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School's
(almost)
out

"No more pencils, no more books,
no more teacher's dirty looks."
It's a ditty that has been sung by kids
at the end of the school season for
years.
Well, let's be fair to the teachers, too.
How about:
"No more grading, no more
meetings,
no more (yawn) 'good morning'
greetings."
Yep, it's that time of year again. Area
schools are opening their doors to let
kids and teachers out for the summer.
Sandy Union High School District 2
will release students Friday and
teachers Tuesday.
In Sandy Elementary School District
46, which includes Firwood, Sandy
Ridge, Sandy Intermediate and Sandy
Upper Grade, students will have their
last day Wednesday, June 7, with the
teachers closing books on Thursday
June 8.
Teachers in Boring Grade School
District 44 (Naas Elementary and
Boring Middle School) will be granted
freedom Friday. Students were
released today.
Bull Run School in District 45 got a
head start on the summer season.
Students had their last day May 26 and
teachers cleaned chalk boards for the
last time on May 31.
Cottrell Grade School District 107
students also had their last day May 26.
Teachers participated in-service May
30 and were released the next day.
In Welches School District 13,
teachers will see the end of the tunnel
Wednesday, the day after students will
be released.
Okay, Mom and Dad—now it's your
turn!

Commencement time

THE SANDY UNION HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978
donned caps and gowns to receive their diplomas last
Thursday night. The ceremony was held inside the high
school gym due to rainy weather which, much to the

delight of weekend sun worshippers, did not last
through the Memorial Day weekend. See Page five,
section one for more details.

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**Sandy carnival
finds a home**

A location has been found at last for
the Sandy Mountain Days carnival.
The annual visit of booths and cotton
candy fun has been jeopardized by
increasing difficulty for Sandy Civic
Services in securing a downtown site
large enough and accessible.
Strauss Avenue between Odd
Fellows Hall on Pioneer and Westland
Realty on Proctor will be barricaded
for the carnival.
Permission has been granted by the
City of Sandy, Sandy Fire Department
and affected private property owners
for use of adjacent lots and access.
Ron Burbank's "Funtastic Shows"
from Vancouver, Wash., returns this
year with his full carnival.
The show will set up July 5 for
opening night July 6, the same night as
the city-wide parade.
Another popular Mountain Days
attraction this year will be a family-
style picnic in the city park July 4, with
games and watermelon for the kids.
That evening, Dale Nicholls will head
up entertainers from the musicians
union for outdoors show at the high
school football field, just before the
evening fireworks there.
Entries for the Sandy Mountain Days
Parade on July 6 are due June 22.
Entries in float, marching group and
equestrian categories will be accepted
by the Sandy Civic Services, Post Office
Box 592, Sandy.
Awards to be given include Theme
Award, for best overall use of theme;
Florence Award, for best marching
group; Grand Marshal's Award, for the
best equestrian entry; Queen's Trophy,
best commercial float; Mayor's
Trophy, best non-commercial civic
organization or community float.
No entry fee will be charged and
entries are subject to the approval of
the parade committee.

SUHS to try serial levy

Voters have twice defeated Sandy
Union High School financial proposals
this year.
Superintendent Jack Peters is hoping
that the third time will be the winner.
"Historically, Sandy Union High
School patrons, with the exception of
last year, have never approved a levy
the first time around," Peters reflected
in an interview with The Post.
District voters will be asked June 27
to approve a three-year serial levy
which would cost \$5.76 per \$1,000
assessed valuation of property.
Peters believes the district can hold
its own for the next three years if that
serial levy is approved.
The tax rate would compare with
\$5.22 per \$1,000 for the current fiscal
year; \$5.88 for 1976-77; and \$6.43 for
1975-76.
"If we had three year funding it
would enable our staff to do planning
for three years without being concerned
day-to-day if we're going to have
enough funding open."
On May 23, voters said no to a \$1.98
million tax base — 1,719 to 1,336. The
proposal would have increased the
present current \$248,000 tax base
established in 1916.
In the April 4 election, voters
defeated a \$2.7 million operating budget
which would have included a tax levy of
\$1.4 million outside the 6 percent
limitation.
The tax rate will decrease under the
three-year-rate-based serial levy,
although the budget remains un-
changed.
The district estimated that the April
levy would have cost property owners
an estimated \$6.26 per \$1,000 assessed
valuation, as opposed to \$6.56 per \$1,000
in the tax base which went before
voters last week.
Dr. Peters said the reason for the
lower estimate this time around is
increased assessed valuation in the
district.
"We're between \$297 million and \$300
million — up about 10 percent from last
year," he noted. Last year's figure was
\$276 million."
In the school business, he says,
there's no planning without funding.
And with a serial levy, both property
owners and school officials would know

