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Pratt to lead parade

Gerry Pratt, host of television's Town Hall program, will serve as grand marshal for Sandy's Mountain Days Parade on Thursday, July 5.

The 7:30 p.m. parade will start at Paul Koch Ford on Proctor Boulevard and make its way to Sandy Union High School on Bluff Road. Entries will include floats, bands and even a little humor in the form of Keystone Cops.

Pratt has gained popularity through hosting the Sunday afternoon discussion program on KATU-TV in Portland. He has also served as a business writer for The Oregonian and is currently president of Fred Meyer Savings and Loan Association.

Lynn Ellis, one of the organizers of the Sandy Mountain Days, said final details are falling into place for the July 2-8 activities.

One change in the original schedule is the cancellation of a bed race planned for the half hour before the parade. A spokesman for the Sandy Lion's Club, which was going to sponsor the event, said his group dropped plans to hold the invitational race because they were "stretched too thin." After the parade the Sandy Area Merchants will sponsor their annual Moonlight Sale.

Other activities during the week will include a Classic Car Show at Paul Koch Ford and a Corvette Show at Pete Carlson Chevrolet.

On Wednesday, July 4, Sandy will offer a variety of activities for those who don't want to stray too far from home for the holiday.

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a bring-your-own-food picnic at Meinig Memorial Park at 4 p.m. Games and prizes will be held for youngsters attending the community event.

At 2 p.m. on the Fourth, the Sandy Community Players will offer entertainment at the Sandy Theater. A multi-media slide presentation by Sandy photographer Sandi Poutala and a magic show will precede a 3 p.m. auction featuring more than 300 items. Proceeds from the auction will go to



Photo by Mark Floyd

Rock racing will again draw the undivided attention of some festival goers

purchase lights for the theater group.

As dusk comes, the Sandy Lion's Club will launch a colorful array of fireworks at "Pop" Rannow Stadium off Bluff Road.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 7-8, the sixth annual Sandy Mountain Festival will be held in the park behind Sandy City Hall. To accommodate the expected crowd, shuttle bus service will

be provided from several parking areas around the city.

Festival organizer Lynn Ellis said last year's festival drew an estimated 50,000 people. She's predicting an even

larger crowd for this year's event.

The Mountain Festival will feature arts and crafts from artisans from throughout the Northwest, as well as food booths from local organizations

and lots of music.

Both the Sandy Community Theater Players and the Birdcage Theater group will offer drama presentations in the park during the festival.

Ullman: 'Energy crunch is no imaginary issue'

The energy crisis and diesel shortage are not figments of the nation's imagination. That is the message Rep. Al Ullman of Oregon's 2nd Congressional District brought to Sandy Friday on a weekend trip through the state.

"There is a real and actual shortage and I'm worried if we don't get the problem solved soon, we're going to have a breakdown in deliveries and a crisis," Ullman told a breakfast meeting of the Sandy Chamber of Commerce.

The answer to the problem is further energy research and development. But there are no easy answers.

"All new sources of energy are costly, very costly," he said. Oil prices currently stand at approximately \$20

per barrel, Ullman said, but developing new sources would be the equivalent of adding energy at \$25 to \$30 per barrel.

It would be worth it, he said, "if it helps us get self-sufficient."

To finance new research, Congress recently passed a windfall profits tax proposed by President Jimmy Carter. That money, Ullman said, would be turned back into research "as quickly as possible."

The decontrol of oil prices which spurred the passage of the tax bill was aimed at finding a new supply of oil and reducing imports. It was designed to boost production from old United States oil fields and bring on a new round of exploration to add to current supplies.

Ullman called the price impact of decontrol, however, "very minimal."

Foreign oil producers, he said, "by and large, have us where they want us."

The only way to get out from under that shroud, Ullman said, is to offer tax incentives.

That method would be "to get private capital into those areas like geothermal research to get some sort of self-sufficiency, if we are to maintain some sort of stability in our national security," he said.

The Alaskan oil is not being utilized wisely, Ullman charged. One problem is shipping it all the way to Galveston, Tex., via the Panama Canal to be refined.

Another sore point in the United States' attempt to decrease reliance on Middle East countries was the handling of Mexico by Energy Secretary James

Schlesinger. Ullman was responding to remarks Schlesinger made about Mexican oil production.

"There's no question. He has to go. I assume that before the summer is out, that will happen," Ullman said. "Our dealing with Mexico has been indefensible, inexcusable. It's stupid for that kind of treatment of a neighboring nation. Mexico has to be part of the equation-for the energy solution."

