

# Editorial and Opinion

## Jaycees deserve praise for political forums

The first candidates forum for Sandy voters was held Tuesday night at the new Haneberg Community Center and the approximately 50 who attended were presented with an excellent opportunity to help them make their decisions for the upcoming city elections.

The forum was smoothly run and the candidates offered a wide range of styles and ideas. The refreshments were delicious.

## Memorial Coliseum expansion still needed

We are glad to note that plans are progressing for addition of seats to Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

A proposed expansion of some 3,000 to 4,000 seats at a cost of about \$11.5 million has been pretty much lost lately in the trials and tribulations of the Trail Blazers. But the additional seats still are needed.

A preliminary architectural report indicates no plan has yet been adopted. An entirely new balcony is one alternative, addition

The Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees are to be commended for sponsoring the forum and last week's forum on ballot Measures 6 and 11. Such public service events can only bring about a better understanding of the complex issues which local government officials face. Let's hope the Jaycees continue the forums and that the community center is filled to capacity for ones in the future — for the good of the city. (JK)

of seats around the rim is another. Let taxpayers become worried, the project will be paid for by increased user fees. No taxes will be involved.

As a part of the study, architects also are seeking to improve exits — in the interest of both convenience and safety. Exiting from the coliseum sometimes can be a slow process.

Then there's always the parking lots! The possibilities for improvements there are endless.

## Salem Scene:

# Issues emotional, confusing

by JACK ZIMMERMAN

Pity the serious-minded citizen who enters the voting booth Tuesday, Nov. 7, and attempts to cast reasoned, unemotional votes on the 11 statewide measures on this year's ballot.

All 11 are either highly complicated or equally emotion-laden.

No. 1 would change the manner in which judges are elected. No. 2 would clarify the State Senate's power to reject appointments by the governor. No. 3 would increase motor vehicle registration fees. No. 4 would change formation and financing procedures for People's Utility Districts. No. 5 would permit dentists to fit dentures.

No. 6 would limit property taxes. No. 7 would prohibit state-paid abortions. No. 8 would restore the death penalty in some instances. No. 9 would prevent private electric utilities from including any of the costs of construction money (interest, etc.) for generating facilities in their rate bases before facilities are actually generating electricity. No. 10 would make selected changes in current land use law. And No. 11 also would limit property taxes but by a formula at variance with that fostered in No. 6.

This particular ballot gives voters the power to decide issues that have been perplexing our lawmakers for more than a century. How can anyone stay away from the polls?

Two issues involve the power over life and death. Three bear significantly on that other of life's certainties — taxation. False teeth are almost an inevitability in modern society and that issue could be made more emotional only by adding a statewide requirement for fluoridation.

Voters even are vested with the power to turn off the power. About all that's missing from the ballot is a question regarding the right to bear arms.

In these days just before the election, campaign fervor is at its peak. Claims and counter-claims bombard

the voter from radio, tv, newspapers and signboards. Statewide candidates for Governor and many candidates for the Legislature have taken sides. On most, if not all, there is no clear consensus.

Campaign organizations for and against most issues are grinding their axes by almost any means. In addition to the emotions involved, some issues are highly technical, difficult to fully comprehend and subject to opinions that can be settled only in courts of law.

One highly visible example of the voters' dilemma is exemplified by the battle over Measures 6 and 11. The former achieved ballot status by initiative petition and attracted a staggering 200,000 signatures. Because it appears incompatible with existing law, Gov. Bob Straub called a special session of the Legislature to prepare No. 11 as an alternative. One or the other must receive a simple majority to pass and many oddsmakers figure voting may be distributed in a manner that would preclude acceptance of either.

But even surpassing the clamor and confusion surrounding these property tax relief measures, is the furor being raised about Measure No. 10.

Here's an example. The campaign group seeking passage of this land use law constitutional amendment is called the Citizens Committee to Protect Our Land. The opposition calls its committee Citizens to Defend Your Land. Protection and defense are quite synonymous and one wonders if voters are supposed to choose sides on the basis of whose land is involved; yours or ours. And if that's the case, who's who?

Supporters of Measure No. 10 claim they seek to bring the land use planning process closer to the people. They want to make the Legislature assume the responsibility for enacting land use laws and remove that power from a seven-member appointed lay commission.

