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State dollars could lower local school taxes

The state brought both good and bad news for Sandy area schools this week.

The good news for Sandy Elementary School District was the final state estimate of appropriation the state Department of Education

notified the district it would receive for fiscal 1982-83.

That amount, happily, is a quarter million dollars more than the district received last year and expected to receive this year.

"We didn't budget for any more

than they gave us last year, because that's what they told us to do, the way the Legislature was cutting basic support for education," District 46 Supt. Clark Lund chimed.

Lund said he'd recommend to his district board of education that they

cut taxes accordingly after voter approval of the district's operating levy March 30.

The district budgeted with expectation of \$1.753 million in state support, but appears ready to receive \$2.015 million.

"The board has the option to reduce (the local levy) that much," Lund said.

He said he's met informally with board members, who seem eager to meet immediately after the election is certified to reduce the levy in an amount equal to the excess revenue.

He reasons the grade school district scored well on four state factors that provide a formula for allocating support level to individual districts.

These include student count, growth pattern, transportation increases and equalization adjustment.

Equalization compensates the wealth of a local district against the wealth of all districts in the state.

Sandy Union High School District

with its wealthy mountain patrons is not an equalization district and doesn't measure up to the grade school district's 3 percent growth, however.

Consequently, the local high school scored poorly in the recently announced basic school support appropriations—despite comparable enrollments and a transportation cost even greater than the grade school.

Fortunately, however, the high school budgeted accurately for the allocation level after last year's surprise \$240,000 state shortfall.

"We'd like more, and it is down," district business manager Joan Hay said. "We're not surprised, though," she said of the Department of Education final estimate mailed March 1.

"We haven't had time yet, of course, to fully analyze what the legislature did to us before they adjourned," she said of state assembly's Monday night wrap-up.

She said the high school district may end up only \$400 off their budget estimate of what the state finally tendered in long debated basic school support.

Sandy Elementary Supt. Clark Lund, meanwhile, said he's understandably happy to be on the plus side of the ledger.

He fears, however, that the surprise good news about increased appropriation may prompt some sort of voter backlash on this district.

"I'm a little afraid they might be suspicious of us budgeting for one amount and then announcing just before election that we need some \$263,000 less. Honest—we thought we'd need to levy more, because we expected the state to give us less.

"So I'm recommending we go ahead March 30 and approve our levy and then have the board meet to reduce the levy in an amount equal to the excess revenue."

Five meetings, \$74,000 later budget document ready

After five meetings and over \$74,000 in cuts, the Sandy Union High School budget committee has the 1982-83 document prepared.

A brief outline of the budget will be given at the school board meeting Monday night, according to Dr. Jack Peters, superintendent.

A public hearing on the budget will be April 5.

The budget committee started out with a budget of \$4,959,313, but reduced it to \$4,884,673.

There is an increase of 5.6 percent over the 1981-82 budget.

The mill levy for the budget would be \$5.14, which is a 79 cent increase over the present \$4.35 assessed valuation per \$1,000.

Joan Hay, business manager, said that 72 percent of the proposed budget is salary and "fringe," which includes insurance, retirement and benefits for school employees.

A tax base election for the SUHS district will be held May 18. About the prospects of the vote, Peters said, "We assume they'll approve it."

Several feeder districts have had voters approve a tax base plan. The districts include Boring, Welches, Cottrell and Bull Run. Sandy Elementary will also put a tax base proposal on the ballot.

Oregon law, in fact, now requires that school board's prepare tax base proposals for their district's.

The high school's tax base, if the measure passes, would be increased from \$279,328 to \$2,558,345.

Passage of the tax base proposal "would increase our tax base to a

realistic number," Hay said.

If the tax base proposal doesn't pass, the school will ask for an operating levy of \$2,705,474 in June. The A and B ballot system has been changed this year, and schools may ask patrons to vote on one sum until September.

Classified negotiations

Peters also recently discussed with The Post the negotiations between the board and classified employees, which includes cooks, bus drivers, secretaries and custodians.

"They've made a request, and the school board's negotiator has made a response," Peters said. The sessions are closed by mutual agreement.

The present contract for classified employees expires June 30.

A study of the district by American Building Maintenance of Portland has caused some people some concern.

Peters pointed out that they do studies "all the time."

He said, "They wanted to take a look at our system and see if they could save us any money."

To let out bids at this time would be an unfair labor practice.

"We wouldn't do that. We're not interested in that," Peters said.

