

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

Scott Newton, editor
Kimberly Nelson, advertising representativeSupport ambitious
Sandy Kiwanis club

The Kiwanis Club of Sandy plans to serve 240 dozen eggs, pour 124 46-ounce cans of juice and make more than 1,000 pancakes Sunday. Of course, that will come to no surprise to anyone who keeps tabs on the ever-ambitious Kiwanis Club, which marks 35 years of service to Sandy this year.

The Kiwanis Club is the one that sponsors the Easter Egg Hunt, the Christmas Basket Drive and donates to the Mount Hood Kiwanis Camp for handicapped children.

They sponsor a Scout troop, built the seats at the Birdcage Theater, give scholarships and provide aid to the needy. They helped start the now-independent Sandy Ministerial Association, and have remained a contact when money is needed.

Sunday the community has an opportunity help the club keep its projects going by supporting them at the 29th annual Fly-in Breakfast. Drop in.

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Letters to the editor

Writer disagrees
with editorial

Your editorial on July 24 recommending combining the Planning Commission and Design Review Board did not take into consideration the very distinct differences between these boards.

The Planning Commission is charged with making decisions on land-use issues which have permanent, long-range effects on the city and must be in compliance with state laws. Members of this board must by ordinance be residents of the Sandy area.

These people work long and hard to discharge this responsibility, and it's no wonder vacancies on the Planning Commission are hard to fill. It can be a thankless job.

The Design Review Board's job does not seem as weighty, having to do only with buildings, signs, landscaping, etc., but their work keeps Sandy from becoming a jumble of conflicting signs, overgrown trees and bad traffic patterns.

Having architects, landscape architects and traffic engineers on this board is a tremendous benefit to the city, and also to property owners,

many of whom depend on these people for advice.

Sandy has been very fortunate in having volunteers who are professionals in these fields, and it should make no difference whether they happen to live in the city. Except that gratitude for service by out-of-town residents should be even greater.

Sandy's ordinances were very well written. Don't go fixing things which aren't broken!

Judy Bader
Boring

Thanks offered
to all who helped

I would like to thank all our friends and members of the LDS church for their help while my wife was ill.

Also, thanks to the relief society ladies for their help, generosity and gifts of food after the loss of my wife and our mother.

Thank you Paola's Pizza barn for your contribution of food while relatives were home.

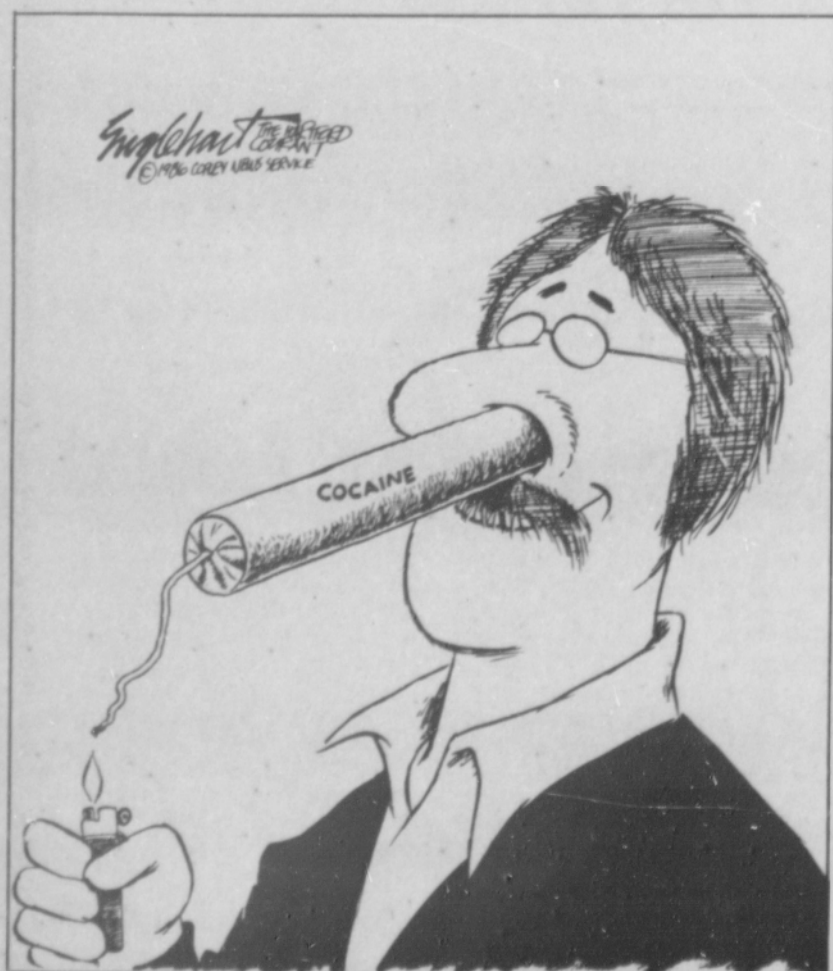
Frank L. Woods
and family
Sandy

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Letter writers may also wish to include a title or office held if it is appropriate considering the subject matter of the letter.

The news deadline of noon, Tuesday is also the deadline for letters to the editor.



Yesteryear

Forest fires were hot news in 1956

by SCOTT NEWTON

Careless campers were responsible for two fires in the Zig Zag Ranger District, according to Jim Lyne, acting district ranger, who was quoted in the July 1956 Sandy Post.

One fire near the Salmon River charred about five acres, burning from before noon on Sunday until Monday evening. It was believed to have been caused by campers, who had started the fire near the shore and later moved on. All available equipment and manpower was used to fight the "stubborn blaze."

The second blaze, along the Zig Zag River near Rhododendron, was blamed on "thoughtless fishermen." It burned less than a quarter of an acre.

