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City Tax Rate Lowers

Put us on the record in support of the City of Sandy's proposed budget for the 1977-78 fiscal year.

The budget document is easy to understand and we believe the city staff and council have more than adequately supported what increases have been proposed.

Our front page story (along with several other stories we have run) outlines what the city is putting before voters on Tuesday. If voters do have questions on the budget proposal, they should contact Sandy City Manager Paul Helton. He'll be more than happy to field specific questions.

A strong point for property owners

First Impressions Are Positive

On first impressions, we like the new superintendent for Sandy Union High School.

Jack Peters was the enthusiastic and unanimous choice of the high school board and came highly recommended from the Coos Bay district. Peters appears unpretentious, straightforward and intelligent. He has a strong background in curriculum development which should prove

is that the estimated tax rate is 29 cents per \$1000 lower than the previous year's tax rate. That's good news.

There are some increases. For one, the city is offering a badly needed increase in salaries for the city employees. This will upgrade their salary to the level of nearby areas (in some cases the salaries will still be lower) and encourage valuable employees to stay with the city. A high turnover rate in employees is costly to the taxpayers.

All in all, we think the city is doing a good job of keeping its belt tight.

We urge a "yes" vote. But however you want to vote — do exercise that right and privilege. (SAL)

useful to the district.

Peters told The Post that he plans to stay in Sandy for many years. "We don't move lightly," he said.

In choosing Peters, the board worked together and took the advice of a screening committee consisting of a cross section of community members as well as advisors from the outside.

We wish Peters the best in the coming years. (SAL)

We were all done a disservice by the media's coverage of last Thursday's game between the Portland Trailblazers and the Philadelphia 76ers.

Not of the game itself—we lost fair and square and this fact needed to be conveyed to the disappointed but still interested fans.

The disservice was the manner in which an unseemly third quarter brawl involving both fans and players was paraded before us in slow motion, stop motion and repeat motion.

CBS showed the incident three times, carefully zooming in on the combatants to create maximum effect while the announcers clucked like hens at what a disgrace it was. Disgraceful, but they sure seemed to be enjoying it.

Media delight in the fight didn't end

That Old Feeling

It's not news, of course, that Mt. Hood Community College is having problems at the polls; five straight levy defeats attest to that.

College officials would give the proverbial family jewels if they knew just why. One reason, it's suggested, is that the College has lost touch with its constituents.

Thus it was interesting last week to hear Dr. Stephen Nicholson, College president, say he hoped to set up "Blue Ribbon" committees next year and the year following to study and report back on the vocational-technical and college transfer

The Class of 1977

This is graduation time, a time when a whole new life will begin for a whole new crop of young people.

We're speaking particularly of high school students, not so much of those who have gone on to college.

High school graduates face a world where the emphasis is not so much on higher education but increasingly on vocational-technical skills. A college degree, unless it be in a professional field, no longer is much of a passport to anything.

programs.

The prototype, of course, was the Blue Ribbon committee on athletics and other activities which recently completed its report. In lauding work of the committee, Nicholson suggested similar citizen groups might very profitably study other areas.

Citizen involvement was one of the keys, if not the most important key, to Mt. Hood's early successes. Hence, we think Nicholson's suggestion to implement in-depth studies of College programs might go a long way toward restoring that old feeling.

Today's graduates who enter vocational or technical fields can expect to advance, both in salary and prestige, just as rapidly as those who go on to higher education.

But whichever route today's graduates may take — vo-tech courses, higher education, the military etc. — education, additional training, is absolutely necessary.

The Class of 1977 is just beginning its education.

Fort Bureaucracy



letters to the editor

Nuclear concern

To the Editor:

Your May 26 issue featured an article by Sen. Ken Jernstedt making favorable comments about nuclear power safety and the desirability of another nuclear plant at Pebble Springs.

Those of us who are gravely concerned about nuclear plants fear them for a variety of reasons. They continually give off small amounts of radiation into air and water. They produce tons of waste which are a hot mixture of radioactive elements giving off gamma rays as much as a half million years. We have no place in the United States to safely store, process, or make safe these wastes and no technology to treat them. Their accumulation at Trojan and elsewhere is a threat to our own and future generations.

