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of environmental concern

Oregon's only nuclear plant will probably remain closed for the rest of 1978.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ran out of time Friday after two weeks of hearings on whether Portland General Electric Co. should be allowed to restart the Trojan nuclear plant.

Trojan has been shut down since April when an inspection revealed that control building walls do not meet federal earthquake resistance standards. PGE then applied to the NRC for an interim operation license. If granted, Trojan could begin producing power while the control building walls are being strengthened.

Additional safety problems at the plant have complicated the hearing procedure, and the NRC has rescheduled further hearings for Dec. 11. In the meantime, PGE is borrowing federal hydropower from the Bonneville Power Administration to replace the power lost.

In memory of Karen Silkwood, a nuclear plant worker mysteriously killed while investigating health and safety violations at a Southern plant, the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance will hold a "No Nukes Ball" Sunday, at the WOW Hall at 8th Avenue and Lincoln Street.

The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. A puppet theater will perform, followed by a classical guitarist, a dance hall band, a folk rock group and Dr. Atomic's World Famous Medicine Show. The Wasted Rangers will wrap up the evening with their first performance in Eugene.

Tickets are \$3, and are available at the WOW Hall or at TDA headquarters, 348 W. 8th Avenue.

The whooping cranes are gaining more friends. Only 75 of

Oregon MD's urge prudence

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Delegates of the Oregon Medical Association adopted a resolution Sunday urging members "to prudently restrain increase in medical care costs over which they have control."

The House of Delegates also approved resolutions urging:

- Repeal of an Oregon law that requires premarital examinations.
- Restoration of a law requiring that motorcycle riders wear helmets.

The state health officer, Dr. Edward Press, participated in deliberations on the resolution involving Oregon's premarital examination law. He said only one case of syphilis has been discovered in 40,000 couples in recent years by the testing requirement, and the laboratory report was provided only after the man returned from his honeymoon.

the birds are left in the U.S., and the Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed eight new areas be declared critical for the survival and recovery of the endangered species.

The areas include parts of Kansas, Montana, Nebraska and North and South Dakota, and were selected because they provide nightly roosting sites and food during spring and fall migrations.

If the proposal is approved by Congress, any federal agency planning actions that would affect

the areas would have to consult with the U.S. Department of Interior.

Roads and trails between Highway 58 and the Waldo Lake Recreation Area will be closed after Wednesday as part of a cooperative venture between the Forest Service and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide protection to the area's elk herds.

The agencies hope to give hunters on foot a better opportunity, and remove the competition from vehicle-based hunters.

For information on which roads

will be affected, call 687-6576.

Nuclear waste storage expansion at the Trojan plant was recently approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, but the state Department of Energy is concerned safety restrictions involved do not guarantee the state will have authority to enforce them.

The Energy Department plans to appeal the expansion ruling at the Energy Facility Siting Council's meeting today at 9:30 a.m. in the City Council chambers.

"Our concerns are not on what PGE says it wouldn't do" said

Fred Miller, Energy Department director. "It's just that we want some kind of leverage down the road if they change their minds."

The Legislature passed a bill last session making permanent storage of radioactive waste in Oregon illegal. Discussion over what "permanent" means has since occupied many state officials, including Attorney General Jim Redden.

It looks as though most of the country's nuclear plants will have to store waste on-site, however, since the federal government still has no long-term storage plans.

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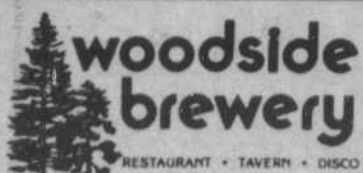
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