

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

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Program change will work out

The decision to reassign four principals in the Sandy Elementary District's three grade schools and junior high is a gamble, but one worth taking.

The decision — made at the July meeting of the board of directors — took the public by surprise. There were no trial balloons and much of the discussion of the matter was conducted in executive session because the decision centered on administrative personnel.

We favor an open discussion of all issues, and feel that even in this case the public could have been given some indication that a change was coming.

Regardless, it is easy to understand why the board did what it did. An administrator's strong points and shortcomings shouldn't be a matter of public discussion until one's shortcomings become a problem to the district. In this case, two board members and the superintendent claim job performance — or lack of it — is not a factor.

We also agree that change can do a program good. Moving administrators around may cause teachers and administrators alike to take a good look at the work they do, at their individual programs.

The Kelso Community Club — and we salute them for having an active, close-knit group — appear to be the most concerned with the change. With a good program in place, they feel they have the most to lose.

But we don't see the change of administrators as a major shake-up. A good building administrator — and district officials claim to have four — should be able to step into a good situation and at least maintain status quo, if not improve it.

This isn't a crisis situation. Other districts regularly reassign administrators, and we don't think the board would purposely create a management problem.

Most assuredly, the September levy election is no time for disgruntled patrons to vent their anger, which is always a threat when someone is not happy with something the district has done.

The board will hold a special meeting Thursday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cedar Ridge School library to listen to concerns of people in the community.

We expect board members to hear good arguments for not changing what appears to be a smoothly-running operation. But we should also keep in mind that we elected the board to do whatever is necessary to provide the best educational program possible.

It is an experienced board; the newest member has served for four years. The five members voted unanimously for the change. It would be hard to bet against those odds.

Letters to the editor

People humiliated by restaurant employee

While driving to Sandy on Wednesday, July 10 our two sons stopped for gas at Shorty's Corner. Our 21-year-old son went into the restaurant while his brother was getting gas.

While in the restaurant our son, having epilepsy, had a seizure. The reaction and emergency treatment from the restaurant personnel was to throw water on him in an attempt to rouse him, and to insist on trying to move him outside.

My younger boy was told to "get

him out of here," even after explaining what was going on and his medical problem and what to do.

We are wondering what the responsibility of business owners is to be informed and to educate their employees.

We feel the boys were prejudged and certainly humiliated by this establishment and we are horrified by the lack of knowledge involved.

Ruth & Jerry Wilson
Welches

Association thanks business people

Barry and I and the entire board of directors of the Sandy Soap Box Derby Association would like to thank the following people for all the help and support for the derby this year.

All the businesses on Industrial Way, the city of Sandy, the Sandy Fire Department and the Clackamas County Bank. We send a very special thank you to U.S. Metals for letting us use their building for impounding the cars, E.W. Eldridge for helping us out with electrical services, Classic Holiday Travel for helping with the air fare to send our champ to Akron, Ohio, and to Michael J's Trophies for the beautiful trophies he

donated this year and last.

All these people and especially the sponsors of derby cars, which include Janz Berryland, Pioneer Chiropractic, Kent W. Cox and Associates, Sandy Auto Body, Mt. Hood Auto Body, Meats and Treats Deli, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Sandy Mobil, A-A Rental and Sullivans Laundry of Oregon City. Thanks also to the many other contributors who have made the 1985 Sandy Soap Box Derby racing season a success.

Lois Fretz
Co-founder and secretary
Sandy Soap Box Derby Asso.

Local people make Lions benefit work

Sandy is a great place to live and the people here are the ones that make it so.

