



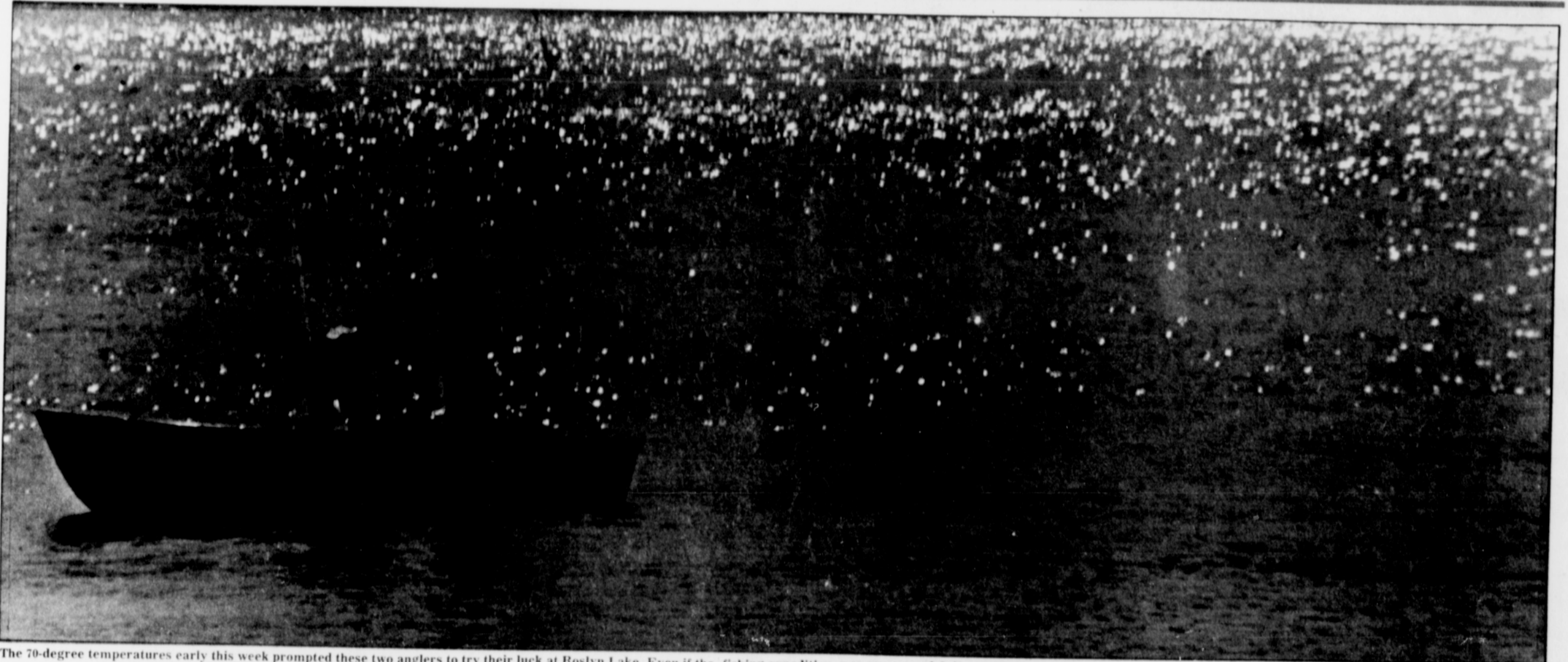
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The 70-degree temperatures early this week prompted these two anglers to try their luck at Roslyn Lake. Even if the fishing expedition was unsuccessful, it provided an opportunity to welcome the sun back.

Photo by Mark Floyd

SUHS wrestles with state cutbacks, budget problems

The Sandy Union High School Board will meet Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. to consider resubmission of its 'A' and 'B' ballots which were defeated in the March 31 special election.

