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We'll Have To Wait a While

Senate Bill 439 will go into law Thursday unless vetoed by Gov. Straub, which is considered unlikely. The measure provides for appointment of Tri-Met directors from districts and is aimed at preventing Portland dominance of the Tri-Met board.

(All but one of the present Tri-Met directors live west of the Willamette river and the lone exception, Ron Buel, lives near Lloyd Center.)

The bill did not carry an emergency clause and hence will not become law until 90 days after effective date (presumably this Thursday). The Secretary of State then has another 60

days to delineate district boundaries and the governor then must appoint directors from the various districts.

The bill is a compromise of sorts between those who wanted all Tri-Met directors elected from districts and those who wanted them appointed with no regard to place of residence.

The original Tri-Met legislation gave the governor carte blanche in his appointments and neither Tom McCall nor Straub paid much attention to geographic distribution.

Assuming Straub signs the bill, it's a step in the right direction. Certainly not the whole load, but at least part.

It's Not Their Fault

"Dogs never break the leash law, people do. But dogs take the rap for it."

These words were spoken by Mary Scriver of the Multnomah County Animal Control Center in part of the three section series on animal control run by the Post the past weeks.

For a dog or cat, "taking a rap" means more than a written citation or a night in a cell. It usually means death. In Clackamas County, 75 per cent of animals impounded are put to death. In many cases, mothers with their entire litters are brought in, doomed for destruction.

The reason for this wholesale slaughter of pets is simple ignorance and indifference on the part of owners who allow their animals to run loose and take no measures to prevent unwanted pregnancies or the infringement on neighbor's property.

Well treated, a dog or cat makes a loyal, pleasant companion as well as one of the finest burglar alarms known. Unfortunately, in our heartless, throw-away society they are often treated like so many dirty paper plates, to be disposed of at will.

Just Tax the Other Guy

A recent poll among taxpayers indicates clearly why Congress is having such difficulty with income tax reform.

Results indicated, for instance, almost total agreement that taxes are too high. Everyone wants lower taxes. But at the same time most everyone had their own special little exemption which they didn't think should be touched... such as capital gains, deductions for interest payments, exemption of Social Security income etc.

In other words, sock the other guy but don't rustle in my special preserve.

The Hour of Need

We hope that Government Camp residents will unite to raise the \$800 needed to provide emergency rescue equipment for the area.

Government Camp has a chance to receive funds for a medical jump kit—but only if local matching funds can be raised by area residents.

Several area residents have worked diligently to organize the Government Camp Emergency Rescue Team (GERT) and it appears to us that

having the community turn out to support their efforts would enable that organization to jell.

Right now there is no emergency medical service available to residents of the Government Camp area. We think that's a sorry state of affairs for one of the biggest areas in the state.

The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Forest Service First Aid Station in Government Camp. Now is the area's hour of need. (SAL)



Letters to the editor

Consistency?

(Ed's note: This is a copy of a letter sent to Gov. Straub.)

Dear Gov. Straub: Your statement in regard to process in nuclear siting is extremely significant:

"I feel so strongly that the governor, who represents all of the interests, should be part of the process..."

You, as an elected official, "represent," while your appointed commissions and councils at best merely "reflect."

Are you also ready to consistently apply this strongly-held philosophy in regard to the processes of the unelected, governor-appointed, commission, the Land Conservation and Development Commission, which has policy (decision)-making power over all systems of Oregon?

Please advise.

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Initiative?

To the Editor:

At a time when the average citizen's confidence in Congress is at an all-time low, a national initiative makes sense. Recently introduced by Sen. Abourezk of South Dakota as a Constitutional amendment, a national initiative process would allow citizens to petition to place issues of great importance on the national ballot for consideration by the entire electorate. Thus, angry, upset, or concerned citizens could stop complaining about taxes, welfare reform, energy shortages, political reform and the like, and start doing something about it.

Citizens in 23 states, including Oregon, have effectively and constructively used the initiative process for decades to promote solution of all kinds of issues. We believe it's time that the American people had a national initiative to allow citizens to vote and

decide on federal issues as well.

The right to elect congress-people is an important part of the job, but we need the right to a direct voice in Federal matters. We wish to thank Sen. Hatfield for helping us to achieve this voice by co-sponsoring Abourezk's national initiative proposal. We hope other members of the Oregon Congressional delegation will follow Sen. Hatfield's progressive leadership.

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Keeping posted

Sandy City Council meets Monday

THURSDAY, JULY 28
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour
begins at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30
Soap carving will be the featured activity of the third session of the Tom Sawyer Art Class sponsored by the Sandy Library and taught by Beth Gale. The class will last from 10 a.m. until noon and is open to both youngsters and adults "up to the age of 100."

Weather permitting, the classes are held outside in Meinig Memorial Park; otherwise the sessions are held indoors at the Sandy Library. The class is free and those attending are asked to bring a dull edged butter knife.

Saturday's class is a preliminary to woodworking, according to the instructor.

MONDAY, AUG. 1
The Sandy City Council will consider a replacement for Kent Hall on the Sandy Design Review Board at the meeting which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Hall, who works for the

Clackamas County Bank, submitted his resignation last month and cited too many instances of conflict of interest as his reason for resigning.

Also to be discussed at the Monday meeting will be an ordinance which would amend the Sandy Municipal Code regarding bingo and lottery games and discussion on employee salary structure with surrounding areas.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at Foothills for a noon meeting. The public is invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3
Members of the Sandy chapter of Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the basement of the Sandy Community Action Center.

Sandy Area Merchants will meet from 7-8 a.m. at T.J.'s Restaurant in Sandy. Interested merchants are invited to attend.