Ullman said it was realistic to expect at least 10 to 15 years before the United States gets any appreciable results

from wind or solar energy research. Geothermal, he said, will be quicker.

Turning to other problems, Ullman said he is working and doing everything he can to get housing starts to an appropriate level. If starts get much lower, it "could be enough to throw us into a recession."

Ullman said the RARE II study recommendations had a "good basis in Oregon." He continued, "We need 3.5 million acres back into multi-purpose use to stabilize the timber economy."

The problem with youngsters picking berries, he said was a problem unique

to the Northwest. He backed the utilization of "youngsters and housewives" to pick the fruit. He called the insecticide rule "arbitrary and unfair."

A constitutional amendment to balance was termed "a grave mistake." But Ullman conceded that the United States needs to take steps to strengthen the economy.

He pledged to fight for an increase for federal funding for sewer projects. While Oregon has used its allotted money, some states are sitting on theirs without using it. "We're being short-changed," Ullman said.

SUHS voters face lower rate

The Sandy High School District is "holding the line" on expenditures and program development. To accomplish that, it will place a budget before district patrons next Tuesday that, if passed, will require a lower tax rate than last year.

To balance the budget, a \$1,700,923 levy must be passed. That will pass on to the taxpayer an estimated rate of \$6.27 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, compared with \$6.54 a year ago, according to Jack Peters, district superintendent.

"We are confident," he continued, "that increased state support will drop that under six dollars."

Virtually no new programs are included in the 1979-80 budget, according to Peters. "We're holding the line on both expenditures and program development until our long range planning committee has completed its work."

To arrive at the proposed \$3,161,219 total budget, over \$200,000 was cut from the original requests. Those cuts

included new positions and curriculum.

The total cut involved reducing five new proposed positions in the district, reducing the curriculum for construction classes and the salary of that teacher, reducing the new curriculum for a health cluster and eliminating one aide and a reader from the Communications Department.

Added to those reductions was a straight 10 percent across the board cut from purchases services, supplies and materials and capital outlay. New construction was eliminated on the science wing and remodeling of the art building. Proposed renovations on the school's track were also postponed, according to Ginny Brewster, vice-chairman of the school board.

Money earmarked for the construction of a new district administration office from a bond election four years ago was applied to remodeling the roof of the school which insurance companies had requested. Approximately \$80,000 that was left from the bond election for remodeling

and the remainder from the contingency funds will be applied to the new roof.

The district has not reached an agreement with the certified personnel of the district. Those negotiations have gone to fact finding. At a meeting last week, 72 points of negotiation were considered.

Brewster pointed out that salaries range from \$11,020 for a teacher with no experience to \$19,329 for a teacher at the high end of the scale, but said that final figures could not be published with the budget until those negotiations are completed. A reasonable estimate of salary and fringe benefits was included in the budget, Peters said in his Budget Message.

"The budget document represents a diversified set of needs," he said, "particularly those of the district's property owners, parents of the district's 1,468 students, certified and classified personnel, the community as a whole, and our main consideration, the students."

County O&C suit still in limbo

OREGON CITY — To pursue or not to pursue. That is still the question, even though action was taken by the Clackamas County commissioners Thursday.

The commissioners voted 2-1 last week to drop a six-year court struggle to obtain the county's share of timber receipts. However, Commissioner Ralph Groener, who was the swing vote in Thursday's action, said Monday it is still possible he will vote to continue with the \$300 million suit.

"Either way I don't feel comfortable with this suit," Groener said. "But if it personally means that much to Stan (Commissioner Skoko) then I could probably go along with it."

"I think Ralph Groener has just taken the living breath out of the lungs of Clackamas County," said Skoko after Thursday's decision. Skoko has been a longtime supporter of the suit.

Both commissioners Schumacher and Groener said they feared Congress might rewrite the federal act which allocates nearly \$5 million in Oregon and California timber receipts to the county annually, if they continue with suit.

In announcing his decision Thursday,

Groener said he had a "feeling of ambivalence" about the suit. "My judgement is that it's a mistake, not in the intent or righteousness of the case but in assuming if we go up to the Supreme Court level, Congress won't decide to do something about that fund."

"I don't think you can win on this in

the long run."

The suit alleges the federal government improperly appropriated O & C timber funds, saying the current allocation formula is inaccurate. The federal act gives the counties 75 percent of timber receipts, but the counties have not been receiving that amount, according to the attorney representing the county, Donald Walker.

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