The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

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Gas tax would benefit residents

People who are undecided about the city of Sandy's gasoline tax should take the plunge and vote for it. It would be good for the city of Sandy.

Paying a gasoline tax is relatively harmless as it only adds a few cents to the price of a fill-up. In the long run, the tax would give Sandy a good road system.

The city has 2.5 million square feet of pavement to maintain. There is definitely a need for a stable source of financing for street repair.

A better way to look at it, however, is that our streets are an asset. It could be considered an economic development issue — good streets will help give people a good feeling about the town. Good roads could help increase property values by making homes more saleable.

The gasoline tax is a fair one. It is a user fee. It is true that a person can buy gasoline in Portland and drive on Sandy streets, but in the long run Sandy residents will buy gasoline in Sandy. And visitors to Sandy as well tourists on the way to Mount Hood will buy gasoline in Sandy.

Some of the money also would go toward additional hours for the street sweeper. Again, this is an economic issue. Stores look more attractive when the streets in front of them have been swept.

One of the most important considerations is planning. With a stable source of funding, the city can do some long-range planning. It can seek bids in the late winter or early spring when contractors are anxious to go to work and therefore willing to work for a little less.

Passage of the gas tax would make a difference in Sandy.

Voters should approve the tax.

STRIKE THE SET

Reading warranties can be depressing

Sharon Nesbit

Thursday was one of those days set aside to do errands.

You know how it is. Taking care of the stuff George Carlin calls our "stuff." Clothes to the dry cleaners. Vacuum cleaner to the repair place. Paint back to the store to have the color changed. Shoes to be resoled. Car to the shop.

The car. Now there is a problem. The vinyl lining on the door has split and cracked.

"What do you clean it with?" the shop foreman asked.

"Just a damp cloth," I answered smugly.

"You should use a vinyl dressing on it," he said.

He was talking to a woman who feels virtuous if her car gets washed every two weeks. A woman who forgets to put moisturizer on her face.

After I left the car place, I dashed into the shoe place. My snake skin shoes had fallen apart.

"Where do you you wear them?" the shoe man said.

"On my feet," I answered.

"Do you ever get them wet?" he perservered.

I looked around me and said, rhetorically, "Are we still in Oregon? Of course I get them wet."

"Ahahhh," he said, with the knowing cry of a master sleuth. "That explains it. You should put a dressing on them." He was talking to a woman who polishes her shoes once a year whether they need it or not. A woman who mends runs in her hose with bright red nail polish because she forgets to buy the clear stuff.

I drove home depressed. My tape deck was fuzzy. Probably need to use the head cleaner again. My coffee that morning tasted like mud. Probably time to clean the whole system with vinegar. My car engine made a funny noise. Ask your mechanic, the manual advises. But what to do in these days when all gas stations offer is a gallon of pop and a burrito?

"If you're ever stuck at home some day and want to go on a nice guilt trip," my friend, Barbara says, "just pull out all the warranties on your appliances and read the instructions on how to care for them."

I know what she means. One time when I had nothing better to do I read the 25-page book that came with my electric can opener. In addition to a whole list of warnings — do not use this can opener in the bath tub; do not stick the cord up your nose — I learned that I should clean it with a damp cloth daily, sterilize the blades after each use and unplug it between uses. That can opener required more care than most infants.

Hubby came home one day and found me tossing it out. "This relationship is not worth the trouble," I explained.

My refrigerator, the book tells me, will sparkle like new if I wash it weekly with baking soda, even in the back corners where the green things grow. My freezer, the book warns, will bellyache if it is not defrosted monthly. Inside is an iceberg that would doom the Titanic.

Now I know there are people out there who do all that. They even wash the insides of the their mailboxes. Me, I'm just trying to stay afloat in a sea of warranties all clamoring for attention.

When depression threatens to overtake me, I usually follow in the footstops of Imelda Marcos and Tammy Bakker and go shopping.

I found a nice blouse. The fit was perfect. It was on sale at half price. It was just the right color. I even needed it. The care label said, "Simply touch up after each washing with a warm iron."

I left it there. Who needs the pressure?

Letters to the editor

Thanks, Sandy for memories

Over the past 10 years we have had the opportunity to live, grow and raise our family in the city of Sandy.

Since 1977 when we moved here we have seen growth and prosperity in our city, and have developed many fine friendships that we will cherish for many years to come.

In July we will be leaving Sandy and moving to New York, where I will begin studies at Columbia University leading towards a doctorate degree.

We will be taking many fine memories of this community with us when we move, and Sandy will always hold a special place in our hearts. Laurie and I would like to thank everyone for enriching our lives over the years that we have lived here.

In 1979 the Sandy Cascade Soccer Club was developed for youth in the Sandy area. With the help of many fine board members, we were able to start a recreational organization that now serves several hundred players, many excellent coaches and referees, and provides activities for many families.

From this start, other recreational activities such as adult soccer teams and the Sandy Area Ski Club were started using the experience grained from the starting of the youth club.

Thanks to everyone who helped!

We also wish to thank the teachers, staff and administration of the Sandy Elementary District's schools for the excellent job of instructing our children.

Through your efforts, our children have received a quality education, which we know is difficult when the necessary items like books, computers and talented and gifted programs are considered a luxury by some.

Even though some of the taxpayers in our area feel differently, Laurie and I both feel that the cost of a quality educatiion is far less expensive than the cost of ignorance.

We hope that in the future you will receive the professional respect you truly eserve.

We will miss this fine community, and our friends while we are gone, and hope that Sandy will continue to grow and prosper in the future.

Bob, Laurie, Rob, Andy
Heather and Emily Espenel
Sandy

Kindergarten supported

I have been involved with the study team from Sandy Elementary School that has recommended the inclusion of kindergarten into the regular school program. I agree with this recommendation wholeheartedly.

