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More Dependence on Arab Oil

Wall Street has been skittering downward the last couple of weeks, largely because of a projected 15 to 20 per cent increase in the price of Arab oil.

A couple of years ago when we were well-nigh strangled by the oil embargo, at least 15 per cent of our domestic supply came from overseas sources. Now the figure is reaching 40 per cent and 50 per cent is likely by 1980.

All of which puts us very much at the mercy of the Arab oil states and this is causing Wall Street acute jitters.

Pres. Nixon announced a "Project Independence" a couple of years ago but it has been a total failure. Instead we became more and more dependent on foreign sources.

Other countries have been more fortunate. Britain, for instance, expects North Sea discoveries not only

to make her independent but also to provide enough for substantial sales to Western Europeans.

Our domestic production has declined since 1970. The government does have plans for stockpiling reserves and oil from Alaska's north shore will start flowing south in a year or so.

Even so, we are expected to become increasingly dependent upon Arab sources, opening the possibility of continual price increases and threatened embargoes.

People just aren't convinced that there is a shortage of oil. Unfortunately, the oil-producing nations realize this and continue to push prices upward. We hope that early on the Carter administration something can be done to cut consumption. Otherwise, a decade hence we may be in a very critical situation.

Tax Revolt Draws Attention

The taxpayer revolt which is closing some Oregon schools is drawing nationwide attention.

The Christian Science Monitor recently sent a staff correspondent from Los Angeles to report on the situation at Eagle Point, near Medford, where voters repeatedly have refused to approve the 1976-77 budget. Another election cannot be held until January and Gov. Straub has refused to call a special legislative session.

Most recently, an effort to use unemployment funds has been ruled illegal. As a result, the schools are closed.

The problem at Eagle Point—as at every other school district in Oregon—is the rising cost of education. Voters must choose be-

tween support for ever-spiralling costs of education by voting 'Yes' or opting for lower taxes by voting 'No'.

In Eagle Point, LaGrande, South Lane and North Bend, the majority has said 'No.' They are willing to shut down their schools to get their message across.

To a greater or lesser degree, the same situation is occurring nationwide. Schools are one of the few remaining places where the taxpayer can protest, where his votes does count.

You can't vote against a million-dollar federal grant for a study of the mating habits of the tsetse fly in Botswana, but you can vote against the salary for an extra secretary in the village school.

Religion an Answer to Drug Use

You read all sorts of reports about teen-age use of drugs and alcohol, how the number of users continues to grow.

But seldom, if ever, do you read anything about those who do not use drugs. And why not.

Such a survey recently was taken in suburban St. Louis and it demonstrated conclusively (by nearly a 2-1 margin) that those who abstain have strong religious feelings and have used their religion in meeting problems.

Similarly, they are less tempted to drugs and alcohol; 80 per cent of their close friends also abstain. They participate in more extra-curricular activities at school and enjoy music, hobbies and clubs more than users.

Finally, they get more help and understanding from their families.

The survey was taken in suburban St. Louis county, among public high school students in a predominantly white, middle-class area. The relationship between strong religious values and abstention from drugs was said to be "simply inescapable" by one of the project directors.

Unfortunately, there is no way the federal government can use these valuable findings in drug-prevention campaigns because of the constitutional requirement for separation of church and state. Any attempt to extol the values of religion could be in conflict with the doctrine of separation.

Unfortunately.

Auto accident sends woman to hospital

A one-car accident early last Thursday morning hospitalized a Brightwood woman.

