

The Sandy Post

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# Editorial & Opinion

## Tuesday levy offers rare bargain in education

Good education doesn't come cheap. But it doesn't have to be exceedingly costly, either, as a Sandy Union High School budget levy trimmed to \$1.7 million by staff and school board indicates.

The high school cut some \$200,000 and postponed a planned science addition, administrative offices and badly needed track renovation to submit a lean budget to voters Tuesday, June 26.

There are no new programs nor construction projects in this budget. In fact, the school has cut some proposed staff positions, salary increases and new programs in order to pass voters' approval.

Gone are plans for a new construction curriculum, new health cluster curriculum and five planned staff positions. These positions included an aide and a reader in the communications department and an instructor for the proposed construction program.

The cuts run deep. The school board and staff agreed to a 10 percent cut in travel expenses and

shuffling of funds approved four years ago from administrative office construction to a badly needed \$80,000 re-roofing of the school. Sandy athletes and their visitors also must wait for resurfacing of the high school track with its drainage problems and obvious holes in the path of runners. Science classes will not appreciate plans for additions in the coming year, either.

Quality education doesn't come cheap, and high school officials who skillfully trimmed the cost of running SUHS in the coming year should be commended for their dogged determination to deliver adequate programs with sacrifice. Sad that the sacrifices were necessary to pass voter approval. After all, the local \$1.7 million levy represents the smallest part of the total \$3.1 budget resources that pay the bills on Bluff Road.

Let's hope now that local citizens can match their spirit by approving this austere high school levy Tuesday, June 26. Quality education may never again see such bargain prices. (VB)

## Residents offered a chance to help map future

Sandy residents get a choice opportunity next week to participate in long-range community planning, as discussions concerning the city's comprehensive plan go into the final stage.

The city must update its comprehensive plan to comply with new state requirements and to respond to recent development trends. The new plan has been slow in coming, largely due to lack of citizen involvement.

This lack of involvement is sad, since the new master plan will control elements of all our lives in years to come and should be the overriding rule in future planning here. In the past, would-be developers have attempted to shape Sandy's future in spite of the comprehensive plan and been all too successful. This post-planning syndrome belongs to the county, as much as the city.

The time to get involved with planning is now. The city staff will provide ample opportunity for public input next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in workshops to mold the final comprehensive plan document. There is special consideration in time allotment for special interest groups to be heard.

The June 26 workshops consist of discussions of social services at

1:30 p.m. in council chambers, followed by general public discussion at 3:30 and presentations by a local committee for citizen involvement and county planning organizations at 7:30 p.m.

A June 27 workshop at 10 a.m. features presentation by city staff and state, regional and county planning agencies and utility companies. This will be followed by presentations by realtors and developers at 1:30 p.m. and discussions by the planning commission, city council and city staff at 7:30 p.m.

There will be two workshops June 28 in council chambers in the basement of city hall on Pioneer Boulevard. One at 1:30 p.m. features presentations by business and civic groups and the city's parking committee. The last at 7:30 p.m. gives opportunity for discussion by the general public.

The workshops, conducted by the city staff and STRAMM planning consultants of Portland, are purposely designed for small groups of 10 to 25 persons to participate in group interaction during presentations.

Maximum participation is essential for Sandy's future development. Truly this is the time for all sides to be heard in meaningful discussion. (VB)

## Legislator's report:

### Welfare roll-up is urged

by KEN JERNSTEDT  
State Senator, Dist. 28

Citizens who have urged a tightening in welfare programs will be pleased by the actions of the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee. It has reduced the proposed state welfare budget by some \$9 million, and welfare rolls will be reduced by some 5,000 people on July 1.

Not only will the welfare caseload be reduced, but administrative expenses in the public welfare division also will be cut.

New emphasis will be placed on demanding that those who are capable of work are channeled into employment. Henceforth, welfare benefits will be determined on the basis of need, rather than greed.

To help with this new thrust, the Senate already has approved legislation to require that stepfathers who have the capability will be responsible for the needs of their stepchildren. This will remove several thousand



Sen. Ken Jerstedt

people from Oregon's welfare rolls.

