

Don't waste local voter control

Regardless of how you feel about candidates and tax levels, it's important to your community that you vote between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. June 29. Your local school is one of the last places where your voice is heeded or needed.

Everyone's naturally looking for ways to save pennies these days of tight budgets, but turning our backs on needs of public schools is not the way. Like it or not, our public schools require public funding to budget.

Unfortunately, local public schools as taxing bodies remain one of the last places voters may exercise local control. In frustration, many tax-ridden citizens also see public schools as their last whipping boy.

But schools need our attention, if not our local support. After all, they care for our local children and mold them into future community leaders—for better or worse. Consequently, it's in our best personal interest as tax-

payers to see that schools are properly budgeted and governed by the right board members. Whether local school levies ask excessive amounts Tuesday is for you to decide.

Sandy Elementary District cut some \$316,363 from a March 30 levy bid. It trimmed two teacher positions, a \$4,000 maintenance vehicle and \$7,000 fencing behind Cedar Ridge School.

Sandy Union High School District meanwhile seeks approval of a \$2.7 million operating levy after May 18 defeat of a \$3.6 million tax base.

Welches School District asks approval of a \$106,782 combination A and B special levy for its \$1.02 million budget.

Since government officials currently are finding 12-14 percent of all property tax uncollectable in these hard times, school districts are especially hard-pressed to pad a levy request with enough cushion.

Fun never ends on Hood

For those of us who can't get in enough time on the slopes in the winter, Multitorpor-Ski Bowl is offering us a summer alternative.

Two 2,400-foot long slides are about two-thirds complete on the lower bowl. Crews are putting together the pre-cast sections, building it "like an erector set," according to Keith Petrie, manager of the Multitorpor-Ski Bowl area for the past five years.

The two slides will run parallel, and will look like toboggan chutes one might see at the Olympics.

Those strong-of-heart soles who so desire will ride a 40-inch long plastic sled, which is equipped with a handle.

If one pulls on the handle, it engages the brakes. Pushing on the handle will allow the wheels to roll freely.

The slide is made of a concrete-type material.

Petrie, who has been in the ski recreation business 16 years, has seen the slides in action in the New England area.

Asked if the ride is pretty thrilling, Petrie said, "We think so—that's why we're putting one in."

The company that sold the slide, Inventex Corp. of Manchester, Vt., has provided a supervisor, and Petrie and his crew from last winter are building the slide themselves.

Multitorpor-Ski Bowl employs about 165 persons, full and part time depending on the demand, during the winter. He figures he may be able to keep 75 to 85 people employed during the warmer months. It depends, again, on the demand.

The idea, anyway, is to keep things going in the summer.

It is hoped that the \$700,000 project will be completed by "early July."

Rides will be \$3.25 for adults and \$2.50 for children. To ride five times will be \$10 for children and \$12.50 for adults.

To get to the top of the slide, one will ride up the lower bowl lift, getting off at an "intermediate unloading platform," built two-thirds of the way up.

Helmets are not necessary, and pre-flight insurance will not be available.

Seriously though, Petrie said that one has good control of the sleds.

In a related item, Multitorpor "had a good season. Not a runaway season, but still a good season."

About 75,000 spent time on the slopes near Government Camp this winter.

Dick Kohnstamm, manager at Timberline Lodge, called it "an excellent



by SCOTT NEWTON

season," second only to the 1977-78 winter, when there was snow on the slopes in early November.

There was snow on the slopes by Thanksgiving this past season, which helped. And, the season ran late. The winter season runs from Nov. 1 to April 30 at Timberline. During that time 140,000 visited. About 125 were employed full time, and more part time, during peak periods.

"We play a giant game of Russian roulette," Kohnstamm said, pointing out that they want a lot of snow, but a minimum number of snow storms on the weekends. This year they were "extremely lucky."

According to Kohnstamm, it wasn't such a great season for the resorts in the Colorado Rockies. He reports the volume of skiers was down 20 percent.

He said those big-name resorts rely on the airlines for maybe three-quarters of their skiers. With air fares up, the number of skiers able to afford air fare and a trip to the slopes was down.

The areas on the mountain, being able to draw from the ski population in Portland, have an advantage that way.

