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Vicki Ward, left, and Dixie Delorme pin new "Catch the Pioneer Spirit" Sandy booster buttons on Sandy Chamber of Commerce President Chuck Jones. The Chamber will give away buttons to anyone who attempts to predict when the first snowfall will hit Sandy in a free contest for vacation trips. A snow chart soon will circulate around town for sign-up, and a weather station to measure the first snow will be established at the Sandy fire hall. The Chamber hopes to secure free will donations through the free contest, while promoting Sandy.

Police dog tracks accident suspect

Local K-9 Corps representative, "Moose" of the Sandy Police Department, assisted two outside police agencies this week and was instrumental in one arrest.

Tuesday the 16-month-old German shepherd and his handler, officer Carl Faught, were called to the scene of a burglary on Bornstedt Road at the request of Clackamas County sheriff's deputies.

The victim told investigating officers that a male, in his 20s, with shoulder-length light hair entered her house and demanded money. She said she gave it to the robber and he left through the back door.

The last time she saw him he was walking into the woods behind her home.

Faught and "Moose" followed the robber's trail twice and both times it led in a circle back to Bornstedt Road, leading police to believe that the robber had a car waiting.

Early Saturday morning, Oregon State Police requested "Moose's" help at the scene of an automobile accident on SE 282nd on the overpass above Highway 26 near the Boring interchange.

The suspect in a felony hit-and-run had been seen running from the scene near the northwest end of the overpass and Faught and "Moose" responded. That time out, the dog caught the scent and, after losing it temporarily, led police to the suspect.

A witness aided local police last Friday in the investigation of a hit-and-run accident in downtown Sandy.

Boulevard, when he was flagged down by Joan Marie Holm of Sandy near the intersection of Shelley Avenue.

Holm told police that someone had struck her 1965 Oldsmobile and damaged the right side of the car. The car parked in front of Holm, a 1974 Dodge pickup truck owned by Leroy Alen Foulke of West Linn, was also damaged.

A witness told police they had seen the 1977 Chevrolet Scottsdale, parked behind Holm's car, hit the two vehicles and watched the driver and passenger leave the scene.

Later, Michael Blew, 30, of Portland was cited for hit-and-run and driving with a suspended license

when he came to reclaim his vehicle, after police ordered it towed.

Friday morning at 12:30 a.m., Sandy police arrested Tracey Gene Stapleton, 21, of Sandy and charged him with driving with a suspended license. He was taken to Clackamas County Jail on a warrant issued by Multnomah County authorities for failure to appear in court.

Sunday, at 5:45 a.m., personnel at Griff's Longburger and Breakfast Country told police that someone had broken into the restaurant, emptied the money from coin boxes in six video games and took a stereo radio.

Police are investigating.

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City gets payback for oil clean-up

A local firm will reimburse the city of Sandy for costs it incurred when workers at the sewage treatment plant cleaned up 50 gallons of diesel oil that inadvertently spilled into a storm drain and made its way to the plant.

As a result of that reimbursement—and steps taken to prevent the incident from repeating—the city this week sent a letter to the Department of Environmental Quality asking that the agency consider the cooperation should a fine be imposed.

An oil spill at Sandy Oil Company Sept. 9 resulted in the discharge of approximately 50 gallons of diesel

oil into the treatment plant. The plant's bacteria population, used in the treatment process, was destroyed, according to Bob Hornsby, plant superintendent.

The spill occurred when a worker left a tank truck unattended while it was being filled. That resulted in the discharge of nearly 300 gallons of the fuel onto the ground.

In addition to the oil being toxic to the bacteria, the oil had to be skimmed and removed from the treatment tanks holding 500,000 gallons of water at the plant. That task took numerous man hours to accomplish, Hornsby said.

Cost of the clean-up was \$331.44, which Sandy Oil representatives have agreed to pay to the city.

"Our polishing pond was empty when the spill occurred and within a period of five to 10 minutes after the oil reached the plant we were able to stop discharging into Tickle Creek and direct all flow into the polishing pond," Hornsby said in a letter to DEQ following the incident.

Two weeks after the spill, Hornsby and City Engineer Greg DiLoreto met with Mike Calkins, manager of Sandy Oil Company, to discuss ways to prevent future run-offs from

reaching the man hole and storm drain at Pleasant and Revenue Streets, should a similar accident occur.

Calkins agreed to install a speed bump-like curb between Sandy Oil and the downhill slope leading to the man hole. That curbing was installed Sept. 29.

DEQ representatives, however, told Hornsby that Sandy Oil will probably be fined between \$500 and \$15,000 for the violation. Local ordinance allows a fine not to exceed \$300, imprisonment of not more than 100 days, or both. That was waived because of Calkins' cooperation.

McFarland: War doesn't make jobs

by VON BRASCHLER

She's tough as hell, and old men think she's sexy.

At least that's how State Senator Ruth McFarland (D-Boring) thinks some voters see her.

The Gresham college science professor who opposes U.S. Rep. Denny Smith in the new Congressional District 5 dissects her political approach differently, however.

She's for a nuclear arms freeze, military cuts, aid for seniors, education for technological advancement, new energy including safer nuclear plants and jobs, jobs, jobs.

"Forget the old myth that war creates jobs," she said, noting a recent study showed only 14,000 jobs created by \$1 billion spent on military against 65,000 jobs created in education.

"Two-thirds of what we sell and export are services, mostly communications," she said.

Education for high technology could make the country a rich world leader again, she said.

"Hence, we cannot cut our education," she said. "We should refurbish it."

For every 1 percent of unemployment reduced nationally, she said, another \$1.5 billion is put back into a financially shaky Social Security System with more wage earners making more contributions.

Parakeet drops in on class

A parakeet dropped in for a visit at Sandy Union High School earlier this week.

The cobalt blue bird flew into Georgia Lenon's American literature class through an open second-story window and stayed for about an hour, or well into the vocabulary and spelling class.

Lenon figures someone has lost a pet. SUHS junior Shirley Maitland is keeping the parakeet until its owner can be found.

The owner may contact Lenon at the high school.

She scorned military stockpiling and contract overruns. The teacher-turned-politician also scorns her Republican opponent's record of voting "for every military spending issue to come down the pike."

The national deficit could be reduced painfully by 29 percent budget cuts in all areas including social services and education, she said, or less painfully by hefty military cuts.

She also favors the Moynihan Bill before Congress that seeks to get the national economy moving by a study of infrastructure reform.

Such improvement of roads, bridges, canals and

other basic facilities "would put Oregon in the cat-bird seat," she said.

McFarland advocates economic development of Oregon as gateway to the Pacific rim states for trade in the west.

She attacked Smith's record on Social Security, taxes and senior citizen issues, declaring, "We must quit treating human beings like they are disposable units."

She advocates tax credits for wage earners forced out of dying industries toward new industries and also for companies that relocate in sites of closed plants.

"We can't neglect our

training programs," she said of new industry in an American reindustrialization. "Cutting funding for them would be cutting off our nose to spite our face. It's like eating seed corn or the milk cow, just because times are tough."

She thinks decreased dependence on Middle East oil would be an economic step in the right direction, too.

"I would like to see work on research to deal better with disposable waste in nuclear energy," she said. "We're certainly not going to turn our backs on it, although nuclear energy has fallen on hard times lately."

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