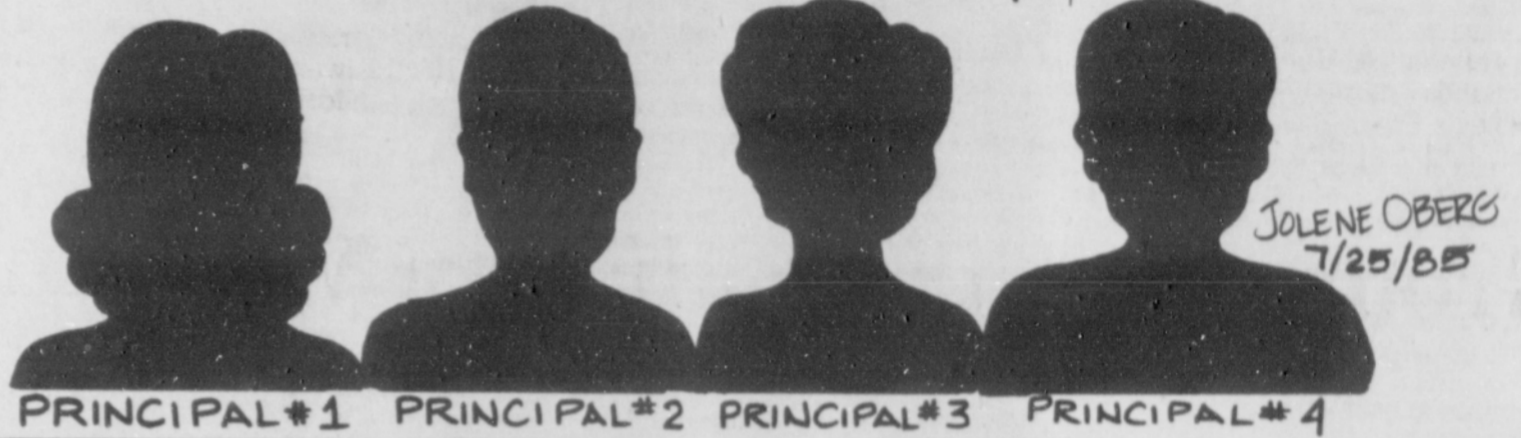
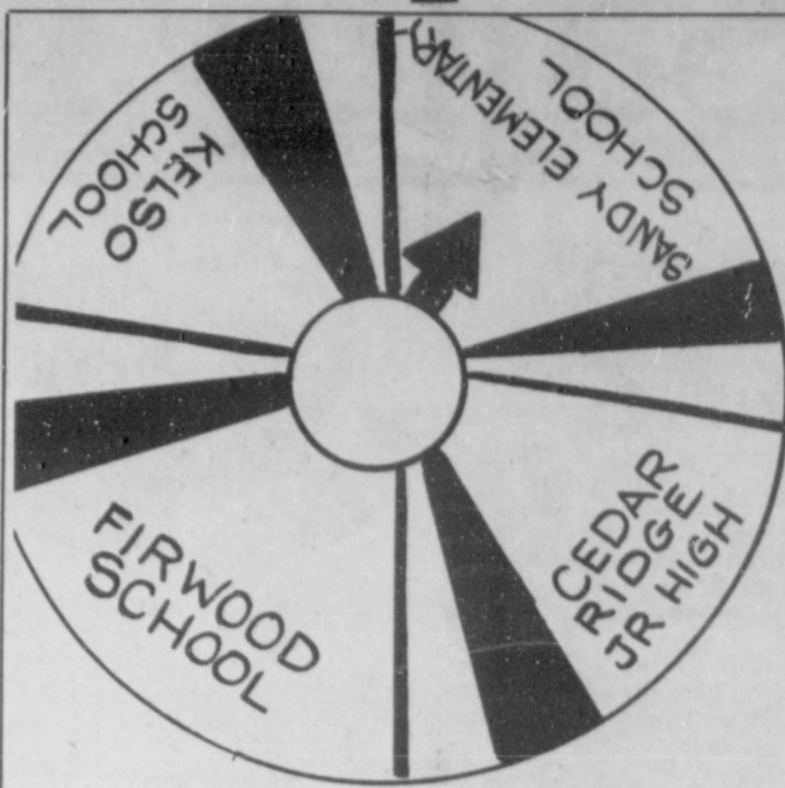
On July 14 the Sandy Lions held a Dunk for Heidi benefit. It was very successful and I feel it is only fitting to thank those caring people who participated.

They include Mayor Deane Wesselink, Bill Herzog of TJ's, Kathi Snyder of Taco Time, Diane and Julie of Toni's Restaurant and Lounge, Pete Carlson of Carlson Chevrolet, Marcia Hapold of the Hair Mill, Denise of Mt. Video, Chuck

Schmit of Mt. Hood Mudders, Deane York of Frankie, Pat Weskoff of the Country Donut House, Big Mama of the Country Corner Cafe, Jim Beans, Dave Malone, Jerry Wesse'ink, Paul Spence, Sandy Lions Club members, volunteers and the little white-haired lady who hoofed it all over this town to make it all happen.

To all these unselfish people and those who donated their time and money, I thank you.

Janice Rockwell
President,
Sandy Lions Club Auxiliary



Personally speaking

House restoration? Romance is gone

How many of you have ever thought it would be romantic to buy an old house and restore it? Just as I thought, enough hands went up to create a Chinook wind.

Now, how many of you have ever attempted the afore-mentioned feat? I don't see any hands. Know why? All of us are too tired from raising hammers, screwdrivers and 2x4s.

We arrived at our post-World War II home with plans in hand, ready to turn it into a dream home set among the pines. That was three years ago. Our plans included self-sufficiency and financial independence.

(Sounds like an advertisement, doesn't it?) Well, we're still not self-sufficient (we're so tired we don't care about it), and we owe almost as much as we did on our other home. Old homes have a voracious appetite for money. The larger the denominations, the better.

Most people spend their vacations on some nice beach or in a resort. Not us. Our vacations (and weekends for that matter) are spent at home. We spent a Memorial Day weekend under our house insulating. It was the



by HELEN UNGER

only two days the sun shined for the next two months.

A Fourth of July weekend was spent in the garage, adding on office space. One Thanksgiving holiday we put sheet rock on our bedroom addition. But the tops was a spring vacation two years ago. That was spent

once again under the house, this time replacing broken bathroom plumbing.

