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More Taxes? Not Necessarily

Early last month, we suggested that the 37 per cent increase in the 1977-79 state budget requested by Gov. Bob Straub meant a 37 per cent increase in taxes.

Not necessarily according to Ken Fobes, the governor's press aide.

Fobes concedes that a 37 per cent hike in the budget does mean 37 per cent more money has to be found.

"But," Fobes says, "this doesn't mean individuals and businesses will pay any more."

Fobes explains that both individuals and businesses are making more money these days because of inflation. But as far as the income tax is concerned, they're still paying the same percentage.

"That's the important point," Fobes says. "The budget is bigger but so are individual and corporate incomes. Obviously, the dollar amount of taxes collected is higher but it's the same percentage as before."

Thus, Fobes concludes, the

governor can propose bigger spending without taking any more—proportionately.

The legislature may approve increased state funding of schools and this would mean higher taxes. However, the only tax hike likely to come from Straub is in connection with roads... possibly a higher gas tax designed to "float" up and down with inflation.

Straub does favor 50 per cent state funding of schools but is adamantly opposed to doing it right now. "Perhaps a session or two down the line," Fobes says.

In addition to defending his boss's tax program, Fobes says the 1977 legislative session will see Straub acting as his own man. "He won't be working under a (Tom) McCall budget this time. You're going to see the governor take hold and really do some things."

At least that's the view from inside Straub's inner circle.

A Double Standard?

Members of the House of Representatives exploded with righteous indignation when the presidential excesses of the Watergate era were exposed.

We wonder why they are reacting with so much less fervor, in fact practically no fervor at all, to recent Congressional misdeeds?

We refer specifically to lavish gifts bestowed on at least 21 Congressmen by agents of the South Korean government. The figure of 21 is that reported officially by the Justice Dept.; unofficial reports indicate three times as many Congressmen are involved.

One of the techniques most frequently used was an all-expense paid tour to Seoul for a Congressman to accept an "honorary degree." A stipend of \$2,500 accompanied the degree.

Analysis of subsequent votes on matters affecting South Korea shows that the influence-peddling was successful, at least House members voted that way.

One Congressman denied two days before the election that he ever accepted any foreign bribes. Two days after the election, he admitted he had. Other Congressmen were equally devious in their replies to any queries.

What is Congress going to do about the mess? Is it going to go after those guilty with the same visceral fury it exhibited against Pres. Nixon? Or is it going to try to sweep the whole matter under the rug?

So far, very little has been said about the situation. Is a Congressional cover-up being attempted? When its own is in the wringer, does Congress approve a Watergate mentality?

Special services on agenda

Consideration of county-wide educational service proposals will highlight the Sandy Union High School Board's regular 8 p.m. Monday meeting. The meeting will be held in the high school reference library.

These special services are performed under the auspices of the Clackamas County Intermediate Education District (IED) and the separate in-county school districts through a combination of individual and collective action. These actions determine which services will be extended to all of the districts as necessary for their programs.

This year the service resolution under consideration includes programs for the trainable mentally retarded and their

transportation, outdoor education, basic testing and educational media services.

In addition, a resolution will be considered on the question on whether or not the IED shall hold a special election to exceed the six per cent limitation in forming its 1977-78 budget. The funds affected are commonly known as equalization monies that are collected on the basis of district wealth and redistributed on the basis of enrolled students.

Anton Bryant, superintendent of the IED, and John Rowell, the local regional board member, will be present to discuss and answer questions concerning the resolution.

The Redland tuition questions will also be discussed by the board.

Selection of grain mills to be covered in class

Clackamas Community College will present a workshop designed to help the novice select grain mills for home use on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 1-3 p.m.

Lillian DeLong, teacher of the class, will also show workshop participants what to look for when selecting grains for homemade bread baking.

The workshop will be held at the Community Center on the Clackamas Community College campus, room 101. The public is invited to attend.

Highway

To the Editor:

We have resided in this area less than a year, but a few things have come up that should be opened up to the fine people of this healthy and beautiful community close to

Little Sandy River

To the Editor:

The Oregon State Health Division, in their review of the Bull Run Draft Environmental Statement, has expressed concern regarding its failure to treat the Little Sandy watershed in the same manner as the Bull Run.

They further say that Portland says it has little interest in the future development of this watershed, but the City of Sandy has been negotiating for some time for the transfer of Portland rights, and very much wishes to have the Little Sandy watershed protected in the same manner as the Bull Run. They say this issue is going to be addressed in detail by the City of Sandy and its engineer. I hope they speak up, loud and clear.

It would behoove any other person interested in protecting Sandy's future water source, to appear at the Portland City Council public hearing (Thursday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m.) and speak in its behalf.

The "Proposed Plan" supported by the Portland Water Bureau and U.S. Forest Service envisions changing Congressional laws so they would permit commercial logging in both the Bull Run and Little Sandy watershed. Maybe this will be stopped in the Bull Run watershed because lots of people know about it, and will fight for it; but so far, it looks like the Little Sandy is being pretty much ignored, as far as publicity is concerned.

Incidentally, anyone who wishes to read the very interesting Oregon State Health Division review mentioned above may do so readily — it is reference No. 127 in the Bull Run Interest Group open file, in the Central Public Library in Portland.

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letters to the editor

Mt. Hood, the Sandy River and other views that only God can paint for us to see.

