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Crime Watch exemplary

Sandy and Hoodland could take a lesson from neighborhood crime watch organizers in the Boring area.

Faced with the fourth-highest crime rate among 10 districts in the county, residents there have banned together to watch out for each other with two car patrols in each of 11 local areas and neighborhood awareness meetings.

The county sheriff's department will assist with reassessment of patrol strength there, beefed-up reserve officer presence and equipment like radios that neighbors who ride with reserves can utilize.

Burglaries and thefts are major problems there, but vandalism is a big problem, too, for organizers Clair Reynolds and Mick Lane and their 100 cohorts who teamed to sign three sheets for volunteer duty.

"People there are concerned, and they have a right to be,"

Sheriff Paul McAllister said after attending the meeting to offer support.

"Boring is having their share of problems out there. We know it, and they know it. We want to make sure they don't get into predicaments where they are sued or injured," he said of volunteers. We'll offer any assistance we can."

McAllister also keeps close ties with an earlier group in the Colton area headed by Verle Pierce and operating with similar concerns the past four years.

The Boring area volunteers offer good example of what concerned citizens can do to learn to slow crime in their neighborhoods and actively play a part in motorized surveillance.

Sandy residents who last year were treated to workshops and organization efforts by local police should take another hard look at active neighborhood crime watch groups, such as Boring Crime Watch. (VB)

Vietnam vets need state support

Concerned Vietnam vets headed by Clyde Austin of Veterans Northwest and local state Rep. Bob Shiprack will rally 7:30 p.m. March 11 in Sandy VFW Hall for passage of state health relief legislation.

They're lobbying for passage of Oregon House Bill 2462 as a Vietnam Veteran Benefits Act to require the Health Division to test and evaluate effects of war chemical herbicides and set up a Vietnam Veterans Health Study Commission.

They're also pushing for passage of Oregon Senate Joint Memorial 1 to encourage the federal Congress to provide judicial review of administrative decisions affecting veterans and authorize payment of attorney fees for legal services to veterans who claim benefits under Veteran Administration.

Legislator's report:

Mail vote, cuts questions

by BOB SHIPRACK
State Representative, Dist. 23

This week a bill to require new woodstoves to be certified by DEQ appears to have died in committee, but it may be amended and brought to the floor later.

There are several bills in to change LCDC. Most are using recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Land Use which recommended a speedier permit process, elimination of the Land Use Board of Appeals and other suggestions to make it more responsive to public needs.

Administrative rules are laws enacted by agency bureaucrats to carry out the operation of their agency, but these very often are the "laws" that so often cause our frustration with the system. Presently these rules are not reviewed by the Legislature and are not written by your elected officials.

A bill has been introduced to require that these rules be examined, amended or repealed by the Legislature. We have all had experiences with government that didn't make sense, and their response is "that's our rule." Hopefully, we can change that.

I would like your opinion on several important issues. The first is "vote by mail," which should soon be before. Proponents argue that it increases citizen involvement. Opponents charge that it could lead to ballot fraud and coercion by another

Salem scene:

Pop tax seen as 'sin' tax

by JACK ZIMMERMAN
Associated Oregon Industries

A corollary of the lawmaking process involves a search for additional sources of revenue whenever the economy slumps and government's tax take diminishes proportionately.

But given the unpopularity of new taxes among voters, it is commonplace among the politically astute to cloak some new revenue-raising schemes in the garb of taxes on sin.

The Oregon legislature long has been acclaimed for its ability to root out sinful practices and levy special taxes on those who are guilty of all manner of transgression. Those who imbibe alcoholic beverages and puff tobacco being among the most visible sinners suffering the sting of legislative righteous retribution.

member of the family.

Secondly, the House Democratic caucus is now looking at cutting \$250 million from the governor's proposed budget. This is your chance to send me your suggestions as to where we might make those cuts.

Finally, should those cuts be in agency budgets or in transfer payments to local government and for property tax relief. I can be reached by writing: Rep. Bob Shiprack, H292 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310 or calling 378-8784.



