

# Editorial & Opinion

## Showcase area with signs

Perhaps what the Sandy area needs to jazz up its economy is another roadside attraction.

Tourism, after all, shouldn't be overlooked in the area's economic development efforts. Day visitors to a community represent fresh dollars and non-polluting industry in the form of guests who require little public service buildup of roads, phones, utilities and schools.

As a matter of civic pride, Sandy and the mountain should acknowledge to the world that it has lots of points of interest here. One wonders why this hasn't been demonstrated with pride years ago.

By contrast, road travelers along Oregon's coast or the gorge see many signs that stop travelers for interesting things to see along the way. Sandy and the mountain easily have as much to share in historic buildings, trails, parks and gardens.

It would be easy to stop the world as it passes by, if one only calls for attention. Signs are the answer, and negative thinkers here who see state highway snags in signs along Highway 26 should investigate possibilities. First place to look might be other parts of the state where successful roadside communities welcome travelers with signs. (VB)

## Community voices indeed heard

Local residents who sometimes feel their voices don't count should have attended a recent Sandy High School budget hearing.

Patrons there asked for cuts and got cuts from a responsive board who mulled over their comments Monday. Some cost-conscious taxpayers here simply told budgeters they couldn't afford a \$3 million levy, as proposed by the board's budget committee.

Admittedly, the budget still asks voters for a lot of money, with a proposed tax rate of \$5.35 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation, compared to the current year's \$4.16 rate.

But that's just part of the pie. A May 17 operating levy for \$2.9 million in local funding would fuel the district's total \$4.7 million

budget. The stingy budget committee has allowed for only a 7 percent increase in salaries, while the index calls for 10 to 12 percent increases.

The district also has lost some \$700,000 in state basic school support with shifts in the state equalization formula.

Sure, it's still a lot of money the high school asks of district taxpayers, but it's apparent school officials are somewhat responsive to patron demands. Unfortunately, this usually blends into a group chant for more for less.

What's left to fund now is a quality education program that can't be cut in cost without tapering curriculum and tampering with basic operations. (VB)



## Recall urged, despite details

### Recall board

Due to the unjustified January firing of Dr. John Peters, superintendent of Sandy Union High School Dist, local patrons are carrying petitions to have four of the five present board members recalled. Perhaps the petitions would have included five members, but one member hadn't been in office long enough.

It has come to my attention that in the course of presenting the petitions to patrons for endorsement there are those who will not sign, because they don't believe in petitions. This is a proper choice for them. However, there are those who will not take part in this democratic process to get the recall on the ballot, because they feel the board must know something the public doesn't. For patrons using that reasoning not to sign the recall petitions, please know that if the Sandy Union High School District board had 'cause' for firing Dr. Peters and breaking a contract that doesn't expire until June 1984, he would not still be superintendent, and he is. If Dr. Peters was guilty of wrong doing or neglect of duty, he would not still be superintendent, because the contract could have been broken. Dr. Peters is still doing his job and, interestingly enough, the board is still accepting his recommendations for running the district, not only this year but the next. His recommendations and the board's acceptance of the same will have impact for many years. It is obvious the board still respects his

educational direction. I cannot believe the present school board did its homework, or I'm certain they would not have started down a path that will cost the students and the district patrons so much. When the final bills are tallied, we will find that the students have suffered from program loss and the taxpayers will have spent \$100,000 to \$200,00 for non-

post on the board of directors of the Mt. Hood Loop Water District. I will continue to exercise discretion in the acceptance of any bribes tendered by the big private water interests.

To those of you who did not vote for me, be warned: We've got your number.  
 Milton M. Fox  
 (Godfather)  
 Brightwood

### Save park

Our parklands are being sold! Are you aware that the Clackamas County commissioners are now accepting bids to sell a 76-acre park? The purported purpose of the sale is to finance approximately 50 percent of the cost of running the county's park system for up to 10 years.

get a fair price for them. It is important that the Clackamas County commissioners know concerns regarding the park's sale. Please write them a letter and if at all possible plan to attend the meeting with the commissioners on April 14 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A at 902 Abernathy Road.

I hope that with enough input from concerned citizens the commissioners will recognize the importance of keeping our park system intact for future generations.

Joan Hainline  
 Boring

## Letters to the editor

### educational stupidity!

Margaret M. Trachsel  
 Rhododendron

### Elect Hoard

As a businessman and parent in this community, I had the opportunity of working with one of the candidates for Position 4 on the Sandy Elementary School Board. This person has shown organization, planning and the willingness to go the "extra mile" in order to get the job done.