Nuclear plants are built with safety features to prevent a "meltdown". Vast quantities of water are circulated around the steel containment vessel to carry away heat so great as to melt steel and concrete within a minute or so if the flow is stopped. Operators will make quick use of control rods to stop the chain reaction.

There is however, a residual "decay" heat that can rise to meltdown temperatures and for this emergency gas or diesel pumps are provided. Read Readers Digest article, "Burning Question of Browns Ferry" where nuclear catastrophe was averted with a razor thin edge.

Likely a swift appeal to the Supreme Court will be made and failing there the nuclear industry will pressure Congress for relief of risk (that they claim is minimal). Meanwhile we are likely just as well off without another nuclear plant.

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Sen Jernstedt compares nuclear safety record with auto deaths about which we do not get excited. He forgets that a million dollar federal report (Rasmussen) stated that a meltdown was a remote chance but that one could kill 45,000 people outright and give radiation sickness and lingering death to several times that number and render a state-sized area uninhabitable for years.

We all should be interested in the decision of Judge James B. McMillan, Federal District Court, Charlotte, N.C. on March 31. The judge found the Price-Anderson Act unconstitutional.

This law provides insurance for nuclear plants as a direct subsidy and limits what people may collect in lawsuits following nuclear accident. The judge found that there would be no nuclear plants if Congress had not provided most of the liability insurance at public expense. He stated, "Private insurance companies won't write policies to cover such losses" and "the Act (Price-Anderson) violates due process clause because it allows destruction of property or lives without reasonable certainty that the victims will be justly compensated."

Thanks

To the Editor:

We, the Cub Scouts, Webelos, Leaders, and Parents of Cub Scout Pack 248 wish to thank the citizens of Sandy for their support of our recent paper drive. It is the biggest fund raising activity of the year. This year we picked up 15½ tons of newspaper, which is the most we have ever done.

We thank you again, and hope that you will continue to give us your support.

Cub Scout
Pack 248

Volleyball feat

The Post received a copy of the following letter addressed to the Sandy Union High School sophomore class. The class recently broke the world's volleyball marathon record to earn a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

"To the Class of '79: I extend my hearty congratulations on setting a new volleyball marathon record for the Guinness Book of Records. Long after you graduate you'll look back to the fun and agony of meeting this challenge."

With this same enthusiasm, organizational ability and perseverance, your remaining two years will be highly enjoyable and undoubtedly most rewarding. If the quality of a class can be known by its spirit, then yours must be an extraordinary one.

I wish each of you continued success in all you do.

Sincerely,
Mark O. Hatfield
United State Senator

Jernstedt supports land-use notification

State Sen. Ken Jernstedt has noted a "frantic" increase in activity in the state senate as the end of the session approaches. On one recent day 39 bills came before the senate for final vote.

Several key bills are still awaiting final action. One of them, SB570, Jernstedt has termed the major piece of land-use legislation to come out of the senate.

"Under SB570," Jernstedt said, "landowners who would be affected by a land-use decision would have to be notified by first class mail. This is a definite protection for property owners and is long overdue."

In the past, the government

could make changes in land-use designations without notifying the land owner. Jernstedt said the bill has moved out of his Environment and Energy Committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

The bill would also restrict the ability of the Land Conservation and Development Commission to take over local planning if it feels local governments are not doing the job.

In the energy arena, a bill favored by Gov. Bob Straub that would alter distribution of Bonneville Power Administration power is having a rough time.

The bill, SB320, would establish a new Domestic Rural

Power Authority that would distribute Bonneville power between public and private utility organizations at preferential rates.

The new system would be triggered if Congress fails to work out new regional power and utility rates.

Jernstedt foresees a big problem for the bill as it goes before the Ways and Means committee. He said several members of that committee opposed the bill in the energy committee.

Jernstedt said, "I would wager that the bill still has a long way to go before the governor will have a chance to sign it into law and time is certainly working against him."