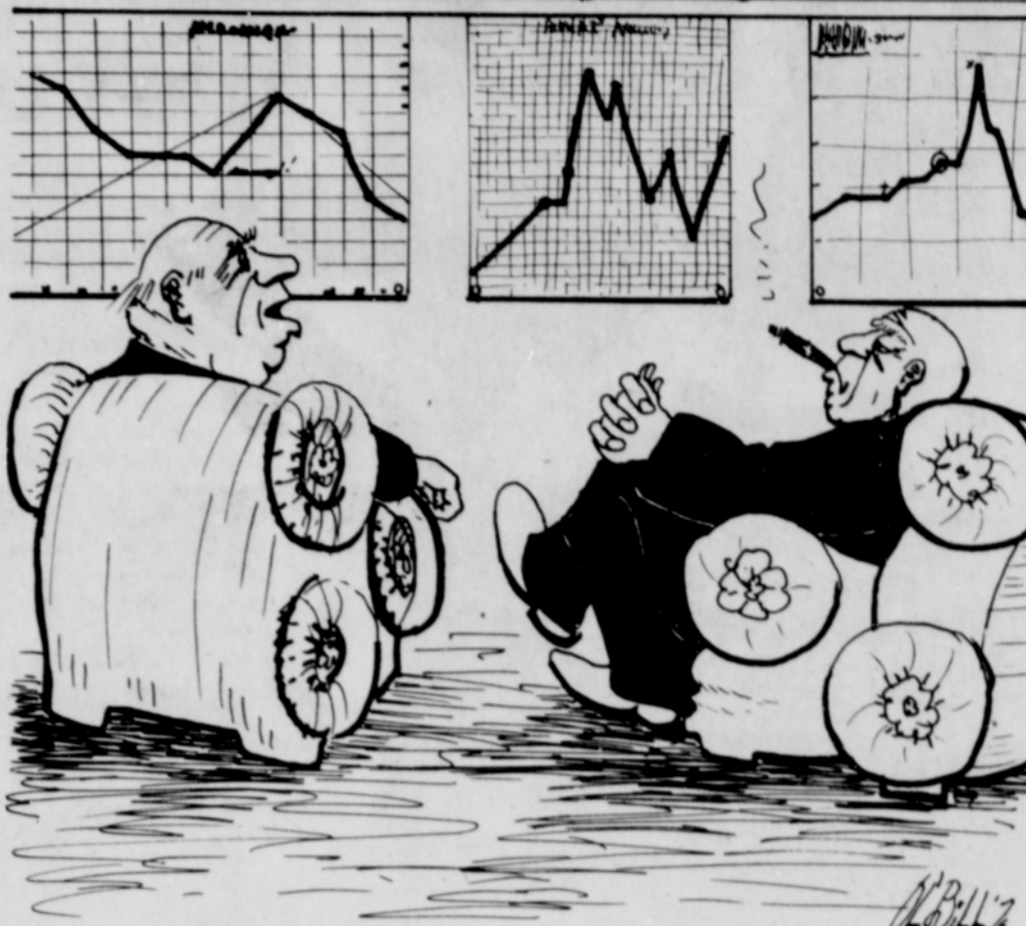
The driver, Judy Frasier, was injured in the accident at 4:30 a.m. in which the vehicle

rolled over on Highway 26 near Wemme.

She was taken to Gresham Community Hospital with facial lacerations and a severe concussion. An official at the

hospital Tuesday said Frasier was pronounced in good condition. She was admitted to the intensive care unit with head injuries.

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letters to the editor

MHCC Athletics

To the Editor:
As proceedings of the Mt. Hood Community College Activities and Athletics Commission progress, many interesting and controversial issues concerning students come into focus.

Rick Gustafson, college board chairman, opened the door with his presentation to the commission concerning tuition waivers and the purpose of intercollegiate sports at Mt. Hood.

This writer cannot believe Gustafson is absolutely against the above areas of concern, but instead used his presentation to draw a light upon the total picture that is facing the commission. Someone had to bring this into focus and Gustafson should be commended for his courage.

On the other hand, many board members feel it was an inopportune time for Gustafson, who doubles as board chairman and a state legislator, to direct his personal feelings to a commission he and his peers appointed to investigate the case in point. Saving the cake and eating it too is an impossible task, indeed.

It is hard to believe a total phase out of intercollegiate athletics is the answer to the tax dollar wee. With only two cents out of every local tax dollar going to the athletic fund, how can one say this is too much to pay for the success MHCC has enjoyed in this area? Organized athletics helped put this institution on the map. Why destroy this

program and others like it to save a few cents?

If the athletic portion of this college is whittled away, where does this decomposition end? The next step may be in the educational value to the programming. What really may be at stake is the comprehensiveness of this college. This institution now offers more than most colleges in the Northwest.

Students must involve themselves, for the sake of their tuition dollars, and state their opinions in possibly the biggest financial rearrangement in the history of the college. Face it or nor, something will be done, with or without the student voice.

Robin J. Gabel
Editor, MHCC "Advocate"

Kindness shown

To the Editor:
We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors, the Sandy Community Presbyterian Church and the Sandy Community Action Center for the many kindnesses and gifts because of our place burning down Oct. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Burroughs
Rt. 1, Box 215
Eagle Creek

Good showing

To the Editor:
Please relay my thanks to the thousands of supporters who gave me over 49 per cent of their vote in my first race for statewide office. I was very encouraged by the strength of my showing and feel sure that

this race will not be my last.