Through the leadership of Debra Hoard the Sandy Grade PTC has accomplished a great deal this year for our children. Her other interests and volunteer work in our community (soccer coach, board member of Sandy Cascade Soccer Club, soap box derby and Cub Scouts, just to name a few) have done a lot to prove youth in our community positive and constructive activities.

When Debra Hoard makes a commitment, she keeps it; so that is why I urge a vote for her at next election.

Bob Espenel  
 Sandy

### Help Otto

Otto Rude, owner of a ski rental and sales shop, has to put in a sidewalk by April 18 or be closed down and cited for failure to comply with city code. Since he is 75 and unable to afford a contractor, a work party will gather at his place to help him out.

Anyone who out of the goodness of their heart could donate time, money or equipment, please call me at 668-8131 or meet me at Otto's at 11 a.m. April 16. Coffee and doughnuts will be available to all participants.

Thank you.  
 Kimberly Nelson  
 Sandy

### Voters warned

I wish to thank those voters who knuckled-under to the machine politics of the mountain mafia to reelect me to my lucrative

We must stop this practice before a dangerous precedent is set. If this sale is permitted, it would establish a precedent which could feasibly lead to the county in time selling off all of our parklands in order to finance our park department.

While such sales would end the need for further financing once all the parklands are sold, but at what cost to all of us?

The park scheduled to be sold is Deep Creek Park located just off Highway 224 between Boring and Estacada. This is an unimproved park, costing nothing for upkeep which has been scheduled to be sold for the land value, but particularly for the timber, which will be harvested by whichever logging company buys the park.

The sale is a loss to us all. The park is a beautiful natural habitat area, easily accessible to the public. The sale of the park's timber is scheduled at a time when timber prices are very low.

If we must sell off our assets to pay our bills, let's at least wait until we can

### Death penalty

Murder! Every night the local news reports additional murders in our state. In 1981, proponents of capital punishment testified the death penalty did provide deterrent value. The logical result of the overturning and non-replacement of a capital punishment law would be an increase in murders.

The 1982 Oregon Law Enforcement Council report confirms that Oregon experienced an 18 percent increase in homicide the first full year after the overturning of our death penalty.

On April 18 an evening committee hearing has been scheduled to consider passage of a capital punishment package. The committee chairman, Hardy Myers (132 N.E. Laurelhurst Place, Portland 97232) needs to hear from you.

Dede Streich  
 Sherwood

### Salem scene:

## Minority leader has plan

by JACK ZIMMERMAN  
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Larry Campbell is not your run-of-the-mill cold, calculating politician on the rise. Calculating, you bet, but with a warmth that belies the metaphorical cooler temperature that usually accompanies the other attribute.

No one, save wife, Karlyn, cuddles this bear. Yet, he is coddled to a degree by more astute legislators in the opposing Democrat majority. Consequently, he's also not your run-of-the-mill leader of the traditional loyal opposition.

Pushing 52, Rep. Campbell's boyish looks also mask an intellect honed by a commonsense paternal influence that continues long after the untimely death of his father. An only slightly probing conversation invariably includes anecdotal references attributed to his male parent. One quickly concludes his own four sons are being reared in the same manner.

That leads to yet another anachronism. Minority Leader Campbell's family comes first. The "conscious decisions" that undergird his course of conduct are quite often the result of family consensus.

One veteran Salem-watcher sums Campbell's attributes this way: "He has the uncommon knack of being able to perceive a problem, create a solution and market his plan."

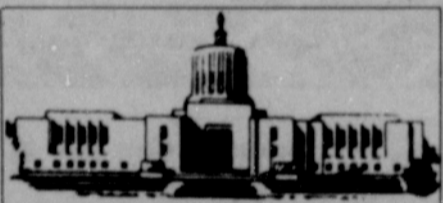
Confronted with that type of praise, Campbell actually blushed and quickly provided an example to prove the observation. It was his rise to minority party leadership in the 62nd Oregon Legislative Assembly's lower chamber.

Although he declared his intention to seek the position early on, one of those conscious decisions by himself and leading confederates agreed to postpone active campaigning until the more urgent goals of winning re-election and electing more GOP fellow House members were achieved.

"We didn't do too well with the latter," he recalled ruefully, attested by the fact House Republicans lost three seats last November.

Yet he won re-election handily in a Lane and Clatsop county district where Democrats have a majority of voters registered. That was on a Tuesday, of course, Wednesday and Thursday he spent traveling the state, calling on fellow GOP House members. Friday morning one contender withdrew, late that afternoon the other pulled out and that evening Campbell was elected unanimously.

With him House Republicans got his plan. It included the manner in which the 26 Republicans would conduct themselves during the current session and a four-year pledge to forge an increase in that party's legislative influence. So far, the conduct part has been one more of cooperating in the process than hindering its progress. And with it has come a long-range plan to ease Oregon's fiscal problems that already



has increased the minority's influence in the chamber.

