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## The budget concerns us all

Local taxpayers concerned with the increasing size of city government, needed services, urban growth and the new city budget should participate in the Sandy budget hearing at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

This is not a comprehensive planning meeting, so policy changes are not a consideration. But where local tax dollars go during the next fiscal year must involve us all greatly.

Voters will be asked to improve a serial levy in a June 27 election, for fixed rates lasting three years, so public information and public input is needed now.

City council proposes a three-year operational serial levy amounting to \$4.02 per \$1,000 in assessed property valuation.

The proposed tax rate rises from \$4.57 per \$1,000 in assessed property last fiscal year to a consolidated rate of \$6.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Taxpayers now must pay for the

\$1.5 million bond for expansion of the water system and a \$150,000 community center bond, whereas construction funds from the water bond were invested last year for city revenue.

The proposed city personnel roster for the new budget is 30.5 employees including three in the city manager's office, one planner, two librarians, 3.5 recreation department and senior center workers, two in the building department, seven in public works, two at the sewer treatment plant and a police department of 10. Five of these employees are listed as federally funded CETA workers.

The proposed general fund budget shows an increase from \$506,835 last year to \$736,214 for fiscal 1978-79.

Sandy's budgeting for the future concerns all who reside here, so we urge all local taxpayers to attend the June 19 budget hearing for a detailed accounting of just where all their money is going. (VB)

## Dig in to clean up

Residents concerned with weeds, litter and sticker bushes on the eve of Mountain Festival Days are urged to bring a shovel to Meinig Memorial Park at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The Mt. Hood Mudders and Mountain Festival Committee are spearheading a community clean-up effort to ready the somewhat neglected city park to serve its annual role at site of the arts and crafts festival July 8 and 9.

Recent vandalism to the state area as well as downed trees, overgrown sticker bushes and general litter have left the community park an eyesore.

Let's not expose our many out-of-town festival visitors to this sort of

community neglect. City Public Works members are working hard alongside CETA temporary employees to ready the park by next week.

The Kiwanis club also deserves credit for their weeding of hard weeding, mowing and cleaning throughout the downtown area. These are hard-working community leaders who have taken the time on several evenings to cap a days' work with a couple hours behind a shovel and shade. The work needs doing, and someone must get it done.

Since we all share in the benefits of Sandy Mountain Days each year, let's share equally in the task of preparing for the gala event. (VB)

## Support the theater group

The newly formed One Way Theater group gave two performances of a Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. play, "Happy Birthday, Wanda June" Friday and Saturday night and judging from the audience receptions of the productions, the group could well have a hit on its hands.

Director Harry McLean and the cast and technical crew had obviously put in a great deal of time and effort over the past few months

to bring off the play. Congratulations are in order to all involved from Judy Sheppard, who first initiated the idea to form a theater group, to the cast and crew which put the show together. It was a job well done.

The group has scheduled at least one more production of the play for this Sunday at 2 p.m. at The Theater on Proctor Boulevard. Why not get out and support Sandy's community theater.

## Sue Lafky, Journalist

Today's issue of The Post is the last one under the editorship of Sue Lafky.

Sue, who has been Post editor for a little over two years, is returning to school for graduate work in business. Some day, Sue hopes to have her own paper.

Don't bet that she won't. Sue is an unusually talented young woman. We have known her since her high school days and have followed her burgeoning career with much interest. She won high honors in the School of Journalism at the

University of Oregon and we were delighted when she came to work for The Post full-time.

We think she has done an exceptional news job in Sandy. You can teach most anyone to write; it's much more difficult to find someone who knows a story, knows what makes news, This is Sue's forte. She digs and digs deeply into the stories she writes.

We know she regrets leaving Sandy. We suspect Sandy folk regret even more that she'll be leaving. (LI)



"There's Talk Of A Diet..."

## Letters to the Editor

### Growth

To the Editor:  
 John Kline's article in the May 25 Post seems to reveal blatant contradictions from our local politicians.

According to the article, they claim the City of Sandy is not pushing for growth. And yet, they have succeeded in getting the voters to finally approve the new water system capable of handling 20,000 people, and are in the process of securing approval for expansion of the sewage treatment plant.

In addition, they seem bent upon rezoning additional property for industrial use and also to provide for numerous developments in the area. Looks like the old politicians' disease — saying one thing and doing another. Most, if not all, of the city council members are business owners in their own right. Could it be that they are already envisioning those dollar signs multiplying on their cash registers?

I think it's pretty obvious by now that realtors and developers don't care about land use planning and population density, and, I suspect the city council may be in the same league.

Let's get one thing straight: City life is not even close to being an ideal way of life. As soon as people begin being crowded in upon one another, inherent problems develop.

I don't like the thought of Sandy's population doubling to 5,000 let alone 20,000 by the year 2000. I hate to think of something so ugly as Beaverton's urban sprawl happening to Sandy.

