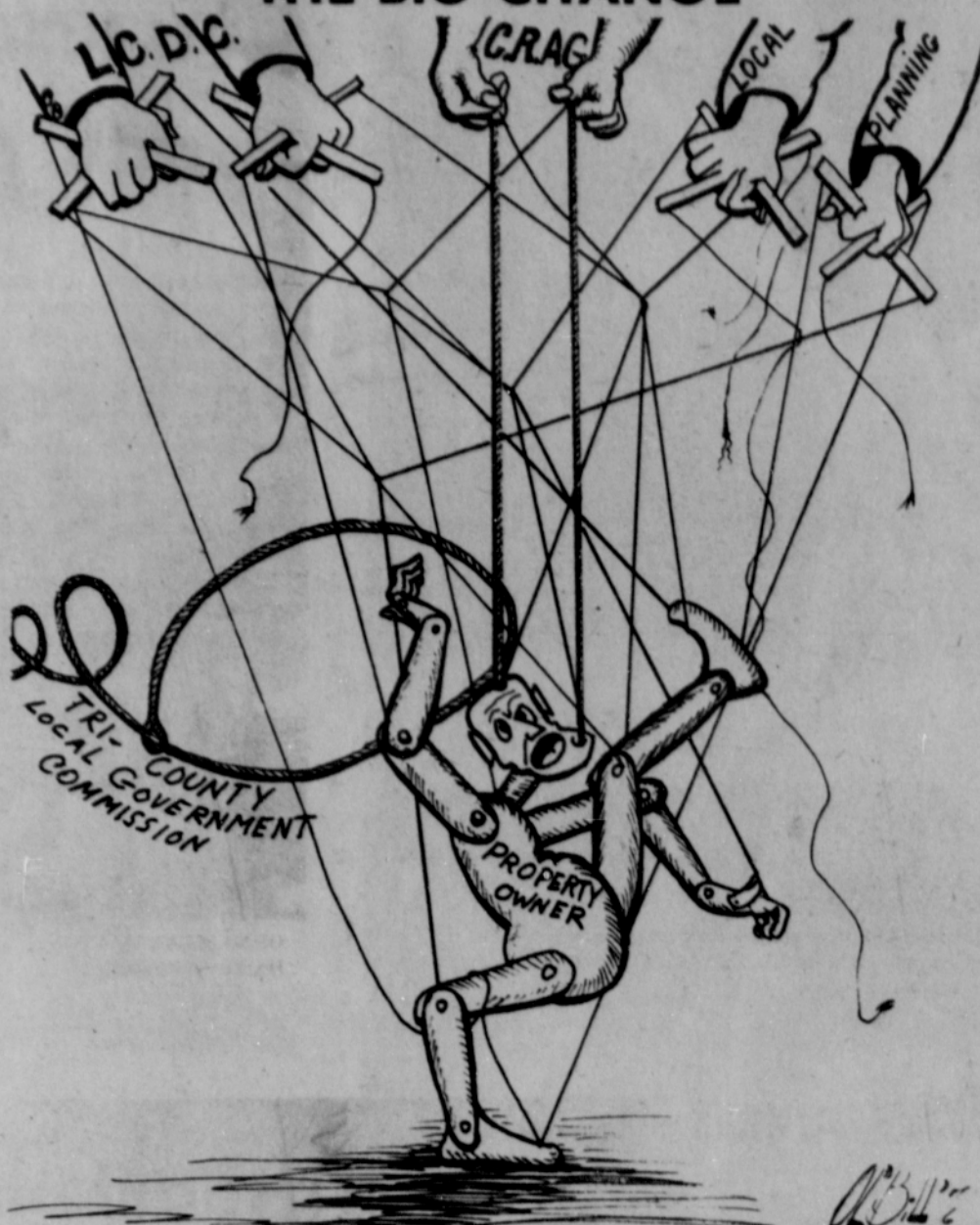
Sandy Union High School will hold its annual open house on Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 7:30-9:45 p.m.

After orientation into open house events, parents will be given a chance to visit each of the teachers their youngsters may have. Students will prepare copies of their schedules so parents will know room

numbers and the names of the teachers.

Special department displays and activities have been planned, particularly in the physical education and vocational areas. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening and parents will be entertained by the school music department.

THE BIG CHANGE



"That's funny! He used to be able to walk all alone!"

letters to the editor

Bi-county

To the Editor:

Ballot Measure No. 5 (Oct. 7 editorial) does deserve to be passed by the voters. As far as limiting power of the governor: well... what's wrong with that! His strange idea of democracy in action through the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) and Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) is very undesirable.

Also your story on the Tri-County Local Government Commission was interesting. Please continue to inform us what that rip-off organization is doing! With the commission wanting to more or less centralize the powers of all the Tri-County organizations into one directly elected board (Tri-County Council), they've admitted it was a mistake to bypass the voters. But that isn't the way those bureaucrats talked before Ballot Measure No. 12 appeared. These politicians speak with a forked tongue. Let's have a Bi-County Council, and leave Clackamas County alone!

Along the same theme is the dry-dock measure. No reason to vote ourselves more taxes, right? Ignore the slick talk of those big-time politicians. Their pie-in-the-sky thousands jobs is just bait. Why should Clackamas County pay the bill? Is the Port of Portland going to help pay for Sandy's water system?? Fat chance! If it's such a sure-fire money making deal, why don't they borrow the money from the banks. Don't bother us about bonds, get it from the money-lenders!

What really burns me up; if Portland wants to do something LCDC or CRAG never say a word. But let Gresham or Sandy want to develop and listen to the squawks and watch the feathers fly.