Actually, Campbell is working toward resurrecting a GOP majority in the House. But he doesn't harbor ideas of becoming Speaker. This doesn't mean he disdains the idea of following in the footsteps of other Minority Leaders who have risen to House prominence when their party achieved majority status—such as former Reps. F.F. (Monte) Montgomery and Richard Eymann. It's more that he'd prefer to follow the example of former Senate Minority Leader Robert Smith, who last year joined Oregon's congressional delegation.

Skimming lists of House and Senate party leaders during the last 30 years shows that more holders of those positions have gone on to greater political prominence than those who haven't—Gov. Vic Atiyeh and Congressman Les AuCoin to name a couple more.

Considering Larry Campbell "has a plan" and has "made a conscious decision," he just might achieve a seat on the Potomac.

You have to understand he already knows it would take more campaigning than his job with Pacific Northwest Bell allows to run for Congress in the Fourth District. But four years from now he can retire from the phone company without pension penalty. He has a plan.

The plan includes practicing what his father told him about achieving goals by working harder than the other guy.

Larry Campbell has only had one job in the private sector. His parents both retired from the phone company and his first job with that firm was as part-time janitor while earning a degree at Lewis & Clark. Rising rapidly through the ranks, he set marks for managerial achievement at early ages and was a division manager in Eugene when first elected in 1978. He since has accepted a demotion to district manager in order to remain in that community. One also suspects the considerable cut in pay was acceptable in order to remain in House Dist. 43 and Congressional Dist. 4.

Larry Campbell has a plan, and he has patience, too. He came close to filing for the House seat vacated by Sen. L.B. Day in 1976. Pacific Northwest Bell transferred him from Salem to Portland to Eugene. It took a little time to build another base from which to run.

Oh, yes, Larry Campbell has still another good thing going for him. Wife, Karlyn—10 years younger and whom he met on a blind date and didn't wed until he was 29—is a former Miss Oregon.

## Yesteryear in Sandy area:

# 'Likker' hidden under last saloon

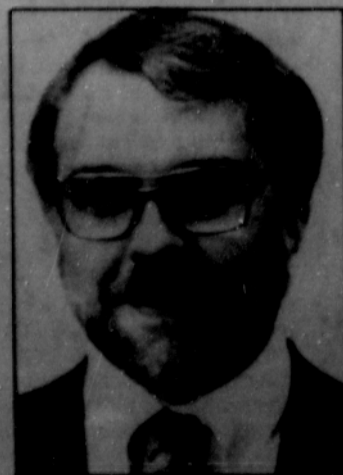
Sandy was young back in 1900, according to a yellowed "Territorial Days" souvenir edition slipped us by Sandy's Charles Frasier.

Keeping store was a pleasure then, the paper quotes C. L. Idleman. "Folks brought flour by 'the barrel, sugar by the hundred, Arbuckle coffee—always by the dollar. Mrs. Idleman brought out 300 hats one year for July Fourth, trimmed and sold every one.

There were lots of Indian customers at their store where Mrs. Idleman traded huckleberries for calico.

At Summit House, Perry Vickers making sourdough biscuits stopped to wait on a customer, dug into a flour sack filled with money and a good sprinkle of gold to make change.

Sandy's last two saloons closed the night prohibition came to town in 1919. Remembered George



by VON BRASCHLER

Maroney, "Why, in the old sawmill days it took four or five saloons to quench the thirst of the logging gangs!"

Last old saloons to close here were the Davis and Edwards and the Wolfe where hands filled up their demijons, some with two in hand. Eyes of the law reportedly were blind to the stretching of one more hour that night.

Then rumor circulated hereabouts that a whole barrel was hidden under the Davis and Edwards saloon, so the boys bore holes in the floor. They couldn't find it, and it remains a mystery whatever became of that "likker."

The particular area where Sandy is located once was called Revenus. About 1870, Richard Gordon in business at Eagle Creek bought the property near the Revenus farm and when he began building the community formed around that site.

Before Friends Revenus built

the first bridge across the Sandy in 1886 a flock of 13,000 sheep were forced into the water by the herders who rode across the river on sheeps' backs, according to John Revenus, Sandy's first white child.

Sandy's short-lived second post office on Bluff Road was named Prainville, as commemorated in an address on a letter to Robert Jonsrud from Helsinki:

"Carry me on at a rapid rate, To Clackamas County, Oregon state; 'Til Robert Jonsrud carries me away."

Count Sobell kept Sandy's mail in his pockets for a time, and when somebody have expostulated a letter they'd sometimes took down the coast at Halsey's store and saloon.