



POURIN' IT ON! Paving of U.S. Highway 26 is finally reaching its completion as the construction crew begins pouring asphalt on the streets of Sandy. Crew members are checking to make sure the mix is poured close enough to the curb to satisfy the state highway inspector.

Portland firm paves Hwy. 26

by MARK FLOYD

Paving the 10-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 26 between Sandy and Alder Creek doesn't seem like such a big deal. Just pour a little asphalt, spread it out a bit and let it dry, right?

Not quite. Paving that little 10-mile stretch is more of a job than it might seem. In fact, it has taken over a month-and-a-half to complete and the bid on the job was \$1.2 million.

Construction of the highway section is

being done by Babler Brothers of Portland.

When you consider what has to be done, it is not surprising that the bill amounts to \$1.2 million.

Two two-inch layers have to be poured without covering storm drains and manhole covers, and it has to stretch to within one-half inch of the curbs of Sandy streets. All this is done under the watchful eye of a state highway inspector.

It has taken 77,000 tons of mix to pave

the 10 miles and the main cost of the project is the liquid that goes into the asphalt. Like most petroleum products, it has to be imported and prices have skyrocketed in recent years.

When you add all the machinery, maintenance and labor to the operation, suddenly the \$1.2 million tag doesn't seem as steep.

So next time you're driving on Highway 26 between Sandy and Alder Creek, take your time, enjoy the drive; a lot of work went into that road.

Community Schools get grant

The past week brought good news and bad news for the Mt. Hood College-Sandy Community School but the future of the program remains uncertain.

Because of the MHCC levy defeat June 27, it appeared that the college might be

forced to withdraw support of the Community School. A group of Sandy-area residents appeared before the college's board last week to request continued funding for the school.

The board decided to continue support but on a

limited basis. Due to the levy defeat the college can offer only \$10,000 to support community schools in seven towns within their district. The Sandy program has previously operated on a \$20,000 budget, most of which came from MHCC.

Community School supporters see a glimmer of hope, however. Two other possible sources of funding have opened up for the project. One is the Sandy Elementary School District, the other is a Michigan foundation which sponsors community education projects.

The elementary school board allocated \$10,000 for the Community School program but the district's budget has not been approved. It was scheduled for the June 27 ballot but was omitted through an error. The measure will be on the Aug. 8 ballot.

The second hope of the school's supporters is the

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint, Mich. The Mott Foundation recently approved an \$11,000 grant to Sandy Community Schools to be used for the "Silver Threads" program.

"Silver Threads" is a project considered unique in education which took Sandy elementary and junior high students into St. Jude's Home to enrich the lives of the elderly, chronically ill or mentally retarded residents of the home.

Community School coordinator Judy Sheppard hopes that she can arrange to budget the Mott Foundation funds so that two days a week they will be used for "Silver Threads" activities, the remaining three for Community School's regular activities.

This proposal must be approved by the Sandy Elementary School District board, which is not scheduled to meet until early August.

City survey gets small response

The City of Sandy has received only 15 replies from a total of 550 questionnaires distributed to city residents two weeks ago on the 1978-79 proposed budget.

The questionnaire was put together by City Manager Paul Helton in the wake of the 2-1 three-year serial levy defeat June 27. It is an attempt to determine why the levy was defeated and what areas of the budget should be

amended in order to get passage on the next election.

No date for that election has been set.

Helton reported the responses at the city council meeting Monday night. He and council members urged citizens who have the questionnaires to answer the eight questions listed and return them to city hall for tabulation.

Barton joins Post as staff reporter

Kaye Barton joined the staff of The Sandy Post this week as reporter and photographer.

Barton, 28, is a native of the Sandy area having lived here through age 12. She is a former editor of Viewpoint, the Fort Steilacoom College newspaper in Tacoma.

Barton moved back to the Sandy area from Dickinson, North Dakota, where she was public information officer for a community action

program. She is a freelance writer and photographer having published in numerous publications. Previous experience includes reporting on an archaeological dig in Jordan.

Barton is working toward a degree in Language Arts and Communications. She has three children: Shelli, 13, Lea, 10 and Amber 5. The family makes their home near Sandy.