Commencement due

Sandy Union High School will hold their 1977 Commencement exercises this Sunday, June 5.

Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outdoors in Rannow Stadium. No ticket will be required for admission.

In the event of rain, commencement will be moved into the school gym, in which case an admission ticket will be required.

Preceding commencement will be a baccalaureate service at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Senior valedictorian for Sandy High will be Sarah Koepke. Salutatorian is Virginia Hewgley and Outstanding Senior is Gretchen Denhart.

There are 200 seniors in this year's graduating class.

County comment

County's bureaucrats will 'move in'

by Bill Sanderson

War is declared! County's bureaucrats will "move in"! Clackamas County's central government—bureaucratic, that is—threatens to invade several portions of the county. A sort of a "shape up or ship out" ultimatum was issued in a news release dated May 18, from the office of County Extension Agent Ardis Stevenson who coordinates the county's citizen involvement program.

Also quoted in the "ultimatum," excuse me, the release, was a Mr. Dick Van Ingen, identified as a "planner," a county employee in the planning department.

After announcing a stepped up time-table for zoning the county's rural areas with a target date of December, 1977, and identifying certain areas where community planning organizations are already working with planners, the news release continued: "However, in the unincorporated areas of Redland, Viola, Logan, Cottrell, Estacada and Molalla, no citizen organizations are identified."

The implication was: that's bad! The concluding implication, and the real purpose of the release as I see it, was that both Ms. Stevenson and Van Ingen stressed, (in their own words) the inevitability of a recalcitrant community's defeat and final submission to coordination, and coercion.

Actually, if it were not for the ridiculous spectacle of a couple of county bureaucrats threatening to impose a sub-standard, unworkable set of rules, regulations and operating procedures upon perhaps as many as 10 thousand county property owners who got where they are without the questionable benefit of either a "coordinator" or a "planner"

this threatened "war" might be serious.

But in truth, this level of administration directs and encourages the root-structure of the most noxious and destructive growth on the American scene: the "government bureaucracy"—and that's serious!

Specifically, there are three things wrong with the proposed stepped-up program of coerced cooperation to bring the "non-cooperating" communities into line.

The first and most important is that there is no law, no county ordinance and no properly created and identified public need or demand for such local organizations defined, chartered and controlled by a county bureaucracy.

The second is that obviously the non-conforming communities do have some sort of community organization or consensus that enables them to maintain and continue their independence.

The third is that such communities may have been completely disenchanted and dissatisfied with the county's past performance in the fields of land-use planning and citizen involvement and participation. The record could hardly be worse.

So—ho, Cottrell, Redland, Viola, Logan, Estacada and Molalla, watch out!

Here they come and each of you will have a small handful of citizens willing to say that they represent your area and are willing to "go along" with the dogma of a controlled citizenry.

It may be that the threadbare cloak of individual freedom and independence is all that you will have left, after December.

Well, wear it in personal pride for the heroic defense of your principles, as you freeze to death inside of the warm and cozy ring of the coerced, coordinated, and comfortable.

Keeping posted

City Council meets Monday

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will start at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

There's an old fashioned box social in the making for the San-Cada Cbers and their guests from 2 - 6 p.m. at Oral Hull Park. The public is invited. Women will make the lunches and men will buy them. Proceeds will go to Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

The Sandy City Council will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The agenda includes a public hearing on a house termed a "nuisance" and "unsafe" as well as a request for water from an outside city limits user.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

Sandy voters will go to the polls to vote on an operating levy for the City of Sandy. Voting booths will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Sandy City Hall basement. Precincts 101-102 will vote.

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will discuss the implementation of goals for the coming year and see a short slide show by Post photographer Douglas Gantenbein. The noon meeting is at Babe's Big Boy Pizza Parlor and is open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Sandy Community Action Center.

The Cottrell School Board will meet tonight at 8 for its regular monthly session at the school. The public is invited to attend.

Vandals hit

Vandals incurred about \$77 in damage at the Mt. Hood Fruit Market on Highway 26 sometime late last Friday night, May 27.

A number of ceramic garden decorations were shattered by the vandals.

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