Coupled with that decision is news received by Superintendent Jack Peters that the district's state Basic School Support could be cut by as much as \$238,000 which the school budget committee already committed to the 1981-82 budget.

That difference would be made up in the district's 'B' ballot, which was \$96,500 in the March election and covered a school bus, a new counselor and renovations for the art room and library.

The school board voted April 9 to increase that ballot to \$334,500 to

make up for the projected shortfall.

The 'A' ballot, which was defeated by just 99 votes, originally asked for \$2.1 million in operating expenses.

Under state law, any spending in excess of the tax base must be subject to voter approval. The 'A' ballot is eligible for state homeowner property tax relief. Spending under the 'B' ballot would not be eligible.

However, school districts and cities have wrestled with the problem of keeping up with inflation, while enhancing their service level, because the 'A' ballot amount is limited. The 'B' ballot, while it was intended for new services only, has been turned to as a means of keeping up with inflation and, in the case of SUHS, staying ahead of the state Legislature's budget axe.

Grade school drops kindergarten plan

by DAN DILLON

Responding to public criticism, the Sandy Elementary School Board Monday night voted to drop the proposed kindergarten program from the 'B' ballot it will submit to district voters May 19.

That move cut the ballot proposal from \$357,704 to approximately \$197,000 and expressed the district's desire to continue existing services.

The original 'B' ballot was defeated, 768-650, at the March 31 election.

The board then voted 3-2 at its April 2 meeting to resubmit the ballot intact. It was the closeness of the board's vote, however, which prompted its second consideration of the 'B' ballot proposal.

"We have to do what is in the best in-

terest of the community," said Board Chairman Don Brader.

Superintendent Clark Lund agreed, "There has been a lot of discussion among the ranks of the district that we, as a board and administration, have heard pro and con to resubmit that ballot as it was."

Testimony Monday night indicated that district residents appear willing to accept the existing services that appeared on the 'B' ballot, but are not ready to add new programs.

District resident Harold Hayward told the board he thought the decision to resubmit the 'B' ballot was "basically an unwise decision" that could endanger other programs on the ballot. He added that he and other freeholders on the district's Budget Committee that

he had spoken with were "against this course of action."

Walt Scott, a teacher at Cedar Ridge School, told the board that resubmitting the unaltered ballot "rubs people the wrong way" and it was "endangering existing programs by trying to get this new program (kindergarten) in." He estimated that approximately 700 students participate in the existing programs forced to the 'B' ballot by tight money from the state.

That tight money situation, which got even tighter when word came that a possible 10 percent Basic School Support cut could be in the offing, got a shot in the arm this week.

Lund told the board that passage of the Clackamas County Educational

Service District's levy March 31 means the Sandy district will receive approximately \$80,000 it was told not to budget for. That cushion is designed for the special education needs of the district.

The state Basic School Support cut-back would mean a loss of up to \$177,000, however.

With the resubmission of the altered version of the 'B' ballot, voters will now decide on the continuation of the Talented and Gifted program, school athletic and activities programs, Outdoor School and support for the Sandy Community School.

Also on the 'B' ballot will be counseling for grades 1-6, school buses and a grounds maintenance tractor, and exterior painting for the Aquatic Center.

Local residents paid in wage recovery

A settlement involving more than a quarter-million dollars — the largest single wage claim recovery in the state's history — was announced last week by Mary Wendy Roberts, Labor and Industries commissioner.

The two-stage settlement involved wage claims filed by 99 former employees of ICN Pharmaceuticals, including four area residents.

The employees filed their wage claims with the Bureau of Labor and Industries after the California-based firm closed its Portland operation in December 1979 without paying the 99 employees their vacation, bonus and severance pay. Commissioner Roberts filed suit against the corporation in April 1980.

The amounts received by the 99 employees ranged from \$250 to \$11,800. The recently-concluded second phase

of the settlement included the payment of interest, attorneys' fees to the state and approximately \$66,000 penalties for late payment. That was in addition to vacation, bonus and severance pay.

