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New Post Office Needed

We appreciate the city council's move to petition postal authorities for downtown mail delivery and a new post office. The time is come to make Sandy's needs known to the U.S. Postal Service.

Right now the city has outgrown its post office on Pioneer Boulevard, and with Sandy's predicted surge of growth during the next few years, the situation doesn't promise to get any better.

There currently are 89 people on a waiting list for post office boxes, and that figure will only increase during the next few years.

Sandy is rapidly reaching the 2,500 figure which would make it eligible for downtown door-to-door mail delivery. That would temporarily ease the crowded mailbox conditions, but plans still need to be made for a new office. (SAL)

The Republican Primary

A lot of politicians have already decided that Bob Straub and Tom McCall will face each other for the governorship next fall.

A lot of politicians, but not 100 percent.

There is a growing number which feel an upset could be in the making, that either Roger Martin or Vic Atiyeh could surprise McCall.

McCall's long delay in filing reportedly was due to difficulties in raising money. Not all parts of the business community will support McCall this time.

Meanwhile, both Martin and Atiyeh are sniping away. A sample:

"Roger Martin, unlike his chief opponent, knows the issues. Straight environmentalism isn't one of them. Quality of life, a good job, take-home pay, building a house, and keeping government off our backs are."

This is good politics, painting McCall as a one-issue candidate, especially since some of the bloom is fading from the environmental rose.

The odds still are going to favor McCall; he'll probably win the GOP primary. But a lot can happen in the next two months. Don't write off the challengers this early.

Another Baby Boom Coming?

Back in the '40s and '50s, we called them "war babies", youngsters born in the years just following World War II.

They had, and still are having, a tremendous influence on American life.

But if you believe former Washington Gov. Dan Evans, you haven't seen anything yet.

Those same "war babies" now are starting to have children of their own. Evans said a "huge baby boom" now is in process. "It is a monumental wave that will reach its heights in the late '80s or '90s. Far more children will be born than in the years just after World War II."

Evans predicts this latest baby

boom will hit the schools in no more than four years. The impact will be tremendous, he says. Schools which now stand half empty, again will be filled to overflowing.

Confirmation of the baby boom also comes from the Census Bureau which reports that while kindergarten enrollment declined for the first time in 30 years during 1977, nursery school (pre-kindergarten) attendance increased.

In other words, we haven't seen anything yet when it comes to school costs. Districts must look four or five years down the road now, not just around the next bend.

Portland State and Its Complex

For reasons we've never fully understood, Portland State University suffers from an inferiority complex.

It shouldn't. Portland State is a good and growing school. Some day it probably will be the premier state school in Oregon.

Why, then, this inferiority complex?

Certainly, it's fostered in part by policies of the State Board of Higher Education which inhibit PSU's growth (i.e. refusing to permit duplication of courses already offered at Oregon or Oregon State).

Perhaps also the school's very newness makes it less confident, less assertive than Oregon and OSU. Perhaps because PSU is not the traditional campus-type school but rather an urban university serving students who are older, take fewer courses and who work at least part-time while attending school.

Whatever the reasons, the City Club has just issued a long-term report on PSU which seeks to stimulate and invigorate its role as a fine, four-year school.

The report urges, for instance, that State Board policies which have limited PSU's course offerings should be modified or removed. Enrollment quotas should be limited. Because of the greater number of part-time students, PSU should not be forced into the same financial patterns as Oregon and OSU. PSU should be given authority to offer courses outside the immediate downtown Portland area.

For its part, PSU should improve its contacts with the community as a whole; it must do a much better job selling itself. Relations with community colleges (Mt. Hood for one) should stress continued cooperation.

These and other points are made in the City Club report. This writer was involved in preparation of the report and came away from the four years of study convinced that Portland State has every potential to become a fine school. Obviously, it should continue its present effective job of teaching but it also should shed its inferiority complex and do a better job of self-promotion.



Mr. MacUntried: "We are assisting them in getting involved in planning for themselves!" "THE 'HELPERS'"

Letters to the editor

Thanks

To the Editor:
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spence thank the Sandy Area Merchants for the great trip to Southern California. We had a great time and took in Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm and flew to San Diego. We saw the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, went deep sea fishing and drove into Mexico. We also went to Movieland Wax Museum. It was seven full days of great fun.

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Goal reached

To the Editor:
 We would like to thank all of the people who attended the Mt. Hood Lions Club fund raising Crab Feed and Auction on April 1. Thanks to your turn-out and goodwill, our fund raising goal for this event was reached. As you know, proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of a heart-aid machine for the Mt. Hood Community.

We would also like to thank our two auctioneers, Paul Spence of Sandy and Tom

Cox of Zigzag, who did an outstanding job. We would recommend them highly, for any auctions you may be planning for the future.

Also, a very big thank you to all of the Hoodland area businesses and others who donated items for the auction. Without your interest and support, it couldn't have been done.

Dick Quick
 Bruce Erickson
 Co-chairmen

Manning The Post

When it comes to a diet there are excuses a-plenty

by Sue Lafky
 Post Editor

It seems as if anything worth doing these days is either fattening or causes cancer.

I know. My mother, a woman who was before her time, used to tell me that there are three things genteel folks don't talk about in public: politics, religion and diets.

It was wise advice, but today I feel the need for public confession.

These days, there is every conceivable diet in the world available for those engaged in the battle of the bulge. You can pick your poison when trying for quick weight loss—everything from chalk-like milkshakes to binges of tomatoes, jello, sunflower seeds or steak.

I know. And I've hated all of them. But you should first hear my case before passing judgment—there are legitimate excuses for each of my diet violations.

First, there was Halloween. I bought 35 packages of M & M's with a few Hershey bars thrown in for good measure. "Give 'em variety," I said in one of my more altruistic moments, thinking of the pitter-patter of little feet that evening.

