

Keeping Posted

Thursday, July 27
A special meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College's board of directors will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Center, 26000 S.E. Stark in Gresham.

Friday, July 28
Opening of the Multnomah County Fair at the Expo Center Fairgrounds on North Marine Drive in Portland at 12 noon. The grounds will remain open daily until 11 p.m.
Comedian Bill Cosby will perform in a free outdoor stage show on the grounds of the Multnomah County Fair at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 29
Northwest Society of Downers begins its Second annual Downers' Convention at 9 a.m. at Melver Park. Public is invited to bring picnic lunches and join

downers. Sunday a dowsing treasure hunt is planned.
Annual Sandy Children's Carnival at Meinig Park at 10 a.m. Softball throws, watermelon seed spitting contests, sack races, etc.

Sunday, July 30
12:30 p.m. — The annual Pioneer Picnic will begin at Nelson Memorial Park (362nd and Hiway 26) with a potluck lunch. Program will follow.

Monday, July 31
Vacation Bible School begins at the Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Church, 17150 University Street at 6:30 p.m. The school will continue five nights a week through Aug. 10.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed 1978-79 city budget at 7:30 at Sandy City Hall.

Tuesday, August 1

Departure for the Oaks Park Carnival at 10 a.m. sponsored by the Sandy Recreation Department. The event is open to children ages seven to 13. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch, money for rides and the transportation fee (50 cents for those living inside the Sandy High School District, and \$1.00 for those outside.) The bus will depart from the Sandy Community Center at 38348 Pioneer Boulevard and will return at 4:30. For more information, contact Marita Gowan at 668-5569.

Wednesday, August 2
Clackamas County Bookmobile will be at the Government Camp post office from 10-11:30 a.m.

The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be in Rhododendron, at the Sentry Market from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The Clackamas County Library Bookmobile will be in Wemme at the Lion's Club from 2-4 p.m.

Country singer Johnny Paycheck will perform in a free outdoor stage show at 7 and 9 p.m. on the grounds of the Multnomah County Fair.

Thursday, August 3
The Clackamas County Library Bookmobile will be at Firwood School from 9:30-11 a.m.

The Clackamas County Library Bookmobile will be at the Brightwood Store from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Clackamas County Library Bookmobile will be in Welches at the Hoodland Plaza from 2-4 p.m.

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Gone but not forgotten

THE OLD wood frame house on Pioneer Blvd. will no longer be around by the time you read this. The Sandy fire department was due to burn it to the ground

Wednesday night. Owner Gordon Stone is having the property cleared to make way for future development.

Vehicle stolen

A car belonging to an Arizona man was stolen Friday night while he was asleep in Dodge Park, Clackamas County sheriff's deputies said.

Roy Goss told deputies he met four young adults at the park and drank with them. When he awoke Saturday morning, the four and the car were gone.

Goss told deputies the car was a 1969 tan Volkswagen fastback. Inside were tools and clothes Goss valued at a total of \$250.

MHCC Board to meet Thursday

The Mt. Hood Community College Board will hold a special meeting tonight (July 27) in the board room of the administration center at 26000 SE Stark St. in Gresham. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

Tri-Met studies European systems, compares with local light-rail costs

A light rail transit system in the Banfield corridor appears to have lower operating costs than similar systems in Europe but the maintenance standards appear higher, according to Tri-Met staff reports compiled from a recent two-week European trip.

Tri-Met planners Bob Post, Bill Lieberman and Dennis Porter traveled to 19 cities to interview transit officials. Included were three cities in Holland, 13 in West Germany, two in Switzerland and one in Italy.

The trip was funded (total cost, \$4,950) because of the impact a transit system would have in this area, Tri-Met officials said. Planners felt an in-depth study of existing systems would provide the best answers on bus technology and operating practices.

A preliminary analysis showed the Banfield operating cost estimates to be low but in the range of existing systems.

Maintenance standards, in general, and the number of maintenance personnel per vehicle in particular, appeared to be higher in Europe than in

the United States, the findings showed.

For example, light rail transit vehicles in Germany are stripped down and rebuilt every seven or eight years. Diesel buses often are retired after eight years of service compared to Tri-Met's 13-year lifespan for buses.

The self-service fare system was employed in every city visited and light rail-pedestrian malls were in operation in a number of cities, the report showed. It is common to restrict auto usage downtown and turn streets over to pedestrians and transit.

In contrast to malls, another prominent right-of-way treatment found is light rail subways downtown. It was agreed by nearly everyone questioned in the Tri-Met survey that simple street running in the traditional streetcar fashion is not at all desirable and that some form of reserved lane treatment is always preferred.

The greatest difference found was in the higher population densities in Europe which contribute to higher transit ridership. However, the report mentioned, pressures to suburbanize

are increasing and auto ownership is in Europe is now approaching levels in the United States.

Nevertheless, transit is still in accepted fact in Europe and a necessity in order for most cities to function, the report found.

The preliminary report has been given to the Tri-Met board.

Public hearing on the Tri-Met staff recommendation is Sept. 20, followed by board action on Sept. 28. Multnomah County Commission hearing will be Sept. 27 and 28 with county action set for Oct. 5.

Portland City Council will hold hearings Oct. 3 and 4 and make a choice Oct. 10.

Gresham City Council will hold a public informational meeting Oct. 5 and a public hearing on Oct. 10. Council action will follow conclusion of testimony on the 10th.

The Columbia Region Association of Governments will act on the combined resolutions Oct. 26.

August 6 to be blind 'fun day'

The annual "Funday for the Blind" will be held at Oral Hull Park on Ten Eyck Road on Sunday, Aug. 6. The event is open to the public. A barbecued chicken lunch will be sold from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Games for the blind such as "beeper" baseball and

ring toss will be featured as well as entertainment for the sighted. Lunch will be prepared and sold by the Park Rose Lions, with proceeds used to develop a 22-acre park with recreational facilities designed for the blind.

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