

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

In your Aug. 21 editorial, you wrote your view of a situation facing the city council. I would appreciate it if you now print my view. You refer to it as a petty problem. I claim that it is a larger problem which could touch every home owner in a zoned residential area in Mill City.

For over five years it has been the zoning law of Mill City to require a variance from anyone wanting to open a business or have a non-conforming use in a residential area.

It is applied for openly and it invites scrutiny for appropriateness. It is then passed or rejected by the city council after a review by the city planning commission and an open meeting.

It is not a harassment to get a variance and license. It is our law. No one is being picked on by this law. Not the hobbyist, not the elderly, in fact not anyone. This law is for any person who wants to convert their home or property to a business venture in a zoned residential area.

You state that the council is being put in a position to decide as to what is a business. You are right, because it is the council's responsibility to do just that with the help of the city attorney and affected citizens. If we can't turn to the council, our elected representatives, to interpret our laws, who can we turn to?

Your newspaper has run many articles on the evils of expecting our state and federal agencies to solve all our problems. I agree with you on that score but if we in Mill City don't face up to our own business, we are leaving ourselves wide open for them to step in. Ultimately the council must act on this. They are not being badgered.

How long they take is not my doing. One councilman said that things move slowly in Mill City and six months wait was not unlikely. His words, not mine.

So, I will keep coming to the council meetings to see how this is resolved. I don't expect all decisions to agree with my stand. I just want this in the open, legal, judged on its individual merits and, if possible, fair to all.

As to the "do unto others" proverb that you closed with, it would have been nice if the other people had considered my rights when they started with their ventures!

Sincerely,
Mrs. James Rose

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Local Bakers Named For Fair Prizes

The makers of the most mouth-watering cakes, breads, cookies, and pies have been announced winners in the Oregon State Fair's Home Economic Dept. First-prize winners listed by Home Economics Supt. Sandy Brady were:

Junior Division Foods Breads — Chris Bloom, Albany; Donna McLaughlin, Jefferson; Susan Thorp, Monmouth; Pat Bloom, Albany.

Cakes — Pat Bloom, Albany; Bruce Evans, Gladstone; Sandy Evans, Gladstone; Marianne Milich, Salem; Susan Thorp, Monmouth; Donna McLaughlin, Jefferson; Chris Bloom, Albany.

Cookies — Donna McLaughlin, Jefferson; Debra Chruszcz, Eugene; Debbie Barnes, Milwaukie; Yvonne Baskor, Salem; Heidi Lee Wale, Salem.

Open Division Foods Quick Breads — Jessie Webster, McMinnville; Mrs. R. A. Regier, Dallas; Myrna Ritz, Monmouth; Lynn Williams, Eugene; Ava Evans, Gladstone; Mrs. George Koebel, Aurora; Mrs. Robert Davis, Salem; Kathy Fleck, Woodburn.

Yeast Breads — Lynn Williams, Eugene; Norma Fales, Portland; Rita Helen Peterson, Beaverton; Jeri Palmquist, Salem; Nancy Ramsden, Salem; Suezanne Pollock, Salem; Laura Jones, Salem; Mary Hagle, Portland; Myrna Ritz, Monmouth.

Layer Cakes — Myrna Ritz, Monmouth; Olive Barnhardt, Gates; Mrs. Robert Davis, Salem; Josephine Hampton, Mill City; Mrs. R. A. Regier, Dallas.

Loaf or Pound — Crystal Ames, Salem; Arlene Thorp, Monmouth; Mrs. R. A. Reiger, Dallas; Mrs. Robert Davis, Salem; Adeline Edge, Amity; Lana Calhoun, Corvallis; Agnes McComb, Salem; Margaret Goughnour, Portland.

Cookies — Mrs. Dan Callaghan, Salem; Margaret Pansegrau, Albany; Lana Calhoun, Corvallis; Rose Mary Allely, Springfield; Margaret Goughnour, Portland.

Foreign Cookies and Pastry — Margaret Goughnour, Portland; Celesia Lewis, Oregon City; Josephine Hampton, Mill City; Arlene Thorp, Monmouth; Mrs. R. A. Regier, Dallas; Rose Mary Allely, Salem.

One Crust Pies — Guy Culbertson, Salem; Betty Smith, Salem; Mrs. George Koebel, Aurora; Chris Bloom, Albany; Arlene Thorp, Monmouth.

