

Country Squire Airpark was denied a 2000-foot extension of its runway on the western end of the facility last week by the Bureau of Land Management.

## BLM denies runway extension

A proposed extension of Country Squire Airpark's runway across federal land near Sandy has been rejected by the Bureau of Land Management.

Edward G. Stauber, BLM Salem district manager, reported that, following a study of the proposal, he decided that the environmental effects of the project would be too adverse to the residents of the airport area.

Arthur Skipper, Country Squire Airpark owner, sought the extension of his existing runway by 2,000 feet. The Federal Aviation Administration had earlier turned down his request to

install an instrument landing system at the airport because of lack of justification for the airspace restriction and the proximity to the Portland International Airport.

Skipper's airport facility is located three miles south of Sandy.

Stauber said that many letters and petitions were received by BLM with hundreds of persons commenting both for and against the proposal.

"Most of the residents who live near the airport were against the proposal," Stauber said. They objected to an-

icipated noise, loss of privacy, inadequate roads to handle increased traffic, the possible harassment of domestic animals and fear of loss of life or property if more and larger planes use the airport.

Although Skipper will not extend the runway, BLM will offer a 20-year lease for a 15-acre area adjacent to the western end of the existing runway.

"The lease will allow Skipper to maintain the necessary clear zone and approach surface as prescribed by the Federal Aviation Administration," Stauber said.

Douglas Fir trees grow to 130 feet in height at maturity and the trees now growing at the end of the runway will become a safety hazard over time.

"Eventually, the airport could be declared unsafe for use and that event would place a great hardship on the airport owner," Stauber said.

Under terms of the proposed lease, Skipper would pay fair market value for the land and compensate BLM for the value of the existing timber. The lease also allows Skipper the option to clear the area and produce agricultural crops or Christmas trees.

## Cejka named among outstanding paint retailers

A Sandy businessman has been named one of the top paint retailers in the entire country.

Joe Cejka, owner of the Coast to Coast hardware store, 39085 Pioneer Blvd., Sandy, has been cited for outstanding paint sales in-

creases during the past year.

The awards are given annually by Coast to Coast Stores and the Valspar Corporation, nationally known paint manufacturer.

In making the announcement, Bill Gavin, paint buyer for Coast to Coast,

said that the award plaque is for marketing all types of paint — interior and exterior, latex and oil-base, as well as special finishes such as floor and deck enamels,

shellac and varnish.

In all, some 1,200 Coast to Coast hardware stores and home centers in 30 states vied for the top honors, according to Gavin.

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## 17-year-old cited after car accident

A 17-year-old Sandy girl was cited by police after the car she was driving struck a second vehicle last Tuesday afternoon.

The girl was cited for driving while under the influence of intoxicants following the accident at the intersection of Highway 211 and Pioneer Boulevard. Minor damage was done to both vehicles. There were no injuries.

Lucy Ann Henderson of Sandy reported the burglary last Wednesday morning of a house at S.E. Orr Circle that she was moving into. Two backhoe buckets and two sets of drapes were taken. Total value was \$1,810.

A resident of University Square Apartments told police that some broke out the window of their Toyota Wednesday. Damage was \$60.

Sandy police are investigating the theft of a calculator, valued at \$30, from Pioneer Electronics last Thursday.

Sunday, police cited two bicyclists, aged 12 and 14, for failure to yield right of way after they were involved in a auto-bicycle accident at the intersection of Highway 26 and Langensand Road.



Nancy Jaksich of Sandy's Carlson Chevrolet is recent winner in a top office manager contest in Chevrolet's Portland zone. As the area's outstanding office manager for 1980, she wins a four-day trip to Montreal, Canada, with husband Jerry.

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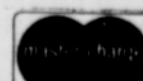
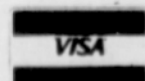
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