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## Grade school board to resubmit B ballot

by DAN DILLON

Rather than eliminate any "equal and essential programs," the Sandy Elementary School Board voted last Thursday evening to resubmit its 'B' ballot measure to the voters June 30 without change.

The 'B' ballot was defeated in last Tuesday's special election, 614-508.

Board Chairman Don Brader explained the board's position. "In prior 'B' ballot attempts, we've made an honest attempt to reduce them, but we're still going to be short," he said.

The district expects a shortfall of nearly \$146,000, "if all the cuts that they're threatening us with come through," said Ginny Hames, deputy district clerk.

Last Tuesday's defeat marked the second setback for the district's supplemental 'B' ballot. After the initial voter rejection, March 31, the board eliminated a \$159,988 kindergarten proposal. That move, however, had the board second-guessing its own action Thursday.

Following conversations with district patrons, Superintendent Clark Lund said, "It was implied, 'If we can't have kindergarten, maybe we don't want any of those other things.'" He feared there may have been a backlash.

Those "other things," which will be eliminated from the district's services if the June 30 attempt fails, include the purchase of two school buses and a grounds maintenance tractor, the district's Talented and Gifted program and after-school athletics and ac-

tivities, the Outdoor School for sixth graders, Community School support, expanded guidance and counseling services and exterior painting of the district Aquatic Center.

Whether the vote — the difference was almost identical in both elections — represents a backlash or not, tightening purse strings seems to be on voters' minds everywhere.

Statewide, only 34 of the 83 'B' ballots submitted May 19 were successful. The state does not participate in funding for 'B' ballots, as it does with 'A' ballots.

"Our conclusion is that times are tough," Lund said. "There is an attitude that we just simply have to curtail public expenditures. It's not a given program, people just don't want to spend the taxes."

In the Sandy district's case, the results could be unfortunate. Lund said that while the district is recognized statewide as having an "exemplary" TAG program, "we're not able to salvage our own good program."

The Sandy Community School's summer program will be shortened from four to two weeks, because of the uncertainty of the funding questions.

"Every one of these programs is very, very valuable and we are willing to pursue endorsement of them," Lund said. "If it's voted down again, we'd be willing to operate and live without them."

Under the new state election laws, a governing body can place a 'B' ballot before its patrons just twice after it has been successful with an 'A' ballot.

## Helicopter accident claims movie director

Last Friday evening, the routine, fast-paced work day of the cast filming an NBC-TV movie, "World War III," at Timberline Lodge was shaken by the accidental death of the director, Boris Sagal.

Sagal, 58, was fatally injured when he was struck by the spinning tail rudder of a helicopter about 5 p.m. after a brief location flight.

He suffered injuries to his head and right shoulder and was taken to Emanuel Hospital, where he died about 9:45 p.m.

According to Debbie Moore of Finnegan and Associates, the production company, Dennis Foley, an Army lieutenant colonel who was serving as technical director, "assisted Sagal from the helicopter and pushed his head down (as a precautionary measure from the overhead rotor blade), and then pushed him towards the roadway away from the tail blade."

Sagal, however, apparently saw the lodge out of the corner of his eye and veered back towards the tail rotor where he was struck in the head and shoulder.

"The accident happened so fast that we never had time to deal with it,"

Moore said. "We were going to take a day off, but now we'll just work right on through to keep everyone from thinking about it."

Assistant Director Chris Hibiari, who was in the helicopter when the accident occurred, took over the remainder of the Timberline filming. A spokesman for the company said they "would continue with production as scheduled and seek a new director" when they returned to Los Angeles Wednesday.

Sagal directed the recent miniseries "Masada." Most of his work had been in television, including "A Case of Rape," "Indict and Convict" and "The Oregon Trail."

His theatrical films included "Twilight of Honor," "Made in Paris" and "The Omega Man."

"World War III" is based around a fictitious 1987 grain embargo imposed on the Soviet Union by the U.S. The Soviets retaliate and seize a major control station on the Alaskan pipeline, stopping the flow of oil to the States.