Opponents claim passage of No. 10 would obliterate current land use law and leave the state's natural attributes open to outright rape. Lawyers on both sides make claims and counter-claims. Opponents say the measure's right of referendum by the people on local land use legislation will deter development. Proponents point out that power currently exists and has not proved a deterrent. Opponents claim No. 10's passage will lead to legal entanglements. Proponents point to the legal morass in which current land use law is foundering.

Gov. Straub opposes No. 10 and is using opposition reasoning in his campaign for a second term. He forecasts the end of an era for Oregon if it passes and bears down hard on what he considers the impossibility of the Legislature to comply with one of its provisions. The provision requires lawmakers to adopt new or existing land use law in 60 days.

Straub doubts the Legislature can do an adequate job in that period of time. On the other hand, he warmly embraces No. 11, the alternative of No. 6 that Legislators hammered out in that short, five-day special session.

The Governor's opponent, State Sen. Victor Atiyeh, doesn't endorse Measure 10. But he deprecates what he calls the Chicken Little syndrome that predicts the sky's collapse if voters act in its favor.

Atiyeh calls on 20 years of experience in the Oregon Legislature as basis for his relatively impassive reaction to the outcome. And he calls on that same legislative experience in supporting Measure No. 11, while Straub favors No. 10.

Time alone will reveal the outcome involving both candidacies and measures. Political analysts doubtless will lay blame or favor for those results on one strategy or another.

But many voters — on both sides of each race and issue — likely will be as confused the day after election as they were the day before.

## Thanks

To the Editor:

The Sandy Jaycees wish to express their appreciation to the candidates for mayoral and city council positions who attended the 1978 Candidates Fair at the Melvin N. Haneberg Community Center Tuesday night.

Mayoral candidates included: Bruce Cook; Jim Duff; Dick Harrison; and Ruth Loundree. City Council candidates included: Don Blair; Art Izer; Verne Richards; Bill Sundin; Tim Ward; and Deane Wesselink. Nearly 50 persons were in attendance.

A big thanks is due the City of Sandy for granting the Jaycees use of the Community Center for this public event.

Buzz Ruch  
President, Sandy Jaycees

## Political truth

To the Editor:

We have laws to govern truth in labeling and advertising, we swear to tell the truth when we testify in court.

Why then do we allow the lies we see on the boob tube and hear on radio?

We are being told lies by dentists concerning Measure 5. That TV ad is an insult to voters' intelligence, but more than that, it lowers the dentists' credibility in the voters' eyes.

It is pitiful to see our ex-governor spouting lies put in his mouth by the power monopoly on Measure 4.

If Measure 2 passes, it could lead to favoritism. Section 4 says "may require" not "shall require". This makes it unstable and could lead to cronyism.

I am not going to vote to double car license fees, Measure 3.

"Town Hall" Oct. 22 proved how emotional No. 7 is. The issue is who pays, the taxpayer or the one involved. People should be required to take responsibility for their acts. "If you want to dance, you should be willing to pay the fiddler." This should apply to No. 7 and No. 8.

The past has proved the criminals' rights have been given preference over the rights of the victim.

On No. 9, the rate payer's have been paying for new installation of power plants, while company shareholders get richer.

On No. 3-13, we pay three commissioners \$98,208.00, who saddle ourselves with \$65,000 more.

Let's study our pamphlets. We voters are adult enough to understand without an interpreter.

Ann Lucas  
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## Gift shop

To the Editor:

Now I've heard it all! I can't believe that "big business" in the city of Sandy is afraid of a senior citizen gift shop that is open only two days a week!

Is it a law that once you become a senior citizen, you're supposed to shrink up and not be seen or heard from again? Do these business men and women realize that they are on their way to becoming senior citizens? What will they have to say when they get treated the same way someday?

These people must not have much confidence in themselves if they're afraid of the senior citizens running them out of business on a two day a week basis.

As far as competition is concerned, isn't that the name of the game?

Business men! you should be ashamed of yourselves? Mr. Halvorson, I'd like to sign your petition.

Sharon Boyer  
39150 SE Dubarko Road  
Sandy

## Scout trip

To the Editor:

I would like to say thanks to all those people who have helped me so far to raise the money I need for my trip to the World Boy Scout Jamboree in Iran in summer 1979.

