

Editorial & Opinion

Sugar dads keep swimmers afloat

Swimming is resurfacing at Sandy High School, thanks to a concerned bunch of supporters.

Defeat of supplemental B ballot in a recent school district levy dimmed pool lights for many aquatic prospects of the Pioneers' successful program.

Swimmers really took it in the shorts. No other sports program was zapped as badly as swimming, with water polo an early budget cut victim.

Without district support, swimmers' families and friends must come up with a lot of money to keep the program afloat.

Well, a group of 27 die-hards got together over the weekend and agreed to do whatever it takes to reinstate the program by Nov. 8 under O.S.A.A. sanction rules. That could mean coughing up as much as \$200 per family, a costly commitment.

There's another way to look at cost, however. Imagine working out hard in a pool since age 8 and

gradually seeing improvement through drills and competition in Sandy's Blue Marlin Aquatics Club, a high school feeder program. Then suddenly YOUR sport is cut—not 10 percent with all the others—but completely and solely.

That's the sorry high school situation many supporters are working to correct here. Coaching will be donated free. Some concerned parents have donated officials' fees. Other fees have been waived.

The goal now is \$5,000, which still leaves a big chunk for a few parents. Still, the successful local program probably would cost no more at \$200 per swimmer than most private swim clubs charge.

Nick Roth is heading the drive with Roxy Burns, Heidi Lamer and Shawn Burns. They deserve all the support the community can afford. Call 668-6341 or 668-6225 to help. (VB)

Grant us this day our daily bread

Sandy and Hoodland really should get in the chow line with all the grants being handed out by Oregon Economic Action Council. They are the bank and government movers and shakers with the bold, red "Are You With Us?" buttons.

You'll recall U.S. Bankcorp and others challenged the state to raise a million bucks to get Oregon red hot and rolling again. They said they'll plow the donated bucks back into the state in worthwhile economic development.

Well, they're keeping their promise, now that the money's in their hands. A lot of little community projects are getting a helping hand.

Why not Sandy and Hoodland? Well, first you have to submit a grant proposal.

Surely, some pump-priming

money could be employed here to get the Sandy and mountain communities economically healthy with something to offer residents in social services.

For example, Tigard was awarded \$1,000 toward continuation of a youth employment program. The agency offers advertising training, work permit assistance and council for serving to more than 6,000 youth.

The Economic Action Council have urged even more groups to submit proposals. Locally, the city of Sandy, Sandy Chamber of Commerce or Hoodland Chamber could apply. So could other spirited civic groups.

Anyone here want to hold out a hand for some help? Requests should be sent to the Council at P.O. Box 4889, Portland 97208. (VB)

Personally speaking:

Chance for stardom 'lost'

Mark Kuntz telephoned a couple weeks ago.

There's nothing unusual about the Sandy High School drama instructor giving me a call. As he graciously admits, it's usually because he wants something—publicity for a new high school production or a notice about an upcoming audition for the Sandy Community Players.

But this call was unusual from the start because it came to me at home.

"This isn't going to be painful," he coaxed. "Just come down to the theater at 7:30 and audition."

He said more about the roles in the upcoming Players' production, but everything after "audition" blurred. I said I'd think about it. And I did.

If I'd been intended to be on a stage, I would've been born in the Old West.

I'd rather stumble over a dangling participle in these pages, than stumble over cues, blocking and forgotten lines.

I fretted about my inability to memorize anything longer than the prefix of the Sandy telephone exchange. My former parakeet had better line recall than I do and he never uttered word one.

Besides, I'd promised a cute, little art student in Minneapolis that I'd write her a letter that night.

Granted, it would have been my chance to make a grab for the brass ring of stardom. I saw my path to appearances with Merv and Cavett and whoever's sitting in for Johnny snap like a Grade B movie in mid-reel.

But passing up the audition didn't really wipe out any chance at Broadway footlights and Hollywood klieg lights. I'd started down the gilded path before.

When I was in high school, I wrote a skit for a basketball pep rally. It was a nice domestic spoof on a popular television program of the era.

It was an all-male high school, but when I penned the one-act I naturally assumed the director would venture across the street to the girls' school and lure a coed back for the female lead.

Wrong.

So, it came to pass that I made my stage debut as Edith Bunker, clad in a print dress and hiking boots. All went well until the sweat-sock bosom I'd masterfully taped in place slipped, about halfway through the production. For the denouement Edith wrestled her chest instead of Archie's barbed comments.

My spirits undampened, later that year I enrolled in a week-long mini-course in film making. Cameraman and director were



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already spoken for by the time I strolled into class. But, hey, I had experience as "talent" so I gave it another whirl.

It was a classic cops 'n' robbers thriller. Preston Ricci and I were cast as the erudite boys in blue, because Preston borrowed a couple uniforms and one of them happened to fit yours truly.

