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## Voters keep Sandy High School doors open

by DAN DILLON

Monday evening more than 70 Sandy High School students, most of them seniors, marched down the streets of Sandy asking voters to give them the opportunity to attend school locally.

SUHS district voters got the message and Tuesday rallied in support of the school, approving the A ballot operating levy and preventing a promised Sept. 29 school closure.

In unofficial returns, the \$2.6 million "A" ballot passed 2,330-1,515. The \$404,000 "B" ballot was, however, defeated 1,989-1,697. The turnout represented 43 percent of the district voters.

At Sandy High School Wednesday morning, it was a feeling of relief as students, faculty and staff rejoiced.

"It's a relief to say the least," said Principal John McMahan. "It's nice to know that people are still up for kids."

While the school will now be able to operate, the defeated "B" ballot will leave some voids in the program.

The school will have to discontinue its swimming program, lose some assistant coaches and stop paying club moderators a stipend. McMahan said Wednesday morning that he anticipated the school board would

resubmit the "B" ballot for voter consideration.

"The way to cut us back in specific areas is in the budgeting process," McMahan said, "rather than take a blanket amount of money and say, 'Do without this.'"

In the new Mt. Hood water districts, only Country Club Water District voters rejected issuing bonds to make improvements. The other four districts were successful at the polls.

SANDY HIGH SCHOOL "A" LEVY		
Yes	2,330	
No	1,515	
SANDY HIGH SCHOOL "B" LEVY		
Yes	1,697	
No	1,989	
COUNTRY CLUB WATER DISTRICT		
Yes	18	
No	22	
SLEEPY HOLLOW WATER DISTRICT		
Yes	31	
No	6	
WILDWOOD ANNEX WATER DISTRICT		
Yes	13	
No	0	
RIVERSIDE WATER DISTRICT		
Yes	17	
No	1	



More than 70 Sandy High School students turned out Monday evening for a march through Sandy to show support for Tuesday's vote to keep the school

open. The "A" ballot was successful—the school won't close Sept. 29 as threatened.

Photo by Scott Newton

## Welches teachers agree to contract

by MICHAEL P. JONES  
Post Correspondent

Teachers in the Welches School District are expected to vote within a few days on a tentative two-year pact agreed on in a lengthy bargaining session last Thursday evening.

After volleying proposals and counter-proposals back and forth for nearly five hours, the school board and Welches Education Association tentatively OK'd a contract that calls for a 4.8 percent salary increase plus experience increment the first year, according to Tom Well, chief negotiator for WEA.

The second year salaries will increase .8 percent of the change in the January 1982 to January 1983

Portland consumer price index plus experience increment," said Well.

He said the teachers' 1982-83 and 1983-84 salaries will be applied to the index recommended by the WEA.

There will be a ceiling of \$200 placed on insurance benefits, said Well.

The WEA officially took a vote after school last Friday and unanimously approved the contract, the result of more than nine months of negotiations.

Well said formal signing of the contract would occur after both parties have carefully examined the final written copy of its conditions.

This is to make sure, said Well, that specific conditions both parties agreed upon are in the document.

Dick Hoffman, school board

chairperson and chief negotiator for the district, said Monday that he anticipated the master contract would be officially signed by Wednesday afternoon.

He said the district began updating the individual contracts for the teachers which reflected the new salary increases "as specified under the new contract."

With the settlement of contracts for the 1982-83 and 1983-84 school years, Hoffman expects the school board to begin negotiating the 1984-85 contract with the WEA sometime between November and March next year.

He said the school board will now place emphasis on developing a better process for preparing the budget. Because salaries represent 60 to 70

percent of the district's expenditures, a signed two-year contract will simplify their efforts.

"I'm glad we can devote our time to other things now," said Hoffman. "One of the things we want to do is start a new budgeting process that will start at the ground level and allow input for teachers."

A factfinders report on the salary dispute had recommended no ceiling and said that the insurance coverage for teachers at Welches was inadequate.

The teachers also will have one personal leave day per month, not two as originally sought.

Also, there will be no extended leave without pay or sabbatical leave with pay, said Well.

## 'Moose' snaps at chance to join police force

by DAN DILLON

"Moose" is snapping at the chance to join the seven-man Sandy police force.

