

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

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Congratulations to Health Fair organizers!

Sandy's big Health Fair last weekend was a huge community success by all measures of crowd, general interest and smooth operation. But even if just one life was saved or lengthened by the cooperative venture of medical professionals, paraprofessionals and civic groups, then the day-long event was worthwhile.

Credit goes to community-minded young doctors Robert Lee and Clare Koznek who recently came to town to practice family doctoring. They were ably assisted in their "free clinic" effort last Saturday by local doctors Mathew Sah, Charles Carlstrom, Paul

Guilleux, Robert Schouten, Timothy Ward and Albert Lamke.

Also contributing were Sandy firefighters, Gresham Community Hospital, Emmanuel Life Flight, Clackamas County Mental Health, Sandy Kiwanis, Sandy Senior Center, American Cancer Society, Oregon Heart Association, Physicians Medical Laboratories, Mount Hood Medical Services, Blue Cross, Ohio Medical Products and Alpine Ambulance.

Their social concern is refreshing and shows how strong this community can be when it pulls together for the betterment of all. (VB)

Post makes changes to improve readability

Few readers consciously noticed it, perhaps, but the entire face of The Post last week looked different from the first word to the last. The "big change" was an increase in type size by 12.5 percent, an improvement designed to make this newspaper easier to read.

Let anyone think we're wasting precious newsprint or giving our readers less words per page, we add that our new, larger type compresses to approximately the same width on the printed line — only it's a little taller.

Soon, too, The Post will improve its weekly television directory by making our complete listings for

Sandy and Mt. Hood easier to read.

The information, however, will remain much the same with coverage for a full seven days and companion feature stories in the back of our sports section. Our aim is to make it easier for our readers to find what they are looking for, within those jam-packed three pages.

We're constantly working at The Post to make Sandy's community newspaper as readable and useful as possible for our readers. If you have any comments or suggestions along these lines, we're eager to listen. (VB)

Timbers, Kennel Club singled out by Tri-Met

We think the Multnomah Kennel Club, the Portland Timbers, etc., are being unfairly singled out by Tri-Met in a discussion of operating losses.

Tri-Met said last week it was dipping into red ink for some special services provided MKC, the Timbers, Portland Meadows, etc.

Special runs to the kennel club, for instance, were said to have operated at a \$9,500 deficit. Portland Meadows runs were \$4,400 in the red, and the Timber special lost \$6,969, although the soccer club made up half of that deficit.

However, this strikes us as a bum

rap. Tri-Met loses a lot of money on a lot of things.

Then there's Tri-Met's payroll tax. The kennel club, for instance, pays more than \$8,000 a year in payroll taxes. Doesn't MKC deserve something for the taxes it pays? Moreover, the kennel club recently was forced to repave some of its parking area to accommodate heavy Tri-Met buses plus giving up a considerable amount of parking space for Tri-Met. It seems to us that Tri-Met should take these things into consideration.

We're not suggesting any special privileges, just that these people be treated like everyone else.

The Innocent Bystander:

Mad rabbit stalks Carter

I, for one, had no intention whatsoever of commenting on the president of the United States being attacked by a killer rabbit. Unfortunately, however, my colleagues in the political punditry business have so misinterpreted the affair that duty requires my setting the record straight.

The question, of course, is why White House aides leaked the now-famous story of Mr. Carter beating off the blood-crazed rabbit with a canoe paddle while fishing on a Georgia pond last April.

The mistaken consensus among Washington analysts, I fear, is that this was but another desperate attempt to dispel the presidential image of wishy-washiness.

One columnist noted that only a week before the incident, a famous senator had remarked at a dinner party, "The president couldn't lick a rabbit with a canoe paddle."

(The senator later claimed he meant if the rabbit, not the president, were armed with the paddle.) In any event, the columnist contended the president was so elated at showing the senator up that he boldly went on to bigger targets and boasted he also could whip the senator's donkey.

Even more mind-boggling was the act of a White House aide who pointedly confided to a reporter that the affair

took place during the president's "Easter vacation." And while the



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public never will swallow the story this remark implies, one must admire the effort. For surely a man who would beat the hell out of the Easter bunny with a canoe paddle can't be all bad.

More to the point is the fact the president, ever since his inauguration, has been under constant attack from small animals. First it was mice in the Oval Office, then it was rats.

In this regard, you will notice the president far prefers shaking hands from the back seat or hood of the presidential armor-plated limousine rather than to descend into the streets where he is vulnerable to rats.

On several occasions, he has been threatened in the rose garden by growling squirrels with bared fangs and twitching tails and only last October, while jogging on the south lawn, he barely managed to outdistance a

rogue chipmunk.

It is no wonder, then, that he never ventures out these days with fewer than six heavily armed Secret Service bodyguards. And their statement that the killer rabbit managed to swim through their network of surveillance solely because it was not on their list of those dangerous to the president is a feeble excuse at best.