# Letters to the editor

When I received my invitation to attend the Jamboree, the cost of \$2,000 seemed impossible to raise. Thanks to the following donors, I have that amount half paid. I'm glad I live in a community that will help youth with things like this.

Thanks again to Sandy Lions Club, Sandy Lions Auxiliary, Sandy VFW, Carlson Chevrolet, Frank Evasoski, Ernest Marshall, Terry Troxel, Stanley Hydraulic Tools of Milwaukie, B&L Furniture of Portland, my Grandpa Beasley and my parents. Mt. Hood Athletic in Sandy has offered to supply me with shoes when I leave and I thank them for that.

I am still working on getting the rest of the money I need, if anyone is interested in helping.

Gordon Brinser  
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Sandy  
Boy Scout Troop 176

## For Duff

To the Editor:

When you pause and think about it, Election Day, Nov. 7th, is perhaps more meaningful to the future of the city of Sandy than anytime in its recent history.

Major differences in philosophy are represented by the various candidates, but the most disturbing of their philosophies is the return to a strong-mayor vs the city manager-council form of government. The city of Sandy, being a small but rapidly growing community, can ill afford a non-professional manager.

Jim Duff is by far the most experienced candidate for the position of mayor. Jim is a strong supporter of the council-manager form of government and with a new city manager aboard, Jim's knowledge of past and current history on vital issues is critical. He is a strong and disciplined leader and would conduct the council's business in an effective and expeditious manner.

Jim Duff has no other vested interest in wanting to be mayor than to continue his service to his community. I am sorry I cannot include all other candidates in that assessment. Doesn't it make you wonder why some candidates are willing to spend so much money for a non-paying job?

Because of the obvious split on the council and its fractured philosophies, the city of Sandy is losing the services of three very dedicated men: Mayor Melvin Haneberg and Councilmen Olin Bignall and George Burg. These men must be replaced by equally sincere and dedicated persons whose only concern is the welfare of the community and not their personal ambitions. I for one deeply regret the loss from the political scene the aforementioned gentlemen.

The time has come for you, the citizens of Sandy, to make your choice for responsible leadership in our community. Think very carefully about the consequences of your vote. Don't be hasty in your decision, but when you make it, vote for experience, integrity, and leadership! Take a long stride forward and vote for Jim Duff for mayor! I am!

Paul F. Helton  
Citizen and taxpayer  
Sandy

## For gift shop

To the Editor:

I read with satisfaction a week or so ago that Sandy would have a Senior Store in the new Community Center.

As one who had a hand in organizing the seniors in Sandy, I was equally dissatisfied to read of the mercenary attitude of the Chamber of Commerce regarding possible competition from the shop to local merchants.

It seems to me that such an attitude can only breed resistance to trading locally for many persons. There should be room for both areas of business in Sandy.

I heartily agree with Mayor Haneberg's position as the human aspects of the



"THIS, I AM TOLD, DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN WE WILL BE MOVING THE WHOLE WORKS TO KRAKOW!"

senior shop. Most of these people make a small margin of profit, if any, on their projects. I think it's great for them to have an opportunity to do creative works.

Consignment sales outside such a center are too long in paying off, too selective in what will be accepted for sale and how much will be accepted. Seniors need a turnover so they may replace their materials involved in making the items.

I hope the chamber will reconsider and not attach such binding strings to what is done for seniors.

Joyce Marcy  
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## Upset

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter to the Sandy Chamber of Commerce.

We can't believe that some of you can be so petty as to want to close down the new Senior Center gift shop. You sound like a bunch of greedy, money-grabbing!!!!!!

Don't step on the senior citizen who must shop in Sandy because of a lack of transportation. They need to be able to make things and sell them to give them the money for other items.

May you not find yourselves in their place in a few years with another bunch of greedy merchants.

We are one ready to quit shopping in Sandy if that is the way of the merchants here.

Lois Anderson  
Gene Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Way  
Roberta Bishop  
Mary Lou Grieve  
William M. Grieve  
Sandy

## Why against shop

To the Editor:

How does a person, group, or political entity state an opposing view of an issue without being subjected to hasty judgment and wrathful vengeance by those opposed? I was shocked this week to hear various remarks expressed because Councilman Bruce Cook of the Recreation Commission voted against the operational manual of the Senior Center gift shop, and that councilman Warren Decker also opposed it.

