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Let's Talk About People

When talk turns to Mt. Hood Community College's levy vote June 23, the conversation usually stops with the buck.

True, \$1.6 million is a lot of money, but let's talk about people.

When Gresham-Sandy people succeed, MHCC succeeds.

An East County homemaker gets left with six kids and a pile of bills—and no job. The family tightens its belt while Mom goes back to school to become a registered nurse in the college's two-year program.

A bright Centennial graduate has a promising future—and a brother and sister also in college. She enrolls at MHCC and lives at home to stretch the family budget. College counselors help her find a work-study job.

A grandmother has been kept busy most of her life raising her kids and babysitting her grandchildren. She wants to do more than just paint the bathroom. She enrolls in art classes at MHCC.

A gas station attendant likes fixing cars but knows what he really wants is to own the station. He enrolls in auto mechanics at MHCC to learn how to repair foreign cars.

A man injures himself in an industrial accident. He embarks on a new career at MHCC. In accounting. Or floristry. Or real estate.

And not all the benefits are contained in the traditional classroom. A Brightwood potter has a showplace for his work at the MHCC Art Gallery. A family taps its toes at the college musical. A man may someday save a life because he learned CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) at a community school class.

If the levy passes Tuesday, a family with a \$30,000 home will pay about \$1.33 a week to keep MHCC humming. Less than a pizza. Not as expensive as a carton of cigarettes. Cheaper than a yard of polyester.

The price is right; say yes for people Tuesday. (SA)

In favor of SUHS

June 28 is Sandy High School levy election day, and The Sandy Post urges a vote in favor of the levy's passage.

Our reasons for supporting the levy are numerous. First, a new superintendent begins this summer and it is in the best interests of the district to have as smooth a beginning as is possible for Jack Peters. Budget rearrangement would take great quantities of his time, time better spent on learning about Sandy High School, its needs and its people.

Secondly, we believe it is a reasonable, fiscally sound budget. No new, frilly programs are included and even with its passage voters would

actually experience a tax cut in the approaching year.

Finally, it is to the advantage of the community to have a good, well financed school. Sandy High recently received excellent marks from a recent state evaluation, and just this month graduated a class of truly outstanding seniors.

Many of these seniors have chosen to stay, work and live in Sandy. The excellence of their education and the education of those to follow will with time mean a great deal to this community as it grows and expands.

So we ask you to vote yes next Tuesday. Your supportive vote for the levy is a vote for Sandy's future and the future of the entire area. (DGG)

Brought To You By MHCC

What does Mt. Hood Community College do for me?

We've heard that question a number of times. And often, those who ask it are active participants in one of the college's most effective outreach programs—the community school.

We have had a close contact with the community school programs in our area, co-sponsored by MHCC and the local grade school districts—for more than a year.

Those programs are inexpensive

An Apricot-Pit Panacea

All over the nation people of all political persuasions are championing the chemical laetrile as an apricot-pit panacea, capable of curing cancer where more traditional methods have failed.

At stake, they argue, is the right of Americans to make a free choice, and indeed Sen. Ken Jernstedt (R-Hood River) recently commented that "perhaps the federal government will get the message—Oregonians should have a free choice on the use of laetrile." Jernstedt is on record as supporting the legalization of laetrile in this state.

But the real question is not whether Oregonians or Americans have the right of free choice, it is the question of whether people have the right to be misled.

The fact is that laetrile is a cruel hoax being perpetrated on thousands of suffering, desperate Americans by

and far reaching in their services. Cottrell, Sandy and Welches are blessed with three outstanding community school coordinators—Reva Cox, Frieda Tyler and Judy Sheppard.

Judy has even been called one of the "most outstanding community school coordinators" in the state of Oregon. We believe it—her program is especially worthy of praise.

If you need another reason to vote yes for MHCC next Tuesday, think about the community school program (SAL)

faddists who have drawn and are drawing many people away from conventional treatments with often disastrous and fatal results.

Dr. Vincent DeVita, director of cancer treatment at the National Cancer Institute recently told Time magazine: "Hardly a day goes by now that I don't hear of a case of a patient dying after leaving accepted treatment and taking laetrile."