I have relayed my congratulations to Sec. of State Clay Myers and know that he will give his best efforts to serving the state well as Oregon's next state treasurer.

Jewel Lansing, CPA
Multnomah County Auditor

Center seeks goods

The Sandy Senior Center, in cooperation with the Clackamas Association for Retarded Citizens, is collecting goods and services for a benefit auction Dec. 12.

The auction will be held at the O'Gallarie Auction at 537 SE Ash in Portland from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Senior Center has requested help in collecting items for sale. There will not be a limit to auctionable items.

Suggestions for saleable items include certificates for a year of lube jobs, hair cuts, mini-storage or season tickets to sports events, the symphony, opera or plays.

Other auctionable items would include new or old furniture, used bathroom fixtures, clocks, auto parts, pianos, sheet music, wood stoves, a cord of wood, bric-a-brac, architectural plans or laces.

For pick-up, ideas or more information, call Gretchen Casey at the Sandy Senior Center 668-5569.

Keeping Posted
Barbershoppers
meet Tuesday

THURSDAY, NOV. 18
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Welch PTA will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Don Shuld, a counselor for the juvenile court, will be guest speaker.

The Sandy Union High School production of "Once Upon a Mattress" will run tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. in the school commons. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19
"Once Upon a Mattress" will continue at the high school.

The Sandy Lions Club will meet at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall at 7 p.m.

The Sandy Christian Women's Club will hold a noon luncheon at Oral Hall Park.

SATURDAY, NOV. 20
This will be the last night for the "Once Upon a Mattress" in the Sandy Union High School commons.

MONDAY, NOV. 22
The Sandy City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

A public hearing concerning a proposed 5.7 acres commercial development for the Wemme area will be held by the Clackamas County Planning Commission at 7 p.m. at the county courthouse.

TUESDAY, NOV. 23
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a noon meeting at Foothills Inn. Sandy City Manager Paul Helton will be the speaker.

Male singers who enjoy singing harmony are invited to attend a 7:30 p.m. meeting of a barbershop group in the Sandy City Council Chambers. The Mt. Hood chapter of Barbershoppers will be at the meeting.

The Sandy Union High School instrumental department will present its annual fall concert at 8 p.m. at the school.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24
The Sandy Area Merchants will meet at 6:30 a.m. at Griff's.

There will be a 9:30 a.m. meeting of the Taking Off Pounds Sensibly group (TOPS) at the home of Barbara Boswell. Her address is 21421 SE Firwood Road.

Commission to appoint
new DEQ director

Consideration of an appointment of a new director and a public forum on environmental problems will highlight the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) meeting Nov. 19. The meeting is 9 a.m. in room 602 of the Multnomah County Courthouse, 1021 SW Fourth, Portland.

Gov. Bob Straub has recommended the commission appoint former Beaverton Mayor William H. Young as director of the Department of Environmental Quality to replace Loren Kramer, who was promoted to the position of Executive Assistant to the Governor.

In addition to establishing the

rules for the operation of the DEQ, the five-member citizens commission also is charged with the authority to appoint the DEQ's director.

At 9 a.m. is a public forum where any citizen wishing to express views on environmental concerns may address the commission briefly either orally or in writing.

At 10 a.m. the commission will consider a staff recommendation to adjust fees that are charged for air contaminant discharge permits. These permits are required of anyone discharging significant amounts of pollution to the air. They are the major air quality regulatory tool of the DEQ.

Cross-country skiing
can be tried at OMSI

Cross-country skiing will be the subject of a special four-day exhibit at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) Nov. 18 through 21.

Sponsored by the Portland chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club, the show will focus on the "ten essentials of cross-country skiing," as well as the history of the sport, equipment for beginners, waxing techniques, basic instruction, safety and survival, and protection of the environment.

The public may don skis and try out a carpet track, which will be laid across the floor of OMSI's Hall of the Northwest to demonstrate the basic techniques of the sport.

The three types of cross-country skiing—touring, racing

and mountaineering—will be covered in the OMSI show.

A list of ski touring trails in the Mount Hood area, rated by difficulty, will be available for visitors, and there will also be information available on where to go to learn how to ski.

The Oregon Nordic Club, organized about 10 years ago, has a chapter in Portland.

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