I was again shocked by the misunderstanding evident after the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board voted to inform the city council of its opposition to the gift shop and a Saturday Market at Meinig Park (but not opposed to flea market sales at the Community Center).

People with hasty judgments cried, "Money hungry businessmen, they're interested only in their pocketbooks," or words to that effect.

Bruce Cook co-chaired the committee (with Senior Center Director Dick Halvorson) which was instrumental in planning and establishing the Community Center. Warren Decker and I also served on that committee. I was also on the committee to support the bond referendum which resulted in the present site

acquisition, again with full Chamber support.

Now all three of us are criticized. Businessmen on the Chamber (along with some non-merchants) have become unworthy of trading with in order to "get even."

We foresee possible problems:

1) Setting a precedent of special treatment for a particular group of people. There is a small shop now, but what about size and sales volume in the future?

2) What about an employed shop manager or bookkeeper? Who would be the employer? If it is the city, there would be payroll expenses including fringe benefits such as vacation, health and retirement.

3) Space would be tied up day and night in what is to be a multi-purpose facility.

4) The principal of unfair competition. Yes, unfair! Merchants in Sandy pay a yearly tax on inventories, furniture and fixtures, and operate with a fixed location overhead expense which must be paid even if sales are zero dollars. The Chamber and the Jaycees must pay a fixed annual rental for space at the Center.

5) Future business support of the Center. The business community still supports the Center. As a Chamber board member, I was first to sign a petition of support for the Senior Center after the gift shop referring to the gift shop was deleted.

6) Inclusion of the words "construct, purchase" items in the description of the purpose of the gift shop in the discussion paper prepared by Dick Halvorson is a wide-open door for other than do-it-yourself senior citizens consignment sales.

7) The effect on the Sandy Mountain Festival: A day to day (or weekly) exposure to local handicrafts could be detrimental to the novelty of the Festival.

I believe in the separation of Church and State. I also believe we have enough government controls and intervention of business with local government subsidization of competitive profit ventures.

Cook, Decker and myself do not have our personal operations jeopardized by the proposed gift shop but we are in support of those who are in a similar venture of competition under our free enterprise system.

Let's all be fair! Your Sandy business people have, and will continue to support the Center for the purpose for which it was intended. Let's not hear childish talk of "we will not trade with the local merchants if they do not let us have our way" on this or future issues.

Ned Dyal  
Chamber member since 1964  
Sandy

## For denturists

To the Editor:

On Nov. 7, voters will have one of those rare opportunities to allow Oregonians to purchase a better product for half the price without using tax dollars. I am speaking of Measure 5 which will allow the public to deal directly with the dental technician in

purchasing replacement type dentures. At the present time Oregon law only allows dentists to provide dentures for the public even though 95 percent of all dentures are made by dental laboratory technicians.

Although the Oregon Dental Association would like for us to believe differently, Measure 5 provides stricter controls on denture technology than are presently in effect. Several years of both experience and schooling will be required in addition to a rigid Board of Health examination (written and practical). Couple these requirements with the Advisory Council on Denture Technology which will oversee licensure and assure all standards are met.

Compare this to the present standards for dental students who make nine dentures at the University of Oregon Dental School during four years. When the graduate dentists take their state Dental Board examination to become licensed they are not given a practical test on dentures at all. A dental technician with six years experience will have done hundreds of dentures. He is certainly no "amateur" as the dentists' advertising campaign has misrepresented.

All of this convinces me that the public should be given the freedom to choose whether to pay a dentist \$500 to \$700 and more or a denturist \$250 to \$300 for a set of dentures.

I encourage everyone to look past the big money propaganda and vote yes on 5.

Joel M. Skousen  
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## Election history

To the Editor:

With an election coming up, I think readers might be interested in a bit of early Sandy history.

When Abraham Lincoln ran for the office of president of the U.S., the Oregon voters were almost a tie at a late hour. The votes from Sandy were the last to come in and were eagerly awaited since it might give a majority of votes to either candidate and swing Oregon's vote for the office.

Oregon's electoral vote was decided by the final returns from voters in the Sandy area. They were in favor of Abe Lincoln.

Fred Couter  
Wemme

## Commentary:

### Social change hits tennis

An AP dispatch from Richmond, Va., informs us that the social revolution marches on unchecked. A community association that annually sponsors a husband-wife tennis tournament has opened the competition as well to couples "who have established a substantial consensual relationship."

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