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ANOTHER VIEW OF "OPENING DAY"



Mr. Trout - I don't mind the hook - it's those nasty, plastic, dime-store eggs that make me mad!

Letters to the editor

Regrets loss

To the Editor:
How does a good newspaper lose the finest sports editor it ever had to the Puget Sound Mail in La Conner, Wash.? A question that can only be answered by The Sandy Post.
With regret, I read Douglas Gantenbein's final Overtime. No longer will we be able to read his humor and fine editorials. After years of waiting he granted my wish by finally bringing sports back on a local level. You could finally read about the kid next door.
He took a real interest in both them and the sport they competed in. You will be hard pressed to replace him.
Good luck, to you Douglas Gantenbein, and a job well done. Sandy's loss is La Conner's gain.

Gary Cleland
Brightwood, Ore.
Editor's note: Thank you for your letter. We, too, appreciated Doug's work at The Post and wish him well in the next step in his career as editor of the Puget Sound Mail. We assure you that is our intention to continue what Doug started and give

our readers a hometown sports section.

Clarification

To The Editor:
There were several statements made in the April 20 issue of The Post that need clarification. The Post stated that negotiations between the Sandy Elementary Teachers and the district had broken down because the association had filed an unfair labor practice charge over the removal of Lincoln's Birthday from the list of paid holidays allowed teachers.
The article goes on to say that the consequence was a reduction from 191 to 190 working days. The article then quotes Superintendent Clark Lund as making the statement that all was done legally in accordance with the current contract.
It was not the Unfair Labor Practice that caused a breakdown in negotiations; it was the district's refusal to negotiate items they labeled "permissive", i.e. student disciplinary policy, evaluation procedures, reduction in force policy, and which lead to both sides agreeing, as far back as March 15, to file for a mediator.
The ULP was not filed because we object to the calendar adopted by the district—it is, in fact, quite good. We do object to the way it was handled. We maintain that for the district to, in effect, negotiate a calendar with teachers who are outside of the bargaining team is an unfair labor practice.
Earlier this year, when The Post carried an article about the association's objection concerning the newly adopted evaluation procedure, the district formed a similar committee and disallowed any association representation. The committee was later disbanded because of a possible disruption of the negotiations process.
By filing the ULP on what we feel is the legal technicality of changing a paid holiday, we are reaffirming our previous stand that bargaining should take place at the table with the appointed bargaining team, not on the side with a separate group of teachers.
Sincerely yours,
Mike Jarrett, President
Sandy Elementary Teachers Association

County comment

Memory turns to good fishin'

by Bill Sanderson

The opening of fishing season—and especially trout fishing season—does a lot for me. But it does not send me out into the cold and rain of one of Oregon's spring days to compete for a foothold on a crowded stream bank.
What it does do is to make me comfortable in an easy rocking chair while I float effortlessly back three score and more years to recall the times and places when the "fishin' was good."

I lived then in Michigan where, according to my Grandad, the north and south forks of the Little Tobacco River joined to form the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence Waterway and eventually the Atlantic Ocean.

As a very small boy I always thought that description placed a considerable strain upon the capacity of our beautiful little streams, especially in the summertime when we kids dammed the North Fork up to raise the water in our swimming hole. For all we knew, we just might have caused some temporary water shortages along the eastern seaboard.

The last time I visited there a misguided Chamber of Commerce had erected a sign near the center of the village announcing that within 20 minutes driving time from that location there were 20 great trout streams and 20 bass, pike or pan-fish lakes! That did it! The lakes and streams were still there but the trout and the bass and the long-snouted Northern pike, the yellow-bellied perch, the scrappy bluegills and even shiny, jewel-like sunfish were all gone.

Of course the president of the Chamber of Commerce, who owned a store and a motel and the biggest gas and service station in town was still there and doing right well. Hope springs eternal in the hearts of the suckers—which is why one gets born every minute.

Long before the sign or the Chamber of Commerce I owned a rather thriving business there on the banks of the Tobacco.

