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Fireworks Due On Animal Ordinance

We haven't read the fine print of a proposed animal control ordinance which has been proposed by the Citizens Small Animal Advisory Committee. However, we have heard enough about what it includes to know that we don't support it in the present form.

The intent of the law is lofty and idealistic. In theory, the reasoning is sound. But in practice the law just cannot be enforced without an unreasonable burden on county services.

Instead, we believe the county should concentrate on enforcing the present policies. That appears to be an impossible task right now and County Dog Control Director

Richard Wick estimates that only one-third of the county's estimated 64,000 canines are licensed by their owners.

The county is already expanding its services to include animal control — something that won't happen overnight. Still, the proposal isn't all bad and one area of discussion which gains our interest is an expanded emphasis on spaying and neutering of dogs and cats. There is no program in Clackamas County for that needed service.

Animal control is always an emotional topic and we're sure the Feb. 1 meeting won't lack fireworks. (SAL)

Good Money After Bad?

Like a Congressman whose favorite project has just been axed, it's easy to get upset with Tri-Met for cutting local bus service.

In this case, it's virtual elimination of the Boring-Sandy line which just hadn't been paying its way, according to Tri-Met officials.

The parochial viewpoint naturally, would be to cut a line in Beaverton or Molalla instead. Leave us alone.

But figures offered by Tri-Met officials—a saving of \$318,000 annually by eliminating Boring-Sandy plus some other routes—make a pretty convincing

argument.

Some people obviously will be inconvenienced but Tri-Met can hardly be faulted for cutting out a run which was "economically unrealistic." You can only run a money-losing line for so long, even one supported by Tri-Met's payroll tax.

Nevertheless, another tax-supported entity—Metro Mobility—is jumping into the branch and will supply much of the service in the Boring-Sandy-Damascus area which Tri-Met is abdicating.

One way or another, Uncle takes care of us.

The Educators Have Some Fun

Tongue in cheek, the staff of "Education USA", publication of the National School Public Relations Association has picked its top stories of 1978. Here are just three:

"Oregon has graduated its first students under its new competency program, which requires them to demonstrate 'life and social skills.' These include being at school on time three days out of five, swimming half a lap, and differentiating between white and red wine."

In California, "A federal appeals court ruled in favor of 'Peter Doe',

a student who sued school officials because he was graduated without learning anything. He now has filed suit against local TV and radio stations, alleging they 'distracted' him from his studies."

Public schools in Cornbelt, Iowa, have banned education jargon in the classroom. The superintendent said, "We've prioritized the implementation of this program because we believe functional communication skills are imperative for successful assimilation into adulthood."

Buckley will be opponents of the treaties, those who question Reagan will be proponents. Thus, the hardest type of questions can be expected

In addition, two experts will be sitting close by, with authority to pop in or out with questions as they see fit. Again, one person will be pro-treaty, the other against.

The whole program is designed to bring out both sides of the issue with the utmost clarity. The same type of format is being suggested for the 1980 presidential campaign, hence Reagan and Buckley will be doing more than just arguing the treaties.

Reagan-Buckley Debate

The forthcoming debate between William Buckley and Ronald Reagan over the Panama Canal treaties should be extremely interesting.

In the first place, the two conservative Republicans hold widely divergent views on the proposed treaties. Buckley has broken with mainline conservatives and supports them, Reagan is a strident opponent.

In the second place, the debate format has been structured in such a way that there won't be any of the usual Plabum-type questions from press interviewers.

Newsmen who will question

Obeying the Speed Limit

Figures prepared by the State Department of Transportation for the federal government indicate that a sizable percentage of Oregon drivers exceed the federal 55 mph speed limit.

This is no surprise. Drive any freeway at 55 and most of the cars will pass you by.

However, it does appear the average overall speed has been reduced. The state report indicates

that 53 percent of all drivers exceed 55 mph, 16 percent go faster than 60 mph and 3 percent exceed 65 mph.

In the years before the 55 mph limit, most everyone stayed right around 70. Obviously, then, people are driving slower if not as slow as the 55 mph limit requires.

We continue to support the 55 mph limit. It saves lives, it saves energy. It makes sense.



Misdirected energy!!

Letters to the editor

A great year

To the Editor:

In behalf of the volunteers and myself I want to thank the Sandy community for its support.