We had wonderful high-speed car chases—the best part of any high school filming—and raging gun battles, but it was in the quiet moments that my acting made its mark.

It wasn't a talkie and the Super-8 camera didn't rival Panavision, so the time we weren't directly on-camera was ours to do with as we wanted.

Well, in my high school, the illicit chewing of sunflower seeds was the rage and there were no instructors hovering over us as we filmed the interrogation scene.

So, as Preston razed the suspect on-camera, I kicked back, put my feet on the desk and proceeded to expectorate seeds into the garbage can at semi-long range off-camera, I thought.

Wrong, again.

Fortunately, when the movie was shown, the instructor thought my little ad lib added authenticity and the principal concurred.

So, I really did think about going down to the theater and auditioning after Mark called. Even though I didn't, I'll tell you what.

If there's ever a role that calls for a male, with a sweat-sock bosom, who spits sunflower seeds, I'm in the telephone book.

I'm not even going to worry about being typecast.



Parents bemoan lost swimming, buses

Busing poor

We are writing this letter in order to express our concern and anger over the lack of school bus service on our road. We live on S.E. 370th Ave., a gravel road approximately 3/4 mile from where the bus has been picking up our children.

I and a few other moms on our road have been taking the children to school ourselves or driving them up to wait for the bus. We also pick them up at the school or drive up to where the bus lets them off.

Some of our kids are second and third graders, and we feel they are too young to walk the distance alone. Personally, I want to be able to see my children board the bus every morning so I know they are safe.

The way the bus situation is now is unacceptable to us. The high school bus comes down our road and has no trouble. We have observed high school and grade school buses coming up our road for years, but suddenly have been left without adequate bus service for our small children. We don't like it.

We are very frustrated, because the school board will not acknowledge any arguments that spokespersons for our road have presented.

I hope there are many other parents who feel the way we do. Maybe we can correct this situation soon.

Patti Knox
Sandy

Fix bus stops

As many parents of the Sandy Grade school system know, there have been numerous reroutings and cuts in the bus system. As tax payers we realize the need for cutting cost but need it be at the expense of children's safety?

We live on 370th behind Sandy Industrial Park and have had bus service since 1971. We have an 8 year old daughter attending Sandy Grade. Our children are now asked to walk 1/2 mile to the bus stop. The fact that they have to walk this distance is not our concern, it's the area they must walk through that worries us. It is a wooded area sparsely populated and there is a blind curve on this road. Twenty years ago this may not have been a problem but in today's society that's not so.

We have talked to the superintendent and the school board. We were told three reasons for their decision: time, money and our turn-around wasn't large enough. Our turn-around is 80 feet. They have used it for eight years. The last two years they have used a driveway. The High School bus used this turn-around daily. Yes,

we may save some money in time and gasoline, but what about safety. Must something like child molesting have to happen before our administrators wake up. Why are the doors locked at school and visitors required to sign in at the office? The school's responsibility is to and from school as well as at school.

At this point we are taking turns driving our children to the bus stop. We pay for the bus service the same as everyone else.

We know there are other parents with similar concerns. It is time for us to band together. Please feel free to call me at 668-5195.

Gary and Joy Seibert
Sandy

O.S.A.A. rules

Through fund raisers and donations we are confident that we can meet this goal. Some 1,697 patrons said "yes" to the "B" ballot last week. We need your help now to keep the high school swim teams in the water this season. A year's interruption will severely damage the program.

Please join us with your support for these young athletes!

Committee to Reinstate Sandy Swim Teams:
668-6341, 668-6225. Nick Roth, chairman
Roxy Burns, sec-treas.
Heidi Lamer, Shawn Burns
co-vice chairmen

Be heard

The Sandy Post's conti-

main strongly opposed to such a measure, it isn't hard to understand how this type of tax bill keeps popping up. One would think that local government agencies everywhere would heed the call and frustrations of the taxpayer and show us a little conservation when it comes to collecting and spending our tax dollars.

A few years ago the mountain residents were promised better police protection if we would just help pass a new tax base. It passed, and so did the promise, our taxes went to Oregon City, we are still left without adequate police protection.

We've increased the fire department budget three-

Dump LCDC

Starting at the bottom, we have enforcement, which is LCDC, the enforcement arm of Senate Bill 100 the next step up the ladder. We at the local level feel the effect of plans made at the highest level, and it is maddening when you can't even build an outhouse without asking some bureaucrat for permission.

Now Senate Bill 100 is the pilot plan used in all states to restrict the use of your land, thus making you serfs on land which once was yours.

The next step up the ladder is regional governance, the merging of several states into regions. We are in Region 10, with Idaho, Washington and Alaska. Seattle is the capitol of our region. The Ford Foundation planned this regional idea. They even have a constitution of the new states of America.