Pies and Pastry — Mrs. James Elgin, Salem; Arlene Thorp, Monmouth; Betty Smith, Salem; Kay Orlando, Salem.

Confections — Gertrude Lucas, Oregon City; Arlene Thorp, Monmouth; Mary Heinrichs, Salem; Mrs. R. A. Regier, Dallas; Mrs. Marion Schindler, Salem; Wm. De Temple, Portland; Dorothy Peters, Monroe; Rose Mary Allely, Salem; Linda Powers, Albany; Jessie Webster, McMinnville.

Decorated Cakes — Mary Gasper, Silverton; Dorothy Peters, Monroe; Mrs. Don Casey, Silverton; Lynn Bishop, Monmouth.

Professional Decorated Cakes — Lois Hildebrands, Tangent; Oscar Strand, Portland.

Open Class Table Decorating — Mrs. Ralph Purvine, Salem, Jr. Division Table Decorating Adam Woolander, Eugene.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

"Newly Discovered Evidence"
Harry was found guilty of mugging an elderly woman. A few months later he demanded a new trial on grounds of "newly discovered evidence." It seems that although the woman had mentioned feeling raindrops on her face, the records of the weather bureau showed no rain on the day of the crime.



Was this enough basis for reopening the case? The court said no, because such an error — by itself — was not serious enough to indicate a miscarriage of justice.

Generally speaking, courts are leery of reopening a case

that has already been closed. They say it is too costly in both time and money to do so without good reason to think that a second trial will have a different outcome.

Another man was convicted in a morals case after failing to produce any witnesses to support his alibi. Afterward seeking a new trial, he claimed he did indeed have three alibi witnesses that he had failed to summon.

"I just didn't think I'd need them," he explained.

But the court ruled that since he had known about the three witnesses from the start, he could not call this newly discovered evidence. The court said the defendant cannot keep an "ace in the hole" just in case he loses the first time around.

Of course, if a real injustice

is uncovered, a new trial is clearly in order.

In a murder case, years after a man had been convicted and sent to prison, important advances were made in the science of ballistics. Experts, rechecking the fatal bullet, decided that it could not have been fired from the defendant's gun.

This was one of those cases, said the court, where "subsequent developments cast serious doubt on the justice of the conviction"—so the verdict could not stand.

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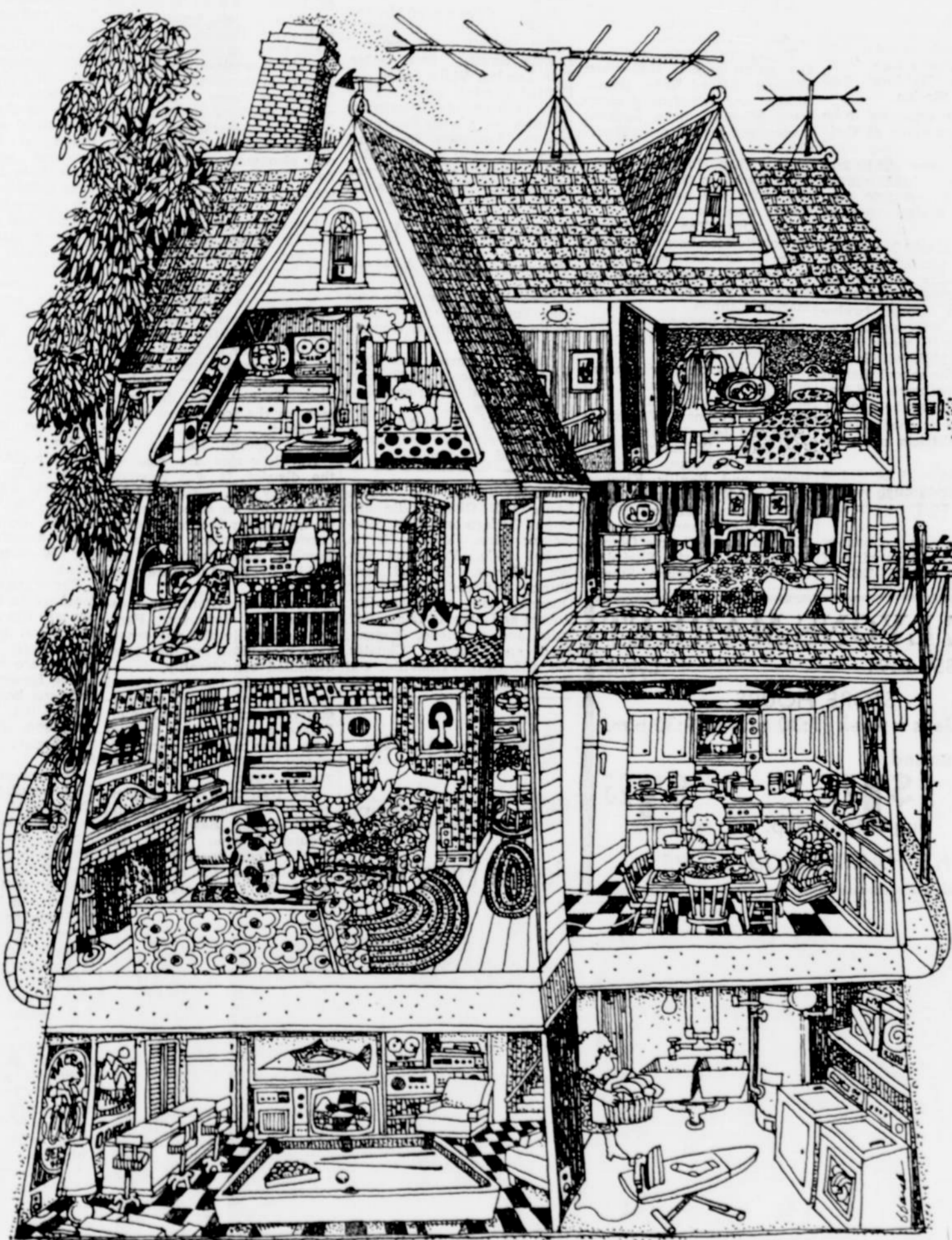
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Home sweet Hummm.