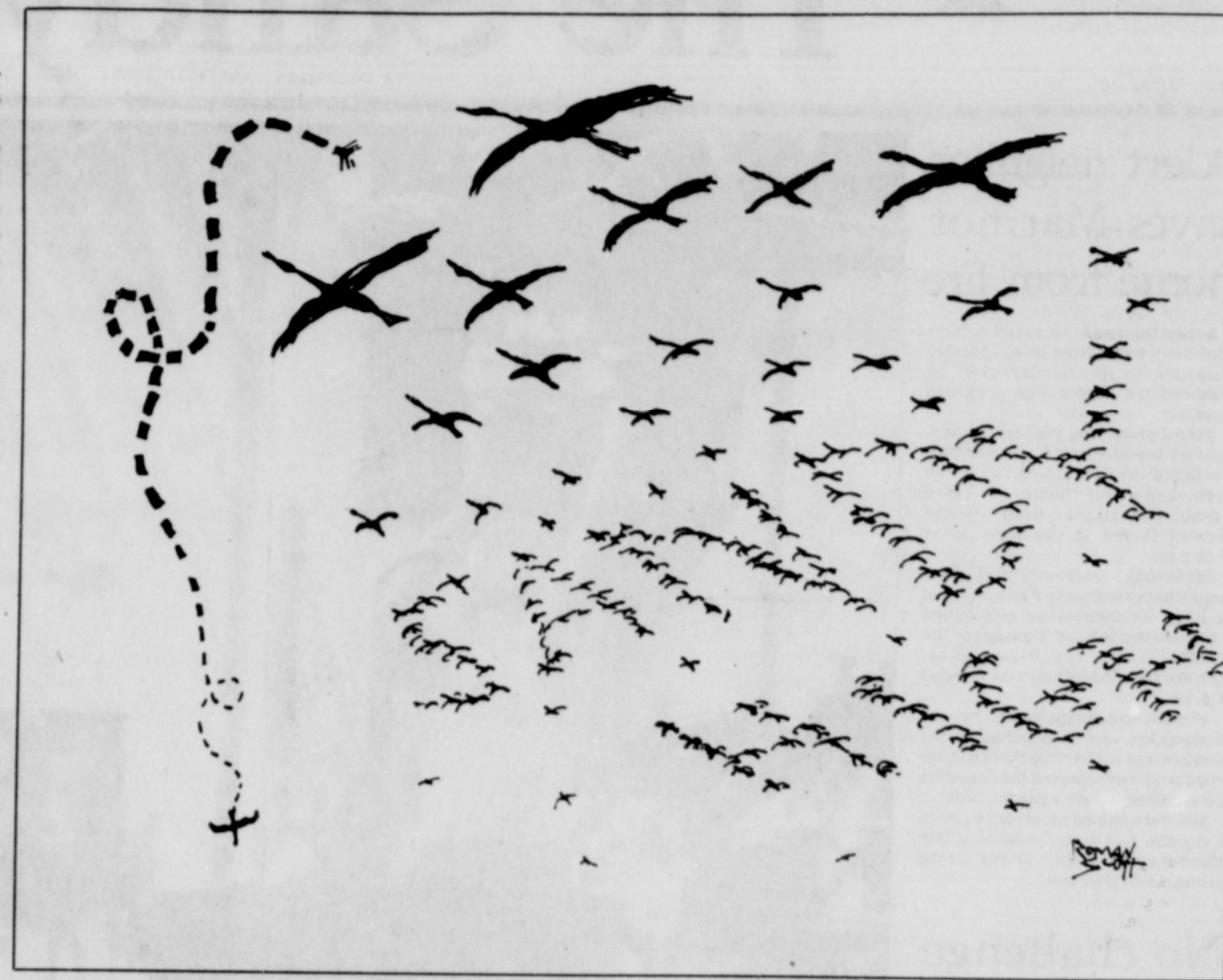
How times change in a town like Sandy. Sandy area residents this March ponder the fate of the city's Heritage Square parking lot on the block to sell, development toward a new shopping center at the west end of town, replacement of the fired high school superintendent and rumored interest by Bhagwan religious followers to purchase a business in Sandy.

Here 10, 20 and 30 years ago, the concerns and news looked much different:

March, 1973: Sandy High superintendent Joe DeMarsh and principal Bill MacFarlane pondered how to handle a staff petition to protest an assembly laced with religious material. Three of 11 staff members who signed the petition were released. It was noted by the administration that students had an option not to attend such assemblies.