From page one

Administrator praises staff

high grades to those people who will make it happen for the kids this fall. "They're good educators," he said of the administration and teaching staff.

Peters also has praise for the classified staff—the custodians, cooks and bus drivers—for their work in keeping the school open and operational, and points to the mirror-like wax on the hall floors as an example of the pride they take in their work.

Of his own staff, Peters said that "the central office team is now secured." He has hired a new business manager, Jim Smith, and a new bookkeeper to fill vacancies left by recent resignations.

Peters is using recent enrollment projections to help him formulate long-range goals for the district. "This year (vice-principal) Carlson used every nook and cranny to schedule students in. We're reaching a situation that's crowded for this facility."

Sandy High's current enrollment is 1350, just at capacity, said Peters. As enrollment increases, building needs will have to be met, he added.

Coming to Sandy after years in the Coos Bay area, Peters said he is impressed by the "great community spirit" in the Sandy area, citing as examples the July 4 celebration, the Mountain Festival and the Kiwanis Fly-in Breakfast.

County comments

Let's go sit in the park

by Bill Sanderson

Pertinent news of the day concerns an old and presumably well-established commercial complex at Progress which has just announced its intentions to all but close down because it can no longer make a satisfactory profit.

The same news speaks of a new commercial venture in downtown Portland that will require the construction of a new megastore, casually mentioning two—not one, but two—towers of 20 stories each.

The G.A.F. company at Progress will begin its scheduled shut-down with an initial lay-off of about 200 employees, according to a recent news announcement. The newly proposed building in downtown Portland will employ, during construction, nearly 2,000 workers and, it is claimed, accommodate almost that many in the new office space to be created.

Now all of this appears to effectively scramble some carefully prepared material on the economics of commercial and industrial dispersal versus high concentration.

However, it only appears to confuse that issue. G.A.F.'s announcement found no fault with its location. It simply stated that it could not survive in a field so completely dominated by a competitor, the Kodak corporation.

The promoters of the new building in Portland's core area, on the other hand, will have received assurances of perhaps some tax breaks plus equitable treatment in sharing the expected increase in users of downtown business and office space.

Unfortunately, both developments seem based on unnatural and unhealthy

economic situations. Of the 200 employees who may be laid off from the Progress plant, many over the past few years, will have moved out of Portland to buy or build homes nearer to their jobs in the rapidly growing Progress-Beaverton area.

Similarly, many of the expected increase in construction workers will be imported and so will a significant share of the eventual occupants on the new Portland skyscraper. Neither of the three groups will have anything to say about the events that change and disrupt their lives.

As many of our big cities (including Portland) turn to a relatively new sort of city-dominated regionalism in order to preserve the property and investments of their core area financial structures, more and more such inconsistencies will surface.

Regionalism will extend both the tax base and the collateral in wider public responsibility to promote and protect the health of the core areas.

There is no question about whether or not there are those in the endangered areas surrounding large cities, (including some people in Clackamas County) who are opposed to the continued spread of city-dominated regional government into rural areas many miles from the central problem.

There is some question as to whether or not those who are so opposed have either the courage to make a stand, or the political power to mount a viable defense.

But there is one thing we can do until they start building skyscrapers in Sandy and Estacada.

We can all go and sit in the park and think about it!

Smoke detector works

A smoke detector warned Sandy resident Linda Rigby of a fire that was confined to the garage wall of her home last Saturday afternoon.

Sandy Fire Department Public Information Officer Don Armintrout said some combustible material stored close to a trash burner was ignited, causing minor damage in the

home at 11890 SE 362nd.

Firemen were called to extinguish the blaze. Armintrout said the fire could have been serious if the smoke detector had not been in effect.

Manning the Post

Some summer's eve

by Douglas Gantenbein
staff writer

Hot, bright days. Swimming and fairs. Long evenings and shimmering heat waves on the roads.

These and more are the things of summer—a time for family picnics, kids on bicycles and vacations earned over the long winter.

The trees are in full, green bloom, and the hay has been taken in under a glowing, warm sun. Now it seems like years that a cold wind whistled through the eaves and the sun was hidden by a cloud.

But then, last night, summer, so strong and assured, seemed to softly say: "Wait. I can feel something. Wait, and look around. Wait, wait."

And so I waited, and walking along a back road I stopped, and listened, and looked around.

A car roared by, sending gravel spitting angrily at my heels, but the roar of its engine faded rapidly over the hill, and all was silent save for that small, small voice.

Wait, wait.

At first, I saw or heard nothing different. A dog barked at a nearby farmhouse, and I could smell the farm smells

and see the farm sights—an old barn, a whitewashed wall, a handpainted sign that said "Rabbits 4 sale."

Wait.

The sky was hazy, and the haze softened the setting sun, filling in the shadows and diffusing the light like a thin, drawn shade.

Wait, wait... now.

Then I could feel it—a slight change in the air as the breeze came to a complete stop. Like the tide rushing in over rocks and sand, summer had run roughshod over the winter, its speed and warmth dissolving the icy chills and drawing the trees and flowers into bloom.

But it seemed that at that instant its headlong rush had spent itself, and like a wave it had paused to swirl and eddy around the trees and houses.

And now there was

something different. A different voice, speaking from farther away.

And although there are many hot days left, many long, warm evenings to come, this new voice, still weak, was the voice of fall, calling out over the pausing summer which teetered on the edge, unable to go further but not yet willing to retreat and let the new voice take over.

But it shall, as it must. Winter will come again, its chill breath lashing the long, dark nights. Then spring, then summer will make their appearance. Bright and brassy. Confident and strong.

Then again that voice will call out.

"Wait, something's changing."

"Wait, wait."

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