A lot of homes these days fairly hum with the sound of electric motors, appliances, stereos, electric widgets and wadgets.

Regretably, a lot of people still use electricity like there's no tomorrow: like conservation makes no sense at all.

But, there's one thing everybody understands: money.

From here on out, everyone will pay for the pleasure of waste.

Conservation of electricity won't completely make up for increased

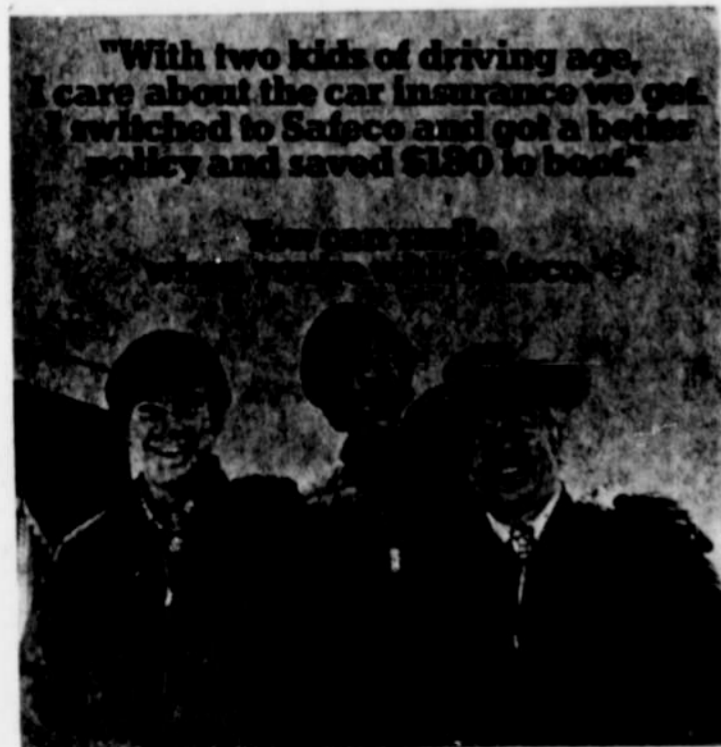
electric prices. But by cutting out waste, the bite is less than it might have been.

And right now, this summer, is the time to start tightening up your home. Add a little insulation where you need it. Check your weatherstripping. Take a look at what storm-windows might do for you.

The tips for saving energy go on and on. But they all add up to money saved. And you don't necessarily have to spend a bundle to do something.

So, if "Home Sweet Hummm" has you wondering what to do, and you'd like the best money-saving advice in town, call your local Pacific Power office. There's nothing ho-hummm about conserving electricity.

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