Thanks especially go to Sunday school boys and girls for collecting food, the congregations of local churches, as well as the Cub Scouts and Barlow Trail Retired Teachers Association. The individuals who donated cash and clothing were also appreciated, 1977 was a great year and we are hoping that 1978 will be the same. Knowing the Sandy community, I am sure it will be. Thanks again.

Astri Torbergson
Coordinator of volunteers
Sandy Community Action Center

Motorcycles

To the Editor:

It is the time of year when kids begin to look towards spring and the things they will be doing. You may be hearing "Dad, can I get a motorcycle?"

Your immediate reaction is one of fear for your son's safety and your response ranges anywhere from "absolutely not," to "okay, but let's wait a few months until the weather breaks."

I'll let you in on a secret right now. If your son is interested in motorcycles it is because he has friends who have one and he will ride one with or without your permission.

With this in mind, may I make the following

suggestions:

A) Find a place for him to ride away from cars, preferably away from other motorcycles. If this can be done on your property, great. Be aware that many people are very prejudiced against motorcycles. Therefore, the rules must be strict on where he can ride.

B) Buy the boy a used machine to start. If the boy is a 100 pounds or under, my recommendation is a Honda XR-75. My reasoning is three-fold—we have four motorcycles in our family and the XR is by far the best. It does not require a mixture of gas and oil. The only motorcycle dealer in Sandy is Honda, and I can tell you for sure that he is very good.

C) There are many things I would recommend against riding in anything but good weather, racing of any kind, allowing the boy to work on the machine without prior instruction, riding when no parent is around, riding without parental permission.

Mothers are usually the most fearful of motorcycles. My wife is no exception. As far as I know there is no way around this one. If you find an answer, let me know, will ya?

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Open letter

Open Letter to Clackamas County Taxpayers:

The budget committee for Clackamas County—three members of the public and three county commissioners—is anxious to hear from you.

Neighborhood group meets

The Rhododendron Neighborhood Group will have a meeting on Friday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hoodland Women's Club at Zig Zag.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the problem of bank erosion on the Zigzag River caused by the December storms.

Mrs. Bela Dolp and Joe Kiefer are forming a committee to study the problem. Also on the agenda will be

discussion on the proposed Portland covered civic stadium complex which could concern the area by way of extra taxation.

The public is invited to attend.

Highway 26 nailed by accident

A 24-year-old Portland man escaped serious injury Jan. 4 when his late-model pickup overturned, spewing its cargo of nails across Highway 26, 10 miles east of Sandy.

The accident occurred at 11:15 p.m. According to Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies, Donald Clark Aschoff was eastbound at an estimated speed between 50 and 60 miles per hour when his car veered to the left. He

tried to compensate by steering to the right and lost control of the vehicle. He continued to slide and the vehicle overturned, reports said.

Three passengers in the Aschoff vehicle escaped without injury, according to reports.

A tanker from the Hoodland Fire Department which also was at the scene had to be called to hose the nails off the highway, according to Lane Wintermute

of Alpine Ambulance. Wintermute said crews worked about 1½ hours clearing the highway.

"The two eastbound lanes were fairly carpeted with nails of all sizes," he said. Because of the late hour, Wintermute said traffic was not a problem and vehicles were detoured around the nails.

Aschoff was taken to Gresham Community Hospital where he was treated and released.

Garden meeting delayed

The Sandy Garden Club met Wednesday, Jan. 4 at the home of Marge Jacoby, 19270 SE 295th Ave. at 1 p.m. instead of the usual time because of the icy roads.

The program was on pruning and spraying trees and shrubs. It was conducted by Mrs. Jacoby and June Schwartz who has completed the master gardener program.

Bulletins from the Multnomah County agent can be obtained by calling the office at 651-2279. "Grafting Fruit Trees No. 62" and "Pruning Home Orchards No. 733" will be most helpful.

The master gardening program is starting again in three locations and details can be determined by calling the above number. Plans to honor the Sandy

Garden Club founders were made. They will be honored Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. at Marge Jacoby's home.

A salad luncheon at noon is planned. Field instruction in pruning will be a part of the afternoon program.

There were 12 charter members in March of 1972 and now that the club is in its sixth year there are 27 active members.

County comments

Energy needed in other areas

by Bill Sanderson

Last week's well publicized squabble between county commissioners Stan Skoko and Robert Schumacher is only the latest in a series of events that have characterized the recent course of events in our old courthouse.

