

Barker named campaign treasurer

Ivan Barker, a Sandy businessman and former city councilman, has accepted appointment as treasurer for the campaign committee working to elect John Thompson of Welches to the Oregon State Senate.

Thompson, a Republican, is seeking the seat in the newly-created Senate District 14.

Barker has been a Sandy resident since 1933 when he opened his first pharmacy here. Now semi-retired, he continues to be active in the management of Sandy Rexall and the Hoodland Pharmacy at Welches.

"We need a voice in the state Senate from Clackamas County," Barker said. "It's been about 35 years since we had representation from this area in that body."

"John Thompson is deserving of our support," Barker said. "He lives in Welches and he is close to the problems that we have in common with other areas encompassed by this new Senate District 14. We



John Thompson, left, Republican candidate for Senate District 14, welcomes Ivan Barker into his campaign after Barker agreed to be Thompson's campaign committee treasurer.

are all small cities or unincorporated communities depending on a mix of agriculture, lumbering and

tourism, primarily. "We need to expand our tax bases and diversify our economies, but in a careful-

ly controlled way to protect the beauty and natural resources of the Cascades' west slope," Barker said.

inside business

Sandy bank merger finalized

A local bank will merge with two other county banks to form the 36th largest bank in the state.

The boards of directors of the Independent Bank of Sandy, Metropolitan Bank, Milwaukie, and Willamette Falls State Bank, Oregon City, have jointly announced their intention to combine the three banks into a new bank to be named the

United Bank of Oregon. A bank holding company, UBO Bancorp, will be formed concurrently.

Chairman of the new bank and holding company will be Craig Robinson, an Oregon banker with 27 years experience.

James A. Chester has been elected president of Metropolitan Bank and will

become president of the new United Bank of Oregon and the holding company.

Chester, formerly president and chief executive officer of Columbia National Bank, Longview, Wash., has 11 years experience as a bank executive and is a graduate of the University of Portland with a degree in finance.

Head office of the com-

pany will be 15806 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie.

The United Bank of Oregon will operate banking offices in Sandy, Milwaukie and Oregon City.

Total resources of the new bank will be in excess of \$30 million, making it the state's 36th largest bank.

Retirement accounts seminar set

Experts on Individual Retirement Accounts from Benj. Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association will hold a free two-hour seminar on retirement savings plans next Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Sandy branch office, 17500 Strauss Ave. The seminar

begins at 7 p.m. Among topics to be covered will be new regulations on IRA participation, Keogh and SEPP plans, tax-deferred investments, how to establish a tax-deferred retirement account for a non-wage earning spouse and how to con-

tinue deferring taxes on a lump sum distribution from a pension or profit sharing plan.

"The new liberalized rules, which took effect Jan. 1, make the IRA an extremely beneficial windfall tax shelter for most people," said Benj. Franklin Business Development Officer

Mickie Bybee.

"The seminar will provide all the most recent information for opening a tax-deferred, high interest IRA, Keogh and SEPP," she said.

Informational packets will be provided.

Seating is limited. For reservations, call 668-6887.

Sandy representatives named to commission

Two Sandy men have been named to the Steering Committee of a Small Cities Industrial Attraction Program by the Economic Development Commission and Private Industry Council of Clackamas County. City Manager Roger Jordan and George Morgan, a local insurance broker, will work on the project designed to create new jobs and diversify the economy in the three small cities of Sandy, Estacada and Molalla.

The program represents the concerted efforts of the County Economic Development Commission, the Port of Portland and the three cities.

A consultant team of Don Barney of Don Barney and Associates; James Mater of ManagementMarketing Associates; Norm Boice of MeleBoice; and Michele Bowler and Stephanie Oliver of Bowler & Oliver Public Relations has been named to work with the committee.

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Action Center distributing surplus cheese

The Sandy Community Action Center is among those agencies distributing more than 348,000 pounds of government surplus cheese in Oregon.

As of Monday, the Action Center had issued 323 five-pound blocks to low-income clients, according to Pete Sulzbach, chairman.

The center received 2,340 pounds of cheese for distribution throughout the week. The remainder will be distributed by Friday.

Sulzbach said that one block per eligible family having poverty-level income is being issued.

Clackamas County received more than 7,000 pounds of cheese and is in the process of distributing it, according to John Maguire, human services coordinator for the Community Action Agency.

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