

Post office sites don't conform

Sometimes it seems big brother government is just too big and busy to listen to folks in little towns like Sandy. So it seems with Postal Service picks for possible expansion sites in Sandy.

Despite pleas from city hall and elder citizens, the feds who make the decision down the road have their eyes of three sites outside the downtown core area.

We're not saying the Scenic Fruit site, Tupper Park site or west highway site near Paola's wouldn't make great locations for a new post office in Sandy. The city's many seniors, tired of walking, said it already. So did the rest of the town in a municipal comprehensive plan that calls for maintaining a strong downtown

core. They deserve to be heard. After all, it's their town and their post office.

Some may argue that economics in a free marketplace dictates best use for land. Is a certain corner lot better used for parking or a gas station? Let money talk.

Oregon communities, however, have elected to plan their neighborhoods more personally and more carefully. A lot of public testimony and grassroots involvement goes into a city comprehensive plan like that in Sandy.

Federal bureaucrats down the road should respect their decisions when they come to town.

Bike safety should be taught here

Why send a child into the street, if it's not safe? Parents knowingly do this daily, when they send kids not trained in bike safety into traffic.

Young bicyclists on the wrong side of the road, weaving across roads and riding without lights or reflectors, have become a frightening sight all too common here.

The same parents, who'd think it irresponsible to let an untrained youth of 16 behind the wheel of a two-ton car, worry little about letting an untrained biker of 10 onto the road.

The Sandy area boasts many fine organizations that promote safe cycling, and some even offer bicycle inspections and tips to young riders. We have bike

rodeos, bike-a-thons, bike contests and bike clubs.

What's needed here, however, is a group willing to educate all youngsters—perhaps through schools—how to ride safely in traffic and observe sane rules of the road.

Perhaps city or county reserve police could assist. Someone will have to print the handouts and arrange large audiences, though.

It's imperative every young bicyclist get the words, because it could mean a life. It could mean a lot, too, for the motorist who runs down a wrong-way child some night at dusk.

Think about it. Then have a friendly chat with your child—and that neighbor boy who drives you crazy on his bike.



Letters to the editor:

Land-use, religion, war scrutinized

Town splitting?

As a concerned citizen of Sandy, I'm very glad that our city officials are happy these days about the way things are turning out with plans for growth and business.

But how long can we stay happy about progress, when we hear the post office plans to move out of the center of town, while city representatives nor citizens have a vote in the selection? Shouldn't we—the people who live in this city, pay taxes and support it—have some say?

By moving our governmental buildings to the outskirts of the city, the heart of our original city is sentenced to a slow but sure death. Business in the center will decline, buildings will decay, no investor will take a second look and the passerby will carry home a sad story of the new ghost-town, Sandy.

Our senior citizens especially will suffer by feeling more dependent on others with cars. Most of them live, out of necessity, close to the center.

I know our city still has quite a few sites available in the middle of town, which are very suitable to be the location of our post

office of the future. These

sites are level, most of them do not need additional traffic lights and some are eye-sores of the town, which could be put to use.

Elvira Muff
Sandy

Mormons respond

I respond to an article in the Sandy Post Feb. 11, 1982, Page 3, entitled "Series on Cults Set."

In the article, several organizations are singled out by the Rev. John Van Lierop as being cults and sects. Among them is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon).

Under the definition of cults and sects given by Rev. Van Lierop, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) is neither.

We, the Mormons, are a church founded upon apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20). We accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior and as savior of the world. We belong to His church and work out our eternal salvation on the basis of repentance and baptism, which He sent his apostles into the world to teach and

establish.

We stand on these truths and other revealed doctrine as the Church of Jesus Christ. We claim no protestantism, no sectism and no cultism. Indeed, we deny them. We are The Restored Church of Jesus Christ (2 Thes. 2:3; Acts 3:19-21).

The truth and the understanding about Mormons best can be learned by sincere investigation of the church itself, with the doctrines and facts presented by the Lord's appointed servants. It is true of any organization that serves the truth that they are best represented by one of their own number who is knowledgeable—in other words, their spokesman.

We are open to such investigation. Indeed, we invite it.

These remarks are given not for derision, but with the intent to inform and establish our proper place and image.

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Another Vietnam

The prospect of another Vietnam type war in El

Salvador fills many of us with loathing and adds to our fears of a nuclear war. Were the president and Sec. of State Haig not constrained by public opinion, we would surely have Marine or Army units there now, upholding the weak Duarte government with its dominant military and death squads.