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The Sandy Chamber of Commerce found a new home in shared quarters at Sandy Insurance Agency on Proctor Avenue. New chamber brochures to promote Sandy were printed under direction of Chamber president Mel Lamm and Sandy High student Sandy Pietzak who worked for the Chamber on a

work-study program.
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Mayor Mel Haneberg called for a city centennial beard-growing contest here, and many Sandytites responded with instant facial hair. Among contestants were "Dangerous Dale," "Carlos the Cool," "Dusty the Destroyer," "Cold Cash Cliff," "No-brake Nugent," "Gears Garlock," "Tough-stuff Duff" and "Butch Bluebeard Bosnowski." In fact, all males not wearing a beard during centennial week faced



Letters to the editor:

Water district, govt. costs draw fire

On March 3, I experienced a very sad moment in the constant fight against development and the take over of the lives of the people within the Mt. Hood Corridor.

Salmon Valley Water Company's petition to annex the area between their westerly boundary of Ar-rah Wana Road to the Salmon River (with a few exclusions) was granted. This was the last link needed to assure the developers all elements needed for a go ahead on their projects.

The people in the 'corridor' have been pulled in so many different directions that this very crucial step was found too late. It was a fine try by many concerned residents but it was all in vain. The more unfortunate ones are those caught in between existing development and the upcoming. They can be assured they will be tapped to help pay for it. Maybe not now but definitely later.

My biggest fear comes

from our county commissioners. Their boy Abrams came right out and said at the Boundary Commission that they really do not care where the water comes from just so it is done quickly. They need the development to help pay for their floundering sewer system. Also don't be surprised if the county becomes interested in supplying water to this area in the future.

Now picture this: large developments, busier streets, crowded schools, burdened fire department, growing need for commerce and water and sewer sewn up by the county. In walks a city proposal (again) to save us all.

I certainly hope the people do not give up. There are options and opportunities that will present themselves but we must be even more aware.

So we had a ride on the Salmon Valley Railroad with the developers and county at the controls. But

not for long! Oh excuse me! Salmon Valley Water Company, our friendly water purveyor and our neighbors!

Jackie Yates
Brightwood

Cut govt. costs

Our State Legislature, or any taxing district, could take a lesson from Baker County. The County Commissioners and the County Judge balanced the County Budget in two hours. How?

With an equal swoop of the pen, they cut all elected and appointed officials a straight 10 percent.

Our legislature has been in session three weeks. Has anyone heard any rumor of cutting spending? Governor Atiyeh applauds President Reagan for his statement to "freeze federal spending." Why doesn't the governor follow suit and recommend a freeze on state spending? There has been no mention of cutting.

There only has been talk of raising taxes.

Oregonians, beware! They are going to try to push a sales tax on you again. Why? To relieve property taxes. Don't forget, that was the reason we adopted an income tax. The purpose was to relieve property taxes. Don't be fooled again. If you vote for another tax, that is just what it will be—another tax.

Jean Roberts
Mehama

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Yesteryear in Sandy:

Water, phones early woes



by VON BRASCHLER

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citation or incarceration by a special "whiskers patrol."

MARCH, 1963:

Newly elected councilman Deane Wesselink campaigned for better city fire protection and better water supply.

If fires occurred simultaneously in the city and rural district in 1963, the city would have had to rely on a 1940 Chev pumper that didn't pass any tests the board of underwriters put before it.

The city consequently did a water survey in 1963 and found great need.

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The city budget contained some big ticket items, for 1963 anyway. A whopping \$2,000 was earmarked to buy a new police car, while another \$500 was allocated to buy the city a used dump truck for use by street and water departments. Another \$750 was set aside to repair the old city fire truck by bringing the pump up to a 500-gallon-per-minute minimum.
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Expansion of Sandy High was planned to accommodate 999 students with 37 teachers for a student-to-teacher ratio of 27. The school had grown from 391 students in 1951 to 630 students in 1962. Some 250 residents attended an unveiling of the expansion plans.

MARCH, 1983:

A Civil Defense observation post for Ground Observer Corps was established at Sandy City Hall. Various local individuals and groups volunteered to man the post 24 hours a day.

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Improvements by Frank Christensen on his mountain telephone company allowed four subscribers on Truman Road to have a line all their own. Five users in Rhododendron, formerly on the same line, got a line all their own with the new improvements. Frank added a new switchboard that he said would take care of additional subscribers for years to come.

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Sandy's early dreams for water became reality in 1953, when the city floated a \$65,000 bond for a new pipe line the city then expected to supply a population up to 15,000. The new system replaced a system built in 1937 when the town's population was only 450.

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Sandy Heights Road from the old Eagle Creek highway to South Bluff Road was paved at state expense. The project cost approximately \$16,000. Many other streets in Sandy were left unpaved after installation of a new sewer system. They had to wait for the dirt to settle.