At Mt. Hood Meadows, 330,000 skiers visited the slopes, providing full-time work to 290 throughout the season, and to 365 during the peak period, according to Dana Walker, director of operations.

Yes, for those who can pay the piper, the fun never ends on Mt. Hood.

Record-burning, Tri-Met spur letters

Burn records

Hooray for the record burners! It was absolutely refreshing to hear about a demonstration that had no political connection or gain by receiving federal monies! No, just a nice honest statement that they think rock records stink!

My goodness, what will the establishment think? How dare these people have an opinion! If this keeps up, the unthinkable may happen; people may start questioning what goes on in Congress.

Another thing, would your editorial have been as quick to criticize the enthusiasm of this demonstration if it had been for "gay power" or for ERA? I think not.

Ralph A. Sandercock Jr
Sandy

Tri-Met responds

We appreciate your highlighting the many improvements scheduled for the Tri-Met System in your May 20 editorial. "Take the bus and leave the hassle to us?" Obviously we are concerned that all riders and future riders have an opportunity to learn about the new system prior to Sept. 5.

If "Bus School" and the companion advertising were the only mechanisms designed for distributing information, we would wholeheartedly agree with the concerns mentioned in your editorial. However, the second phase of the information program includes a detailed guide that will be distributed on all buses and at major transfer points, transit centers, businesses and community centers; companion newspaper advertising which contains a mail-in bus information request form; television and radio advertising; zone information guides and maps; and "Ask Me" folks who will assist in this massive communication effort.

Bus School will continue being scheduled throughout the Tri-County area during the summer. It is available to groups or organizations by calling Tri-Met at 238-4917. At this writing we are trying to secure a site at the Sandy Mountain Festival on July 10.

Again, we appreciate your concern that all Tri-Met riders have ample opportunity to learn about the new Tri-Met and encourage you and your readers to contact us with suggested Bus School locations and information distribution points.

Gina S. Whitehill
Tri-Met

Records bad

I would like to write in response to an article entitled "Pastor fights against Satan's music." I have attended both the Wednesday youth group meeting where it was first exposed and the Sunday evening service where it further was examined. I was unable to believe that music (rock and roll) of this type could have "backwards masking" or messages recorded backwards. I went home and thought it out and said to myself, "No, it's not possible. Even if these messages are there, they don't affect me."

Well, I borrowed some albums from several different people and started experimenting. To my shock and disbelief, every one of the albums I played had some sort of message, none of which was good.

Now you can say, so what? Messages recorded backwards can't affect me! But I have done some checking, and there is some correlation. Otherwise, why would these satanic sayings exist? Black Oak Arkansas on their record Raunch and Roll, for example, have one portion with insane laughter, and the words "Dogsiehe, Dogsiehe, Natas Natas." (If you play it backwards that clearly says "Satan, Satan He is God. He is God".)

Pastor Rick McGregor could find a lot better, easier ways to pack a church than attacking rock and roll. He spends a lot of time with kids, and is showing what he has found because he cares, not to get his name in the newspaper. Those who dismiss his as a fanatic or a nut should go home, take out some of your rock records and play them backwards. Or, better yet, listen to some of them forwards. Then decide. Is this the kind of trash I would like to listen to? Or have my kids listen to?

I remember when you had to really search to find some of the trashy music in the stores. That was when all you could see were good shows and movies, before all the moral standards of decency were broken.

All these years my teachers and parents have kept asking me, who do I listen to that? And all this time I have said, "It's harmless. I only listen to the music, anyway."

Well, I have started listening to the words. And I really believe what I have found about being exposed to dangers of rock.

I believe that Pastor McGregor is on the right track. While I know not all people will believe him or what he is trying to do, I challenge people who don't to examine the issue carefully before dismissing it—especially parents of impressionable kids. Listen, really listen, to what they listen to.

I think you will see what I mean. I have been made a believer, and hope you will, too.

Tin Sytsma
Sandy

ing to run things from the

court house to the commissioners' officers to Warner Milner Road to the county shops (not to mention Marylhurst and Gladstone) easily can be documented by anyone who cares to check addresses in the phone book.

