



It only hurts a little

Kaye Barton photo

A MOMENT'S apprehension troubles 4-year-old Jennifer Nicholes of Boring as she waits for the prick of the needle. But unless she receives the proper immunizations state of-

ficials will not allow her to enter school. Jennifer is a patient of Dr. Rorhberg. The story of the new "no-shots, no school" law is found on page 6, section 1.

City levy election Tuesday

Sandy voters will go to the polls again Tuesday to make known their feelings on a revised proposal for the city's tax rate for the 1978-79 fiscal year.

The new budget proposal calls for a reduction in the city rate levy for operating expenses from \$4.02 to \$3.92. Council sliced \$3,000 from the Recreation Department of the city last week for the decrease.

The revised tax amount will result in a \$6.40 overall rate for property owners. Included in the rate is \$2.13 for general obligation bonds plus 35 cents to cover the amount raised from the six percent tax base.

The proposal this time around is for a one-year request for the operating levy instead of the three-year rate request sought in the last election. Council had

asked to establish the \$4.02 rate for the present fiscal year plus the following

The \$3,000 reduction brings the total amount needed for operations of the

two years.

city to \$134,000. The total budget calls for just under \$2 million to operate the city.

Climbers die on Hood

Two climbers, missing since last Thursday, have been found dead on the northern slopes of Mt. Hood by search and rescue units.

The bodies of Stuard Picking and Dan Owen, both 20-year-old Hood River men, were spotted in a snowfield at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. The rescue team couldn't reach the men until almost 24 hours later because of the treacherous conditions of the mountain.

The climbers were found 1,000 feet

from the summit on the rugged north face. Both men were experienced climbers and members of the Alpines, a climbing club that, ironically, also does search and rescue work for the Hood River Sheriff's Department.

A wire service report said that one of the climbers was found in a crevasse, and the other was dangling from a rope. Bob Lynch of the Hood River Sheriff's Department indicated that the climbers were the apparent victims of a fall.

Sandy voters approve levy request for grade school

Voters in the Sandy Elementary School District gave their approval Tuesday to \$1.2 million in operating funds for the coming school year by a narrow margin of 37 votes.

The levy request was for an increase in the tax rate from \$9.72 to \$10.25 and was approved by a vote of 341-304.

Also gaining approval were levies for the Boring Fire District which gained overwhelming approval by 407-163, and the Cottrell School District by a margin of 77-56.

Voters elsewhere in the county also seemed to have dropped their stance on turning down levy proposals. Seven of the nine proposals in Clackamas were approved.

Estacada and Molalla school districts were the only two in the county not passed by their respective voters. The Estacada measure was defeated by over 100 votes while the Molalla levy failed by 24.

The vote for Sandy grade school was the first for the district. The levy was scheduled to go before the voters in the June 27 election but was omitted from the ballot due to a slipup in the elections office of the county.

The Cottrell levy election was the second for the district (not the third as was reported in The Post last week). The school board was seeking \$267,359 in operating expenses for the year, an increase of \$53,000 over last year's request.

The Boring Fire District's levy was passed by the largest margin of the county's elections. The voters approved

Election results

	YES	NO
Boring Fire District	407	163
Canby Grade School	847	639
Canby High School	888	727
Cottrell School District	77	56
Estacada School District	537	648
Gladstone School District	394	283
Molalla School District	205	229
Redland School District	385	155
Sandy Elementary School	341	304

a five-year serial levy to replace or improve equipment and provide fire-resistant clothing for firefighters.

Fire Chief Matt Shields offered a breakdown on how the \$25,000 per year levy will be allocated: a new mini fire rescue unit for the Eagle Creek substation will be purchased at a cost of \$30,000; a 1958 support tanker truck will be replaced with a used later model unit for \$35,000; and a 1970 support tanker-

pumper will be refitted with a higher powered diesel engine for \$22,000.

The levy will also provide a diesel-fueled emergency power generator for the Boring station and will replace low-pressure breathing apparatus with higher pressure units.