But if our politicians have their way, that's the way it will be. Paul Helton may term it "the perfect community for suburban, rural living," but it will turn out to be a living hell with a higher incidence of crime than we now experience, a much higher tax base, and traffic lights on every cross street all the way to Gresham.

It may be too late to stop it now, but the least we, as concerned citizens of Sandy can do is to vote down every tax measure and bond issue that comes before us from now on, and elect officials to our city government who are responsive to our interests, instead of primarily their own.

Bob Hawley  
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 Sandy

### Traffic

To the Editor:  
 I am writing in response to your June 7th editorial concerning traffic abuses and the need for cracking-down on them. I do not live in Sandy, but I have an interest in the town as my retired parents live in Sandy.

For almost two years my parents have resided in the community of Sandy. During this time, they have stated how nice the town and the people have been to them. They haven't really complained about the lack of parking or the people who speed through Sandy, but now, I feel that we have a right to yell — and loudly — about the traffic situation and the abuses going on in Sandy.

About a week and a half ago, my mother, who is a retired citizen, was driving through Sandy on Proctor Street and someone rear-ended her car and took off. She was not parked or even stopped but driving normally down the street. A young man, a witness, did stop to see if she was hurt and needed any help. The hit and run driver didn't care that much and proceeded down the road.

Because of the accident, my mother spent three days in the intensive care unit and came very close to dying. How long she will have to remain in the hospital and what other problems may occur from the accident are yet to be seen. On top of the injuries to my mother, the car has to be repaired.

Luckily, my father has insurance that will pay to fix the car now, but in the long run they will have to absorb the cost of someone else's negligence by paying higher insurance premiums.

There is no way that my parents can regain this cost as there is no one else to penalize unless it might be the indifference of the people in the town of Sandy for not controlling traffic. I just

hope the person who hit my mother is sleeping well and with a clear conscience — if that is possible.

With the heavy flow of traffic that is always going through Sandy now, it seems to me that control is more important than, as you stated, waiting for a serious traffic fatality.

Wake-up people of Sandy! Don't let your community become like the Indy Speedway or a huge jumbled parking lot. Do something about this problem now before you regret it, because if you don't, maybe it will be your mother next time and she won't be so lucky as to live.

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### Talent praised

To the Editor:  
 Sandy, Ore., has something else to be extremely proud of now: The newly formed One Way Theatre.

The grand opening of John Kent's Theatre in Sandy was also the opening night of "Happy Birthday, Wanda June," the second endeavor of this group.

While this play by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., is a little off-beat, the presentation of it by Director Harry McClane has been proven the forward looking attitude and optimism of the participants.

It has also proven that there is talent on a grand scale in the area. I, for one, am glad the play was not censored in any way as it is a timely, socially pertinent play. Stage setting, lighting and direction are all on a professional scale.

Thanks, One Way Theatre. Hope you have continued success...!

C. Champion  
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 Portland

## Tax rate vote set for June 27

The Sandy High School Board voted unanimously to adopt the \$2.7 million budget it approved earlier this year and is looking to get funding for the local share of the total at the upcoming serial tax rate levy vote set for June 27.

District voters have twice turned down funding proposals for the district's share of the budget. That local share comes to 1.667 million.

The upcoming vote is the third of three possible alternatives to come up with the required funds. If passed, it would establish the high school tax rate at \$5.76 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the next three years.

The first budget proposal to come before the voters was a tax levy of \$1.4 million to supplement the \$248,000

existing tax base. The tax levy was turned down by 657 votes April 4.

A second proposal to establish a new tax base of \$1.96 million was defeated by a margin of 1,719-1,336 in the primary election three weeks ago.

The \$5.76 tax rate would be 54 cents higher than last year's rate but 12 cents less than the rate for 1976-77. It would be 67 cents below the 1975-76 rate.

District Superintendent Dr. Jack Peters said Monday that the establishment of a stable tax rate will allow for better planning for the school in the future.

He warned that if funding is not passed by the voters for next year's budget, "We'll be out of business by Thanksgiving."

## Smith upset at sick leave abuse

Jim Smith, business manager for the Sandy High School district, is concerned about the excess sick leave he says some teachers at the school have been taking over the past several months.

"I'll say it right out," Smith commented at the school board's June meeting Monday night. "I think we have some unethical professional people" who are allowing the situation to happen.

Smith said his grievance is

with the medical doctors who send letters stating their patients are unable to do their jobs.

Smith said there were a number of instances in which teachers were taking advantage of the sick leave policy at the taxpayers' expense.

"Somewhere down the line, something is going to have to be done about the policy," he said. "It costs the district a lot of money."

## Oral Hull Park donations sought

A fund is being set up to provide accommodations for blind persons wishing to visit Oral Hull Park just outside of Sandy.

A large number of out-of-town persons have requested accommodations prompting the fund, according to Marie Webb of the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind.

"Requests have been coming in from persons throughout the state and from Washington to come to the park," she said.

The fund, known as the Thompson Memorial Mobile

Home Fund, is being spearheaded by Berge and Vera Thompson of Woodburn. The Thompsons, who are both blind, made the initial donation of \$2,000.