The place to start cutting is administration, not the poor secretary who barely earns enough to support herself and her children.

The commissioners themselves have a chance to prove their sincerity about concern for ordinary taxpayers, especially senior citizens on fixed incomes about to lose their homes paying inflated taxes that don't really serve any but those administering them.

Why don't they avail themselves of this opportunity to help Ronald Reagan prove volunteerism does work by voluntarily giving back the raises they got, making them some of the highest paid commissioners in the state?

Also, those who take a living from the community really ought to reside in and support the community or county where that living is gained.

Why not do, as some school districts do, require those working for a geographic entity to live there. One thing Clackamas County can't afford any more is to hire "outside" experts who wouldn't know Colton from Cottrell.

K.W. "Kathy" Vaughn
Marylhurst

Pass levy

You want to reduce property taxes, so you voted 'no' on the Sandy High School bond issue. Before you vote 'no' again, risking our children's future, please consider. Please ex-

June 25 and Saturday, June

26. This will be a last chance to sign petitions. The following shopping centers have agreed to sponsor these petition fairs as a public service: Eastport Plaza, Oregon City Shopping Center, Sunset Shopping Center, Canby Thriftway and Springbook Plaza at Newberg.

All petitioners have been invited, and those participating will have separate tables for your convenience.

The petitions change nothing. Your signature only will help to get the measure on the ballot and allow a vote of the people. If successful in obtaining required signatures (54,669 for initiative and 72,891 for constitutional), you then would have four months to investigate the issues to vote. They must stand on their own merit.

Among the petitions available will be Dissolution of the Metropolitan Service District (METRO), Death Penalty, Abolish LCDC, Self-Service Motor Vehicle Fuel, 1/2 percent Property Tax Limitation, Oregon Marijuana Initiative and other local issues.

In Ore. on, it is against the law to have paid petitioners. We all are volunteers. If you value your freedoms and our rights of initiative petitioning, please make it a point to attend the petition fairs.

Kathy Manning
Gresham

For schools

This is just a reminder for each of us to pause for a moment and be thankful for the privilege of being able to vote June 29 on the new budgets for the Sandy Elementary and the Sandy High Schools.

We should feel proud if we vote yes on both

sports or academically, ex-

actly what they put into it. I believe that a good sports program is not just beneficial, as the old saying goes, "To keep kids off the streets." It also teaches our young people how to compete in this world, how to work with other people and how to establish goals.

I promised myself one thing, and that is when my children are grown and out of school, I will not think that my responsibility as a citizen of the Sandy community is over. I still will be concerned that other generations of young people deserve my support in voting for the school budget. I will support the idea that they deserve a good education and the privilege of being able to participate and learn from the sports program and extra activities that are so important in forming a well-rounded adult.

Because of these beliefs, I am asking you to remember your responsibilities to the young people of the Sandy Community and vote 'yes' on the school budget. It's time we quit making our young people suffer because of what other generations have done to the economy. Cut back on something else, not the education of our youth.

Jim Wolf
Brightwood

Students excel

Congratulations to the Sandy schools on their excellent ratings in the California Achievement Tests.

This is just one example of how Sandy students are getting your money's worth.

Vote "Yes" on June 29.
George Morgan
Sandy

Freeze nukes

The Soviet Union and the United States now have

Letters to the editor

amine your priorities. Whose responsibility is it to educate your children? Do you want to do it full-time? The fine young people at SUHS and their little brothers and sisters are the citizens of tomorrow. What is it worth to you to place a dollar sign on their future (and yours)?

Some of us truly are hurting financially. But, compared to other peoples of the world, we all enjoy a very high standard of living. Voting 'no' against the school bond is a way of expressing our frustration and anger at rising inflation and unemployment. Property taxes, which pay for our children's education, are the only taxes we can vote on directly. This is an unfortunate circumstance, I think, for our children.

I urge you to attend and speak out at school board meetings, if you want to change school policies. Write to your legislators and senators to let them know your opinions on inflation and taxes.

Please vote 'yes' for the future quality of the community. Vote 'yes' for Sandy Union High School June 29.

Jobeth Anderson
Sandy

Petition fair

I would like to remind all citizens that the deadline for all of the 26 state-wide initiative petitions for the Nov. 2 election is upon us.