How was I to know that not one of those little monsters was going to come trick or treating at my door?

"It's obvious that I had no choice but to consume ten candy bars that night and down the rest of them by the end of the week. There's no use letting the temptation stay around too long, right?"

I have to admit that it's a little harder to tell you why I gave our sports editor a chocolate Easter egg in another moment of good will and later stole the egg and ate it. I just didn't want to take time out for a health foods lunch.

Now you're probably wondering why I can eat one entire bag of taco chips at one sitting. Well, it happens

that I was born in the wrong hemisphere and have a fanatical craving for Mexican food at least three or four times a week.

And of course you need a six-pack of your favorite soda pop to wash it down. The diet stuff, they say, causes cancer in rats—and I've been called worse than that since I've had this job. If I have an interview or meeting after one of these Mexican feasts, it is only prudent that I pop a Life Saver or two to keep my breath fresh.

Sometimes—to be on the safe side—I consume the whole roll. But only out of consideration to those around me.

So now it's out in the open. My personal habits have been laid bare for all to see.

In defense, I can only echo the sentiments of a friend who recently tried a health food meal and pronounced that it was "okay once in awhile," but not for a steady diet.

"There's not enough grease."

Mobile home permits subject of county proposal

A proposed amendment to the Clackamas County zoning ordinance would allow the county planning director to process certain temporary permit applications for mobile homes.

Those applications are currently processed by the Clackamas County Board of Adjustment.

The county planning commission is due to review

the proposal at a May 8 meeting at the Clackamas County Courthouse in Oregon City. That meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On May 22, the county commissioners will review the proposed amendment during a 9 a.m. session.

A spokesman for the county said the proposal would allow the planning director to review temporary

permit applications when the applicant proposes to use a mobile home as a temporary residence while constructing a permanent house or as a residence to provide care for a relative who needs special attention due to age or poor health.

The file is available for inspection in the office of the Clackamas County Planning Department in Oregon City.

Ordinance reading slated

The first reading of an ordinance to set the payroll tax rate at 5 of 1 percent, effective July 1, will be heard by the Tri-Met Board of

Directors at its regular monthly meeting Monday, April 10, at 10 a.m. in the Water Service Building

Auditorium, 1800 SW Sixth Ave. The payroll tax is currently levied at .5 of 1 percent.

Council sends Tickle Creek LID back to engineer

The Sandy City Council Monday night rescinded a resolution clearing the way for hearings on a proposed Tickle Creek local improvement district, sending the proposal back to the city engineer to rework for council's next scheduled meeting.

The proposal by city engineer Dennis Peoples would provide a 12-inch sewer line within a proposed 60-foot road to serve eight parcels of land north of Tickle Creek and provide for possible future hook-up to developments south of the creek where the system would drain.

The area generally affected is west off Tupper Road.

CRAIG in its boundary review committee has named the area south of the creek off limits for city annexation.

The system, however, has been designed to handle both sides of the creek, with cross-overs and drainage on the other side.

Center line of Tickle Creek would be the boundary, with the north side the assessment side.

The only three property owners fully assessed in the original proposal submitted this week would be Emily Rich, Myron Tupper and Rubin Hoffman.

Others would be less affected and could probably be assessed a lesser amount.

Approximate cost of the project—without consideration of easements, would be \$114,000, according to Peoples.

Drainage would extend all the way up to Shorty's Corner.

"There is not that much of a design obstacle to plan ahead for units south of the creek for future hook-up into the line," Peoples said.

There are provisions for development on Weaver Road.

The system is designed eventually to service more than 5,000 homes of the future, figuring the area's maximum development potential.

Peoples proposes extending the planned 60-foot road on the Frank Moore property up Tickle Creek to intercept with Tupper to 211.

The sewer line then would go under the proposed road

which would follow the creek.

Council rescinded the proposed resolution, pending clarification of assessments.

Peoples said that he will come up with a revised assessment roll for those less affected.

This could be based either on square footage of the area or 150 feet back north of the sewer line.

He will present revisions to council April 17, at which time the council could approve the resolution and set up a public hearing within 15 days.

There has been no field work yet, and the city would come up with a concrete plan to present to the people following the council's adoption.

If the city encounters no obstacles in a public hearing, then the city will set up a local improvement district (LID).

The project would then be advertised for bids.

Presently, there are only two six-inch lines feeding the growth area.

The proposed new sewer line would be a larger 12-inch transmission line, with one 8-inch feeder line right at the curve on Sandy Heights and another 8-inch feeder up into Skyline Mobile Plaza.

The feeder lines, however, have been requested by the affected owners, and cost of these lines would not be figured into the overall assessment, Peoples said.

Skyline has septic tank problems now, Peoples said, and there is a proposed PUD adjacent to Skyline.

Also, Frank Moore plans a subdivision, according to Peoples, who anticipates little opposition to his proposals.

He noted that assessment of property owners actually outside present city limits would in effect force them into the city.

Apparently, the city will not take that approach at this time.

The city does, however, propose parks or one large park outside present city limits.

One proposed park would be south of Tickle Creek directly below the Moore property.

A bicycle path also figures in park plans for the developing area.

Behan wins spot on Welches Board

Leah Behan nabbed a spot on the Welches School District Board in Tuesday's election.

Behan, a registered nurse, defeated Boyd Northrup by a 154-86 margin.

In Boring, Carl Aschoff and Gale Meier won in unopposed contests.

Gladys Brooks took the seven-person race in the Mt. Hood Community College race for the at-large seat held by Rick Gustafson (who was not running for re-election). Coupled with Barbara Roberts's election (unopposed) to the board, the college district board now sports five women and two men.

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