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Group opposes Ecclesia plan

Athletic-training facility causes concern for residents

Fifteen Cherryville residents asked the Sandy City Council Monday to support them in opposing a conditional use permit for an athletic-training facility near Sandy.

The residents are concerned about plans made by the Ecclesia Athletic Association, which will seek approval of temporary housing from the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners on July 8. The group plans to erect tents, toilets and showers to house up to 100 people, or 45 adults and 55 children, on a site off Southeast Baty Road. The land is zoned for agricultural uses.

The site would be used by the group until late October.

The group, which plans to train athletes of Olympic caliber, is headed by Eldridge Broussard Jr., who was drafted by the Portland Trail Blazers but never played for the team.

The group would be training for the Cascade Run Off, which is scheduled for June 28, and performing agricultural work, according to the permit application.

Gayle Gow, who lives in the Cherryville area, said residents feel there has been a "breach of process" because four small tents, a large tent and 12 outhouses already have been erected on the 18½-acre property.

"We hope you will join us in opposing this," Gow said.

City Council members expressed an interest in touring the site. In a letter to Dominic Mancini, Clackamas County planning director, the Ecclesia group invited public officials to tour the farm and training camp.

Ecclesia athletes have been successful in five- and 10-kilometer road races, according to the letter, and successfully ran a basketball camp last summer. Ecclesia has been successful in business ventures as well, the letter continues, and the group would like to move from the inner city of Los Angeles to the rural environs of Oregon.

The Cherryville property, 49512 S.E. Baty Road, is owned by Josie R. Faust.

Ecclesia athletes would help Faust manage the farm, where they would grow vegetables and berries organically. The group eventually plans to build a 20,000- to 40,000-square-foot mansion for Faust, according to the letter to Mancini, which was written by Carolyn Van Brunt, director of public relations and external affairs for Ecclesia.

Faust would use the house to entertain Ecclesian athletes and their "celebrity guests."

Debate continues over weed control

The Sandy City Council Monday declared another 23 lots in violation of its weed abatement ordinance, but the council decided to study the issue further before making a decision on two appeals.

The City Council enforces its weed abatement program on the basis that tall stands of weeds serve as a breeding ground for rats, cause a fire hazard and spread the growth of noxious weeds.

But interpreting and enforcing the ordinance in a semirural community has at times been challenging, as an appeal by Robert Brauer showed Monday night.

Brauer said his field was producing hay crops before the property was ever within the city limits.

Councilor Jim Duff said city officials now understand that Brauer's lot is an agricultural lot, so the problem has been solved.

Brad Picking, who is a city councilor but appealed a weed abatement notice as a private citizen, said it was unfair to make him mow an area on the back of a lot between Paola's Pizzeria Barn and Les Schwab Tires on U.S. 26. He said the lot was undeveloped. Picking has mowed the

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Mark Papworth gets clipped for the part of "Daddy" Warbucks by Phyllis Rader.

Bold enough to be bald

Actor reluctantly shaves head for part as Warbucks

It took three electric clippers and two razor blades, but Mark Papworth is finally bald.

"Actually, your head is nicely shaped," Jan Jaqua said as the clip job was nearly completed on the slightly self-conscious Papworth.

Papworth plays the part of bald billionaire Oliver Warbucks in the Sandy Community Players production of "Annie."

He had shaved his head five nights a week for a month last summer when he played Warbucks at the Fort Peck Summer Theater in Montana. But he was not around people he knew.

"When you do these kinds of things, you go out of town," said Phyllis Rader, owner of Accent Hair. Rader, who clipped and shaved his head, joked that she really did not want much publicity about the haircut. "I'm afraid it might hurt business," she said.

Papworth's hair jammed up two electric clip-

pers before she got the job done.

Jaqua, the play's producer, said they had at first planned to use a cap to make Papworth, 32, look like "Daddy" Warbucks. But they didn't think it would look right, so he agreed to have his head shaved.

Monday, as he sat in the stylist's chair, he seemed to have second thoughts. He imagined riding the bus to work, and then seeing the people he works with at Tiffany Foods in downtown Portland, where he is a salesman.

He laughed his way through the haircut. "I'm considering selling the back of my head for ad space," he said.

Mike Bailor, a professional photographer who donates his services to SCP, suggested that Papworth buy a leather jacket.

"I keep having this strange urge to put a safety pin through my ear," Papworth joked.