All of those petitions have a July 2 filing date with the state, and it is imperative that all filled or partially filled petitions be mailed to their sponsors no later than June 28.

The complaint we repeatedly hear is that the citizens have been unable to locate petitions. Consequently, we have scheduled five petition fairs Friday,

budgets; thereby helping to provide the opportunity for continuing education that we had when we were young. Please don't jeopardize this continuance of our educational process merely because of what it might cost us. We owe it to this generation of youngsters so that they may be better able to accept the responsibility of adulthood and of assuring that our country remains strong.

Please don't be influenced by the fact of whether or not you now have children attending school. The need for education goes on as does our responsibility to provide this opportunity.

I am confident that those who gave of their time and effort to prepare these budgets have trimmed all the unnecessary fat possible, and they now present to us a realistic and workable budget.

Please don't ignore your privilege and your responsibility of voting on June 29, and most important don't search for an excuse to not vote yes. Say 'Yes' June 29.

Pete Carlson

Levies worthy

I have lived in the community of Sandy since 1950. I attended Sandy Elementary School and Sandy High School, graduating in 1961.

My first year in college was a rude awakening. I realized that if it were not for the education and prep classes at Sandy, I never would have made it through this first year. I believe that academically I did get a good education at Sandy. I also believe that if it would not have been for the fact that I was deeply involved in sports, I would not have been able to compete in the competitive world that we live in today.

I feel that each individual student will get from their education, whether in

50,000 nuclear warheads. With only a small fraction of those devastating weapons, each side could obliterate the other. In a nuclear exchange there would be no winner and few survivors. Those who did survive would be without food, water or electricity. Most would be wounded without hospitals or medical care. The nuclear exchange would make vast areas uninhabitable because of radioactivity. The ozone would be damaged, food production would cease, most animals including us would be blinded. Civilization would be destroyed.

Surely a nuclear freeze—with 30,000 warheads still in our arsenal ready to go at the touch of a button—does not endanger us. Rather, it is a first step to reduce nuclear armaments. To go forward on the nuclear arms race is to march to oblivion.

In Oregon we are urging people to sign an initiative petition that would place the critical issue of mutual, verifiable nuclear freeze on the general election ballot in November. The Oregon secretary of state requires 54,669 signatures or registered voters, before it can be voted on. If you have not signed the petition, please do so before June 25.

The nuclear freeze coordinator for your region is Peter Bergel at 371-8002 or contact your church representative.

Jim Weaver
U.S. Congressman
Fourth District, Oregon

"Thank you"

We would like to thank everybody who has been so kind, understanding and generous since the death of our son and brother, Lauron Frank Hiltbruner. Gordie, Mary, Jesse and Lyons Hiltbruner

Ask the superintendent:

Vote absentee on schools

by DR. JOHN PETERS
Sandy High Superintendent

QUESTION: I understand that your 1982-83 school budget is to be voted on June 29. I am planning to be on vacation and would like to vote an absentee ballot. How may I obtain one?

ANSWER: An absentee ballot may be picked up in person at the Clackamas County Courthouse in Room 104 at Eighth and Main Streets in Oregon City. You may have someone obtain it for you, but you must write a request and sign your name in order for a ballot to be issued. Also, you can request an absentee ballot through the mail, but it should be timely (within three or four days of the election) and will again need your signature. The address to write is Elections Office; Clackamas County Courthouse; Eighth and Main Streets; Oregon City, OR 97045.

QUESTION: What does Sandy Union High School offer in art education, and what part of the total school budget is earmarked for art education?

ANSWER: Sandy Union High School offers art within a department called participating and performing arts. That department comprises six percent of the total school budget. It includes three years of general art education, calligraphy, pot-



tery, band, wind ensemble, state band, counterpoints, pionairs, symphonic choir, concert choir, drama, performers, stagecraft, two years of general drama education and photography. We also include in this department all of our home economics classes, such as general foods instruction and clothing. The new graduation requirements recently adopted by the state board of education require students to complete one year of either fine arts, applied arts or foreign language. Many students elect one or more of the courses above to fulfill this requirement.