

Sandy Union High voters say 'nay' on tax levy request

A low voting turnout may have been a critical factor in a Sandy Union High School levy election Tuesday as voters turned down a \$1.419 million levy request.

Just over 1,000 voters went to the polls to defeat the measure, 531 to 467. A simple majority was needed for passage of the levy.

The district has over 2,300 registered voters. Most election watchers say low voter turnout has historically worked

against tax levy passage.

In other school election returns school board incumbent Ralph ("Pete") Griffin easily defeated a challenge for his seat by James Dorning of Sandy. 508 people voted for Griffin, 194 for Dorning.

District Superintendent Jack Peters admitted he was "a little discouraged" by the defeat of the levy.

Peters said that the district will probably resubmit the levy June 27. The district will also have a tax base

election on May 23, and passage of that would make resubmission of the levy unnecessary by providing a sufficient income for the school's proposed budget.

"I believe that it's part of the hazard of getting public input on school financing," Peters said. "But this protects the local control of the school."

"And the school belongs to the citizens."

Peters said he would welcome any public input on the budget.



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Three in mayor's race

Wolf may run

by Sue Lafky
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Dennis M. Wolf, a sergeant with the Sandy Police force, this week became the third candidate to announce plans to run for the mayor's seat.

Wolf's entry into the race raised some question of possible conflict of interest or violation of city ordinance. Wolf indicated that he is checking into laws which could restrict him from being mayor and a paid city patrolman.

Sandy City Attorney Jack Hammond called the situation "unusual," but said he could not offer an official legal opinion until requested by the city.

"I haven't been officially asked, but assume I will be," he told The Post Wednesday morning. He did say, however, that two ordinances came to mind which might restrict Wolf's plans. One section of the city's municipal

code, he said, "gives us grounds for employe discipline if the employe takes an active part in aiding and or contributing toward the nomination or election of any elective candidate for municipal office in the city."

He added: "That may be broad enough to cover him promoting himself as well."

Another city ordinance cited by Hammond says that "no employe shall use his city authority or influence to further the cause of any political party or candidate for nomination or election to political office."

Hammond added that the "same question would apply."

Wolf, a life-long Sandy resident, said he would rather wait until he checked out the legalities of his candidacy before discussing his reasons for running.

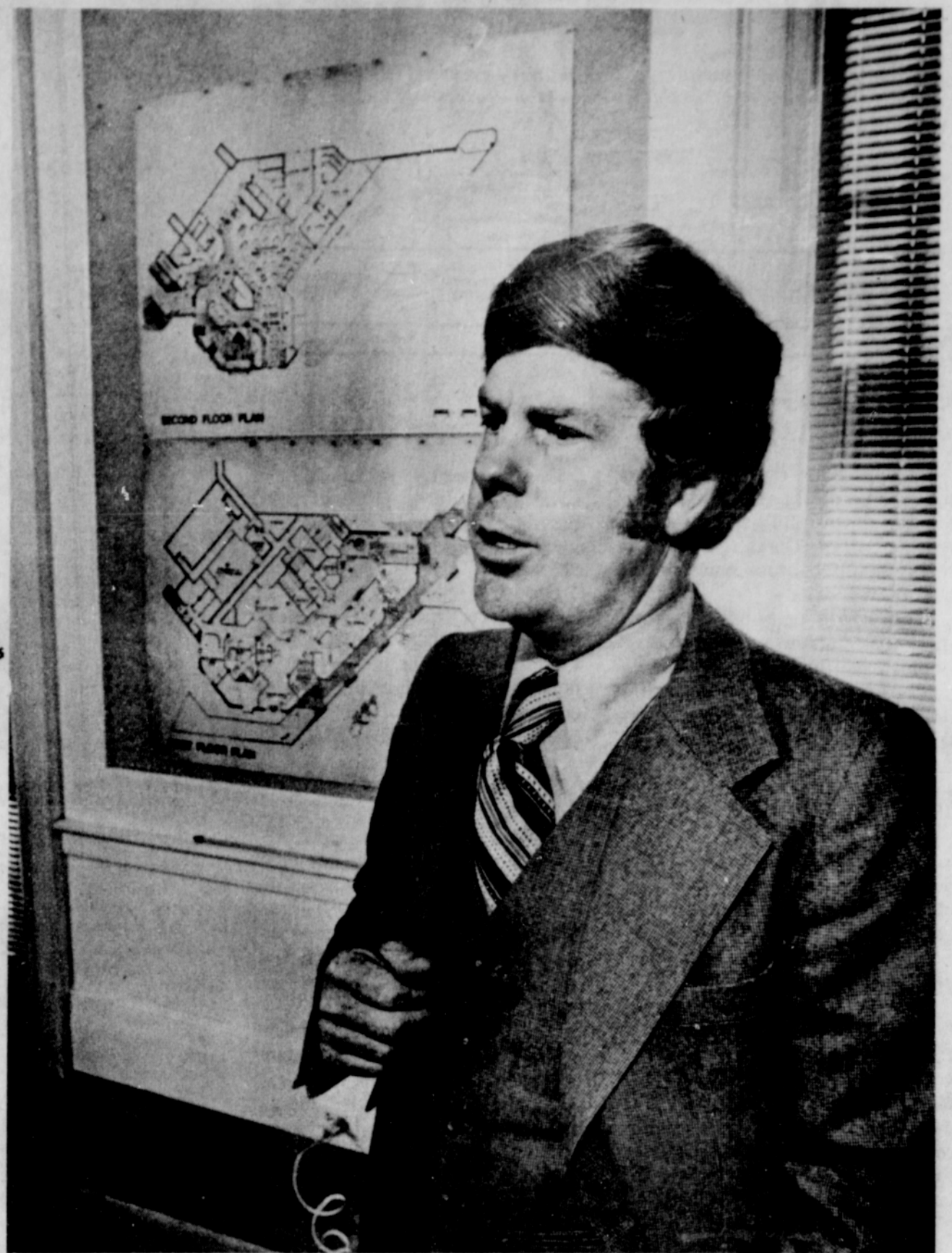
"The opportunity was there," he told The Post, adding that he hadn't given "too much thought" to a campaign platform.