He hammed it up for photographers recording the scene. After Rader had clipped the hair off about half his head, Papworth suggested she clip half his mustache.

He would occasionally hold up a strand of hair and look at it as if he was horrified of being bald.

"Annie," which opens June 26 in the Sandy High School commons, will feature 33 cast members playing 53 roles. In addition to the bald billionaire and the orphan who teaches him how to live, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his singing cabinet members will make an appearance. Jaqua promises a lively, entertaining show.

Papworth will be happy if some good comes of his sacrifice. As he sat in the stylist's chair, he wondered if there were any advantages to being bald.

In fact, there are, Bailor assured him. "You can go faster."

City hopes gas tax will help improve streets

A proposed 2-cent per-gallon gasoline tax would allow the city of Sandy to properly maintain its 18½ miles of street, says City Manager Tom Reber.

But Bill Granstrom, owner of Sandy Arco, says it is not fair to ask five service station owners in Sandy to shoulder the financial burden of repairing the city's streets.

Voters will decide the issue in the June 30 mail-in election.

"Next thing, they'll want to improve the parks," Granstrom said, "and they'll say, 'Let the gas stations do it.'"

Granstrom said he is operating on the smallest margin of profit since he purchased the service station 14 years ago. Rent has tripled in that time, he said, and insurance and other expenses are up.

Granstrom said most people in Sandy work in Gresham and Portland, and a 2-cent per-gallon increase would encourage his customers to buy gas outside the city.

"Two cents a gallon will just kill (business)," he said.

Granstrom estimates he is the largest volume petroleum dealer in Sandy. He has eight employees.

Reber estimates service station operators in Sandy sell about 4,700,000 gallons annually. A gasoline tax would bring in about \$94,000 a year.

Mike Walker, public works director, said that money would go a long way toward meeting the city of Sandy's needs. "It wouldn't be a perfect world," Walker said. "We'd keep up."

The city has a number of streets in poor condition, such as Hood Street, Langensand Road and parts of

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Sandy voters weigh school levy

by SCOTT NEWTON
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A tax rate jump of \$2.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and the value of kindergarten are the issues being weighed by voters in the Sandy Elementary District.

Voters will decide the fate of a \$2.7 million levy in the mail-in election that ends June 30.

Superintendent Rex Hunsaker said he has no idea how the election might

be going. He said he has heard a great deal from people who are in favor of adding kindergarten, but he realizes that he doesn't often hear from the "no" voters.

Hunsaker will admit to one mistake. In estimating the cost of kindergarten, he figured five teachers at a salary of \$35,000 each.

Realistically, he knows he can hire five teachers for less. What he does not know is whether he will need five or six kindergarten teachers.

But Hunsaker said people should also know the district will give the money back if it is too much. In 1986, the district levied \$100,000 less than voters approved because its cash balance was higher than expected.

Only part of the increase in the budget is due to kindergarten. Salaries and fringe benefits also will have an effect, Hunsaker said. He said 75 percent of the budget is

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Bluff Road construction continues

Work on Bluff Road in Sandy resumed Monday, causing some inconvenience to motorists. Only southbound traffic will be allowed in the area from Kelso Road to Olson Street on the north end of the project.

Last year, only northbound traf-

fic was allowed on the road in certain locations. The change was made because it is difficult to turn east onto Highway 26 from Orient Drive, said Mike Walker, public works director for the city of Sandy.

Two-way traffic will be allowed

between Highway 26 and Olson Street during most of the construction period.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by July 29. People with questions should call Walker at City Hall, 668-5533.

Widening under way on part of U.S. 26

Work is under way on U.S. 26 between Wildwood and Zig Zag.

The 3.5-mile, \$3.3 million project will add two lanes to the highway with turnout lanes in some places, according to Gary Kennen, project manager for the state Highway Division.

Two lanes of traffic should re-

main open during most of the construction period, Kennen said.

Construction is not due to be completed until August 1988, but Kennen said the contractor plans to be done by October 1987. He has an "ambitious schedule," Kennen said.

The contractor is Wilder Con-

struction Co. of Bremerton, Wash. Current work includes clearing trees and brush and moving power lines, Kennen said.

The Wildwood-to-Zig Zag section is the first part of a two-phase project. Bids will be accepted in about two years for the Zig Zag-to-Rhododendron phase of the project.



Road construction may slow traffic on Bluff Road for the next six weeks.