"From now on," The Post announced in the same issue, "the recreation area in the lower reaches of Mount Hood between Brightwood and Rhododendron will be known as Hoodland, rather than Hoodland Valleys."

That was the decision of the executive board of the Hoodland Valleys Association at a special meeting at the Log Lodge. To con-

form with the new designation for the sprawling vacation area, Frank Christensen Jr., owner of the Rhododendron Telephone Company, announced he would change the name of his telephone firm to the Hoodland Telephone Company. Christensen had delayed publishing his 1956 telephone directory until residents of the area made a final decision on changing the name of their civic group.

"Next season the businessmen throughout the area plan to conduct an intensive publicity campaign for Hoodland in their efforts to popularize further this extensive summer home and vacation area."

Business houses throughout the area are unanimous in asserting that the present summer season has been by far the best yet enjoyed in the "Hoodland" area.

The first pet show in Sandy was held in 100-degree heat in 1956. Sponsored by the Sandy Recreation Department, it featured 21 prizes for the 21 entrants. Judges were Ivan Barker, Charles Lane, Father Norbert Fritz, Ralph Richardson, Audrey Colson and Florence Schmitz. The headline in the Sandy

Post heralded the event. It read, "Sandy area youngsters go to the dogs — and cats."

The Aug. 4, 1966, Sandy Post reports that Lois Shearman, librarian of the Clackamas County Library branch in Sandy, had retired after 21 years. She had been librarian at the time of the library's inception in 1935. In 1936 it was moved to the basement of the Women's Club Hall. Shearman, a former teacher who worked in New York, Pennsylvania and Oregon, left her position in 1948 due to the illness and death of her husband, and returned in 1958 and worked until her retirement. The library owned 3,500 books, The Post said.

The Sandy City Council was discussing parking in 1966 — just as they are today. The City Council voted to enforce a two-hour parking limit in downtown Sandy. "Violators will be subject to fines in the amounts noted on the parking ticket."

A person who needed a car in 1966 could get a four-speed, V-8 Ford for \$1,395. A subscription to the Sandy Post was \$2 a year, and interest on a savings account was 5.05 percent an-

nually. And then there was the property a person just should have bought, but didn't. Like the double-sized view lot from Phil Jonsrud Real Estate that was priced at \$5,750.

Ever feel like you're reading the same stories over and over again? The July 22, 1976, Sandy Post reports that Mt. Hood Community College will slash its budget, from \$1.5 million to \$783,820, in an attempt to earn voter support. The college had had three levies rejected in the first half of the year.

U.S. District Court Judge James Burns issued a supplementary opinion detailing the schedule for the end of logging in the Bull Run Preserve in the Mount Hood National Forest, reports The Post in the same issue.

Burns had ruled that the U.S. Forest Service was guilty of trespassing with its sustained yield commercial logging program, which violated the 1904 Bull Run Trespass Act. The Trespass Act was passed to protect the 142,000-acre area that is the source of Portland's water supply.

From Bob Packwood

Senator defends tax reform package

by SEN. BOB PACKWOOD

While I was in Oregon during the July congressional recess, I spoke to many people, including representatives of many businesses, about tax reform and what it means for Oregonians and the Oregon economy.

The responses I received from Oregonians were generally the same. Oregonians want tax reform because it means that wealthy people who should pay taxes but don't, and profitable corporations that can pay taxes but don't, will now be forced to pay their fair share. Fairness is the cornerstone of the Senate-passed tax reform bill.

Small businesses, generally those businesses with less than 500 employees, play a very important role in our state's economy. In fact, Oregon small businesses have generated more than half of the new jobs added to our state economy in recent years.

When we drafted the Senate-passed tax reform bill, I made sure that provisions benefitting small businesses remained intact. Let me highlight some of these provisions. The Senate bill would:

- Reduce both individual and corporate tax rates. The top tax rates for incorporated small businesses would be reduced from 46 to 33 percent. Owners of unincorporated small businesses, who pay their business

taxes on their individual tax returns, would pay at one of the two low rates, 15 or 27 percent. Currently, the top rate is 50 percent.

- Allow the self-employed to deduct half of their health insurance premium. Under current law, none of the premium is deductible.

- Retain the Individual Retirement Account deduction for those people whose companies don't have pension plans.

- Double the \$5,000 amount that small businesses can currently "expense" each year for capital assets. Under the Senate plan, the maximum that could be expensed is \$10,000. Expensing allows a business to deduct the cost of equipment rather than depreciate it over a period of years.

- Improve depreciation rules by allowing businesses to deduct the costs of equipment more rapidly.
- Bring the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under the Equal Access to Justice Act. This means if a taxpayer wins a suit against the IRS for a substantially unjustified action, the IRS would bear the costs.

In addition, the new low rates in the Senate bill mean that Oregonians will have more money in their pockets to invest or to spend on consumer goods. Small businesses will benefit from the increase in consumer spending.

The rate reductions in the Senate tax reform bill are made possible by closing loopholes. When we put the bill together, one of my main priorities was to close loopholes that profitable companies and wealthy individuals had used to escape taxation in the past. Now every body is going to pay his or her fair share of taxes because loopholes and tax shelters are gone.

The Senate tax reform bill has been endorsed by the National Federation of Independent Businesses, which is an organization representing the in-

terests of small businesses. I welcome its support and that of the Oregon NFIB, which is the largest independent business organization in Oregon.

We began the joint Senate-House tax reform conference on July 17. This is where we will forge a compromise between the Senate's tax reform bill and the House-passed tax reform bill.

In conference, I'll be watching out for the small business provisions because what's good for small business is good for Oregon's economy.

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