



How do Oregonians spell relief?

SANDY GAS STATION operators Jerry and Rick New of News' Union 76 on Proctor Boulevard have designed an answer to Rolaid television commercials that picture loggers in Oregon spelling relief to stomach gas ROLAIDS. The sign in front of their station suggests that gas provides relief to gas-starved motorists here. The sign, originally intended as a plea for more gas for the station with only 10,000 gallons per month, but motorists misread the statement to mean that the News' had the relief from gas worries suggested. Now they post the sign on days when they have gas to pump.

Council guides TV to town

The Sandy City Council Monday night established a procedure for allowing a cable television franchise to come to town, approved conditional use permits which give the go-ahead for two churches to move and set a new fee for auctioneer's licenses in the city.

The council decided that it will be necessary to implement two separate ordinances before Warner Cable Corp., who had previously asked for a franchise, can begin servicing the Sandy area.

The first ordinance would lay out the process for prospective franchisees to apply to the city. Assuming Warner would take that step, the second would set the schedule for maintenance and application of the system.

Some members of the council felt that if the company would serve Sandy, its facilities should be in the city also.

Councilman Don Blair said, "I would hate to see Sandy's cablevision tower on the hill over at Boring." Councilman Bruce Cook felt that it would "seem in good public rapport" if the facilities were located in an area where the company could support the city's tax base.

That may not be possible, however. Marjie Lundell, representing Warner, said the company had left itself room to find a location within a two-mile radius because there could be some problems finding a suitable site for the antenna within the city limits.

Councilman Jim Duff compared the franchise to other public utilities, such as General Telephone, which are not required to have facilities in the city to operate. Vern Richards agreed. "It seems to me to be a little restrictive for a receptor and maintenance office to both be in Sandy," he said.

The city cannot say that unless a business is located in Sandy, it cannot do business here, he continued.

The council supported the recommendations of the Planning Commission and granted conditional use permits to St. Michael's Catholic Church for new construction and St. Jude's Collegiate Church Mission to move into existing facilities.

The new Catholic church, to be located on Langensand Road, will include a fire sprinkler system that Building Inspector Tom Day called "a big advantage to the community."

At the same time, he said that the new home of St. Jude's, the former Lutheran Church on Pioneer Boulevard, would have to be brought up to existing fire standards.

The St. Jude's permit is subject to review in two years because of the uniqueness of its parking situation. To gain Planning Commission approval, the Mission had to obtain permission from area merchants to use their parking during off-business hours. The review will examine how the plan works out.

The new auctioneer's fee was set at \$150 per year. Previously it had been \$20 per day or \$75 per week.

The reason it was not brought in line with other business licenses which begin at \$20 per year, was because the city has a special ordinance covering itinerant types of professions. The council felt it could not ignore that ordinance in establishing the fees.

In other action: Mayor Ruth Loundree proclaimed this week as "Clean-up Week." She noted that the Sandy Garden Club and Sandy Kiwanis Club will clean the central business area, and she urged private citizens to do so around their homes.

MHCC reviews GED test

The state has no control over the form of the General Education Development test—but complete control over what it does with test results.

Representatives of the national Education Testing Service cleared up some misconceptions with that fact as they explained the GED Friday to a state committee studying the alternative to the high school diploma.

The committee, headed by Mt. Hood Community College instructor Ruth McFarland, is reviewing the state's administration of the program to recommend any changes to the state superintendent of public instruction.

Some Oregon educators complain the new test prepared by the ETS is too easy. In fact, Oregon scores on the GED consistently have improved since the new test was brought out last year.

But in 18 other states studied at random, seven showed test score increases while 11 showed a decline in scores, said Doug Whitney of ETS.

"Of those 18 states, not one had a higher passing rate in 1978 or 1977 than Oregon," he said.

"Relative to those states,

your passing rate is astonishing—or it is suspect, depending on how you look at it."

The state sets the passing score by which it decides to give a GED certificate, he said. The test can be difficult in one state but easier to pass across the border.