the financial picture.
Last year's levy election was held at
the end of June, coinciding with Peter's
start as district superintendent.
Peters, who came from the Mar-
shfield High School District in Coos
Bay, says he's found life in Sandy to be
"very pleasant."
"The students have done well and the
staff is outstanding," he told The Post.
"I've been pleased with the total
program at Sandy Union High School."
The strength of the school, he said, is
in the staff.
"We have a group of well educated,
dedicated school teachers. That's the
real strength."
Goals for the next school year include
expanding career education programs,
graphics, automotive, business
education, welding and electronics.
"We're still trying to get funding for a
career center," Peters noted. "We
think its very useful for young people
looking for work."
During his first year at Sandy, he's
seen the development of a night school
program which has grown to 25
students.
Strapped for a name, the district
opted for simplicity and dubbed it with
the acronym PONS — Plain Old Night
School.
That program is geared to high
school drop-outs over 16 "who really
want to get an education and finish
their high school diploma."
Besides classes in the basic skills, the
night school program includes classes
in automotive work, carpentry and
business education.
"We're very pleased with what's
happening there," Peters said of the
program. "There's an opportunity to
get a high school diploma and work at
the same time."
Another program aimed at keeping
Sandy's drop-out rate at a minimum (it
currently runs at 7 percent, according
to statistics from the school) is the
alternative school program.
That program is geared to students
already in school who are put in special
self-contained classes for the basic
skills and are put into regular classes
for electives.
The high school staff has taken
particular pride in statistics from Mt.
Hood Community College which show
that SUHS graduates have the highest
grade point average at the college of
any high school in the college district.
The 122 Sandy graduates attending
Mt. Hood Community College have a
grade point average of 2.96 on a 4.0
scale, "which puts them number one,"
Peters said.
"It's a testimony of the academic
preparation our students have," he
added. "It's an indication that the
students who leave here to go there do
well."
Next year Sandy High will take 200
tuition students from the Redland
District, which does not have a high
school.
The tuition students will bring
\$495,000 into district coffers next year
— a figure Peters said will pay for
salaries of 13 employees.
"It's a self-supporting venture."
But some district patrons resent
Redland tuition students, Peters
acknowledged. And the question facing
the high school board is how to handle
both Redland students and the
estimated 125 students which will be
added to the high school rolls each year
"in the foreseeable future."
"I think that's a very conservative
estimate considering zone changes and
building permits in the greater Sandy
area," Peters said of the district's
growth projections.
The board will discuss the future of
the Redland students at its June 10
meeting.
"It's a concern of the people, a
concern of mine, a concern of the school
board, and a concern of the Redland
parents."
The crunch of the extra students is
felt most during the freshmen year,
Peters noted.
Juniors and seniors who attend school
part-time and the drop-out rate allows
more room in the upper grades.
All of Peters work is done with an eye
to budgets.
"Our biggest goal for next year is to
have funded programs," Peters said.
"We can't get started with major
maintenance until after we're funded."
Maintenance projects earmarked for
next year include the replacement of a
gym floor "which has deteriorated
after many years of hard use," some
storage space for the art department
and resurfacing the track to conform
with metric measurements.

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Tri-Met proposes rate increase

There's another fare increase in site
for Tri-Met.
And according to Tri-Met manager
Peter Cass, charging bus riders extra
to travel across 82nd Avenue is the only
way to relate fares to operating costs.
"The flat fare doesn't do that," said
Cass. "We instituted flat fares as a
growth priority, but it has put us in a
financial bind."
Tri-Met officials have proposed
dividing the district into two zones and
charging 45 cents if riders stay within
one zone and 65 cents per ride if they
cross from one zone to another. All
riders now pay 40 cents to ride
anywhere in Tri-Met's district.
The urban zone boundaries on the
east side of the Willamette River would
be 82nd Avenue on the east, Johnson
Creek Boulevard on the south and the
Columbia River on the north. Skyline
Boulevard and the Multnomah County
line border the urban zone on the west
side of the Willamette. The suburban
zone would include all of the Tri-Met
service area outside the urban zone.
Monthly passes for riders crossing
the zones will be increased to \$20. Those
who stay within the zone would continue
to pay \$16.
The Tri-Met board will hold a 7:30
p.m. public hearing June 1 at Gresham
City Hall to solicit public input about
the proposed zone fare system. The
board will make its final decision July
10. If the system is approved, it will
take effect Sept. 1.
At the four hearings, Tri-Met will
explain its rationale and financial
situation. "Our main concern is that we
have to raise more money," Cass said.
He said the zoned system and fare
increases should raise \$2.6 million to
cover its projected deficit of \$6.5 million
next year. The board has approved a
payroll tax increase which will raise an
additional \$4 million.
"We have to increase the tax rate,
increase fares or cut services," said
Cass. The bus company would have to
cut services by 10 percent to make up
the deficit, he said.
Cass said he expects opposition to the
increase. But a zone system is more
equitable, he maintained. "If somebody
in Gresham wants to travel within their
zone, they pay 45 cents," he said.
It costs more money to provide
transportation to places like East
Multnomah County and Clackamas
County, Cass said. "We have to relate
operating costs to the fare box." He
acknowledged that riders in the urban
zone get more frequent service.
Board member Bob Murray, a
Gresham auto dealer, said he has not
heard any opposition to the zone
proposal from local residents. "The
people I've talked to have been ex-
pecting a fare increase," he said.
"They can't imagine they can ride for
40 cents."