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Bus schedule changes rosy

Major bus route changes considered by Sandy Elementary School Board could affect many children, so public attendance June 20 when the board deliberates on implementing these changes is important for many families.

Commendably, the board has developed a traffic flow plan they think could save money, start school earlier for some for potential early release and better balance classrooms and use of facilities.

Approximately 40-50 students on the west end of Sandy, however, would be asked to transfer from crowded Sandy Elementary School to better equipped, under-utilized Kelso School. Those children now reside on Meeker Street, University Avenue, Wewer Road, 370th, North Bluff north from the high school north and in the west Sandy trailer complex.

In central Sandy Elementary School, a speech therapist and counselor now are forced to operate out of makeshift shower rooms. The shift of students to Kelso would allow them better room to work. Also, one or two teachers probably would be transferred from Sandy Elementary to Kelso.

All district buses in the proposal would flow westward. No student

would have to meet the bus earlier, but many would arrive at their school earlier for earlier starts and possibly earlier release at the end of the day.

For instance, Firwood School children would get to school around 8 a.m., while they now start at 8:45 a.m. Students of Cedar Ridge and Sandy Elementary Schools would arrive around 8:10 or 8:15 a.m.—or about 10 minutes earlier. Kelso School students would arrive at about the same time—8:30 a.m.

The timed flow of students westward on district buses could save gas plus wear and tear on some half-dozen vehicles that would spend approximately half an hour less time on the road each school day.

Best of all, the bus route schedule changes proposed by the district would be compatible with consolidated bus runs considered by area school districts in a new report. Their eyes, of course, are focused on savings—and that's good news for district patrons who pay taxes.

The bus changes considered by Sandy Elementary Schools may be workable and efficient, but only if involved parents understand the changes and give the plan a good look. Attendance 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 20, in Cedar Ridge School Library is a good way to do so. (VB)

Senator's report:

Drunk driver law needed

by STEVE STARKOVICH
State Senator, Dist. 14

We have all heard that drinking and driving don't mix, but it has become increasingly apparent recently that our laws do not reflect the concern most of us feel for keeping our streets and highways safe from intoxicated drivers.

Last year 27,000 Oregonians were arrested for driving while intoxicated. Nearly 75 percent of Oregon's 38,000 traffic accidents during this same period were alcohol related. More than 54 percent of the 645 fatal accidents in 1981 were caused by drunk drivers. Perhaps more significant is the fact that two-thirds of all alcohol-related traffic accidents are caused by only 7 percent of the driving population. These statistics point to an urgent need for us to tighten up our laws against drunk driving and keep this dangerous minority from turning our roads into graveyards.

I am supporting a number of bills this legislative session that are designed to prevent individuals from driving while intoxicated and to help people who are victims of drunk drivers. A summary of some of these bills follows:

SB 710. This bill stiffens penalties for driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUI). It provides for automatic suspension of the drivers license of any individual arrested for DUI if he or she either refuses to take the breath test or takes it with a result of .10 percent or more blood alcohol. The suspension takes effect 20 days after the arrest. During that 20-day period, the individual is given a temporary permit but may not drive at all during the 12 hours immediately following the arrest. Driving privileges are reinstated only after a favorable finding at a hearing, which must be requested by the individual.

In addition, provisions dealing with both the period of suspension and limitations on the granting of occupational licenses have been strengthened as follows:

*10 or higher/first suspension, 90 day suspension.

May apply for occupational.

*Refusal/first suspension, 1 year suspension.

May apply for occupational only after 90 days.

*.10 or higher/second within 5 years, 1 year suspension.

May apply for occupational only after 90 days.

*Refusal/second within 5 years, 3 year suspension.

May apply for occupational only after 1 year.

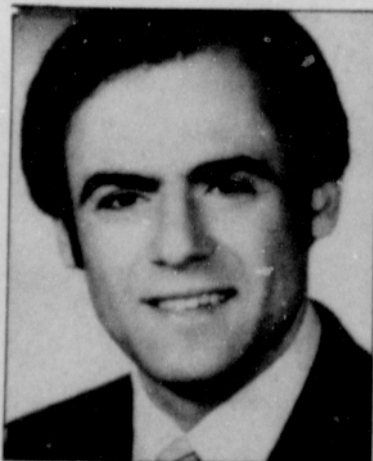
Finally, a mandatory minimum sentence for convicted drunk drivers is established at 48 consecutive hours imprisonment or 80 hours of community service.

This bill has passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and will go to the full Senate for a vote later this week.

SB 711. In conjunction with the bill above, this bill tightens up on provisions for granting an occupational license to DUI offenders.

This bill is being heard by the Senate Transportation Committee.

SB 822. This bill provides for the im-



poundment of an individual's vehicle if that individual is convicted more than once of DUI. For persons participating in the diversion program, impoundment is on the first conviction. In either case, impoundment is for 120 days.

This bill has passed out of the Senate Judiciary and will come up for a vote for the full Senate later this week.

SB 661. Known as the "NAB (Non-Alcoholic Beverages) bill," this measure provides that establishments selling or advertising alcoholic beverages make known the availability of non-alcoholic beverages on the premises. It also requires that establishments who serve alcoholic beverages promote alcohol abuse awareness by such means as providing a breath testing machine, indicating willingness to arrange taxi rides home for intoxicated customers, posting information on responsible use of alcohol and educating employees on alcoholism crisis and prevention.

SB 310. With passage of this bill, any statewide toll-free number for reporting drunk drivers would be printed on each drivers license. Ready access to such numbers would encourage people to report drunk drivers immediately so they could be taken off the roads.