The 16-month-old German shepherd and his owner, police officer Carl Faught, have been making three trips a week to Mt. Angel since July training to become a team in the local police force.

When he graduates in November, "Moose" will be ready to track, make searches, detect marijuana and strike terror into the hearts of anyone who might want to harm his partner.

The training process focuses on tracking, beginning with picking up the scent of the owner and following him. "It gets him enthused and in the right frame of mind," Faught said. "They usually want to find their owner."

Friendly tracking gives way to aggressive tracking. "That's where we have aggression on the end, where we're tracking a bad guy," he said.

It's important for the dog to understand the difference between the two. "If an older person is out there, we don't want him to go up and bite his arm off," he said.

The trainer, Mt. Angel Police Chief Vickery "throws in a few other things to keep the dog interested," Faught explained. "They get burned out. Some days they're on; some days they're off."

The variety of the training offers includes an obstacle course, gunfire and "takes" on a vehicle where a suspect might have second thoughts about being cooperative with the police officer or sticking around.

"The dogs get keyed up on these takes," Faught said. "They love that



Officer Carl Faught demonstrated "Moose's" capabilities for the City Council Monday.

kind of thing." Although his training is not complete, "Moose" has assisted in three tracking cases for the local police department and each time has gotten his man.

He and Faught also make routine patrols through Meinig Park each night and Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel said vandalism in the park has disappeared.

The chief said the dog will be particularly valuable in building searches where a suspect is inside.

## Sign law revisions aid businessmen

by DAN DILLON

Local merchants may find it easier to advertise their business if recommendations sent to the Sandy City Council by the Sign Ordinance Review Committee are approved.

The 14-person committee met throughout the summer and this week the results of those meetings were announced.

The primary changes regard temporary signs. The committee recommends permanent adoption of an emergency ordinance that allows temporary signs advertising special prices or sale items.

They would be subject to standards and would require a permit from the city manager or his designate.

The second provision would allow signs to advertise for seasonal farm labor. Under this provision, all temporary signs would have to be located within 100 feet of these intersections: Highway 26 and 362nd Avenue; Highway 26 and Bluff Road; Highway 26 and Highway 211; Highway 26 and Ten Eyck Road, and Highway 26 and Langensand Road. A local permit will also be required.

An extension on the time limit for streamers and banners for grand openings was recommended from seven to 30 days.

Local businessmen are being furnished with a copy of the proposed ordinance changes for their study prior to the Oct. 4 public hearing before the City Council at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

In other action, Sandy City Council: —Appointed Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel to the Clackamas County 911 User Board Commission as the city's representative.

A task force recently studied implementation of the 911 system countywide and discovered the greatest drawback is the discrepancy between jurisdictional boundaries and telephone company service areas.

Under the current 911 program in Sandy, both fire and police calls go to the Clackamas County emergency center C-COM for dispatch.

However, Sandy Fire District is moving to a new dispatching center and the convenience of central dispatch for both local agencies will be discontinued.

The User Board Commission will study ways to overcome these problems and hasten emergency services throughout the county with an enhanced 911 system.

Funding for the 911 system is provided by the 3 percent tax on telephones. The task force recommended that each government agency receiving these funds join together and invest them in the County Investment program to gain the high-interest yield, a move that Punzel opposes.

"If we're going to invest money, I think we should do it locally," he said.

—Appointed June Isakson acting city recorder.

## Pilot makes unscheduled stop on 26

A Gresham area pilot and his son escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon when they encountered engine trouble over Trillium Lake and struck a horse trailer during an emergency landing on Highway 26.

Pilot Carl Leathers, 57, and son Carl Leathers Jr., 40, were rushed to a Sandy doctor by a passerby for treatment of minor cuts.

Leathers reportedly tried to land his single-engine Moody Low-Wing plane in a snow-park lot at the Snow Bunny entrance.

As he made his approach up the highway westbound toward the lot at 60 mph, he struck an unidentified eastbound car with a horse trailer in tow.

The horse reportedly was valued at \$150,000, but the only damage to the trailer was a slight dent.

Leathers' \$122,000 four-seater prop plane, however, suffered extensive damage.

