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## COUNCIL OKAYS MONEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR

The city council Tuesday night added \$25,000 to the 1979-80 budget as the maximum salary for a new city engineer-administrator position.

The council followed a recommendation by its budget committee to authorize city attorney Roy Bashaw to prepare an ordinance amending the budget.

No detail on the job description for the new position was reached; but the main role of the person hired to fill the position would be to do engineering and some supervision of city staff; as well as a possibility of serving as the city's building inspector.

The city engineer-administrator's salary will be no less than \$19,200. Actual salary will be set upon review of the chosen applicant's qualifications.

The full-time position will be filled upon city approval of the budget.

The council decided to create the new position after Dave Kucera, city administrator for Central Point, spoke to it.

Kucera holds a position similar to the proposed one in Talent. He said that his two years with Central Point, he has saved the city a large amount of money.

He told the council it should remember that that the city administrator "isn't running the city. The Council is still setting the guidelines and policies." It is the city administrator's job to implement them. It is important to maintain a close working relationship between the council and the administrator.

According to Mayor Bob Underhill, Talent paid engineering costs of \$58,000 to its contract engineering firm of Marquess and Associates, Medford, in 1978. He said hiring a city engineer-administrator could mean great savings to the town.

--Other business

---Advised city attorney Bashaw to work with the county attorney toward sale of Bancroft bonds for the improvement of Lithia Way. Cont Page 5

## PHOENIX TALENT PANEL SETS BUDGET 16% HIGHER

A 1979-80 budget proposal of nearly \$4.6 million is being explained to district patrons this week. A public hearing will be conducted May 24 before it is sent to the voters on June 26 for a tax levy election.

School board members Nellie Hansen and Susie Stockman voted against the budget. Board chairman Alan McBeth and committee member Joyce Goodrich said they voted reluctantly to approve it.

"I'm going to vote for this because I think we need to sent it to the people, but I think it's way out of line, particularly in salaries," Goodrich said.

Salaries and fringe benefits represent \$3.6 million of the proposed budget and account for a 13.2% increase in the budget overall.

District business manager Roger Wessling said budget increases in other areas have been minimized.

Estimated tax rate will be \$12.29 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, if total district property value increases by 20% this year.

In addition, the district would levy 90¢ per \$1,000 to repay bonded indebtedness, to make a total estimated school tax rate of \$13.19 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. This year's rate was \$12.33, and increase of 86¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation over last year.

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## TO REPAIR ARNOS ST

Arnos Street will be the first st. the city tries to repair with this allotment of state tax street funds. the council decided May 8.

It will not be a full paving job because the city doesn't own a corner of the land at Arnos and

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## FROM WELBORN BEESON DIARY-1853

Aug.17th, Wednesday-Started early.5 mi. Over mountainous road to Goose Lake, 10 miles down the lake to spring creek, good water, wood and grass. Goose lake is a large body of water full of water fowl of every description. We crossed Fremont's old trail today that he traveled on from the Columbia to the American river in 1846 or 47.

Aug.18th, Thursday-4 miles to a beautiful creek, here Fremont's trail turn to the left down to Pitt River. We turned to the right around Goose lake, 12 miles. Camped. Tolerable grass, cedar wood, lake water.

Aug.19th, Friday-12 miles over very rough stony roads to canyon.(very rough and rocky, a great deal of timber and full of spring holes 8 or 10 ft.deep with no apparent outlet but they are full of fish)to a spring of good water, midling grass and wood.

Aug.20th, Saturday-7 miles to Willow Spr. 6 miles to Rushing Springs, excellent water, good grass and wood.

Aug.21st, Sunday-15 miles muddy roads to Clear Lake. A company of U.S.Dragoons to protect Emigrants from the Indians are stationed here. They have some of the fastest horses I ever saw.We camped. Good spring water, excelent grass, The soldiers gave us late papers. The news from Rogue River give dreadful accounts of the Indians war burning houses and mascreing the people. The chief declares he will have his valley back or die fighting.

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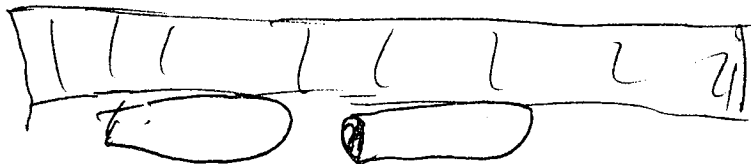
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**OBITUARIES**

Memorial service for EDWELL COLUMBUS, 77, 475 David's Way, Talent, who died May 15, were held May 17 with Ashland Elks officiating.