With the opening of trout season we always enjoyed an influx of "sports" from Saginaw and Flint and even from as far away as Detroit who would descend from the old "smoker" on the Pere Marquette Railroad's morning "westbound" at 6 a.m. on opening day. They would be loaded (both literally and in defiance of our "temperance" rules) and would waddle off under their assorted burdens to the one "hotel" the village

boasted. A few would head for one or more of those "20 streams," but most of them would soon be doing exactly what they had been doing on the "smoker" car—to the musical clinking of glasses and bottles or the flat clack and scrape of red, white and blue poker chips.

My "business" (until I was about 13 years old,) was to provide a nice little catch of sparkling brook trout for those "sports" who did not wish to return home on the Pere Marquette's 6 p.m. "eastbound"—empty-handed.

I had a theory that the most hen-pecked and mistrusted husbands bought the most fish. But they paid well and generally with good-natured generosity. I would have my "oil-cloth" newspaper sack, filled with nice, clean marsh grass, freshly pulled, broken ice and as many trout as I thought I could sell in the "baggage-room" part of the little depot. They all knew that I would be there.

My (almost) silent partners in the "business" were the depot agent, who kept out the competition for what fish might be left, or a reasonable portion of the "take", and the game warden, who wanted to keep the "sports" coming to our town. The game warden and the depot agent also played a lot of poker with our weekend city guests and on occasion they were both very jolly and generous to me after the weekend games.

Well, that was when the fishin' was good—and so was life. Now that it is all gone I don't mind telling you the secret of catching trout on our May 1 opening day along the Little Tobacco and its neighboring streams and tributaries.

One had to be an expert "hole-steaker" to catch those trout. You see, those eastern brook trout did not swim up-and-down the streams trying to find their home bearing pond and their regular feeding time. They were wild—wild and smart, and each one had his own secret hole to hide in. But not even the wildest speckled beauty could keep his secret hiding place from a 10 or 12-year-old boy who spent most of his time playing in the same creek.

My friend the game warden swore I was the best "hole-sneaker" in the county—until I grew up and commenced to make him "look bad". That was about the time he began calling me the "worst poacher" in the county.

Well, it was a lot of fun just trying to live up to both names.

A Tale of Two Schools

Enrollment is declining at Mt. Hood Community College. It's also declining at Portland Community College.

"Then how come," a reader asks, "can Portland cut its 1978-79 budget while Mt. Hood says it has to have more money?"

The answer is simple, but difficult.

Portland has an adequate tax base. It can keep 1978-79 expenses within that base, plus 6 percent. Mt. Hood cannot; it must have more money just to stay even with last year.

What about enrollment? Portland expects to drop over 1,000 students but protected by its tax base, can get by with some cut-backs in personnel and supplies.

Mt. Hood expects to decline from about 6,000 full-time students this year to 5,700 next year. But its

current tax base isn't adequate whatever cuts are made.

Bob Scott, MHCC business manager, explains that the district will lose something like \$400,000 in reduced state aid and tuition payments.

If Mt. Hood is successful in getting a new tax base in the May 23 election, that should suffice for three or four years. Portland's base, on the other hand, will be adequate for next year but probably no more; the voters will be asked to approve a new base in 1979-80.

Obviously, PCC has a very much larger tax base than Mt. Hood. It has many more industries to carry the load. But the decline in students, if it continues, will soon catch up with PCC even as it already has with Mt. Hood.

Measure No. 6 Is Controversial

The one measure on the May 23 ballot which may stir up some attention is Ballot Measure 6.

Measure 6 would abolish CRAG and transfer its controversial land-use planning functions to the Metropolitan Service District.

Boundaries of the latter would be expanded to include Boring-Damascus and Wilsonville while some areas in the western portion of the district would be removed.

Boundary commission functions could be shifted to the MSD and the MSD board could take over Tri-Met functions and taxing powers. Other functions could be assumed if approved by voters.

Now for the pros and cons, the good and the bad:

It would streamline local government and put decisions into the hands of elective officials, not

appointive. Urban and suburban interests would be equally represented; subdistricts would be apportioned on the basis of population. Voter approval would be required of any tax levies. These are the pro arguments.

Those opposed say it would merely create another level of government. Portland and Multnomah County would dominate the proceedings much as they presently do in CRAG. More government usually means bigger government which means more taxes.

There are other arguments but these are the main ones.

How do we feel about measure No. 6? Like Roger Martin at the City Club last week, we're still undecided. We just don't know.