The movie stars Rock Hudson and David Soul and is scheduled for release in the fall.

The Alaskan terrain, battle scenes and stunts were shot at the 7,400-foot level of Mount Hood.



Angie Skipper may be a track star of the future, but now she finds the starting blocks of more interest. Her brother, Scott, won the Timber Valley League district javelin title at Sandy, Saturday. See page 9 of this section for details.

## County deals setback to heliport plans

by MICHAEL P. JONES  
For The Post

Developers of the proposed Zigzag heliport suffered a setback this week when the Clackamas County Planning Commission rejected the potential site from the standpoint of the county's land-use ordinances.

According to Dominic Mancini, acting planning director, his staff forwarded a memorandum to the Clackamas County Commissioners on May 22 evaluating the proposed facility "from an ordinance standpoint only." Concerns, such as safety, noise and proximity to schools, parks and other recreational facilities, as well as traffic safety, were not considered in the analysis.

Joseph Stein, Randall Priest and Gale Peterson, who all have backgrounds in the field of aviation, had proposed that a county-owned and

operated heliport be established on an unused section of public forest land near the junction of Highway 26 and Salmon River Road.

The facility was to be opened "for individuals, commerce and industry, as well as rescue, medical aid, fire, police and other emergencies."

Mancini said in a recent telephone interview that his office had been requested by County Commissioners Robert Schumacher and Stan Skoko to evaluate the proposal after questions concerning the facility's location were raised by citizens.

Because there would be a potential conflict of interest — the commissioners themselves would be the applicants for the heliport — they asked for a recommendation on whether or not they "should begin the conditional use public hearing process."

"In our opinion, the ordinance does not provide for what they are talking about," Mancini said. "It just doesn't

mesh."

Mancini said the heliport's location in a residential-recreational zone could be open "for use by emergency aircraft only," according to ordinances. The proposal, as presented, violated the ordinance and, therefore, it was not recommended to the commissioners to proceed with the conditional use process.

Mancini emphasized that his agency's opinion did not stop the proposed heliport, but that the final decision would be up to the commissioners.

A source in County government indicated that the commissioners would have no choice but to accept the Planning Department's recommendations, "because of the public's opposition to that particular site."

The source added, however, that Commissioner Skoko, and possibly Schumacher, "would not let the issue die completely." An alternative site for the facility would be sought out and the

## Art, produce featured at local market

For the past couple years, residents of the Coalman Road area wanted to sell their produce but were not sure how to go about it.

One of the women, Evelyn Engdall, approached the Sandy Community School about organizing some way to market excess produce and let people know about it.

Thus the Sandy Country Market was born and this Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the inaugural session of the market will take place at Nelson Pioneer Memorial Park, at the intersection of Highway 26 and 362nd Avenue.

After the initial suggestion to form the market, volunteers covered the Sandy area with posters soliciting artisans, growers and persons interested in participating in the project.

As a result, along with 20 local vendors this Saturday, other residents will be at the park to help. "This is really a community effort," said Jude Jensen. "Some of the people who have signed up to help aren't vendors. They just want to see the market be a success."

The opening day will feature some added touches to help introduce the market to the community.

The Master Gardeners will have a booth to dispense gardening information to anyone with questions about gardening or landscaping. Local musicians have volunteered to play during the noon hour. There will be a drawing every half hour throughout the day for prizes donated by each vendor.

Vendors pay \$4 per week for their spaces and the money goes to the Sandy Pioneer Society who owns the park, the Sandy Community School and publicity for future markets.

It's a bit early for much produce, but this weekend's market will feature crafts, plants and honey — and fun for everyone.

process of establishing such a facility "would painstakingly start all over again," the source said.

According to Stein, the Zigzag site is the best possible site because of its proximity to Highway 26, the Hoodland Fire Station and the Hoodland Women's Club "which is use as temporary housing during emergency situations." Because the proposed site is vacant and flat, construction costs would be minimal, he said.