Taken together, these actions constitute the most far ranging welfare reform that we have seen in Salem during my 13 years as a legislator.

They are steps in the right direction—and they provide hope that we will yet be able to get control over programs which have been run too loosely in years past.

The total number of bills introduced in the Legislature is 2,397 (1,096 in the Senate, 1,299 in the House), compared to 2,796 in 1977. This means 399 fewer bills to deal with than two years ago.

The most recent statistics available show that the Senate has passed 403 of its own bills, 70 fewer than at the same time in 1977. Of that number, 199 have been passed by the House and 114 signed into law by the governor.

The House has passed 389 of its own bills, 87 fewer than at the same time in 1977. Of these, 169 have been passed by the Senate and 83 signed by the governor.

All but one day last week we had both morning and afternoon sessions. We also, for the first time, met on Saturday. The pace is definitely picking up!

I have felt for some time now that the session will end at the end of this month, and I see no reason to change my mind now.

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## Letters to the editor

### Readers cite community appreciation

#### Show benefits

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Sandy Ridge Riders who held the benefit show for us recently. We weren't able to attend the ride, but are very proud of the beautiful trophy which was presented to us along with the check.

Our special heartfelt thanks to Mary McDonald who organized everything and worked so hard.

Art and Carol Colson  
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#### Meeting orderly

To the Editor:

Jim Bollerman, chairman of the Bull Run School Board, deserves some public recognition for the excellent job he did recently in maintaining order and control at this month's board meeting. With a very large public attendance and some highly controversial matters to be discussed, Jim was able to keep the meeting running smoothly, see that everyone had his say and prevent personal controversies from clouding the true issues being discussed.

Thanks, Jim, you are a credit to this community.

Peggie Hodge  
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#### Vote schools

Dear voters:

On behalf of the teachers of Sandy Union High School, I would like to take this time to urge you to vote for the Sandy Union High School levy Tuesday, June 26. The levy includes no new programs and no new construction. The levy does allow for the continuance of ongoing programs, even though the amount of the assessment is less than last year. By voting for the levy at this time you allow the staff at the high school to plan and prepare for a good year. Please take time to vote for your high school.

Sincerely,  
Roger Ford  
President

Sandy Education Association

#### Sandy responds

To the Editor:

In behalf of all the volunteers who help operate Sandy Community Action Center I would like to offer warm thanks to those who bring us usable clothing, shoes, household effects, furniture and other items. We recycle those items to people who need them.

We now have from 650 to 700 clients visiting the Center each month for help of some sort. Most come for the items just mentioned and others

come for help in solving some such emergency as a need for food, for information about applying for food stamps, for help on a health problem or perhaps a few gallons of gasoline to get to a county office or to a job.

We have a problem with some items brought to our front porch in the evenings or on weekends. Electric dishwashers, for example, are not of use to people who need to keep their energy costs at a minimum.

Barbecue sets for outdoor cooking are another luxury item of no use to our clients. TV sets that do not work are a drag on our operations as are collections of bottles or jars. Items of furniture or other household equipment requiring tools and mechanical skills to repair are not for us.

We have to take most of such items to the county salvage dump and pay \$14 or \$15 per pickup load to dispose of them. We ask all

friends of the Center not to bring us items of the types just described.

W. Pete Sulzbach, Ch.

#### LETTERS POLICY

Letters to the editor must be signed, typed with double spacing, within 200 words in length and in good taste. The Post reserves the right to edit letter within standard guidelines. We attempt to publish all letters we receive.

## Stranglehold on coal must end

If the U.S. is to deal effectively with its energy dilemma, a vital task is to develop coal to its full potential as an alternative to petroleum and nuclear power. It is becoming increasingly clear that to achieve that objective, it is essential that the oil industry be prevented from taking control of coal companies and be required to relinquish control already obtained.

The International Energy Agency, a group of 20 major industrialized nations with heavy dependence on imported oil, called for "greatly increased coal use" at a recent meeting in Paris and called on the U.S. and other countries with large coal reserves to accelerate

production and improve railroad and port facilities.