He did say, however, that his position with the city put him "in a difficult spot to say anything right now" and that he believed the city could be run "a little more efficiently."

Wolf would be running against Jim Duff and Bruce Cook.

The 30-year-old sergeant has been with the Sandy Police Department for four years and nine months, serving in his present rank for the past 16 months.

He is a graduate of Sandy Union High School and has attended the Oregon Police Academy. Wolf said he is "just shy" of an associate degree in law enforcement from Mt. Hood Community College.



ZIGZAG DISTRICT Ranger Roger Deaver describes to newsmen the plans for a new day lodge to be built

at Timberline Lodge. The plans, unveiled Tuesday, are for a three-story concrete structure that will "support, but not replace," the present lodge.

Timberline plans unveiled

by Douglas Gantenbein
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Forest Service officials Tuesday revealed plans for a new Mt. Hood day lodge design to increase the capacity of the Timberline Lodge ski area while relieving some of the burden of heavy use from the old lodge.

The three-story building, designed by the Portland architectural firm of Broome, Oringdolph, O'Toole, Rudolph and Associates, carries an estimated price tag of \$5.1 million dollars and could be ready for use by the summer of 1980.

"It was realized over 15 years ago that such a facility was needed," said Warren Olney of the Zigzag Ranger District, pointing to the tremendous boom in skiing that began in the early '60s. "Timberline Lodge just can't handle any more people at this time."

From that first realization of the need for a day lodge 13 years passed until the Forest Service, in 1975, met with various environmental and recreational groups to draw up some objectives for the lodge.

Some of the objectives these early meetings arrived at included:

- To project and enhance the current lodge.
- To serve the users of the lodge area.
- To meet the needs of skiers
- To be cost efficient and of low maintenance.

To meet these goals chief architect Robert Oringdolph designed a structure he said would serve "the user who isn't interested in just seeing Timberline Lodge."

The low-profile concrete building will be able to accommodate up to 10,000 people a day or 4,500 at one time to

"support, but not replace," Timberline Lodge.

Under the plan, the current parking lot directly in front of the existing lodge would be converted into a courtyard separating the old lodge with the day lodge, which would be located along the lip of the existing front parking lot.

The intent of this design, said Oringdolph, is to "funnel" people from the parking lots into the new lodge, where skiers would find their needs met while sightseers could proceed on through the new forecourt to the old lodge.

The new lodge will house fast food service, ski shops for sales and service, ski lift ticket sale booths, first aid rooms and a 24-hour room for mountain climbers and backpackers.

In turn the old lodge will be reconverted to its original intent as an overnight lodge, said Zigzag Ranger Roger Deaver.

Other general changes would include an expansion of the lower parking lot. Deaver said that even with the elimination of the parking in front of the recent lodge there would still be a net increase in the number of parking spaces available.

Deaver said that while the new structure would with time benefit RLK and Co., the current operators of the lodge, it was designed with an intent to "save Timberline Lodge, not make money."

In order to design a building capable of withstanding the area's harsh weather conditions, several designs were tested in wind tunnels at Colorado State University to determine their resistance to drifting.

Several of the architectural elements of the building, such as the three towers capping it, were designed to serve both

as chimneys and as wind baffles to create turbulence and blow snow away from the building.

But in the event of a wet, heavy snow the building was also designed to resist heavy stress, and one project engineer said that up to 60 feet of snow could accumulate on the building's roof without causing any damage.