Oral Hull Park is specially designed to appeal to senses other than sight. The park contains hiking paths, fishing ponds and gardens as well as the opportunity to socialize.

Contributions to the fund may be sent by check to the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, Inc., P.O. Box 157 Sandy, Ore., 97055.

## Berry Commission presents budget

Oregon Strawberry Commission members will present a proposed budget of \$65,000 for the fiscal year 1978-79 at a public hearing June 28. The hearing will be held at the Oregon Department of Agriculture Building, Salem, in conjunction with the commission's regular meeting.

A major part of the 1978-79 budget will be allocated for

continued research. The research this year will be planned to compliment the Pacific Northwest Regional Commission-funded feasibility study on mechanized harvesting of strawberries, the processing of these berries and their utilization.

The proposed budget was completed at a June 5 meeting at the North Willamette Experiment station.

## Raisins don't stand up to chocolate chips

by SHARON NESBIT

Last week Gladys was contemplating the raisin. Now, Gladys and I have been known to sip of the fruit of the grape. We have even sampled grapes in their native state. But the raisin, Gladys concluded, is a fraud.

"I think it's because they're such a terrible disappointment," Gladys theorized, recalling all the times she has expectantly bitten into what she believed to be a chocolate chip cookie only to learn that the cookie's interior was cluttered with raisins.

"The way I figure it," explains Gladys, "if you're going to put small, brown things in cookies, they should be chocolate chips."

Gladys and I were charter members of Chocoholics Anonymous (CA), an organization formed when chocolate chips became about as expensive as industrial diamonds.

Our CA counselor, Vera, preferred vanilla and spent hours extolling that non-flavor. Convinced that we must quit chocolate cold turkey, she wouldn't even allow us a cocoa substitute. Gladys and I took to secreting pint bottles of hot fudge sauce in our purses to spike our vanilla ice cream.

Vera threw a fit when she smelled Hershey on our breaths and discovered we were still on the sauce.

"I never did like vanilla people," Gladys sniffed. Vera was so mad she refused to attend Gladys' wedding. The cake was four layers, chocolate from top to bottom with chocolate filling, roses and trim and fat, little chocolate cherubs. And not a raisin in sight.

It made your face break out just looking at it.

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## Hints offered

Bobbi Wold, a staff member of East Hill Church in Gresham, will share "Happy Hubby Hints" at the Tuesday, June 13 meeting of the Sandy Kaffee Klatsch. The session will start at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments and coffee, Kaffee Klatsch starting at 7:45. Kaffee Klatsch is held at St. Michael's Hall next to Sandy Grade School.

Mrs. Wold has been a speaker for numerous women's retreats and has ministered with her husband of 26 years, Ken, at marriage enrichment seminars and retreats.

She is also a Touch of Beauty counselor and Bible study teacher and the mother of seven children. She is a graduate of Life Bible College.

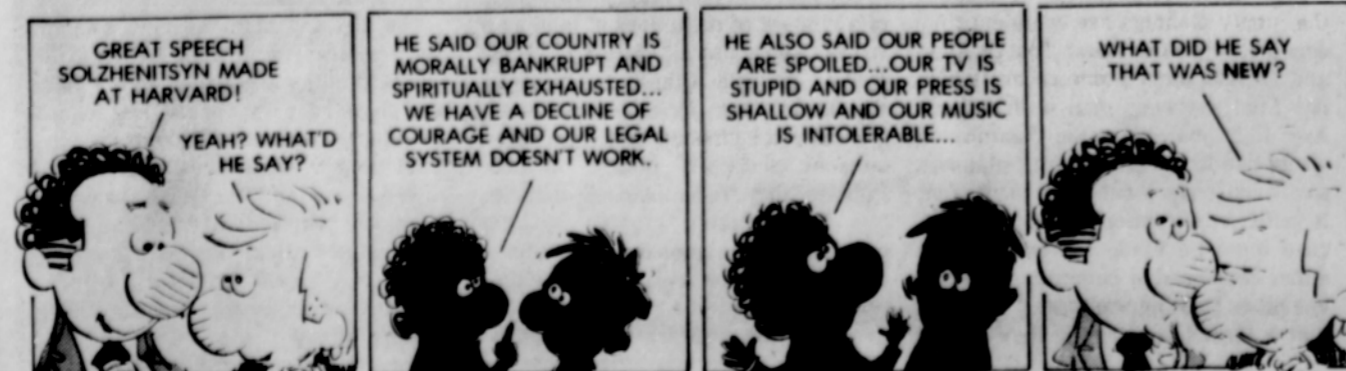
## SPD offers cards

The Sandy Police Department still has "Trail Blazer" trading cards with crime prevention tips available.

Youngsters can come in person to the police department located in the basement

of Sandy City Hall to pick up one or more cards.

Remember to leave a radio playing when you are gone. Turn the volume low, preferably to a talk show. This will create the impression of a conversation.



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