The positive effects of quality kindergartens have been demonstrated through numerous research studies in Oregon and throughout the nation.

State Superintendent Verne Duncan, a strong supporter of kindergartens, said recently that, "Research has confirmed what common sense should tell us. If we provide the right environments for children when they are young — environments that are safe, nurturing and stimulating — then those children will experience fewer social, physical and leanring problems when they are older."

In the vast majority of school districts in Oregon, voters have recognized the benefits of kindergarten experiences and have implemented programs. Fewer than 20 percent of the 5-year-olds in Oregon will not have access to public kindergarten during the 1987-88 school year.

The early years of a child's life form the foundation for all areas of development: social, emotional, physical and intellectual. Small investments during these years lead to tremendous savings to society as well as to the individual.

Most parents recognzie this and now nearly 90 percent of all 5-year-olds in this nation attend some kind of kindergarten or preschool.

It is no wonder that the number of 5-year-olds attending kindergarten in Oregon has increased from 54 percent in 1981-82 to over 70 percent in the 1987-88 school year. It is no wonder that in 1981 the Oregon Legislature mandated that by July of 1989 all public school districts in Oregon offer kindergarten programs free of charge to eligible 5-year-olds.

There is little disagreement that quality kindergarten programs are good for schools, for the community and for children. I strongly support the study team's recommendation.

Randy Hitz
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Annexation was welcomed

Thank you for your support and assistance in our recent application to annex into the city of Sandy.

It was heartwarming to realize that you consider us a part of this neighborhood. For so many of you to take the time to attend and speak before the Planning Commission and City Council is a testimony to this community.

There is a valuable lesson in this experience for the supposedly more sophisticated metropolitan neighborhoods who routinely put up barriers to handicapped people, and use zoning and use statutes as a method of accomplishing this. Three cheers for Sandy!

Patricia Cruise
administrator
And staff and residents of
Mt. Hood Treatment Center
Sandy

Family says thank you

The family of Maurice Seibert gratefully appreciates the prayers, calls, floral offerings and memorials extended during his illness and death.

Many thanks to all who brought food and served the luncheon after the memorial service at the Community Presbyterian Church.

Eleanor, Gary and Darel Seibert
and Carol Keith
Sandy

Blue Marlins say thank you

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club would like to thank the following businesses for their support:

Taco Time, Janz Berryland, Sandy Sentry, Sprouse Reitz, Prime Time Video, Clackamas County Bank, Sandy Safeway, Paola's Pizza Barn, 7-Eleven, Hydraulic Dredging Inc., Sandy Travel Service, Mount Hood Dairy Queen, Mountain Video and T.J.'s Restaurant.

Sue Hanson
BMAC president
Sandy

Poppy Day was a success

The members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4273 and Auxiliary wish to thank Mayor Deane Wesselink and the City Council for proclaiming May 22-23 Buddy Poppy Days.

We would also like to thank Cub Scout Pack 663 for their help, and all of the people of Sandy and the outlying area for their support and generous donations.

Special thnaks to the following businesses for their support in buying our Poppy boards:

Al's Barber Shop, Mountain Archery, Sandy Decor, Coast to Coast, Clackamas County Bank, Sears, Sandy Travel, Mountain Video, Sandy Sentry, Sandy Lumber, Bruce Cook, Vernon Richards, Classic Holiday Travel, U.S. National Bank, Ron's No Place, Houser Pest Control, Carlson Chevrolet, Sandy Market, Taco Time, Jim's Big Apple, Portland General Electric Co., Chuck Lutz/Marcus Realty, Mount Hood Dairy Queen, Mount Hood Medical Service,

Hoodland Video, Hoodland Thriftway, Oregon Ark Motel, Janz Berryland, Wassen Brothers Winery, Shamrock Motel, Marmot Gas and Grocery, Barlow Trail Inn, Zig Zag Mountain Store, Sandy F. Elenen, Luigi's, Suburban Ford, Mount Hood Dental Clinic, Mount Hood Cleaners, Sandy Chiropractic Clinic, The Flower Garden, Gateway Inn, Sandy Fast Print, Benj. Franklin Savings and Loan, Sandy Trading Post,

Young Pump and Supply, Something Blue, Tollgate Inn, Les Schwab Tires, Oja Lumber, Sandy Safeway, Action Auto, Our Town Insurance, Rainbow Farms, Forest Furniture, K and W Septic and Pumping, Brightwood Tavern, R.V. Wonderland, Mike's Candy Basket, Sandy Funeral Home, Sandy Animal Clinic, Michael's Mount Hood Deli, Sandy Mobil, Fly Fishing Shop,

The Book Place, Shoe World, Baert's Metal Products Inc., Wyeast Optics, McAllister Machine Inc., Sandy Arco, Mullins Chiropractic and Rehabilitation Clinic, Dr. Paul Guilleux, Dr. D.J. Ries, A.L. Huget/D.M.D., Allmain Tax Services, Doral Propane,

Rainbow Trout Farm, Russell Tire, Cascade Screw, E.W. Eldridge Inc., Jim Turin and Son's Inc., Brightwood Radiator, Allen's Welding and Fabrication, Brightwood Enterprises, Tom Rolledge/Tree Service, Dover Pacific Co., Alpine Hut, The Inn Between Tavern, Country Ju... Natural Food Store, Color Craft, Zig Zag Enterprises, Zig Zag Inn, Whistle Stop Tavern, Salazar's at Zig Zag, Chalet Swiss, Mountain Air Motel and T.J.'s Fireside Restaurant and Lounge.

Virgil Polk
Dennis Ellis
Barbara Ellis
Poppy chairmen

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by Adam Kraft

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