On the same day representatives of the U.S. and the 19 other IEA nations were adopting commendable resolutions on the need for more coal, testimony before a congressional committee in Washington was underscoring formidable obstacles to substantially increasing domestic coal production.

Oil companies, reaping enormous profits from soaring prices of petroleum products, are major owners of coal companies and, much of the persuasion suggested, are not likely to develop coal to the extent that it would significantly diminish oil demand, prices and profits.

S. David Freeman, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the nation's largest coal buyer, told the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee that six of the 15 largest U.S. coal companies are owned entirely or principally by oil firms.

In illustrating what happens when oil companies acquire coal companies, he told of a case in which the price of coal was more than tripled by a TVA supplier when an oil firm took charge. By limiting production and raising the price of coal, oil companies can discourage use of coal while increasing demand for oil and protecting its price.

—The Philadelphia Inquirer

## Washington Report

### Hatfield emerging as a Senate force

WASHINGTON—When major legislation comes to a vote in the Senate, one may observe an interesting social-political phenomenon.

Watching informal communication among senators on the floor no doubt would enthral a sociologist or a psychologist. As senators pass through one of the swinging doors made of wood, glass and bronze, they begin to browse like animals, casually seeking out colleagues for an important word.

NORTHWEST COLUMNIST

STEVE FORRESTER



When the chamber was crowded last week for the vote on final passage of the military authorization bill, Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., crossed to the Democratic side of the aisle to seek out Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., for a few words. Stennis is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Nunn is chairman of the committee's Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel.

After pressing the flesh briefly with the two southern pillars of the military establishment, Hatfield cast his vote against their bill. Only two other senators joined him.

It would be a mistake to underestimate how essential this kind of constant cultivation and

signaling is to the Senate's doing business.

One of the interesting distinctions between Hatfield and Oregon's junior senator, Bob Packwood, is that Hatfield seems to make the most of these occasions, while Packwood generally enters the chamber, votes and leaves.

While Packwood's position as the elected chairman of the Republican Conference is much ballyhooed by his press agents as proof of his senatorial eminence, Hatfield, in fact, seems to be emerging as a Republican of some influence.

During the recent important Senate vote on giving the president standby authority to ration gasoline, Packwood was in New York City while Hatfield rounded up 10 Republican votes for a grateful Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., to help convert a losing cause into victory.

Hatfield's effectiveness is due in part to his greater seniority and partly to his success at cultivating the dons of the Senate, such as Stennis and Washington state's dynamic duo—Warren Magnuson and Henry Jackson, chairmen of the appropriations and energy committees respectively.

But Hatfield also benefits from having a well-identified and highly articulated point of view, which he is increasingly not shy about expressing.

Already this year, Hatfield has signed on with Ted Kennedy as co-sponsor of a bill that would put a moratorium on construction of nuclear reactors until the Congress is satisfied of nuclear power's safety; he has spoken out against the SALT agreement as being an inducement, rather than an impediment, to the arms race; he has

delivered a strong Senate speech threatening to filibuster if Sam Nunn tried to sneak a selective service registration bill through the Senate, and he has delivered a strong rebuke to President Carter on development of the MX missile.

Hatfield succeeded in getting consideration of the selective service registration bill put off until after the July recess, thus giving its foes time to organize.

In reply to Hatfield's criticism of the MX missile, Carter sent the senator a two-page handwritten reply—a very rare commodity and an expression of respect.

In Hatfield's long public career, the most interesting times seem about to begin.

As governor of Oregon for eight years, he was exceptionally cautious. History undoubtedly will have a lot more to say about Govs. Tom McCall, Charles Sprague and maybe even Bob Straub. Only when Hatfield came East, say his longtime observers, did he find kindred spirits and permit his liberalism to emerge.

Of course, the senator's recent muscle-flexing stands out all the more because the Senate is so without leadership, intelligence and character these days.

Finally, consider what would happen if the Republicans claim a Senate majority in 1980, which many analysts say is not a pipe dream. Hatfield would become chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a position of immense power. He is now the second-ranking Republican on the committee, and his senior colleague, Sen. Milton Young, R-N.D., will retire in 1980. At the age of 58, Hatfield would become the fifth most senior Republican senator.