The state also determines how the test will be administered, a fact which

surprised several committee members. The amount of time allowed for each subtest and the questions asked are about the only restrictions put forth by the private, non-profit testing service, Whitney said.

The ETS has been criticized for basing its newest test on a group of 18-year-olds. The average age of persons taking the GED in Oregon is 24.

Negotiations reach impasse

Negotiations between the Classified Employees Association and the Sandy Elementary School District have reached an impasse and will now go to fact-finding.

"We just couldn't get over the last hump," said Superintendent Clark Lund. He indicated that the two groups were in agreement concerning fringe benefits, holidays and vacation time, but three detailed positions in the salary schedule could not be resolved.

Wanda Hashagen, spokesperson for the association, said, "We agreed we were not going to make any press releases until we agreed, but I can tell you that right now we are

going to fact-finding because we couldn't make an agreement."

She also indicated that the difference was "over just a few dollars."

Lund said that he went as far as he was authorized to go by the school board in the negotiations and expressed disappointment over the near miss. "We were so terribly close, but we didn't quite make it reach," he said.

The classified employees are all non-teachers in the district including cooks, custodians, teacher's aides, maintenance personnel and bus drivers. They do not include the department supervisors or office staff of the superintendent.

Police answer unusual traffic wreck

An unusual non-collision traffic accident was discovered Saturday afternoon by a patrolling Sandy policeman.

A fully-loaded log truck was found in the ditch off Highway 211, north of Dubarko Road. After closer investigation, the officer found that the fuel tank was ruptured and the air brakes and transmission were destroyed. Because of the damaged fuel tank, the officer requested a backup from the Sandy Fire District, as a precautionary measure.

According to the police report, a choker chain apparently wrapped itself around the drive-line of the truck. As the slack was taken up, it broke the drive-line which ruptured the fuel tank and the air tank for the brakes. The impact also broke the transmission.

The driver let the truck's momentum carry it up the hill until it slowed down and backed down into the ditch.

He was not injured.

Police received a report of telephone harassment last Monday, May 28, from a resident of University Square apartments who also reported that someone had dumped garbage on their door step.

Tuesday, Herbert Hazelett, 39601 Pleasant St., reported that he had been the victim of a hit-and-run accident late Monday night. According to Hazelett, his 1964 Ford pickup was struck by a Ford truck of unknown color and year at approximately 11 p.m. He was unable to get the number of the license plate because the vehicle did not have its lights on. Police are investigating.

Sandy police arrested Victor Virgil Crace, Jr. of Boring early Tuesday morning. He was charged with driving while suspended.

Jean Marie Danielson reported to police Wednesday that her purse was

taken from a laundry basket at the Chalet Coin-Op Laundry. She said she had left it in the basket and when she returned less than 30 minutes later, it was gone. It contained an undetermined amount of money.

Thursday, a Sandy policeman was driving on Langensand Road and found cattle on the roadway. He reported that the cattle "stampeded" across Langensand. The officer corralled the animals in a nearby pasture and advised the owner to maintain

control of the animals in the future.

Late Friday evening, police cited Dale Carl Zimmerman of Boring at the intersection of Bluff and Kelso Roads for careless driving.

Anne Nederhiser of Hood Street reported the theft of three gallons of gasoline from her residence on Sunday. Police are investigating.

Charles Barney of the

Sandy Heights area reported to police Sunday that guns and a television valued at \$2500 had been taken from his mobile home. The incident is under investigation.

Monday the Sandy police assisted the Florence Police Department in locating a person who Florence officials say stole a grass planter from the City of Florence.

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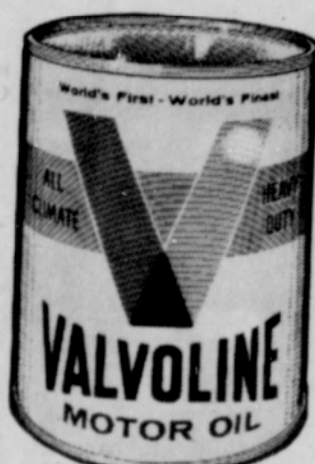


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