Plumbing is perhaps the worst part of remodeling. Old iron pipe rusts away and won't tighten to eliminate leaks. We finally took the sheet rock off one wall to see if we could stop the leak. But month after month it dripped, at first filling just a saucer, then as time progressed and the leak grew, we started using a bowl. I'm not sure what we would have done next if we hadn't gotten a puppy. It isn't every dog that has cold, fresh water available all day.

One other thing iron pipe does: it cuts, scratches, nicks, gashes, tears and in general makes your life miserable. We're probably the only two adults who are sent cards reminding us when it's time for a booster tetanus shot.

Perhaps the worst part of remodeling is the sheet rock work. No matter how careful you are, a fine white dust settles over everything. Soon, once healthy green plants take on a sick, white glow, white footprints track up the green carpeting, and all the

walnut-stained furniture has a white cast to it. It doesn't vacuum well either. My poor machine had a nervous breakdown trying to restore order to the chaos.

Perhaps the worst thing about remodeling is getting things lined up. How many 7-year-olds can start a toy car at one end of the kitchen and have it come back on its own? It does come in handy when the phone rings, though. My computer is located at the "high" end of the kitchen, the phone at the "low." One good shove and my chair with wheels will have me at the phone in less than two seconds. However, it does require a rope and pulley to get my chair back to the proper place.

Perhaps the worst thing about remodeling is living in a state of non-completion. In order to take showers at our house, we had to rig up a "temporary" shower of visquene. That was over a year ago. I think I need to look up the definition of the word temporary.

Perhaps the worst thing about remodeling is finding a place to stop before it kills you.

Personally speaking

Mountain Festival t-shirt popular

by SCOTT NEWTON

If you think you have seen a lot of this year's Mountain Festival t-shirts around, you are right. Dennis Dries, owner of the Camera Connection and the Shirt Shack, sold over 1,800 of the official t-shirts.

The Mountain Festival committee considered two designs this year before selecting one as official.

Dries — who sells t-shirts and sweatshirts in a room next to the camera shop — put together the design, combining familiar Mountain Festival and Mt. Hood art work. A graphic artist did the final rendering. Needless to say, he was thrilled with the success of the venture. People were still placing orders on Monday, he said.

The design was obviously part of it, but Dries also credits people's support of the Sandy Mountain Festival for the popularity of the t-shirt. To see people along the parade route and salespeople in the stores wearing Mountain Festival t-shirts "kind of makes you proud of the town you're in," he said.

On the subject of the Mountain Festival, I got a good laugh when I saw The Oregonian's entertainment page and read about Mort O'Spence's upcoming performances at the Birdcage Theater.

It is Spence, of course, and not O'Spence. But the community activist and former newsmagazine

publisher makes no bones about his Irish heritage, and for his stint at the Birdcage he sang Irish folk songs.

Rumor is that Jeff Jacqua was responsible for getting that bit of misinformation to The Oregonian, but don't quote us on it.

The folks at the U.S. National Bank of Oregon are clever. Very clever.

We recently got a press release in a money bag, which created a great deal more interest than usually greets the morning mail.

The money bag was stuffed with play money and a personalized press

release. "Sandy shoppers now have access to the services of the state's largest bank, without leaving the grocery store."

It went on the tell about the 151 new automated teller machines (ATMs) that have been installed in grocery stores across the state, including Bowman's Sandy Thriftway.

There are currently 235 machines in Oregon, making it the largest ATM network in the state.

The bank's decision to expand into the retail setting was based on studies of the trend toward "easy ac-

cess" electronic banking systems. According to U.S. Bank, the average consumer visits the grocery store 11 times a month, more than any other retail location.

To get really good press, U.S. Bank should try putting "real" money in those bags.

Overheard at the Kiwanis Club of Sandy's Fly-in Breakfast: "The success of the Sandy Mountain Festival and the Fly-in Breakfast shows that Sandy really is different than Gresham."

Letter to the editor

Support July 28 benefit for Heidi

There are many things in this world and life that people take for granted. We really don't take enough time to appreciate all the good things we have. Each morning we take a look at our children and families and watch them grow and enjoy the fulfillments of life.

We have a little girl in our community that is fighting for her life. Her name is Heidi Setterlund and she is a resident of Gresham. She is suffering from a bone infection and if she does not receive a bone marrow transplant she will not have a chance

to continue her life as we all know it.

There are organizations in the Gresham and Sandy communities that are helping to raise the \$100,000 needed for her operation. The goal is far from being reached.

We have one person who, with the help of our local service organizations, is having a fund raising activity at the Rainbow Trout Farm. This is being co-sponsored by KRDR radio station in Gresham. The day is July 28 and it has been designated Heidi Setterlund Fun Day with all the money being raised for her health

care and operation.

The owner and proprietor of the Rainbow Trout Farm, Mike Kaiser, once was a victim of a similar situation and has gone out of his way to spearhead this fund raising drive.

I think that this community and all the people who appreciate what life is all about could give Mike a helping hand and make Heidi's day one she will remember for a long time. Follow the signs up Highway 26 to the Trout Farm.

Terry Lenchitsky
Kiwanis Club president