



Sandy firefighters work to contain a mobile home fire Monday morning that started when vapors from gasoline ignited.

Photo by Dan Dillon

Vapors ignite, damage mobile home

A late-morning fire swept through a two-year-old mobile home at the Bigfoot Lodge east of Sandy Monday.

James Serie, owner of the mobile home, told fire investigators that he was cleaning a chain saw with gasoline in the bedroom of the structure and smoking a cigar when he noticed flames surrounding him.

He quickly fled and called the Sandy Fire

Department.

Two fire engines and a tanker truck responded to the 11:30 a.m. alarm at the mobile home park, five miles east of Sandy, and firefighters had the blaze under control within five minutes, said Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher.

Value of the mobile home was \$20,000. It sustained \$8,000 damage; damage to its contents was estimated at \$6,000.

Gallagher said firefighters were at the scene

until approximately 1 p.m. cleaning and overhauling the fire scene.

Gallagher said that in the semi-closed bedroom, use of gasoline as a cleaning agent is strictly discouraged. The vapors are heavier than air, he said, and, although the window was open for ventilation in this instance, they settled near the floor and the ashtray where the cigar was burning.

Obituaries

Harriet Warner

Funeral services for former Cottrell School cook Harriet Louisa Warner were held Monday at the Sandy Funeral Home. She died June 18 in a Portland hospital. She was 66.

Born in Cottrell, she lived there all her life. She attended Cottrell School and Sandy Union High School. She married Alfred J. Warner on Feb. 8, 1933 in Vancouver, Wash.

She worked as a cook-manager at the Cottrell

School for 10 years. She enjoyed flowers, ceramics and baking.

Mrs. Warner is survived by her husband, Alfred; a daughter, Fay Lake of Sandy; a son, David of Sandy; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Private burial was at Firhill Memorial Cemetery in Sandy.

Thomas McCoy

Thomas Jay McCoy died June 14 in Coos Bay of an apparent heart attack. He was 44.

Born March 3, 1938 in

Portland, he lived there until he was 17 when he moved to Coos Bay. He had lived there since.

He was employed at Coos Head Timber for 26 years where he worked on the pond.

Mr. McCoy is survived by a daughter, Kimberly McCoy of Portland; two sons, Jay of Boring and Thomas of Renton, Wash.; his mother, Laura Schauble of Hillsboro, and two grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held June 19 at Sandy Funeral Home. Private cremation was at Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland.

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Official outlines US 26 improvements

The state Highway Division plans to widen Highway 26 from Wildwood to Zigzag and move its maintenance station from Sandy to a spot three miles west near the Arrowhead Motel, according to Metro regional engineer Ed Hardt.

Hardt told the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that plans to move the antiquated maintenance station out of town were stalled by lack of up-front money. Widening Highway 26 further up Mt. Hood, meanwhile,

would be engineered next year.

"This Wildwood-Zigzag project always has received a lot of support," he said. "My guess is, we'll come up with a three-lane or five-lane proposal."

The state already has all right-of-way necessary for expansion of the single-lane highway stretch, he said.

No businesses or homes would need to be relocated by the highway expansion,

according to Hardt.

The new maintenance station west of Sandy on Highway 26 is already paved with permits, Hardt said. When the department finds funds for relocation, that move would free a choice large parcel of state-owned land in the center of town. Hardt placed value of the maintenance facility apart from the land at a quarter million dollars. He said the value of the old Sandy property would run into six figures easily.

He had fewer encouraging words for Sandy efforts for a west-end traffic safety light at the intersection of Highway 26 and 362nd Drive.

The city's request had been granted a priority spot on a list of sites deemed to warrant safety lights, Hardt said. He added, however, that the wait for Sandy's request to be approved could take awhile with funds lacking.

There already has been one fatality at the intersection, and congestion

reportedly is building Sundays and morning from Estacada traffic as a short-cut and new residences there.

"People are starting to believe us when we tell them we can't build any more roads," the five-county region head engineer said of efforts to pass an increase in gas tax for highway maintenance.

A recent statewide ballot measure to increase gas tax for highways failed by only some 16,000 votes, the closest margin of defeat in several tries at the polls.

City budgets for LID No. 4 decision

by DAN DILLON

The city of Sandy will take \$53,000 more into the 1982-83 fiscal year in its contingency fund, bracing for a court decision on the controversial Local Improvement District No. 4. The City Council Monday night adopted the new budget for the coming fiscal year, with minor modifications brought about by a greater cash reserve than was anticipated.

Readying for the continuation of the LID No. 4 story, City Manager Roger Jordan upped the cash carryover \$53,000 to pay the interest on the warrants for the parking lot. The remainder went into the contingency fund.

If the state Court of Appeals rules against the city, that is where the money will come from to pay the

difference.

The city built the parking lot, adjacent to Heritage Square, and assessed abutting property owners. Two agreed to the assessments, but three filed suit against the city, claiming the city's bill was unfair.

An earlier court decision ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, but city officials last fall appealed the case to the state court. The case was heard in December,

but no decision has been forthcoming.

Monday night, the city council refinanced the warrants on the project for another year with Clackamas County Bank. A warrant is a short-term loan for project improvements.

In other action Monday night, the council approved a \$15,000 expenditure to purchase a used road grader. Jordan said the ci-

ty spends approximately \$5,000 a year renting a grader and contracting out services which the grader will accomplish.

Dennis Petrequin, Judy Berger and Bob Kallen were reappointed to the local Design Review Board. Although a question of residency requirements has been raised, the council named the three to new terms, pending final decision.

However, drawing prospective professionals to the DRB from the local area could be a problem.

"We can't seem to draw anyone out of the community," Building Official Tom Day told the council.

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