I happen to be writing this from a bed in a hospital located in this particular piece of God's country.

On early morn before Christmas a large truck crossed the four lane Mt. Hood Freeway and faced the midsize car my freshman son, a new neighboring freshman boy and I were in.

We were enroute to the Sandy High School. The situation gave us two alternatives: (1) either let the big truck bear down on and hit us head on; or (2) steer parallel to hopefully avoid the direct hit. I swung parallel, saved our lives, and have been extremely grateful for the excellent doctors and nursing staff of this hospital.

I have been unsuccessful in obtaining any answers to my inquiry from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department concerning not only our pre-Christmas accident, but other accidents in the same area, which reportedly has been a

typical truck accident and tragedy spot for quite some time. As an inexperienced writer and also a lover of this geological nearness to Mt. Hood, etc., may I hope to get some responsive answers to this letter and some plausible solutions to preventing future truck accidents and maintaining a safe highway to be travelled by all?

Also, when tragedies like ours occur, does this raise auto insurance rates for us? It isn't fair - what can we do?

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Joyous occasion

To the Editor:

We wish to express our gratitude and thanks to our friends, neighbors and our family for making our 50th wedding anniversary such a joyous occasion.

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Community school to start Jan. 17

The Sandy Community School staff has some ideas about what you can do about filling up those long winter days and evenings.

Registration for the winter term Community School classes begins Jan. 10 with classes starting Monday, Jan. 17.

Those who have not received a program brochure in the mail may pick one up at the Community School office (next to the Sandy swimming pool), or phone the school staff at 668-5744.

Winter term activities are listed below:

Monday

Morning exercise, knitting, crocheting, assertiveness training, folk dancing, home interior clinic, beekeeping, cooking with honey, ABE-GED, senior citizen-youngster sharing group.

Tuesday

Pre-school fun, hour, pre-

school, quilling, pottery face mask, breast cancer training clinic, volleyball, more than astrology, French cooking, childbirth clinic, the soup pot, Japanese cooking, enchilada (Mexican) cooking, low sugar cooking, save energy, save money class, microwave cooking, organic gardening.

Wednesday

Crafts for kids, Sandy food co-op, Easter egg fun, Valentine making party, ski swap, kids flea market, yoga, basketball, metric math.

Thursday

Basic cake decorating, income tax preparation, fascinating womanhood, tole painting, sugared Easter eggs.

Friday

Horst Mager TV trip, picture framing clinic, a day in yesterday (Sellwood field trip).

Saturday

Explore local Indian grounds.

Keeping Posted

Hoodland fire board to meet

MONDAY, JAN. 10
The Hoodland Fire District Board will meet at 8 p.m. at the station in Zigzag.

THE SANDY UNION HIGH SCHOOL District Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the high school reference library.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Double Dragon Restaurant at noon.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12
The Sandy Area Merchants will hold a 6:30 a.m. meeting at Griff's.

A meeting of the Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Boswell, 21421 Firwood Rd.

Ski swap set

A ski swap for those wanting to trade, buy or sell used ski equipment is being planned for Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.

Judy Sheppard from the Sandy Community School said that those without equipment to sell or trade may come and purchase used equipment at a reasonable cost.

A flea market with toys and games will also be featured

that evening. Kids of all ages are invited to bring their toys and games to the Community School to sell or trade.

"To make this a successful sale the Community School needs you and your used equipment," Mrs. Sheppard noted.

Those wishing to reserve a space may call the Community School at 668-5744.

Creative arts program expanded

An expanded program in the creative arts is being offered to Oregon 4-H members this year, according to Laurel Stulken, Oregon State University Extension 4-H and youth agent in Clackamas County.

A workshop has been scheduled in January to help volunteer leaders work with boys and girls in grades four through twelve in such areas as puppetry, ceramics, decorative painting, photography and handicrafts.

The workshop session, beginning at 9:15 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. is set for Jan. 12 at Salem.

The 4-H creative arts programs are seen as ways of fostering creativity among young people while allowing the 4-H member to experiment with a variety of materials and techniques, Mrs. Stulken said.

The program is seen as a way of helping 4-H members develop imagination, patience, self-control, perseverance and the ability to cooperate with others.

"Fostering creativity among 4-H members is not a new idea and has been a part of such 4-H projects as leathercraft, woodworking and art painting for several years," Stulken said. "The new creative arts program simply expands the variety of activities possible."

One established 4-H program, tole painting, has been absorbed into a new category called decorative painting. The new decorative painting project includes not only tole painting, but any type of painting technique used to decorate an object.

Renfro due

Clackamas County Sheriff John Renfro will address the noon meeting of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

The Chamber of Commerce meets at the Double Dragon Restaurant in Sandy.

Commissioners to hear non farm use requests

Two requests for non farm use permits will be considered in the near future by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. Both requests were referred to the commissioners by the Board of Adjustment.

On Monday, Jan. 24, the commissioners will consider a request by Marvin Marjama for property located on both sides of McQuaw Road approximately 500 feet south of

Coleman Road in the Sandy area.

Ray Ammon's request, for property on the south side of Music Camp Road approximately one quarter mile west of Kelliber Road in the Firwood area, will be heard by the commissioners on Monday, Feb. 14.

The applications and records of both requests are available for inspection in the Clackamas County Planning Commission office in Oregon City.

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