Under the Forest Service's current timetable the design will be let out to bid in July of this year.

Initial groundbreaking should take place by late summer, with an estimated completion date of the summer of 1980.

Oringdolph said that the building was designed to allow pre-casting of certain structural elements, permitting the construction of parts of the lodge to take place at a lower level during the winter months. They would then be hauled to the site for final placement.

Special consideration was given to making the lodge energy efficient. In addition to thermal glass doors, Oringdolph said that the outer corridors and entry areas would be heated to only 50 degrees, creating a "thermal barrier" between the cold outside air and the 70 degree inner spaces. And in light of recent evidence that Mt. Hood may be exploited in the near future for its geothermal energy, a large space was left for unspecified use should there be a future need for geothermal heat distribution equipment.

The project is being financed by appropriations from the U.S. Senate. Deaver said that while the complete construction costs have not yet been funded, \$3.1 million has been appropriated to show the Senate's intent to proceed with the project.

Sandy High students write award-winning essays

Two Sandy High school students will be awarded top prizes Thursday by Gov. Bob Straub for their winning essays in the 29th Annual "Ability Counts" Essay Contest sponsored by the Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped.

Writing under this year's theme "Awakening of the New Minority," Sheila Krick, 16, took first place in the statewide contest while Linda Sooter, 17, placed third.

Miss Krick receives a \$550 scholar-

ship and a five-day trip to Washington, D.C., where she will meet President Carter. Miss Sooter wins a \$100 scholarship.

The girls' essays were the culmination of weeks of work in which they researched state documents on employment of the handicapped, spoke with potential employers and handicapped people and spent hours polishing their final draft.

Both admit it was a learning ex-

perience for them.

"I had some preconceptions," said Miss Sooter. "But then I got out and talked to handicapped people and found out it was completely different."

After her experience writing the essay she has decided that the attitudes of non-handicapped people are the main barriers standing in the way of the estimated 250,000 Oregonians with disabilities.

"We have to work to change our attitudes against handicapped people," Miss Sooter said.

Sheila Krick sounded a similar note with her thoughts on the handicapped. "Just being aware of it (a handicap) is important," she said. "A lot of people simply don't want to think about it."

Both girls credit their composition class teacher, Angie Doane, for providing some of the impetus behind their successful effort.

"She was a great inspiration," said Miss Sooter.

Miss Krick agreed and added that "I would never have entered the contest if it hadn't been for her."

For her part, Doane pointed out that the students put in hours of work on their own initiative. But they did need some gentle coaxing when it came time to interview some handicapped people.

"They were really scared," she said before the girls' first interview.

"The paper made them much more aware of handicapped people," Doane added. "The thing that's really neat is that neither of them had any ideas before about handicapped people."

For Sheila, the trip back East in May will be a double treat. Not only has she never been to the nation's capital, but she adds with an excited smile that "I've never even been on an airplane."

The two girls, who describe themselves as "best friends," both plan to put their scholarship awards to good use upon their graduation from Sandy High.

Sheila plans to study nutrition while Linda would like to major in physical therapy.

The two will receive their awards from Gov. Straub in his office Thursday morning, then have lunch with him, the judging committee and other winners from around the state.

Sheila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krick of 35616 Colorado Road in Sandy. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sooter of 97675 SE Coalman Road, also in Sandy.



SHEILA CRICK (left) and Linda Sooter (sitting) read Sheila's state prize winning essay on the handicapped. Linda's essay took third

place in the contest. Looking on is the girls' composition teacher, Angie Doane.

Citizens support tax base

A group calling itself the Citizens for Better Fire Protection is organizing in Hoodland to support the passage of a new tax base for the Hoodland Fire District.

The group will have its second meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 14, at the Hoodland Fire District Main Station in Zigzag.

The district board has approved a tax base to go before voters in the May 23 election which is intended to upgrade equipment and district planning toward "minimal" standards.

The increase from a \$65,000 tax base

to the expanded figure is expected to afford a new district rescue vehicle, seed a reserve fund for a new substation in Rhododendron and purchase some \$11,000 in miscellaneous equipment.

Numerous people have said "We know you need a new tax base and we're going to help you get it," Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout told The Post.

Hoodland volunteer firemen have also planned several activities to help educate the public of the need for a new tax base, he added.

A Lifelight helicopter from Emmanuel Hospital in Portland will be demonstrated on Saturday, May 20, at the Hoodland Shopping Center.

The volunteers also plan to host an open house at the main station in Zigzag, in addition to holding free blood pressure clinics at the Clackamas County and U.S. Banks, Hoodland Thriftway and Sentry Market in Rhododendron.

The fire chief also said volunteers plan to prepare a brochure explaining the need for the new tax base and where the money will go.