Judge dismisses lawsuit

A class action lawsuit which led to the closure of the Bull Run Reserve was dismissed Monday by U.S. District Court Judge James M. Burns.

Burns said he took the action because the remaining claims were moot in light of recent legislation dealing with the reserve that President Carter signed into law on Nov. 23.

The action set aside Burns' November 1976 decree closing the Bull Run Reserve east of Sandy to public use. The decision was made over the ojections of some of the plaintiffs, include Dr. Joseph Miller of Sandy.

Other plaintiffs, including the Oregon Environmental Council and the Northwest Environmental Defense Center, agreed to a dismissal. Those groups were represented by Miller's former lawyer, Charles Merton, who said he supported dismissal on assurance he received from rangers of the Mt. Hood National Forest that present logging would be restricted to the more than 3 million board feet that was authorized for removal last July.

Merton also said he had been told by the Forest Service that the agency does not plan any significant activity in the watershed pending completion of the management plan for the area.

Burns announced earlier that he intended to vacate the 1976 order and dismiss the remaining counts of the suit. However, he said Monday's hearing was held in order to allow Portland residents who use Bull Run water to voice any objections they had to dismissing the suit.

Patricia Watson, attorney for the objecting members of the class action lawsuit, argued that the suit should not be dismissed on the grounds that there is reasonable conflict between the executive order of 1892 and the revised law recently passed by Congress. Additionally, since she had joined the suit the previous Friday, she asked the court to allow the objecting plaintiffs more time to file the proper pleas to the court.

Burns noted that several citizens had sent in letters to the court expressing their concerns against dismissing the suit. The lawsuit was instigated in 1973 by Joseph and Amy Miller, formerly of Portland but now of Marmot, who live on property adjacent to the old reserve boundaries. The couple recently deeded 91 acres of their property to the Portland Audbon Society.

In addition to the Trespass Act argument, the plaintiffs had claimed that Forest Service management policies constituted a breach of the public trust and were in violation of the federal Organic Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act.

Dr. Miller told the court that he did not believe class members had been adequately informed about all sides of the issues. He asked for additional time in which to seek support for argument against dismissal of the suit.

Defendants in the case included the U.S. Forest Service and representatives of the timber industry. Clackamas County intervened in the case on behalf of the defendants.

Under the new law, the U.S. Forest Service will manage 95,382 acres in and around the watershed primarily to establish land management plans for the reserve after consulting with Portland city officials. The area will be known as a "special resources management unit."

Under the new law, approximately 50,000 acres outside the watershed which were previously a part of the reserve will return to normal national forest status.

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TIMBERLINE'S Mike McCurry taught eager and hungry pupils in a six week class at Welches Community School. McCurry, who is executive chef for the lodge, is teaching his students to prepare classical French and continental foods. The class will run on Tuesday nights through Feb. 28. (Post photo)

Gourmet delight

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Friday gas leak threatened lodge

A Highway 26 landmark came close to duplicating one of nearby Mt. Hood's long past eruptions last Friday as a gas leak filled the famous Log Lodge with a dangerous quantity of highly volatile propane gas just before the start of the dinner hour.

Prompt action by Log Lodge owner B. J. Kim and the Hoodland Fire Department prevented a potentially disastrous explosion.

The incident occured shortly before 4 p.m., when a gas leak suddenly erupted behind a newly installed, operating gas deep fryer.

Reacting quickly, Kim evacuated the building, extinguished the cooking fire in the deep fryer and called the Hoodland firemen. Within minutes firemen arrived to begin pumping the gas-laden air out the building and securing, the gas lines.

Nobody was hurt and building damage was nil, but Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout said it could've been a very serious situation.

In fact, a gas company official told Armintrout that the 1000 gallons of propane gas stored at the restaurant would have destroyed not only the Log Lodge, but "the east end of Rhododendron" along with it.

As for lodge owner Kim, Armintrout said that "he was the one that held everything together.

"He did just a super job." Armintrout continued. "He risked his life staying where he did (in the kitchen shutting off equipment) and averted a disaster by doing it."

Armintrout emphasized Kim's action by describing his own reaction when he came on the scene. "I was terrified," the Hoodland chief said.

As for B.J. Kim, he dismissed his heroism with a polite laugh, preferring to heap praise on the Hoodland firefighters for their prompt response and action. "Everything is all right now," he assured The Post. "I give my compliments to the fire department. I appreciate what they have done."