Sandy mayor's race

Candidates tell views

The four announced candidates for the Nov. 7 Sandy mayoral election presented their views on city government to approximately 40 citizens at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday at Griff's Longburger Country.

A fifth candidate, former City Recorder Ruth Loundree, tossed her hat in the ring in an announcement read by a supporter at the luncheon. (See story, page 1).

Dennis Wolf, a Sandy police officer, stated that if elected, he would go on unemployment or get a job with Clackamas County in order to avoid the conflict of

interest between the two positions.

He admitted that he is decidedly "pro-police," and favors establishment of labor union for Sandy police officers.

Jim Duff, senior councilman, proposed "putting all eggs in one basket" in regard to long-range city planning by approaching an outside agency for city engineering and planning.

He said such a move would make the city's planning more visible to the people, reduce the confusion of several local planners.

Duff defended previous city long-range planning as sound, but lacking visibility.

He said that appraisal of Sandy's rapid growth should include Sandy schools "which draw from a larger area."

Duff advocated redefining the city's zoning ordinance to bring it more in line with the city's comprehensive plan, once the modified comprehensive plan is approved by council.

He said that the comprehensive plan — not the zoning ordinance — will be the guiding rule in the eyes of the state and the courts.

Bruce Cook argued for a better personnel evaluation system to increase productivity of city workers.

He talked about the increasing number of city employees, and complained, "I haven't seen a great deal of productivity from more employees."

Cook called for job descriptions, cost controls and evaluation periods.

"We're talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars here. The city should be run like a business."

Cook also feels that the city hasn't done enough on street

improvements.

"We must make proper use of LID's, so all roads will be paved and paved properly for a nicer residential area," he said.

Candidate Dick Harrison, a retired Army engineer presently employed at Sandy Union High School, said that long-range residential planning should include all R-1 zoning and elimination of block zoning in what Harrison calls "ghettos in Sandy."

"A ghetto area on the bluff is just as bad as four solid blocks of apartments," he said.

He added that "mixed communities" provide a healthy environment where people get to talk to each other and get involved in their city.

On subdivisions, Harrison feels that none should be allowed without approved 50-foot access to the core area.

He advocates a police crack-down on speeders through town on Highway 26, and said that cars are hitting 50 mph through Sandy's downtown.

Board cut is county request

OREGON CITY — Clackamas County planners are proposing to abolish the county board of adjustment.

The board, which makes decisions on temporary permits and land-use variances, is currently unable to do business because it doesn't have enough members to reach a quorum, a frequent problem in its recent history.

County planner Gary Naylor presented the staff proposal to the county planning commission Monday. The commission will hold a public hearing on the matter in late August.

Besides its difficulty in reaching a quorum, the board has had problems in maintaining consistency in its decisions, due to its frequent turnover, said planning commission chairman Rich Ares.

If the county commissioners were to abolish the board, the planners' proposal calls for a planning staff member to decide the temporary permits, nearly all of which are currently approved. Variance hearings would be conducted either by Hearings Officer Richard Crist or a second hearings officer.

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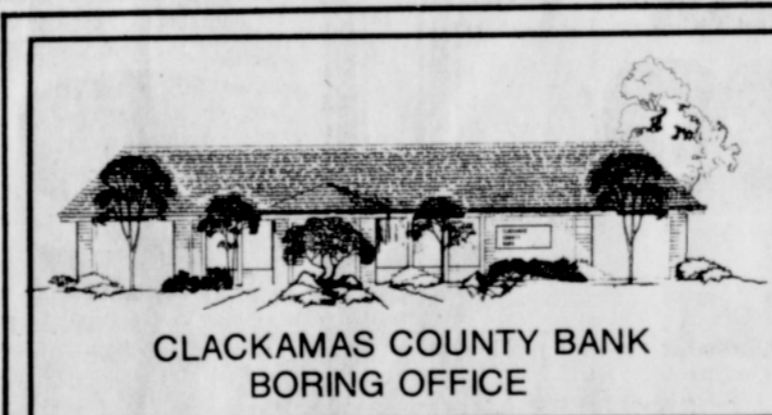
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