Columbus was born April 6, 1902, in Cottonwood, Idaho. He came to Talent six years ago from Mount Angel. He was a retired builder, and a member of the Silverton Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel; four sons, C.E. Columbus, Tennessee; Thomas, Montana; Charles, Florida; and David Washington; seven grandchildren and two brothers in California.

The graveside service for JOSE ANTONIO CEJA, infant son of Sheri Price and Jose Ceja, 14A Talent Ave., Talent, were held May 17 in Babyland in Memory Gardens Memorial Park. The Rev. Roberto deOtero of Sacred Heart Catholic Church officiated.

Besides his parents he is survived by two half-brothers, Jeremiah Price and Brian Price, both at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Logan, White City, and Joe Tripp, Dover, N.C.; great-grandmother, Doris Claibourn, Sams Valley, and Mary and Alonzo Tripp, Kingston, N.C.; and several aunts and uncles.

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PHOENIX WINS CONFERENCE TITLE under guidance of first year coach and a youthful lineup of players.

**ATTEND LIONS REGIONAL MEETING**

Several Lions Club members recently went to the Sams Valley Lions Club for a Regional meeting. Attending were Al Grabher, Tiny Albright, Jim Gault, Charlie Renskers and Bob Burnette.

**PLANNING TO ATTEND LIONS STATE CONV.**

Lions Club members planning to attend the state convention in Portland are Charlie Renskers, Jams Gault, Bob Smith, Bill Lofland, Bob Burnette, Al Grabher, Dick Turnbaugh, and Clan Henderson.

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**ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING**

Several members of the Talent Federated Womens recently attended the District 1 meeting in Cave Junction. Those attending were; Jo Howell, Nell Culver, Ann Quackenbush, Margaret Hamilton, Mabel Roberts and Alice Burnette.

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**SR. CITIZENS TRIP TO HAPPY CAMP**

Several members of the Talent-Phoenix Senior Citizens took a trip on May 15 to Happy Camp, Calif., and back home by way of Cave Junction. Making a nice circle tour on a lovely spring day.

**MEMORIAL DAY..MAY 30 MAY 28**

It would be nice to see the country return to the original meaning and celebration of this day.

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Born to Ramon and Donna Hernandez, 407 Creel Rd., April 13, a boy Armando Rey, 7 lbs 1 oz.

--Born to John and Sue Hardesty, 420 Rapp Rd., a boy, Jeffrey Michael, on April 17.

--Born to Dennis and Cynthia Horton, 205 S. Pac. Hwy., a boy, Jeremy Wayne, April 17.

--Born to Thomas J. and Constance G. Betts 5177 Colver Rd., a girl, Sarah Jean on April 17.

--Born to Robert and Betty Nichols, 38 Talent Ave., April 24, a girl Mariah Jo

--Born to Andrew and Marlene Laine, 205 S. Pac. Hwy., April 29, a girl, Jody Ellen.

--Born to Arthur G. and Sally Peterson, 360 Holton, a boy, Eric Raymond on May 4.

--Born to Jordell and Kathryn Hasha, 1787 Anderson Cr. Road, a girl, Brooke Elizabeth on May 8.

FINISHES BASIC

Pvt. David W. Baker, son of Nancy Beiter, Talent, recently completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

His father, Fred L. Baker, lives at 770 Upper River Road, Gold Hill.

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Ruby Roberts, Wagner Cr. Rd. is recuperating from viral Pneumonia.

ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Michaelis, Talent, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Lianne, to Robin Glen Dudley, Medford.

Miss Michaelis is a sophomore at Southern Oregon State College, majoring in office administration, and is a secretary for IBM Corp. by Kelly Services. She is a graduate of Phoenix High School. Her fiance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Dudley, Caruthers, Calif., has made his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dudley, Kingsburt, Calif. He also is a graduate of Phoenix High School and is employed by Sierra Building Supply, Phoenix.

The wedding is planned for July 14 in the Ashland First Baptist Church.

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ANNOUNCE WEDDING PLANS

Miss Annette Lunsford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lunsford will be married June 16 to David W. Cameron of Prairie Grove, Ark. The wedding will take place in Prairie Grove.

Annette is a graduate of the Phoenix High School, Class of '78.

The couple will make their home in Prairie Grove, where the groom is a contractor.

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Both adult and children's items are included: coats, shoes, purses, glasses (sun), gloves, caps, books, personal items, photos, toys, and many more miscellaneous items.