Schumacher's penchant for calling the elderly Skoko out of name does little to enhance Schumacher's image and of course hurts Skoko a "misanthrope" which he is not.

This time he called Stan Skoko a "rumdum" but it's more than likely that Skoko will eventually come off better in the exchange than Schumacher.

It would seem that if some of the energy dissipated by the name calling were used to help some of the people in the country who need help so desperately, Commissioner Schumacher could find plenty to do without abusing his elderly fellow commissioner.

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On another front a full scale challenge to the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission gets under way when 20 Oregon counties, cities, ports and water districts in a suit filed in a Marion County Court. Although there are a number of issues, the central theme of the suit will be that the 1973 law creating LCDC is unconstitutionally and overly broad and vague.

General revenue comes from the tax dollars that you pay the federal government and represents their policy of sharing a small part of the revenue with city and county government. Clackamas County expects to receive approximately \$800,000 for the July 1, 1978, to June 30, 1979, fiscal year.

The money can be used for any of the following areas: administration; environmental protection; libraries; parks and recreation; public safety and social services.

We thought you might also be interested in learning how the major departments of the county see their needs for the coming year so we have arranged to have brief presentations from county officials such as the county clerk, the assessor, the director of human services, the sheriff and the director of environmental services to give you a better idea of how things are going with your county government.

We know from experience that everyone has some ideas on what the county should be doing more (or less) of and we hope that you will bring your ideas to the public hearing instead of keeping them to yourselves. Citizen participation is a vital part of our government but it only works when you participate. Clackamas County Budget Committee

The winter term schedule is: Monday, adult basketball

Cottrell program starts

Mt. Hood Community College and the Cottrell Community School advisory council have organized their winter term program.

Preregistration is the week of Jan. 9 through 13, with classes beginning Monday, Jan. 16. Preregistration is necessary for some classes so dates can be arranged.

For additional information, phone program coordinator Freida Tyler, 668-5521, days and 663-3898, evenings.

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In the suit further allegations are made that LCDC uses several other ways to make its illegal land use regulations. The first action in this important suit will begin on Feb. 6. It is expected to reach the Oregon Supreme Court before it has been settled.

Despite the fact that a 1976 ballot measure to abolish LCDC was turned down by the voters, leaders of the current suit believe that vote was heavily influenced by the most heavily populated areas where nothing was at stake. They also believe that the question will fare much better in the neutrality of the courts.

It seems to be the party-line around the planning department and the court house to deny that "Sanderson's" petition had much to do with slowing down and delaying the Rural Zoning Project.

I cannot see much sense in claiming the credit—I can only say that it appears to be about par for the course for Ardis Stevenson, a county extension agent, to casually dismiss the importance of 374 rural land owners who wanted it stopped.

One of the very odd things about the delay of the Rural Zoning Project will always be the willful desire of those who wanted it to go on in spite of its obvious shortcomings.

SAM names officers

Sandy Area Merchants members elected officers for 1978 at a Wednesday morning meeting at T.J's.

The new chairman of SAM is Chuck Jones of Ferguson's

Power Equipment. Other officers include Frank Jones, vice-chairman, County Fair; Jan Fox, Sandy Decor, secretary and Bill Herzog, T.J's, treasurer.

Highway 26 resurfacing due

The Oregon Transportation Commission will receive bids for the resurfacing of a 9.7 mile section of Highway 26 on Thursday, Jan. 26.

The project calls for the resurfacing of the section of highway from the west city limits of Sandy to Alder Creek.

Completion time is 200 calendar days.

Pam Mark Hall to sing

"Something Great for '78" has been planned for the Sandy Christian Women's Club Jan. 20 luncheon. It will begin at 11:45 at T.J's Restaurant.

Carol Kelly, a kidney transplant recipient, wife and mother from Gresham, will be the speaker.

Pam Mark Hall, a contemporary gospel singer will provide music for the luncheon.

Sandy resident Mary

Swanson, a nurse at Gresham Hospital, will talk on foot awareness.

Babysitting for children under 6 will be provided at the Sandy Assembly of God Church.

Reservations for the luncheon should be on or before Jan. 18 by calling Irene Blount at 668-4214.

Women of all denominations who are interested in the Christian faith are invited to attend Christian Women's Club.

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