Other county elections that were approved were Canby Grade School, Gladstone School District, Canby High School, and Redland School District.

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Water, water, everywhere . . .

Alder Creek system triples city water supply

by JOHN KLINE

One year ago this week, Sandy City Council declared a state of emergency due to the dwindling water supply from Brownell Springs, the city's only water source. Yards were drying up and people were asked to bathe less often. Governor Bob Straub even suggested putting a brick in the toilet tank to cut down on the amount of water used in a flush.

So much for past problems. The City of Sandy now has more water on its hands than it can possibly sell to on-line customers in a month of hot August Sundays.

The \$2 million Alder Creek water system came on line earlier this summer and has more than tripled the city's available water flow from 400 gallons per minute (gpm), the capacity at Brownell Springs, to 1,350 gpm. The city is now pumping approximately 500-550 gpm.

Water from the two systems is enough to serve a population of 6,500 with a possibility of increasing the capacity in Phase II to accommodate a

population of 12,000.

Project engineer Jack Hills of M. G. Boawright and Associates of Salem said this week that a "few minor kinks" still have to be worked out on the system but that it is now fully operable.

Eighty percent of the city's water still comes from Brownell Springs, an underground water source which flows downhill into the city's distribution system. The other 20 percent is being pumped from Alder Creek over Cherryville Hill through 8½ miles of 16-inch line.

LOCAL AND FEDERAL FUNDS

The new system has not come cheaply. It was funded with a \$500,000 federal drought relief grant from the Farmer's Home Administration plus \$1.5 million in general obligation bonds approved by city voters.

The city's tax rate has jumped approximately \$1.75 this year for first year payoff on the water bonds.

The funds were used to construct a diversionary dam on Alder Creek, the filtration plant, a ¼-million gallon reservoir and pump station, plus 12-

and 16-inch lines serving customers outside the city limits.

(Outside customers pay double the city rate for water used).

The city secured rights to draw up to 1,800 gpm from Alder Creek for the new system. A 12-inch line takes the water from the diversionary dam approximately ½ mile to the treatment plant.

The water is chlorinated then filtered through two sand tanks at the plant located on property leased from Publishers Paper Co. south of Highway 26. From there, it is pumped to the ¼-million reservoir and pump station on Terra Fern Drive.

That reservoir will be used as a back flush holding tank to clean out the filtration plant. Space at the plant is available for a second filtration unit which would increase the water supply to 2,250 gpm.

Water is then pumped from the ¼-million gallon reservoir to the previously existing tanks — an old concrete 240,000 gallon and the newer 1 million gallon reservoirs — located off Vista Loop Drive east of town.

OTHER CUSTOMERS?

With all that water in storage and the population of the city not expected to reach 6,500 in the near future, the prospect of selling off a portion of it to new customers outside the city to help defray local costs of the project becomes a possibility.

However, under state law the city cannot solicit for new customers which would ordinarily be served by another local system. Such a request would have to be initiated by the person or business interested in tying into the alternate system and be approved by the Portland Metropolitan Boundary Review Commission.

Customers on the Alder Creek Water Co. lines, located across Highway 26 and down the hill from the new treatment plant, have indicated in the past that they would be interested in forming a water improvement district. (EPA tests conducted last month showed the water on the Alder Creek-Barlow system "grossly out of compliance" with federal standards.)

If the new district were formed, water could be drawn from the city's

new system at a connection outside the filtration plant, according to Hills.

"That possibility was not taken into consideration when the system was designed," Hills said. "But there would be no problem with the capacity."

"If the people down there wanted it, it would involve a tap on the line. The capacity is there to handle it," he said.

The city currently serves a number of connections south of Highway 26 east of town which are uphill from the Alder Creek Water Co. intake lines.

For now, the city has well over twice as much water as is needed to serve the demands on it. It appears City residents won't have to worry about stuffing a brick in their johns for quite a while.

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