He said that at this time there are no plans for multiple studies. He added, "We do lots of studies to see where we are. And yes, I'm making it clear we're not calling for bids for any transportation or any custodial services at this time."

About the current maintenance system, Peters said, "I believe we have a tight program."

When asked how the present system matches up in costs to the American Building Maintenance proposal, Peters said, "There's no way to relate it to our budget."

"It would be a skewed number."

"But when or if we do an analysis of this study, then I would certainly tell you a comparative shot."

Sandy Players not afraid to take risks

by DAN DILLON

It's a tribute to small community theater groups that they continue to grow, take chances and give their audiences something new and challenging without losing entertainment value.

The Sandy Community Players are attempting to follow that path.

After a successful string of lighter, comedic productions, the Sandy theater group opens the run on its first drama next Friday—"Tribute," by Bernard Slade.

"It's an adult drama," according to director Katie Ten Eyck, "but at the same time, there's a great deal of comedy. It's a risk because it's the first time we've done a straight

drama.

"It's got some serious themes, but it's entertaining."

The play is a story of reconciliation, friendship and coming to grips with one's mortality.

Scottie Templeton has spent his life in and around show business doing everything from rehearsal pianist to Hollywood producer.

"The author described him as a combination of Noel Coward, Peter Pan and the Marx Brothers," Ten Eyck said. "He's witty, zany, a life-of-the-party type."

He is living in New York throughout the play and has just learned he has a life-threatening blood disorder.

That knowledge prompts him to re-establish the relationship with his only son, Jud, who is everything Scottie isn't.

The play opens at the beginning of a summer the elder Templeton expects Jud, a recent college graduate, to spend with him.

It's a reconciliation between the two. Jud felt abandoned by the father he worshipped as a child when his parents divorced. While Scottie is everyone's friend, he has trouble with emotional, lasting relationships.

Jud and a longtime cohort of Scottie's, Lou Daniels, plan a tribute to bring together Scottie's old friends and honor him for his contributions as he deals with his disease.

As theater-goers enter the Sandy Community Theater, they will be walking into the New York theater where that tribute is about to take place. The summer of preparations in Scottie's apartment are a series of flashbacks.

Presenting that is a challenge for the cast and crew.

A false proscenium is being built across the lip of the stage where the tribute will take place. The apartment is downstage behind an opaque backdrop, called a scrim.

Designing the stage and set was the work of the director and technical director, Larry LaMarsh. Mark Kuntz designed the lighting which will help bring the effect off.

The cast brings a number of newcomers to the SCP stage.

Peter Sheppard makes his debut as Scottie Templeton. Linda Andresen also debuts as his first wife and Jud's mother, Maggie. Son Jud is played by Rob Lawson who has appeared in a number of SCP productions.

Lou Daniels is played by Bob Anderson who made his first stage appearance in SCP's "The Odd Couple." Coreen Bergeson, Stella Hemmer and Laura LaMarsh round out the cast.

Co-producers for the show are Tom Ten Eyck and Gail Meriwether. "Tribute" opens March 12 at 8 p.m. in the theater on Proctor Boulevard and will run Friday and Saturday evenings for four consecutive weekends.



Mark Pihl

includes Sandy, Estacada, and eastern Clackamas County with a thin strip extending to Canby.

Pihl's background also includes time as an instructor of foreign language at PSU

Response good for donkey game

Response has been good to the Sandy Merchants-Future Farmers of America donkey basketball game.

"I'm more than flabbergasted," said Les Geren, agricultural instructor and FFA sponsor.

"It will be by far our biggest gate," he said. They had sold twice as many tickets by Friday as they'd ever sold before.

And, the FFA will sell those tickets up until game time. That's when it's determined who'll ride for the FFA teams.

Three games will be held among the four teams. One will be at 7:30 p.m., and the second one will be at 8. The winners will play at 8:30. All the games will be held Thursday night at the SUHS gymnasium.

Tickets are \$2. A family ticket is \$5.

The event is sponsored by Kay West Donkeys of Stanford, Ore.

Canby man to run for District 23 House seat

A Canby man is the latest to declare his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the District 23 seat in the Oregon House of Representatives.

Mark P. Pihl said he is particularly concerned with unemployment, timber, housing, interest rates, logical land use, adequate school support and fiscal responsibility for the state within a sound framework.

After attending Canby High School, Pihl studied political science at Oregon State University, Portland State University and the University of Copenhagen. Following his parents' interest in Republican party activities, he served as president of Oregon College Republicans while attending OSU.