Understandably, as Associated Press reports, Mr. Carter has developed "a keen revulsion for rodents." This gives credence to the report that when Secretary of State Vance burst in on him during the late crisis in Yemen with the warning that "We're in grave danger, sir," the president leaped atop a stool and cried, "Where? Where?"

It is reports such as these, needless to say, that have led my colleagues to believe the story of the president defeating a rabbit single-handedly was designed to give him a new image as an unbeatable fighter. Not so. It was designed to give him a new image as a fun person.

What they have conveniently forgotten is that hunting rabbits from a boat with a canoe paddle is one of the most popular sports among fun-loving Southerners. And if anyone has a better explanation, let's hear it.



Letters to the editor:

Schools, Lone Ranger prompt letters

Attacks writer

Dear Editor:

The article published in the feature section of the September 6, 1979 Sandy Post on "Emergency Room," was irresponsible journalism at its worst.

I was shocked at the apparent disregard for the basic human right of privacy, degrading comments concerning a woman with mental health problems, publishing coffee break "gossip," and derogatorily depicting nursing home care, to name but a few of the offensive sequences reported.

I also have written a letter to the Sunnyside Hospital administrator.

If the focus of the article was meant to educate the public on proper use of the emergency department, it certainly fell short of that objective.

As a registered nurse, an instructor for emergency practitioners, a part-time nursing home nurse, and—above all—a consumer of health care, I am offended

with this type of health care portrayal.

The journalist that prepared the article must not have been proud of his work either as the publication was devoid of any credit for the writer or photographer.

I sincerely hope I will never read this type of journalism in the Sandy Post again.

Sincerely,
Lorraine M. Domine R.N.
BSN

(EDIT. NOTE: It's likely you WILL read this type of journalism in The Post again, because we believe the public has a right to know the whole behind-the-scenes story. Written permission was secured for all pictures, and names were changed throughout the story. We'll leave public relations work to someone else. If that offends you, we are sincerely sorry.)

'Vote schools'

To the Editor:

Voters in the Welches School District will be asked on Sept. 18 to approve a \$1,887,113 building bond.

After several past defeats, the Welches board believes their reduced plan is a sound acceptable addition to the present facilities. Tuesday's proposal will offer a 12 classroom, K-4 addition with support and auxiliary rooms consisting of special education, music, library, staff prep, office and custodial space, serving kitchen and multi-purpose area, plus an outside covered play area. While adding the covered play area, the board has eliminated the gym and made reductions totaling \$828,513.

At present, there is a real need for seven additional rooms to house kindergarten, two first grades, two second grades, music and special education. The board projects approximately half of the facilities on line August 1980, with the balance ready for classes in July-August 1981. Also noting that the present facility was opened in 1969 with three unoccupied rooms, the board believes it should build large enough to accommodate anticipated

growth for the next several years.

Projecting the cost of approximately \$1.46 per thousand, the board recognizes that attendant costs in the form of maintenance and operation will cost approximately 70 cents per \$1,000 at today's prices, using a district evaluation of \$117 million. However, the dollars per thousand should reduce as present building projects in the Welches and Lola Pass areas are added to the tax rolls, and it is hoped we will be able to operate within our present tax base.

Additionally, the board believes that besides providing planned, basic facilities for Welches students, the expanded facilities will also be better able to serve the community.

Alan M. Jensen, Chairman
Board of Directors
Welches School Dist. No. 13

Lone Ranger rides

Dear Sir:

A man who has portrayed a character for 30 years should be entitled to remain that

character until he personally chooses to step down. Mr. Clayton Moore is probably one of the few remaining heroes who is still alive and walking around. The Lone Ranger is more than just an old TV show; he's a figure who stands for law and order, for what is moral and for what is honest. People need heroes.

Any movie company that thinks it can, at the drop of a film, produce another Lone Ranger who is younger and sits a horse better is out of its mind. Everyone who grew up waiting for the William Tell overture to blast out of their TV speaker knew that Clayton Moore was about to gallop up the mountain on a most powerful and magnificent stallion. There was one other man who portrayed the Lone Ranger for a few shows, but no one held that against him, because we all knew who the real Lone Ranger was. But now, 30 years later, to create still another is ridiculous.

It seems like the Wrather Corp. could see that they will be cutting their own throats if they go ahead with this suit and then produce the movie. The fans of the Lone Ranger, and there are two or three generations of them now thanks to reruns, won't have anything to do with a movie starring an impostor. If they could back out of the suit and allow Mr. Moore to remain portraying the character of the Lone Ranger, all the fans would be happy and the Wrather Corp. would have great advertisement for their movie.

I, for one, hope that Mr. Clayton Moore keeps fighting the Wrather Corp. for what should rightfully be his, even if it means taking this to trial. I sure wouldn't want to be a juror who would convict the Lone Ranger of being a criminal, just because he wears a white hat and a mask!

A sad fan,
Margaret Schmale

Wrong date

To the Editor:

In my letter, "Bull Run Story," in the Sept. 6 Sandy Post, I wrongly stated the date of a quote from Judge Burns' "Opinion" as being 1975. It was 1978.

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