HB 2482. This very important bill established a Criminal Injuries Compensation Account. The funding for this account comes from an additional penalty of \$50 imposed on persons convicted of DUI. The fund is portioned out to counties for use in programs that aid victims of drunk drivers. Some ways in which the funds might be used are to pay for legal assistance, to help recover stolen or damaged property, and to recover medical costs related to drunk driver accidents.

This type of help for victims is long overdue.

HB 2550. Under the provisions of this bill, anyone convicted of making alcohol available to minors under 18 years of age will be fined a minimum of \$200 on the first offense, \$1,000 on the second offense and \$1,000 fine plus 30 days in jail on a third offense.

Some of these bills are controversial and will raise considerable opposition. But it is time that we put driving a motor vehicle in its proper perspective—a privilege that carries with it serious responsibilities for the health and safety of other drivers and pedestrians.



Letters to the editor:

Forest road closure scorned

Open road

Can private industry close a road that has been open to the public for more than 40 years and as a Forest Service trail for 60 years with an easement on file to prevent closing such a road?

It can and has been done so, though the thoroughfare is plainly marked on Highway 26 nine miles east of Sandy as Alder Creek Road.

What can be done about it? Nothing!

No one in public office, either county or federal, will seriously regard a complaint while admitting such action is illegal.

The complainant is advised to seek the services of an attorney.

One may presume that no help will be forthcoming from those in high positions, if the rights of citizens to find access to the Mount Hood National Forest on public thoroughfares is denied.

If defiance of existing laws were perpetrated by an individual, he would be swiftly challenged.

K. Soesbe
Portland

Eye school

It is with faith, courage and hope that I will begin my term of office in July as a member of the Sandy Union High School Board of Directors.

Faith, because I believe in the ability of our young citizens to generally make wise decisions if they are given the proper guidance and support from their schools, churches and community. These young people will be our leaders of tomorrow and must be adequately prepared to act responsibly.

Courage, because I

realize the tremendous challenge that will face me, as I function as one part of the board of education. The economic climate is shaky and uncertain in almost every school community in our nation. A common goal must be to find that fine balance between providing quality education and survival skills for our youth and to advocate realistic

budgets and taxes for our District patrons.

Hope, because I have always believed that each tomorrow can be better. There are no easy answers nor solutions, but I truly desire to represent you. I can do this adequately only if you will communicate to me your comments and suggestions. I will listen to each of you, and I will determine my voice in the

decision-making process concerning district policies and procedures based upon your reflective thinking.

Jeanne T. Doty
Sandy

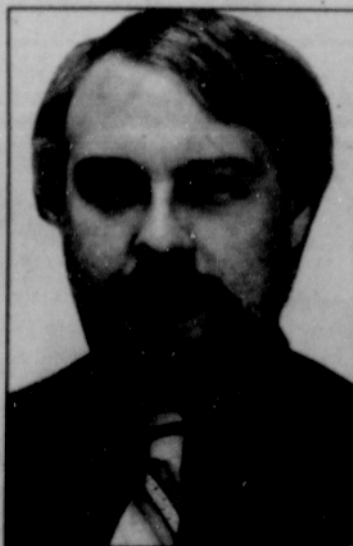
Stop LCDC

Help stamp out LCDC and cancer.

Milton M. Fox
Brightwood

Personally speaking:

Sure, Sandy has its own mountain



by VON BRASCHLER

has filled fast. A treasure—To plug into Rose Festival in Portland, the city's daily paper has launched a treasure hunt with prizes that looks suspiciously like the treasure hunt recently assembled hereabouts by the Sandy Post. Only the big city boys don't seem to have a model to play pirate, like our own "Pegleg Pete

Carlson" (or proxy Jerry Carlson) who dressed for the part here. There's real treasure in people who are characters.

Weeds, weeds—There's a happy update on a recent feature story in The Post about local herbalist Tamera Murray who takes folks on herbal walks in her backyard. She and her family recently moved east of Sandy on Wilcat Mountain Road near Hope Lake, where she hopes to start overnight camps for herbal students. She'll cook herbal dinners over a campfire for visitors.

Another established herbalist, Robert Seidel of Magic Mountain Botanical store fame, has closed his Sandy retail store in favor of wholesale shipment of oils he produces for a growing nationwide market. Rainbow Oils has a toll-free number for coast-to-coast business, which so far has seen interest from Fred Meyer, Safeway and up in Canada.

Local veterinarian Vincent J. Keating has picked up much of Seidel's retail merchandise to expand his business, as he displays a growing interest in natural herbal cures.

Friendly plant—There's even a happy note to recent robberies at Benj. Franklin Savings and Loan

in Sandy.

It was a double burn for lovable Sherrie and Kathy to be hit twice by what appeared to be the same robber. That's just bum luck, because there are few tellers nicer than these two.

Apparently friends at Sandy's Clackamas County Bank agree, because they sent a nice plant after the second robbery to cheer up the gals across the street. Nice touch, CCB'ers.

Personal invite—You heard it here first. If you miss the card or published notice, please consider this invitation to our forthcoming open house yours and yours alone. Yes, The Posties have played Dickens and Fenster recent weekends to attempt to paint our offices on Bluff Road by the high school.

The occasion is a joint open house with neighboring Mt. Hood Hospice 2-8 p.m. Friday, June 17. There will be treats, entertainment and a tour of our remodeled building. We promise it will be lots of fun for all. Pat Spradling trusted the boys at The Post to make the punch. She'll pour champagne for the smart crowd. Karen Rollins is picking the VCR movies to screen between guitar sets.