INFLATION FIGHTER CONTEST WINNERS

- 1st; Kent C. Chamberlain, Ashland..
- 2nd; Delphia Schmelzer, Phoenix
- 3rd; Ivend D. Holen, Medford
- Honorable Mention; Robbie Bonham, White City and Billy Lively, Talent.

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TALENT-PHOENIX CLUB social meeting May 23 at noon at Est and Wagner, Talent.

RVCA DAY TRIPS

Tuesday June 19-FOREST TRIP-John Ifft, commentator. COOK OUT AT HYATT LAKE PARK. Bus fare \$6.00 (if minimum of 35 go) must pay by June 15 to confirm reservation.

Tuesday, July 17-BEND, LAVABEDS AND PETERSON GARDENS. Bus fare \$13.00 (if Minimum of 35 go) Leave Senior Center at 7 am. Return approximately 7 p.m. Sack lunch at Lava Caves at noon. Must pay by July 13 to confirm reservations.

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OBITUARY MAE J. BUEL

The funeral for Mae J. Buel, 87, Medford who died April 19 was held April 23 in Valley View Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include two daughters, Edith Dickinson, Talent, and Esther Dyhrmann, Medford; two sisters; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Jo Howell was called to Montana Monday by the death of her sister.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING from page 1

The city-county agreement would require support from a majority of county landowners on the county side of the street. Councilman Moreland Smith will seek that support.

---Unanimously approved a motion to hold two council meetings each month instead of one.

Rose Ditsworth voted against the plan to hire an administrator saying she was not convinced the town was big enough.

MAY 7 COUNCIL MEETING cont. from p.1  
S. Pac. Hwy. needed to make the standard width

---Council voted to grant city recorder Shirley Brown a 7% pay raise effective May 1 and change her status to permanent employee.

BAYLOR TWINS WIN AWARD

Twin sisters Karen Lee and Sharon Dee Baylor, both senior students in business education at SOSC, have been honored by the Oregon State Division of the American Association of Uni-

versity Women as SOSC's Outstanding Senior Women of 1979.

The annual award normally goes to just one woman student.

Karen and Sharon were presented with the joint award at the 54th annual convention of the AAUW division at Beaverton. They were among outstanding senior women from 14 Oregon colleges.

They graduated in 1976 from PHS. Each of the sisters has a near-perfect 3.98 grade-point average in all college work undertaken.

They are the daughters of Bonnie L. Baylor, Talent, and of the late David Baylor.

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**MAE WAYS**  
 Effective July 1, 1979, Chris Hagler, Director of Animal Control for Jackson County for the past 23½ years will be demoted to "Field Supervisor". At that time the person selected by the County Commissioner's will become new "Administrater" for Animal Control. In January of this year the Commissioner's appointed a "Review Committee" to investigate Animal Control. This committee then reported to the Commissioner's and the 3 members of this committee and the 3 commissioners decided changes were needed in the Animal Control Dept. The first change was to be one that still boggles my mind. They all have had nothing but praise for Mr. Hagler and for the job he has done for the county. The only criticism they made of the man was that he, "works to hard", "puts in too many hours", and "Does too good a job" So, as a reward for all the years of dedication they felt the only logical step would be to demote him. This has to be the height of buracratic ~~logic~~! The Commissioner's and the review committee both agree Animal Control dept. needs more policy. The County Commissioner's are the ones that set policy for the department and when they find they have been lax in their job, they lay the blame on Mr. Hagler, after all, they did have to have a scapegoat. They also said they feel the department gives the public far too much service, which they plan to change. They admit the county is growing steadily and we know, even if they don't, that the problems with animals has grown with the population. There is a definete need for the services offered by Animal Control, but the Commissioner's say they agree with the review committee's suggestion to cut hours of operation of the department, cut personel, cut service's. 2 years ago these same Commissioner's gave the department 2 new jobs that no one else wanted, Livestock and predator control, now they expect to cut personel and still handle all the complaint involved? More bulloney.

If they were really concerned with the department and the fact that Mr. Hagler (as they themselves said) works to hard, why didn't they give him an assistant? Why didn't they set more clear policy?

Mr. Hagler is a caring, dedicated, compassionate person and does not deserve this kind of treatment. He has served all of us for a lot of years and has worked hard to build Animal Control into a functional department that would best serve the needs of our County. Lets get behind him and let the Commissioners know that we do not agree with their decision. That this is still our county and we do care how it is run and how our people are treated, that we do need the services offered by Animal Control. Lets get together so we, the people of Jackson County, do not become the big losers. **EML**

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