Regionalism rakes away our legislative form of state government. Appointed rulers then are put in, instead of governors. Look at the fight the bureaucrats are putting up in Multnomah County, because the people are trying to get back the right to elect their sheriff, clerk, assessor, etc. Home-rule charters are part of the plan, and it sounds good when you say "home rule." The name implies that things are decided at the local level, but not so. The plan comes from the highest level, and once again the people get the shaft.

In our nation the top of this pyramid is the U.N. Ask yourself how many rights you have lost, since we joined the U.N.? In the U.N. charter there are whole sections copied word-for-word from the Soviet constitution, and the goal of the U.N. is one world government.

We are fighting LCDC, which is only the tip of one of the tentacles of the octopus. We need to concentrate on the head of the octopus. The National Council of Churches passed a resolution as follows: "The U.S. may soon have to subordinate its will to that of the U.N. Citizens must be prepared to take it. Citizens should prepare for such eventuality."

Are you ready to give up your rights as an American without a fight? Remember, "Land control is people control." Are you willing to submit to being "controlled?"

Let's join hands and vote out LCDC in November.

See you at the polls.

Ann Lucas
Estacada

Save swimming

Tuesday, Sept. 21, the high school special levy "B" ballot failed 1,989 to 1,697. A difference of 292 votes. If the "A" and "B" ballots were combined, they would have passed by a 523 margin. Wednesday, Sept. 22, the school board rejected a request to resubmit a revised "B" ballot to the voters at the Nov. 2 election.

Within the "B" ballot the total high school aquatics program including both girls and boys swim teams was deleted. Other sports were inconvenienced with some monetary cuts, but the total swim teams and water polo teams were completely axed from the budget.

We understand cuts had to be made and that sports programs usually have to be reduced, but in fairness to the whole student body, the cuts should be across the board with all activities being equally cut back. The whole aquatics program in this district has been severely damaged by this action.

Since Sandy residents approved the swim center bond in 1965, swimming has been a year-round sport in our community—recreationally, instructionally and competitively. Within all these areas there is no age limit, size limit or ability limit a person must possess to be involved.

Saturday, Sept. 25, a group of high school swimmers, their parents and concerned friends met to discuss possible ways to continue the boys and girls high school swim teams this year. A committee was formed and all were in agreement that this program is important enough to work for.

We will need approximately \$5,000 to reinstate the program under

ning coverage of the various Hoodland developments is an important public service. There surely is no one who favors silted or polluted streams, ruined fishing or crowded living.

I occasionally visit my daughter and family in this beautiful part of Oregon and may have a different view than a year-round resident who almost takes this healthful environment for granted. All of us should realize that once a million-dollar real estate development with its pavement and roofs has replaced the thousands of trees and shrubs, the Clackamas County commissioners and LCDC can only try to reduce the damage done to the countryside. They can't restore what has been destroyed in the name of "progress."

The water problems at the Timberline Rim Development are just an indication of what will happen on a larger scale at the proposed Alderwood Mobile Park, Brightwood Glen and Tillicum Woods mini-cities.

The permanent residents who want to prevent the despoilation of their surroundings still can speak up by attending public hearings, cooperating with volunteers who make up the Mountain Area Concerned Citizens (MACC) or at least sending another contribution in any amount to MACC, P.O. Box 131, Brightwood #7011. There still are outstanding bills for lawyers fees, maps and photocopies.

John Saemann
Brightwood

All costs up

For the third time in four years we are faced with yet another 1-1/2 percent property tax limitation, measure 3. Though I re-

needs have increased at the same percentage. If, indeed we did need all that new equipment, wouldn't it have been wiser to pay for it with a bond issue? With a tax base increase we've given the department that money to find a need for every year. I've never known of an agency to ask for a decrease in taxes when the reason for an increase has been meant. Also we need to keep in mind the purpose of the department and leave the runny nose calls to the doctors and the clogged chimneys to the sweeps. Every time the fleet of trucks sails out the door, so does the money.

Schools, although the most important agency, and the one that would be the most unfairly hit by Measure 3 could cut down some extra services and trim down administrative expenses. Most importantly, schools should commit themselves to sound business practices. I have no problems paying for education, someone paid for my public education and daily I am grateful.

These are the top three expenses on our tax bills, all local agencies with local control in the form of board of directors. It is time we all take these boards seriously and commit ourselves to making certain that members that are elected, all too often by default, are dedicated to conservation and service, rather than individuals who show up once a month to nod as the rubber stamp approves every whim.

I believe that the responsibility is ours to cut taxes and we have not been doing our job. Let's vote no on 3, but recommit ourselves to cutting unnecessary expenses in government and start where we can on the community level.