Additional activities within the party include his attending the Western States Republican Conference in Portland, several party events in the Washington, D.C., area, and his intent to be in Seaside this week for the annual Dorchester Conference.

Pihl said he was encouraged to become a candidate by party officials in the largest House district in Clackamas County. House District 23



Staff photo

Friendly white clouds crowning Mount Hood are a welcome sign of coming spring for travelers up the peak. This brief break in the rain was caught a week ago.

Carmel Estates debated again

by MICHAEL P. JONES
Post Correspondent

Carmel Estates, a commercial development proposed for 26 acres of land adjacent to Highway 26, west of Sandy, went back before the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners Monday.

They listened to arguments concerning whether to allow commercial development on lands that are said to be suited for forest or agricultural uses.

The city of Sandy and 1000 Friends of Oregon oppose the development, while the Clackamas County Planning Commission favors it.

Carmel Estates is a two-phase commercial venture which would, if completed, encompass 90,000 square feet on lands across from Heidi's near Boring.

The developer of the project, Carmel Estates Inc. of Hood River, has proposed a 30,000-square-foot supermarket, a motel encompassing five acres of the property, as well as a service station, restaurant, commercial shops and professional offices.

Roger Jordan, city manager for Sandy, said that the people involved with the city are opposed to the development because of a "possible detrimental effect on the community."

He said that such a large development, so close to Sandy, would negatively affect the area's economy.

Jordan said that the development

would be only two miles west of Sandy's urban growth boundary, which accommodates a community currently consisting of approximately 12,000 people, but would allow growth as high as 35,000.

This development, he claimed, "would deter current and future industrial and commercial development from Sandy." He also said that it would create "strip development" along Highway 26 and establish major commercial centers in intersections located in unincorporated areas.

A study conducted for the city a couple of years ago, according to Jordan, showed that businesses and industries would migrate towards this development.

He said a healthy community must have a balance between its residential, commercial and industrial properties.

Representatives from Carmel Estates and their attorney, Wayne D. Landsverk of Portland, disagreed, and told the commissioners that the area is unique for this type of development, and that the establishment of general commercial uses on this particular site is in the best interest of everyone.

Richard Benner, a land use attorney for 1000 Friends of Oregon who is working in conjunction with Jack Hammond, an Oregon City attorney who is retained by the city to contest the development, said that he "replayed" the same objections and arguments to the commissioners that have been expressed at other hear-

ings in the past four years.

Benner said that the site should be committed to agricultural usage rather than the open-commercial zoning currently allowed by the county.

"Four times this development has been before the state Land Conservation and Development Commission, and they found that the land should not be committed to non-farm usage," said Benner.

Doug McClain, a planner for the county's Environmental Services Department, said that the reason the Carmel Estate project keeps reappearing is because the county's findings on the project are allegedly in conflict with the state's land use goals, and the development has to be re-assessed.

McClain said that the county's intentions to approve the development is essentially unchanged, but that they are strengthening their findings through the public hearings process.

Jordan said that he hopes that the hearings are just a formality, and that the area will be re-zoned to accommodate agricultural or forest uses, rather than the proposed commercial development.

He said that he was hopeful that this is the end of the Carmel Estate issue.

The county commissioners have scheduled a work session for the project on March 12 at 9 a.m. to further explore the Carmel Estate development.

County planners visit corridor

by MICHAEL P. JONES
Post Correspondent

Clackamas County planning staff members visited a contested area in the Mt. Hood corridor Friday, which the Land Conservation and Development Commission required the county to review before their comprehensive plan could be officially recognized.

Last December the LCDC requested that the county review and document wetlands in an undeveloped section of the Hoodland Service District, which were not

identified in the plan. It was also requested that they document any wetlands outside the service district boundaries.

This area, known as Cedar Ridge, where there are a number of developments planned, was inspected by Planner Gary Cook, in accordance with LCDC requirements.

He was accompanied by Dick Poulson, the county's chief soils scientist, and Rick McIntire, a Portland State University planning intern.

Proposed for 48 acres of the area is

a 192-unit mobile home subdivision, which six Hoodland residents hope to develop, as well as other large residential/recreational planned unit developments.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission designates this area as an important winter deer and elk range. The encompassing wetlands are also a nesting area for birds.

In May of 1980 a preliminary design report for the Hoodland Service District, prepared by Straam Engineers of Portland, summarized

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