Sandy resident Marian Craig collected \$2141 in wages and penalties. Boring residents and their awards were Gladys Flishram, \$1,977; Patricia Haley, \$1,031, and Merwyn Rembold, \$1,904.

ICN Medical Laboratories was the world's largest medical laboratory. The company performed 400 different kinds of medical tests for as many as 10,000 customers all over the world.

In December 1979 the company sold its customer list to a company called Metpath and sent 90-day layoff notices to 85-90 percent of the 135 employees that were on the payroll.

In those notices, the employees were

told they could resign immediately and receive their accrued vacation pay, in which case there would be no severance pay, or they could let the 90-day layoff period run its course and then receive "consideration" for severance pay if they had not been hired back.

Several employees contacted the state Bureau because they were concerned about collecting the money owed them.

After the company refused to pay the amount the Bureau of Labor and Industries found due in wage claims, Commissioner Roberts filed suit against the corporation April 30, 1980, on behalf of 51 employees demanding not only the vacation, severance and bonus pay owed, but also interest and statutory penalties for late payment.

Several additional claims came during the weeks that followed and on May

30, 1980, the lawsuit was expanded to include 99 former employees of the company.

In September 1980, the company submitted a settlement offer to the bureau in which it said it would pay the amount of vacation, severance and bonus pay, but not the interest and penalty money. Thirty of the 99 employees accepted that settlement, totalling \$53,000.

On Feb. 17, one day before the trial was to begin, the company offered to settle for the full amount of vacation, severance and bonus entitlements claimed plus one-half the amount of the penalty the Bureau was seeking in the lawsuit.

The settlement offer also included payment of \$11,400 to the Bureau as partial reimbursements for legal costs. That offer was accepted.



Staff photo

Youngsters will flock to Meinig Park in Sandy and the Boring Grade School Saturday morning at 10 a.m. for a pair of Easter Egg Hunts. The Sandy hunt is open to children through 12 years old, with age groups to help the younger searchers. The Boring hunt is for children to age 9. Both hunts will be held rain or shine.

City warns developers: clean up or pay

The Sandy City Council will give final consideration Monday evening to an ordinance which, if approved, will require the cleanup of debris on roadways generated by building projects.

Currently the city requires developers and contractors to keep the streets clean of debris, however, the ordinance isn't as tough as the one which gets a second reading Monday.

In order to make the present ordinance workable, the city is practically required to catch someone dumping dirt on the street while they are doing it.

"We often find the asphalt sections in front of these developments scarred from the rocks and debris which have

been driven over by large trucks," City Manager Roger Jordan told the council at the time of the ordinance's introduction.

This proposal would require the building permit applicant and the land divider to clean all debris, dirt and foreign material from the development within three days of placement on the roadway. If it is found to constitute an immediate traffic or safety hazard, it will be removed immediately.

Failure of the developer to provide the cleanup will give the city the right to provide the necessary cleanup or hire an independent contractor to do so.

The city will then bill the building

permit applicant or land divider for all such cleanup services at the rate of twice the actual city labor costs plus 35 percent of labor costs reflecting utilization of city equipment.

In the event the city hires an independent contractor, the city will bill the developers the actual costs of the cleanup crew plus 50 percent of actual costs reflecting administrative costs.

Failure to pay the bill within five days shall result in a "stop work" order on the entire development until the money is paid.

In the event there are three or more occasions for the city to take cleanup measures against a developer or con-

tractor during a calendar year, that developer or contractor will be forced to deposit \$500 with the city as a retainer fund to be utilized for street cleanup.

Failure to pay that sum within 10 days will result in the issuance of a "stop work" order which will be in effect until the money is paid.

That final move could provide the necessary incentive the city is looking for to keep the streets clean.

"I have enough trouble squeezing a building permit out of some of these guys," Building Official Tom Day told the council.

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