While the course of action our state senate is taking may appear as a noble effort to restore the independence of the people, we feel that many could possibly pay with their lives for this freedom due to the quackery and fraud that would result from it.

We ask the senate to look closely at the true implications of their actions and ignore the simplistic arguments of those who support laetrile and any other drug whose efficacy seems entirely nonexistent. (DGG)



letters to the editor

Credit where due

To the Editor:

So many times, those school administrators worthy of praise do not get any what-soever from students just because of the fact that they are administrators. But Superintendent Joseph DeMarsh and Business Manager Willard Boring, both of whom are retiring, deserve much credit from the students whom they have served.

As a former student of Sandy High School, I often came in contact with the two men mentioned above. They were not only friendly when I passed them in the halls, but they even took the time to talk to me about my activities in school and my future education.

Mr. Boring was always prompt with money that was needed for the concession stand and from the music account when the choir was in dire need.

Mr. DeMarsh was always ready to give me information for a story for the Pioneer Press and was willing to listen to me when I had a concern. One time I wrote him a letter expressing my dissatisfaction with a certain curriculum program. He readily looked at the situation and revised it so that I got out of the course what I was supposed to. He also supervised the remodeling of the building, turning it into one of the state's finest looking schools.

After several years of service to the high school and the students, Mr. DeMarsh and Mr. Boring certainly deserve recognition for their efforts and accomplishments. This is just a little "thank you" from a student's point of view.

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Unelected!

To the Editor:

Some Oregonians seem to question that Rosalynn Carter, now representing the President in South America, holds "no elective office" and has no other "professional status" to "conduct substantive talks" or "discussions out of which definitive agreements are expected."

Yet many Oregonians are not yet questioning Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission (L.C.D.C.), our UNELECTED system of Oregon government now making policy decisions for ALL Oregon systems!

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Insurance

Dear Editor:

In your May 19 editorial on "The Plight of Uninsured Motorists" you call for insurance companies to "take a far more active role in holding down costs by encouraging manufacturers to build sturdier cars."

For 25 years Western Insurance Information Service has been promoting safer cars and other loss reduction measures to help the escalating cost of car repair and personal

injury that results in higher insurance rates.

Our non-profit service is supported by 60 leading insurance companies in the West to provide consumer information on safety and insurance-related topics. However, activities such as ours normally get very little publicity. It seems that things are bad enough now that people are ready to make changes.

Providing information for hearings on the high cost of crash repair parts; working with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in Washington, D.C. which testifies to Congress about their findings in highway safety; working with the high-way patrols in support of the 55 mph speed limit; initiating and working with anti-vehicle theft programs; sending volunteer speakers to driver education classes and drinking driver classes (in some states 50 per cent of the accidents involve a drinking driver); publicizing the new Eagle II Research Safety Vehicle that has proved that safe, economical, energy efficient, low pollutant cars can be made with existing technology; and similar programs have been the mainstay of our activity.

However, until people abide by the speed limit, seek safe, not racy, cars, refuse to drink or let their friends drink when driving, lock their cars and remove the key, and help young drivers in their apprentice period, our organization can only go on encouraging change without being able to force it.

Affordable and fair insurance rates are important to insurance companies because they don't need a service that can't be sold, and you can be assured that many companies are considering other means of allocating costs such as charging more for cars that cost more to repair, but overall improvement will come from an extensive loss reduction program.

Anyone wishing to support the WIIS program or receive free material on safety and insurance can contact the WIIS office at 11855 SW-Ridgecrest Drive, Beaverton, Ore., 97005 (503) 643-6355.

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Accidental habits

To the Editor:

In a study of car accidents, I have been looking for a common denominator, the real answer for the reason why accidents happen.

I feel I have it—HABITS. Good habits can prevent accidents, bad habits can cause them.

Bad habits are in two forms, physical and mental. Physical is what you make your car do. Mental is why you do it. A good example is when you think you have the right-of-way at an intersection and you see another car coming into the intersection and you expect it to stop, even though you know that it can not stop in time to avoid the accident. Another is overconfidence, driving too fast for conditions that exist at the time, road, weather and area in which you are driving.

Mental habits are hard to change because of the time in life in which they were formed.

Some were formed early in life, from our parents, friends or other people we come in contact with through life. It is a hard task to change because most people do not want to change or cannot find a good reason to change.

