

Election plans foiled by error

Sandy Elementary School District was planning a gala election on June 27. The hosts, however, didn't know about the event.

A human error — occurring someplace between the Clackamas County Elections Department and the Clackamas County Intermediate Education District office in Marylhurst — has nixed plans for the levy election and moved it to Aug. 8.

Juanita Conway of the IED told The Post that her office routinely looks over school bond issue and levy election notices to verify the monetary amount to be on the ballot. Mrs. Conway said her files show that the Sandy election notice was sent from her office to the elections department.

The county elections department, however, says it has never seen the notice of election.

"It's very unfortunate," Clackamas County Elections Department Director Norm Bass told The Post. "In my mind (the district) followed all the appropriate steps."

Regardless of who made the mistake, everyone from the school district's attorney to the Secretary of State's Office in Salem seems to agree that there isn't a loophole in state law which would allow Sandy to get on the ballot June 27.

"There is no administrative remedy for this failure in notice being given to the county clerk," Bass said.

The elections director told The Post that the source of the error has not yet been pinpointed.

Sandy Superintendent Clark Lund said the district first knew of the error when a teacher went to the courthouse to pick up an absentee ballot last

Friday and was told that Sandy Elementary School levy was not on the ballot.

The teacher, confused, called the school district office to report what happened.

Lund said he appealed to the elections department Monday morning to see if an exception could be made and found out it couldn't.

"It hurt so bad," the superintendent said. Summer maintenance plans depend upon the approval of the levy, he said.

Without budget approval summer operations will need to proceed on borrowed money. "It's a shaky way to operate a school district," Lund added.

State law requires that districts give the county clerk 35 days notice prior to holding an election. The filing date for the June 27 election was May 23.

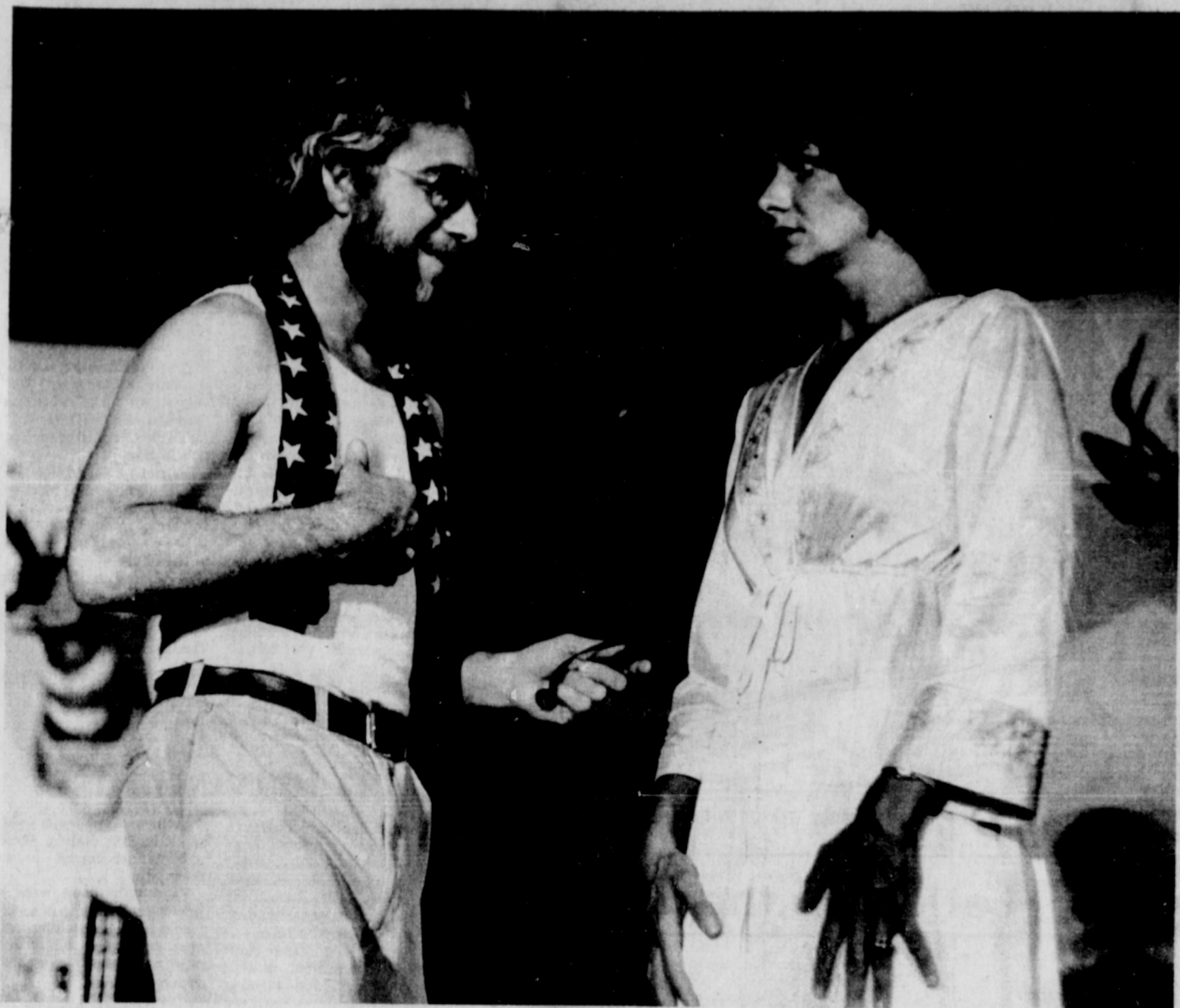
Mrs. Conway said her secretary contacted the elections office May 23 and was told that the Sandy issue would be on the ballot. However, the elections clerk meant the Sandy election for a board member, not the levy vote.