We have a little internal pollution problem in Salem, and the best place to start to clean up is in our county. If Commissioners Schumacher and Skoko do not wish to help Commissioner Telford in a land use plan to keep the state off our back; then they better just back out of office and let somebody in there who will.

Ralph Sandercock, Jr.
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Signs stolen

To the Editor:

If supporters of my candidacy for the legislature are wondering why I don't have signs up in some parts of the district, it is because they are being torn down and destroyed as fast as we can put them up. I want to be sure that there is absolutely no suspicion cast on the supporters of my opponent Ed Lindquist. This senseless act is being carried out by a few fanatics in the Redland area who have been on the opposite side of the school issue. One of the perpetrators, a juvenile, has been caught and appropriate complaints are being filed.

I understand that a "vigilante" committee is being formed among some of my supporters to insure that the chances of others being caught will be greatly improved.

Kirk Braun
Candidate for
State Representative
26th District

Hoodland plan

To the Editor:

Hearings held before the Clackamas County Planning Commission this spring gave the commission the clear message that its Inter-agency Plan for Hoodland had no hope of resident approval. So, rather than serve this dead herring at public hearings before the county commissioners, the planning commission and staff held some "workshops."

The effluent of these workshops was 44 pages of amendments to the Mt. Hood Plan which embodied all the odious flotsam of the Interagency Plan plus a few new proposals that even the interagency people had been wise enough to exclude.

In August the planning department sneaked the 44-page proposal into the public hearing before the county commissioners. Verbal testimony disclosed a 10 to 1 majority of residents repudiating the "44" and favoring proceeding under the partly locally-developed Mt. Hood Community Plan. The commissioners announced that they would render a decision on Sept. 27.

On Sept. 27 the commissioners confirmed the Mt.

Hood Plan but hedged on the amendments til Nov. 8... after election day.

A few warnings regarding land-use seem to be needed to alert public agencies as to the limits Hoodland residents will allow them to dictate concerning our investments, utilities, highways, education, growth and future:

1. The U.S. Forest Service needs reminding that it is neither authorized, mandated, nor competent to exercise any authority over private lands.

2. Any Citizens Advisory Committee with non-resident constituency is totally unacceptable. Hoodland people have no voice in the planning of Oswego's sewers, Portland's growth, Milwaukie's schools... and rightfully so. And we want them to butt-out of our future.

3. The Clackamas County Planning Department and Commission can produce acceptable plans and ordinances for Hoodland only with the participation, approval and permission of Hoodland residents.

4. The county commissioners cannot adopt without impunity anymore than the Mt. Hood Community Plan, for it, alone legally qualifies as land-use planning involving resident participation.

Milton M. Fox
Brightwood

Dangerous law

To the Editor:

After listening to Gov. Bob Straub and other state officials promoting Senate Bill 100, I am convinced that this is the most dangerous law that has ever been in effect in the state of Oregon... and all under the guise of land use planning.

Dorothy Anderson, LCDC commissioner, acknowledged the Land Conservation and Development Commission's powers when she said in Eugene on July 30 that SB 100, which created LCDC, has some flaws, especially in the section which "WROTE OUT THE CITIZENS."

LCDC is a system of government with dictatorial powers in management decisions over all Oregon natural and functional systems, including DEQ. LCDC directives can be carried out through

Keeping Posted

Politicians invited to area meetings

THURSDAY, OCT. 14
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will begin at 9:30 a.m.

There has been a change of program scheduled for the meeting of the Firwood Neighbors, Inc. at 7:30 p.m. at Firwood School. Instead of having hearing from members of the Tri-County Commission, another program has been slated.

The Marion-Clackamas County Women for Agriculture will hold their monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at the Springwater Grange Hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend and bring a sack lunch. More information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Bill Tucker, Estacada (630-3989).

SATURDAY, OCT. 16
The Touch n' Gro Garden Club for the blind will meet at Oral Hull Park. The Ardenwald Garden Club will host the meeting and the program will be on bulbs and fall planting.

MONDAY, OCT. 18
The proposed Sandy Community Council will be one of the main agenda items at the 7:30 p.m. Sandy City Council meeting in the Council Chambers.

State Rep. Paul Walden and Sen. Ken Jernstedt will appear before the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hoodland Women's Club and will be open to the public.

TUESDAY, OCT. 19
The Oregon School Employees Association has invited candidates for state senate and state representative to a 7:30 p.m. question and answer session in the Sandy Union High School Reference Library, room 5051.

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will hear State Rep. Paul Walden at their noon meeting at Foothills Inn.

The Sandy Union High School Alumni Association will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. at T.J.'s Restaurant. Anyone interested is invited to attend, with past and future reunion chairmen especially urged to come.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20
Sandy Union High School will host its annual open house from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m.

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

The Take Off Pounds Sensibly group will meet at 9 p.m. at 21421 SE Firwood Rd. in the home of Barbara Boswell.

Adjustment board to meet

The Clackamas County Board of Adjustment will consider a request Oct. 18 to construct three dwelling units for non-farm use in an area designated for exclusive farm use.

The property under consideration is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Trubel Road and Langensand Road in the Sandy area. The request has been made by Thomas Wickersham.

The board will also consider requests for temporary permit to use a mobile home as a temporary residence in the Wenme and Sandy areas.

Loren and Vera Vittetoe have requested to use a mobile home as temporary residence on land off Welches Road.

Donald Critchfield has made the request to use the mobile home on land east of Duncan Road, approximately 3/4 mile north of the Woodburn-Sandy Highway.

Tahoe at Timberline

slated Friday

"Tahoe at Timberline" will be the theme of an evening sponsored by Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon Guild on Friday, Oct. 15 at Timberline Lodge.

Activities will include dinner, dancing and games.

There will be a golf tournament at Bowman's Friday morning with bus service to Timberline.



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