The City Club Confrontation

If we had to pick a winner in the Atiyeh-Martin-McCall appearance at the City Club Friday, we'd have to go along with McCall.

The three leading contenders for the Republican gubernatorial nomination were invited to appear by the City Club. Each gave a short introduction, answered questions, and finished with a brief summation.

Each projected a different image, we thought. Atiyeh came across as soft-spoken, gentlemanly and a thoroughly nice guy. Martin was the eager newcomer, perfectly willing to bounce McCall around verbally. McCall was the polished old pro, totally in command of his audience at all times.

Whatever charisma is, McCall has it. He knows what to do behind a mike and furthermore he has a very broad background in state government.

He knows how to poke fun at himself. "Under my charismatic leadership, the McCall tax relief plan was voted down by an 8-1 margin...Who should know more

about senior citizens, I'm one" etc.

The candidates really aren't very far apart on the issues. None would "decommission" the Trojan nuclear plant, each would seek out new energy sources. Martin would do away with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, but both McCall and Atiyeh would retain it, with changes. Each promises to support the GOP primary winner.

There was some difference, however, on Ballot Measure 6 which would reorganize the Metropolitan Service District and abolish CRAG. McCall supports the measure, Atiyeh opposes it and Martin hasn't yet made up his mind.

The format of the meeting didn't allow for the kind of sharp confrontation which characterized the now-legendary Packwood-Morse debate some years ago. But Friday's performance had broad media coverage and, we think, probably will have an impact on the gubernatorial race.

On balance, we think McCall fared best.

Higher Postal Rates Right on Schedule

Down among the fine print at the bottom of the page, we found a story whose message was unmistakable.

Postage rates are going up again. The story reported that talks between the U.S. Postal Service and unions are under way to negotiate a new contract to replace

that which expires July 20.

An estimated seven-eighths of Postal Service costs involve labor. If a salary increase is negotiated—and of that there is no doubt—the only way to pay for it is to raise postage.

How about a 16 cent stamp?

Keeping posted

Planning commission meets

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will start at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts provided.

The Sandy Design Review Board will review requests for signs for Landa sales, Wheatland Building, Western Tip Shoe Repair, Red's Beauty Shop and the Health House at its 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Also on the agenda are requests for approval of a Foto Mat building, a 10-unit complex for Aragon Industries and two duplexes in the High View subdivision.

MONDAY, MAY 1
The Sandy City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Sandy City Hall. The council will consider a zone change request for 18.43 acres of land off Langensand Road from R-1 to R-2 zoning. The Sandy Planning Commission recommended approval of the zone change request.

TUESDAY, MAY 2
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon at T.J.'s Restaurant.

The Portland Metropolitan Boundary Commission will consider a request for an extraterritorial water line extension outside the corporate limits of the city of Sandy for the Alder Creek Summer Homes. The request, if approved, would extend 2430 feet of 4-inch line from the city's existing 12-inch transmission line from Alder Creek. The extension

would run west from the filter plant located south of Highway 26 along a utility easement road located along the south edge of the parcels to be served.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
Sandy Area Merchants will meet from 7-8 a.m. at T.J.'s Restaurant in Sandy.

The Metropolitan Boundary Commission will consider a request for extraterritorial water line extension and allocation of additional service area outside the limits of the Welches Water Company Community Water System.

Brenda Strong named Miss Congeniality

Sandy High School senior Brenda Strong was named Miss Congeniality in the Miss Mt. Hood Area scholarship pageant Saturday at Gresham High School.

Cynthia Lee Schultz will represent the area as Miss Mt. Hood and Karrine Marie McDevitt will compete as Miss Metro East in the Miss Oregon pageant in July.

Fourth runner up in the pageant was Leslie Marie Lusk, also a Sandy High student.

Tax forms available

Taxpayers who discover after filing their return that they made an error can correct the mistake by filing a Form 1040X, Ralph B. Short, IRS district director

for Oregon, said this week. The forms are available at local IRS offices or can be obtained by using the handy order blank in the tax package, Short said.

Spring ahead...

Spring ahead. Fall back.

The saying is an easy way to remember that the beginning of daylight savings time starts in the spring.

This year, daylight savings time will officially begin at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 30.

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