

For Plaid Pantry site

Traffic flow study ordered

by DAN DILLON

Plaid Pantry Corp. must present a site plan and traffic analysis before the Sandy Planning Commission gives its OK to plans for the convenience store to build here.

The commission requested the plans to determine how traffic will be channelled through the site, just east of the Portland General Electric Co. office on Pioneer Boulevard.

City staff has maintained that a traffic access to Bluff Road would create a traffic hazard considering the misalignment of the ac-

cess with Sunset Street which meets Bluff Road near the proposed access across the back of the PGE location.

The city also has concerns about customers making left turns onto Proctor Boulevard when they leave the convenience market.

Roger Staver of Plaid Pantry told the commission the Bluff Road access could be critical to the success of the store in Sandy, claiming "a fair amount of our customers" would be cut off without the entry and exit.

"There is no customer loyalty in the convenience

store market," Staver said. "They'll go where they can get in the easiest. City Planner Don Wilson said the left-hand turn issue is crucial. If that is resolved, he said, the city could "pull back our horns a little bit" and allow an entrance only behind PGE.

Commission chairman Bill Sundin opposes the left turn except at the stop light at the Bluff/Highway 26 intersection, but is willing to grant the Bluff Road access behind the utility.

"Without the Bluff Road access, it's an accident looking for a place to happen," he said.

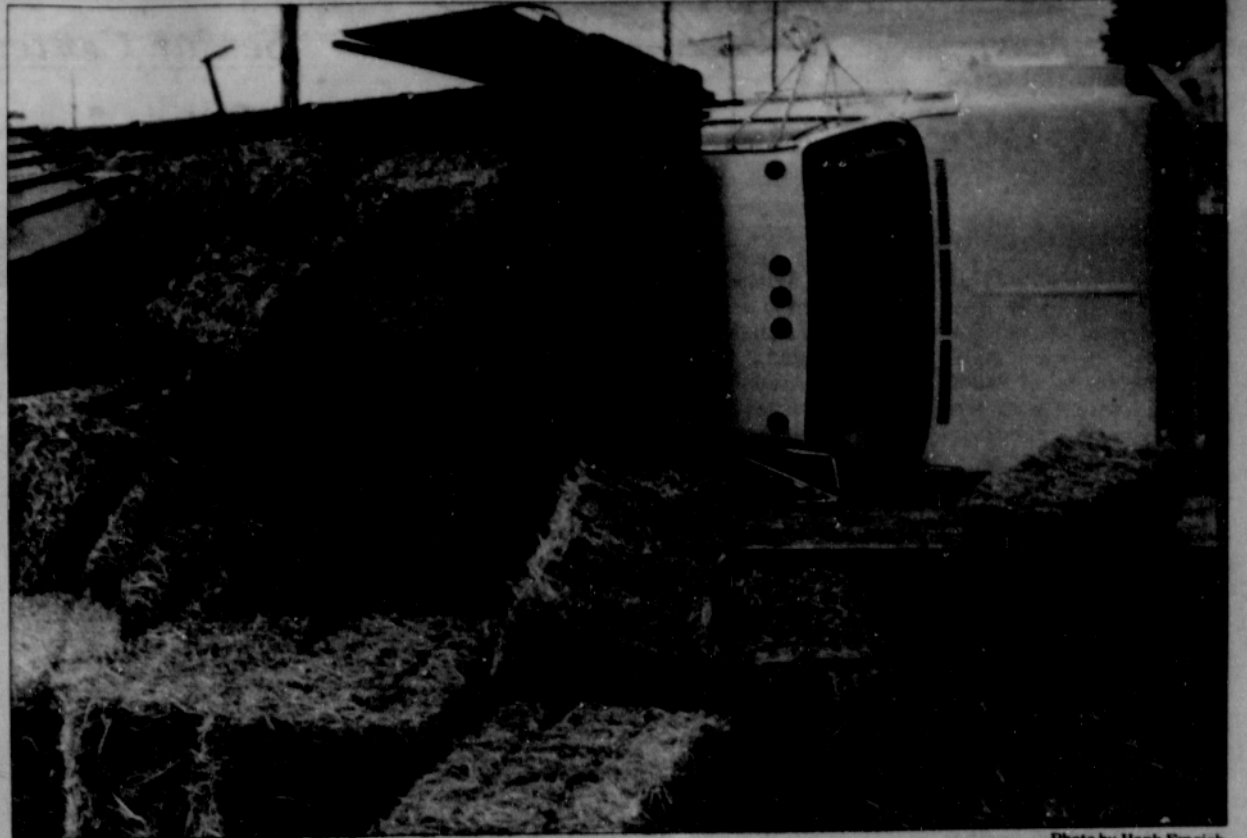
City Engineer Greg

DiLoreto will review the traffic study and site plan when it is submitted for consideration.