Leathers said he tried to lift the left side of his plane to miss the car, but hit the top of its trailer. His plane then reportedly bumped into a metal highway sight post, which broke the plane's aileron.

That caused the plane to jump an embankment on the south side of the

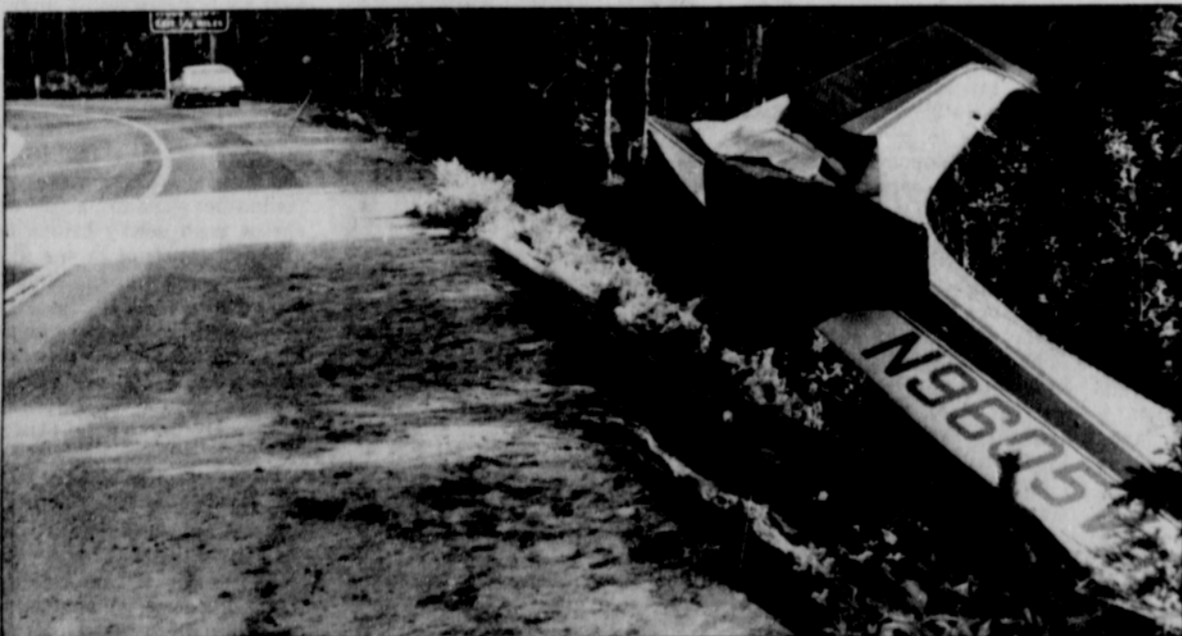


Photo by Von Braschler

Gresham pilot Carl Leathers and son Carl Leathers Jr. escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon, when their small plane bounced off a horse trailer and jumped an embankment in an emergency landing on Highway 26 near the Snow Bunny entrance.

highway, where it crashed nose-first into a large tree.

Witnesses said the plane was sput-

tering, as it barely cleared the trees south of the highway.

The highway had been congested

with large trucks minutes before, but luckily cleared for Leathers' emergency landing attempt.

## Elementary board sets test for tax base plan

Sandy Elementary District voters have the opportunity to stabilize the district's funding process when they go to the polls Nov. 2 and eliminate the possibility of school closures for three years.

The Sandy Elementary District Board voted Monday night to put a \$2.6 million tax base proposal on the ballot adhering to state statutes that mandate such proposals in even-numbered years.

Superintendent Clark Lund said Tuesday the state requires the district propose a tax base because it passed an operating levy in 1981.

This would mark only the second attempt by the district to gain voter approval of a tax base. The first try came in 1980 amid heated labor negotiations between district teachers and the school board.

Despite that unsettling climate, Lund said, the tax base was defeated by just 99 votes with the largest voter turnout in district history. That adds optimism for this second try.

"We're not planning on empire building," he said, "but we are

seriously committed to carrying out an exemplary program."

Should Ballot Measure 3 pass its November test with the voters, Lund is unsure what the effect would be on the district. He is attending meetings this week and next to study the impact of the 1.5 percent property tax limitation that measure proposes.

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