Sec. Haig speaks of Russian penetration, but the only foreign soldiers and foreign aircraft in the El Salvador civil war are ours. We provide the great bulk of arms and money that keeps the war going.

President Reagan and Sec. Haig have properly and indignantly assailed the Russians for crushing freedom in Poland, their client state. The dead in El Salvador cry out the crushing of freedom by our client government in El Salvador.

The Russians have General Jaruzelski acting for them in Poland. We have General Garcia dominating the El Salvador government and leading the repression there.

Our present national stance of leading the arms race, belligerent talk, spending ourselves into bankruptcy (\$208 billion in 1982) on nuclear bombs and

their delivery systems all seem to me to point to a dead end, contrary to the fine ideals we profess and the religious convictions we hold.

The whole idea of using military force to solve human problems in a nuclear age is something approaching insanity. We and the Russians have painted ourselves into a nuclear corner.

W. Pete Sulzbach
Sandy

Get shots

I was very pleased with the parents and students who completed their immunization at our clinics Thursday, Friday and Monday. There still are many at the high school who are not complete and much fewer at the grade schools.

March 12 I must send Clackamas County Health Department records on all students who still are incomplete. Then parents will be dealing with the Health Department in Oregon City after exclusion notices are sent.

So, please—for my sake as well as yours—get records in! For more information, call me at school.

Joyce Kramer
SUHS school nurse

Salem scene:

Businessmen wrestle odds

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Last Wednesday was a big news day in Salem.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh, responding to another \$100 million in deficits, chose a Capitol news conference to reveal his latest plan for balancing the ailing state budget.

The Employment Division announced the highest total number of unemployed workers since 1952.

The Liquor Control Commission reported significant declines in the sales of hard liquor and beer.

Banks were boosting the interest rate for prime borrowers.

Also, business leaders met in the capital city to launch an examination of economic pluses and minuses in search for ways to improve the state's job climate.

All events were connected. Only the last might have been construed as good news.

The Governor's budget-balancing message listed a variety of spending cuts and revenue raisers—the latter including a boost in personal income taxes, a property tax shift and a higher levy on beer and wine. He already had raised taxes on hard liquor.

Biggest reason for the state's budgetary deficit is the projected shortfall in income tax revenue caused by soaring unemployment.

Declining booze sales caused some speculation whether additional taxes would produce the desired amount of revenue.

Rising interest rates also appeared to preclude any acceleration of home building activity that might rejuvenate Oregon's depressed forest products industry.

Several years ago, Gov. Atiyeh began reminding Oregonians one has to have eggs to make omelets. The allegory ignored by many listeners, now has become painfully clear to people who find it difficult to afford eggs.

The situation isn't unique to Oregon. Many states are struggling with budget deficits in the current nationwide recession. Congress is having its own budgetary problems.

Even in a state accustomed to economic peaks and valleys because of its major economic dependence on forest products, the present state of affairs appears without precedent.

"Never in history has this state's government been confronted with a projected deficit of \$337 million," Atiyeh said last week.

That's a lot of money. Simply realizing it's a lot of money might provide fuel for optimism. Many of us can recall when \$1 million was a staggering sum. Multi-million-dollar figures followed, then billions and even trillions. Most of us became insured to the proliferating zeroes.



Legislative Report from the State Capital EXCLUSIVE to Oregon's Weekly Newspapers from Associated Oregon Industries.

We blamed inflation and existed for the most part in a time of plenty.

That was particularly true of the Legislature. The state income tax seemed a never-ending source of funds, capable of paying for whatever new role government might assume. Things got to the point by the late Seventies where lawmakers figured they had enough surplus funds from income tax collections. Therefore, they could give a little of it back and divert many millions more into providing property tax relief.

In fact, the 1979 Legislature's tax relief package was in the neighborhood of \$700 million—more than twice the deficit facing the record-long special session in Salem.

All that money came about primarily because people were working. Newcomers were flocking to our state, and they were finding jobs. Inflation pushed wages higher, and more and more dollars flowed into state coffers, as workers ascended from one level to the next in the state's graduated income tax structure.

First sign of the crunch-to-come was when projected revenue began to level off, when the majority of workers found themselves in the top bracket. Still, millions were coming in, and lawmakers continued to spend. The present state of the economy was predicted so far in advance (and was so long in coming) that spenders appeared unable to believe it actually would happen.

Now everyone hungers for the omelet days, and the Capitol is filled with people looking for eggs.