Members of the Environmental Committee on Suitability (ECOS), who have opposed the landing facility since its inception, are taking the news from the Planning Department with caution and skepticism until the commissioners "officially and publicly accept the Planning Department's recommendation," according to ECOS Chairperson George Sheets.

He said the group has retained attorney Ed Sullivan "to legally combat the heliport's Zigzag location."

## Sandy resident remembers basketball debut

by MILES AUBIN

When the new Sandy Grade School on Pleasant Street was completed in 1931, it marked a new era in Sandy basketball.

The grade school had a gymnasium of its own, for the first time in its history. And the high school had a facility available to resume basketball after a two-year layoff.

Sandy High School had dropped basketball in 1929 because opponents refused to play games in the school's "crackerbox gym." The old gymnasium was then converted into a wrestling arena and dressing room space.

In the fall of 1931, enthusiasm generated in anticipation of the new gym's opening. The basketball season was delayed, however, when there was no oak available to com-

plete the gym floor. To expedite the season's opening, the west end of the gym was finished in maple.

The splice in the floor has recently led some to believe that an original, smaller gym had been lengthened at one time.

When the gym was finally ready, no less than four teams were organized, and practices and games were scheduled to the gym's capacity.

The new grade school gym compared favorably in size with other high school gyms, except for seating space. This was no problem in 1931, however, because it was during the worst of the "Great Depression" when many parents didn't have 25 cents per head to watch their kids play basketball. Varsity basketball players sometimes had to borrow tennis shoes to play in a game.

The grade school players had priority use of the gym and had no trouble finding adequate time in the gym during school hours or immediately after.

The same was not true with the high school. Two or three times a week, high school players were bused to the grade school for short practices during an activity period between 2:45 and 4 p.m. After-school practices were out because the coach, L.E. Palmer, drove a bus.

When there were "after supper" practices, players stayed in Sandy and ate at Schmitz' Cafe. That was a luxury that few kids could afford, even though a complete dinner was only 40 cents. Sometimes, when there was a practice before a key game, the Home Economics Department would feed the kids — lightly. The grade school had a hard time

getting started that first year (1931-32). There had been no basketball at Sandy Grade School for several years. Consequently, few, if any, had ever played basketball.

But under the tutelage of Principal Bob Slawson, by the following year a team consisting of Ralph and Floyd McCormick, John Orr, Darrell Nash and Vernon Dahrens defeated all grade schools in the area, only to lose to West Linn in the county tournament.

The first basketball game ever played in the Sandy Grade School gymnasium was between the high school and the alumni. Surprisingly, the high school defeated the alumni with relative ease.

This created an optimistic bubble which was burst a week later by the Gresham Gophers in the first high school game played in the gym.

However, Sandy defeated the Gophers later in the season by an overwhelming score, 16-11.

The 1931-32 basketball team was coached by L.E. Palmer. The players were Earl and Eldon Miller, Marian Duley, George Bruns, George Lyons, Red Holt, Jim Knox, Miles Aubin, Don Dahrens, Maurice Light and Ed Maulding.

The team had a winning streak of 13 games when it was mauled by Oregon City in the county tournament by a score which has been conveniently forgotten. This Sandy High School team had double wins over Estacada, Molalla, Canby, Colton, Corbett and Parkrose.

Some of the members of the Sandy High School Alumni team were Curtis, Victor and Stan Bacon, Wayne Duncan, Tom Scales, Howard Peterson, Rus Norquist, Lloyd Dunn, Karl

Kliegl and Harvey Griffin.

There was another team in Sandy made up of older players whose main objective was the social aspect of basketball. This team took on all comers who measured up to its criteria in ability, age and morality.

Under favorable conditions, games with this team might be followed with coffee and cake, or even a potluck. Some of its opponents were Three Links, Pleasant Home, Corbett and Gresham. Some of its team members were Clarence Brown, Ace Irvine, L.E. Palmer, Errol Reese, Bob Slawson and Earl Chamberlain.

Sandy High School shared the grade school gym for four years until a new gym was completed at the high school in 1935.

Miles Aubin is a local resident with an interest in area history.