Here's a few quotations to drive by:

Think of safe or unsafe instead of legal or illegal.

Drive like you read a book, one page at a time 300 feet in the city, 1,000 feet on the highway.

Drive like a person dances, smooth and graceful, letting everyone know what you are going to do by using your signals.

Use the left lane for passing only. The left lane is Suicide Alley.

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My opinion:

Multiple use concept often a compromise

by Douglas Gantenbein

On a recent evening, I stopped by Hood River Meadows, site of a new Mt. Hood Meadows chairlift, after the hammering roar of the helicopter being used to remove timber was gone for the day.

The sun was just setting, and the meadow was bathed in a hazy twilight. Insects droned lazily in the warm air, and three deer stood out in the meadow.

Unfortunately, this scene may never be repeated, as completion of one chairlift is scheduled for this year and in the works are possible plans for a parking lot and a year-round lodge.

At the root of these projects is the newest ethic in outdoor recreation: multiple use.

That's a popular word these days. It's used to describe the Forest Service's policy of allowing as many different parties as possible to use a particular area of forest or mountain.

Ideally, multiple use means that for any given part of our National Forest you'll find campers, motorbikers, skiers and whomever, happily coexisting beneath the tall firs.

This is a noble goal, and we appreciate the Forest Service's attempts to conjure up this nice vision for us.

Unfortunately, the multiple use concept is a compromise, and like any compromise it really satisfies no one.

In fact, it is hard to conceive of any plan under which, for example, such diverse groups as trailbikers and backpackers can peacefully coexist. Not only does the noise of the commonly used two-cycle engine penetrate for a mile or more in any direction, but a single motorcycle can do more damage to a trail in a few seconds than a regular flow of hikers could in a month. Many

County comments

'Community plan still has hope'

by Bill Sanderson

Two or three weeks ago this column invited attention to a (then) recent announcement by the "ordinator" of the Clackamas County Citizens' Involvement Committee.

Six sections or communities of the county were going to "join up" for community planning, or have their planning done for them! The communities named were Redland, Viola, Logan, Cottrell, Estacada and Molalla.

As a matter of long and continuing interest this writer will report from time to time on just how the "subjugation" of these communities by county bureaucrats is progressing.

The first such report concerns Viola, where a community meeting was scheduled for Saturday evening, June 18, at the Viola Community Hall.

Ardis Stevenson of the County Agent's Extension office, coordinator of the citizen's involvement in community planning, was to have been the speaker.

However, she failed to make the meeting.

A number of local people who had been involved in a 1969-70 local planning program carried on the meeting. The sense of their discussions was that no new or proposed program would be as competent or as fair as the one previously undertaken.

A small committee was organized to (1) review how much damage to the previous organization had been done by the county's subsequent program of "cooperation by coercion" and (2) to produce a proposal for a course of community action that would lead to re-establishment of a strong, active and viable community organization able to deal with the attacks and threats of attacks by county and regional bureaucracies.

The committee will meet

Wednesday evening, June 22, to draft their proposal.

Among the various topics discussed at some length was the unannounced, arrogant and "closed" decision by the County Planning Department and/or CRAG to include (and adopt) in the county's second Comprehensive Plan, without notice or public hearing, a scheme to abolish the community's previously approved five-acre zoning ordinance.

One speaker cited instances of receiving widely conflicting information from the same official county planning source. Another mentioned having received two letters from the same official source (and person) that gave diametrically opposed, contradictory answers to the same question.

Several other persons gave examples of bureaucratic and/or official misinformation, evasions and "run arounds."

Most of the complaints had to do with the operation of the planning department and related county offices.

The fine and firm stand of the residents of Happy Valley in standing up against the CRAG staff recommendation that Happy Valley should be designated (by CRAG) as an "urban city" and CRAG's backdown in the face of that stand may be a straw in the wind to guide other communities such as Viola in its relationships with county and regional bureaucracies.

At any rate do not be surprised if one of the effects of the county's attempts to get cooperation, or submission, by coercion will be a much needed stiffening of a lot of community backbones, and possibly some very direct and pointed questions aimed at the Board of County Commissioners.

It just doesn't take angry citizens too long to figure out who CAN be held responsible for the actions of county employees.



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