"There was a communication gap," she said.

"The onus still lies on the district," Bass said. "It's the district's responsibility that the notice be filed. Even though they're going through a third party, the district must still make the notice."

Mrs. Conway said this procedure has been used successfully for eight years and this is the first time a mistake of this type has been made.

Bass said he has made recommendations changing the district's filing procedures to see that the same error does not happen in the future.



One Way Theatre performs

HAROLD RYAN (played by Larry LaMarsh) tries to swoon his wife (Marlene Tebo) after an eight-year absence in the jungles of Africa. The scene is part of the One Way Theatre's production of "Happy Birthday Wanda June." The new Sandy theater group made its debut last weekend at the theatre. Sunday afternoon performances are scheduled at 2 p.m. on June 18 and 25. The theatre is located on Proctor Boulevard.

New name surfaces in tavern murder

An Eagle Creek man and his Sweet Home companion await a hearing on charges stemming from the early Saturday morning murder of an East Portland man during a robbery of Irene's Tavern in Sandy.

Police investigation indicates that one of the accused, Kenneth Eugene Moss, 27, is actually Jake Clarence Reynolds.

Reynolds reportedly gave the false name to police upon arrest at his home early Sunday. He was taken into custody by the Oregon State Police with the assistance of the Sandy Police Department.

Reynolds actually resides at Route 1, Eagle Creek, and not Sandy as reported in other newspapers.

His 25-year-old companion, Jerry Lane Nored, was arrested that same morning by state police while driving near Wilsonville.

The two were arraigned before Judge Charles A. Sams Tuesday and now await hearings on charges of first-degree murder and robbery.

The men are charged with the murder of Kermit Carney, a 53-year-old unemployed Portland resident who was known to frequent Sandy. The two allegedly took \$33 in tavern money and

ordered the approximately ten patrons to lie on the floor.

Carney was apparently at the far end of the bar. He allegedly refused to obey the command of the gunmen and made some sort of movement.

One of the intruders allegedly fired a rifle into the chest of Carney, who died 12 minutes after arrival at Gresham Community Hospital.

Police said robbers approached the tavern near closing time, wearing white masks, and reportedly told all within easy earshot that a holdup was in progress. Then one reportedly told tavern owner Lorraine Urnaut who was tending bar, to get the money.

Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel said that he is "well satisfied with what we have" in the way of evidence.

All evidence has been turned over to the state crime lab, where a ballistics test is being conducted to determine whether a 300-caliber carbine or .22 caliber rifle was used in the murder.

City and state police made the arrests within one day of the incident on information given them concerning the suspects' whereabouts.

Nored was arrested while driving the late model orange van believed used in the holdup.

Both men are reported to be em-

played as steelworkers in northeast Portland, and both are married.

Chief Punzel said that the investigation is continuing, and that police are looking now at other similar cases elsewhere in Clackamas County involving white masks in similar holdups for a possible connection.

The victim in the Sandy shooting on west Proctor reportedly took the hooded men with a rifle to be some sort of joke and mentioned Halloween.

Carney reportedly was shot just once in the chest in what appears to have been a movement toward the gunmen.

Police are investigating the possibility that ammunition for the murder weapon might have been purchased in Sandy.

Both men charged in the crime are being held without bail in Clackamas County Jail.

Six Sandy police officers aided the state police last Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the apprehension of Reynolds at his Eagle Creek home, while another two department members assisted with backup at the station.

Neither man resisted arrest, police said.

The hearing date should be set within the next three days.

Redland students turned away

Because of an expected influx of high school age students moving into the Sandy Union High School district in coming years, the school board Monday night voted unanimously to close the door to out-of-district Redland students who would have entered the school as freshmen in the 1979-80 fall term.

Discussion before the vote was taken was brief as the issue has come to the attention of board members on several occasions since Redland students first entered the school two years ago under a tuition basis.