That's why the Job Climate Task Force that met in Salem last week can be called good news. Its members hope to publicize good things that can produce new and expanded taxable payrolls. They also hope to find ways to change the bad things that tend to cloud our job climate. Some of those changes will require legislative action. Hopefully, those who serve in the 1983 Legislature will be willing to take whatever action is necessary.

While they deliberate, let's hope they also take a look at the size of the government the Legislature has created. Total spending from the state's general fund 10 years ago was only slightly more than twice the size of the current deficit (\$768.8 million).

Some 20 years ago, total spending was just about the same (\$355.5 million), as the amount we're in the red today.

Personally speaking

Wild remarks earn locals awards

I believe it's time some people in the community were honored for saying or doing outrageous things.

Without these brave, crazed soles, we at The Post would have even less interesting things to put in the newspaper.

It is with this in mind that I am starting the Two Swipe Awards. The winners of these (soon-to-be) coveted awards are entitled to two swipes of my orange-flavored Chap Stick.

These awards, in adherence to Post policy, will be given at erratic intervals to avoid any opportunity for consistency.

Two Swipes go to the Jack Naugher family for improving international communication. When Cathy Jeudi of France visited the family last fall as part of a North Atlantic Cultural Exchange League program, she told the Naughers that she needed to buy some cowboy boots for her brother. When asked, Jeudi said he would need a size 43.

"We narrowed it down to a 10," Joyce Naugher said.

Two Swipes to Marge Brown of the Mountain Players for honesty. In explaining the formation of the Players, she began, "We were all sitting at the bar, like usual..."

Two Swipes to John Smith, assistant football coach, for being cool under pressure. As the Pioneers ran out the clock in the closing minutes against Silver-



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ton, Smith was having quarterback Mitch Paola wait for his signal before starting the plays. One time it didn't work, and the referee called a delay-of-game penalty.

"How long do we have," Smith asked. The referee told him 25 seconds. "We got it off in 20," Smith said, holding up his wrist and showing his watch. "I have a Timex that never stops ticking."

Two Swipes to lineman-turned-running back Bob Weyer for paying attention. He picked up a fumble and ran it 35 yards during Sandy's 43-6 eruption over Molalla.

Two Swipes to Darby Binder,

Sandy cross country standout, for her description of the state meet. She said, "Everybody's always trampled and pushed around, spiked."

"It's great, a lot of fun."

Two Swipes to Jim Buckelew, who makes and sells wooden toys. He said he thought about putting a sign above his booth at the Saturday Market in Portland that would read: "Made in Oregon from Oregon wood by a damned Texan."

Two Swipes to Ron Calhoun, wrestling coach, on the progress of Chris Jones, who was involved in a tragic car accident.

"Yesterday he showed his greatest sign of improvement," Calhoun said in early December. "He ate part of a hamburger."

Two Swipes to Dan Martin, SUHS senior, for telling it like it is. He was talking about wrestlers that run from him to avoid being pinned: "I hate chasing 'em."

Two Swipes for Anna Carpenter, defense attorney in the Santa Claus trial, which was a project of Len Eaton's street law class.

After the jury found Kris Kingle guilty, Judge Bryan Noe asked if the defense had any final statements. Said Carpenter: "Now, what the heck?"

Two Swipes to Beverly Stonebrook, the woman who is allergic to Christmas (actually, she's allergic to the wreaths and

flower arrangements common to the season).

She said, "I love the Christmas season and the Christmas greens, but being allergic to them is getting to be more than I can handle."

Two Swipes to Robert Karsten, coach of the wild and crazy ski team at SUHS, for the way he handled the boys fourth-place finish in a meet at Timberline. "They wore their turtle-necks too tight and choked," he said.

Two Swipes to wrestler Mike Rohweder, who outscored his opponent from Estacada 8-4 in the third period for a 20-15 win. His topsy-turvy, high-scoring matches are great for the spectators.

Two Swipes more to Ron Calhoun for a description of the wrestling team a few weeks ago. "We're just nothing but the walking wounded around here," he said.

Two Swipes to the Sandy boys basketball team for keeping things interesting. They remained in the thick of the league race two weeks ago, winning one game in two overtimes and dropping another in four.

Two Swipes to Ed Storey, assistant vice president at the Clackamas County Bank, who tackled and held the first man to rob the bank in its 71-year history.

Keep on saying and doing crazy things, folks. We're not proud. Why should you be?