In other action, the Sandy Planning Commission:

—Recommended approval of a conditional use permit for Sandy Auto Body to expand the floor area and remodel the exterior of the shop.

—Recommended approval of a conditional use permit for Sandy Union High School to build an administrative building on the west side of Bluff Road, adjacent to its intersection with Hood Street.



Hay was all over the place last Thursday after the load shifted while the truck was turning left from Proctor Boulevard to Meinig Avenue. Driver of the overturned truck, Michael Szarka, 21, of Milwaukie was not cited. No one was injured.

Keeping Posted:

Pioneers' potlatch Sunday

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
Sandy Golden Age Club hosts a potluck at noon at the Sandy Senior Center.

The board of Directors of Bull Run School District will hold a special meeting at 6:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria to canvass the ballot and swear in new board members.

The Bull Run School District budget committee meets at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Welches School board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Grade Library.

The Sandy Rebekah Lodge meets at 8 p.m. at the IOOF Hall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
Sandy Fire District will hold a multi-media first aid class at the fire station. The eight-hour class begins at 8 a.m. and is certified by the American Red Cross. Certification is good for three years.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
Sandy Pioneer Association will hold its quarterly meeting at the Sandy Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. The meeting is a potluck and everyone is asked to bring a gift (or white elephant), old or new for a potluck.

MONDAY, APRIL 18
The Sandy City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy City Hall.

Sandy Rainbow Girls meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

Cottrell School board meets at 8 p.m. in the East Building.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a general membership meeting with committee reports and community discussion at the Tollgate Inn at noon.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. at the Sandy fire station. For more information, call 668-5010 or 668-8442.

A Tough Love group will be forming tonight, downstairs in the Sandy Community Center, 38348 Pioneer Blvd., at 7:30 p.m. All interested parents who are troubled by teenage behavior are welcome. For more information, call 668-7562.

The Sandy Optimistics meet at 7:30 p.m. at TJ's Fireside Dining.

The Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

Burglary trial set for Hood thefts

James Dean Graham, 24, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree burglary, according to Janine O'Neill, deputy district attorney.

A trial is set to begin May 17 in circuit court in Oregon City.

Graham was arrested late last year at a North Portland residence. Recovered at the scene was a van filled with antique furniture believed to be among items taken from the Mt. Hood area.

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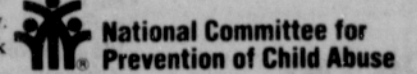
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Community Players chart course

The Sandy Community Players are alive and well, planning events throughout the year to bring live theater to local audiences.

The theater group plans to kick off the year with a production of Noel Coward's comedy "Blythe Spirit" in conjunction with the Sandy Mountain Festival.

Following the success of their musical dinner theater, the group will return to the Alton Collins Retreat Center, four miles

south of Sandy off Highway 211, to stage the summer production.

At the helm will be a director with an impressive list of credentials. Nancy Souther, a director/writer from New York, who has recently moved to Oregon will direct. Currently, a play she wrote, "Merlyn," is touring the United States.

Auditions for the play, which requires five females and two males, will be held Saturday, May

7, at 2 p.m. at a site to be named.

The theater group is also getting ready for a backstage presentation during the Mountain Festival. That presentation will utilize local talent for short pieces in the downtown theater's backstage area.

To audition, or for more information about the backstage production, call Jeff Jaqua at 668-6966.

All won't be work for the Players, however. SCP is

planning a party April 30 at the Hoodland Women's Club for all members and residents interested in the theater. For more information on the get-together, call Jan Engert at 668-5277.

In October, Mark Kuntz will direct an SCP production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

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Post office readies move

The Sandy post office will move to the new facility at the corner of McCormick and Wolf Drive on Saturday, April 30, Postmaster Arnold Becker announced recently.

"It is my desire to accomplish the move smoothly, and with the very minimum of inconvenience to our patrons," Becker said. In order to move the post office boxes and, at the same time, provide adequate mail security, it will be necessary to close the lobby for a short period of time on the 30th, which will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All First Class mail will be sorted into the boxes by 9 a.m., Becker said. Post office box patrons will be able to pick up mail from their boxes until 11 a.m. at the old building and then after 2 p.m. at the new one.

All present box holders

will keep their same box number. As of the following Monday, all normal services will be provided from the new building.

"We now have a building

that we can be proud of and one that will enable us to provide the service that the residents of Sandy expect and are entitled to," Becker said.

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