Next year's incoming class of freshmen will be the last the school will take unless the board reverses itself in

coming years. Board members left that option open and will consider taking Redland students on a year to year basis in the future.

Approximately 200 students from the Redland area will be enrolled at the high school next year. The tuition paid by taxpayers in that district will amount to almost \$500,000 for the 1978-79 high school budget.

That figure is a nice cushion for the district whose voters have defeated two attempts at funding the budget for the coming school year. But with the expected influx of students at the high school from new housing in the district, board members felt the school will have

reached its capacity with students living in the district boundaries.

District superintendent Dr. Jack Peters has estimated that as many as 125 new students will enter the school at the four grade levels next year due to the housing boom. He expects that pattern to be maintained for the foreseeable future.

Students from Redland already enrolled in the school, plus incoming freshmen in the next year, will be allowed to continue at the school.

The board agreed to allow the brothers and sisters of Redland students presently attending the school to enter when they reach their freshmen year.



Staff changes announced

Post sports editor John Kline has been named Post editor, general manager Von Braschler announced this week.

Sue Ann Lafky, editor of The Post for the past two years, will step down from the position at the end of this week.

She will pursue a graduate degree in business at Portland State University in September after summer travel in Europe.

Lafky, 24, has served as Post editor the past two years, during which time The Post has grown and won top honors in feature writing competition among

state weekly newspapers.

Kline, 27, joined The Post after serving as sports reporter for the Kamloops News in British Columbia and as reporter for The South Hill Enterprise in Virginia where he won honors for investigative reporting.

Kline is active in local community theater and softball. He resides in Alder Creek.

Braschler also named Mark Floyd of Corvallis as new Post sports editor to replace Kline.

Floyd, 23, has served as a United Press International correspondent

covering Oregon State University games where he graduated with a degree in journalism this year.

He also served as an intern for the Corvallis Department of Parks and Recreation, designing brochures and writing news releases.

He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a society of professional journalists.

Lafky will resume writing for The Post on a part-time basis in the fall as feature writer. She will also teach several journalism courses at Judson Baptist College in Portland.

County planning staff supports 'conservative' map

OREGON CITY — The Clackamas County planning staff is recommending the conservative land-use map Alternative A for adoption by the county planning commission.

Alternative A designates 65 parcels of non-urban land in the county that could be changed from the present 20-acre minimum agricultural designation to 5-acre rural status.

This was one of several recommendations the planning staff made to the planning commission at the final public hearing on rural land-use plan amendments Monday evening at Clackamas Community College.

The commission, which had been scheduled to reach a decision Monday, postponed action on the plan amendments until Wednesday, June 21.

County commissioners will pass judgment on the amendments June 26.

Alternative A represents the changes the county planners are confident they can justify to the Land Conservation and Development Commission, which has final say over plan designations. Any additional areas the commission would like to designate rural, planners say, must have a rationale "sufficient to justify an exception to LCDC goals. A case must be made for areas to be either developed or committed to some use other than agricultural." The fact that a farm loses money, they say, is

not enough to justify dividing it into five-acre parcels.

The other plan map, Alternative B, would add 38 sites and 12 square miles to the lands included in A. While planners felt the redesignation to rural in these areas had a good chance of passing LCDC scrutiny, they appeared unwilling to go out on a limb for these areas.

In the Cottrell area, however, planners favor Alternative B, which is close to the consensus reached by the Cottrell land-use planning group. "Alternative B can be reasonably supported by the resource materials and warrants planning commission support at this time," the planners concluded.

In the Cottrell area, changes will be made in the actual zoning, as well as the land-use designation.

The staff also recommended adoption of a new set of definitions of land uses (rural, agricultural, forestry, rural center) to replace those drawn up by the state.

Finally, the planning staff considered several proposed policy options. Policies they recommended include:

- Encouraging cluster housing development on lands designated for a farm or forest but unsuitable for either use;
- Allowing non-farm uses such as

schools or churches on land zoned for exclusive farm use;

— Giving priority for consideration of rural designation to areas near highways or developed areas or areas committed to development.

The planning staff did not approve the homestead provision, which would have allowed the owner of 20 or more acres in agricultural land to sell most of his property to an adjacent property owner. Staff felt the provision was "confusing to the public and perhaps unworkable."

The staff also viewed a policy encouraging aggregation of lots under a single owner as confusing and did not recommend it. The staff report also torpedoed the idea of subdivisions through cluster developments as "inconsistent with the overall objectives and character of agricultural and forest areas."

The Monday night hearing brought out a more even division between the pro- and anti-development forces than the planning commission had heard elsewhere. Several residents in the Tualatin-Wilsonville area spoke out for Alternative A and the need to preserve farmland. "Alternative B leads to more development than is necessary or desirable," said Michael Pollock, chairman of the Lower Tualatin Valley citizens' group.

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