As a token of his appreciation, Kim made a $100 contribution to the fire volunteers, which Armintrout said would probably go towards a piece of equipment to be purchased in Kim's name.

Communication said important

Communication must be emphasized in intimate relationships, a University of Washington professor told Mt. Hood Community College students.

Dr. Jennifer James spoke Tuesday on sexual ethics as part of the college's Health Awareness Week.

She said masculinity and femininity have to be demythicized and people have to deal with each other as human beings.

"We've reached the time in our culture where as human beings it's safe to be honest, safe to communicate," James said.

Sexual ethics demand honesty, she said.

The behavioral sciences professor said the desire for intimacy is universal, but at the same time people are afraid of it. For example, the taboos against touching. People are caught at two ends of a spectrum: the desire to touch and the desires against it, she explained.

"Sexual intimacy is the ultimate touch, the ultimate giving of yourself," James said.

"Our central sexual ethic is not to talk about it (sex)," she explained, either in a public forum or in the bedroom. She said her clinic had one couple who had been married for 20 years and had never discussed their sexuality after they went to bed.

"It's changing. People are learning to chat," she said.

James explained that a person's idea of what is intimate and appropriate comes from their background. Everyone has an intellectual and an emotional side, but despite how rational and intellectual a person is, the emotions rule more than half the time, according to James.

She said the sexual roles began developing in early times when man was the provider in a bare subsistance economy. The only way a man could know who his children were was to limit the sexuality of the women, according to James.

Religion was used to explain some of the mysteries in life, she said. Out of that developed a whore-madonna spectrum for women.

James said that set up a guilt factor for women, allowing their sexuality to be controlled through reputation. Women are supposed to resist and men are supposed to try to achieve, she said.

That sets up a great deal of tension between the two sexes, she remarked. The sexual controls that were set up and needed in the past are no longer needed today, the professor said.

However, there is a Catch-22. All women are supposed to be pure, but some have to sin, she said, quoting St. Augustine as remarking that sewers are needed to help keep the church clean.

With the sexual controls of the past no longer needed, people should be equal lovers if they want to be equal partners, James said. Performance shouldn't be demanded, she added.

College to feature art

Mt. Hood Community College Center will host three art shows Feb. 6 through April 14.

An exhibit of works by prominent black Americans will be at the center Feb. 6-24.

The college all-student open art show begins Feb. 27 and runs until March 17.

On March 20, the National Water Color Society of California will have a jurored show by professional California artists in the center. It will run until April 14.

College center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 667-7260 for further information.

Gantenbein visits Japan

Navy Electronics Technician Second Class Terry K. Gantenbein, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gantenbein of 15150 Orient Drive, Boring, recently visited Sasebo, Japan.

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Oklahoma City, operating from Yokosuka, Japan. The Oklahoma City is the flagship of the commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet and serves a dual role as a "goodwill ambassador" and a combat ready fleet unit.

He and his shipmates visited Sasebo during a four-day port call and hosted thousands of visitors on board.

In addition to touring local points of interest, the crew participated in a variety of sporting events with local teams. The routine visit was made in conjunction with the fleet's mission of maintaining American presence in the Western Pacific.

The Oklahoma City is 610 feet long and carries a crew of approximately 1,200 officers and enlisted men, in addition to more than 200 personnel of the Seventh Fleet staff.

The ship is outfitted with guns, surface-to-air missiles and a helicopter landing platform.

He joined the Navy in January 1974.

Film, feast slated at senior center

The Sandy Senior Center is planning a film and feast night for Tuesday, Feb. 14.

A chili feed will begin at 5 p.m. and the movie, "The Road to Rio," will be shown about 6.

The film stars Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.

Admission to the festivities will be on a donation basis. Those wishing to attend the chili feed are asked to call the senior center at 668-5569.

obituaries

Fred Boese

Fred Boese, 87, of 15485 SE Bartell Road, Boring, died Monday in a Portland hospital.

He was born in Damascus and lived in the area most of his life. Boese farmed and worked at various mills.

He was a World War I veteran and belonged to the veterans' Barracks 2614.

Boese married Iva May Greeno Oct. 10, 1936.

Survivors include: his wife; two daughters, Maxine Thoreson of Boring and Arlene Clark of Portland; three sisters, Rose Sharnke of Gresham, Minnie Hackett of Oregon City and Annie Cross of Milwaukie; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bateman Funeral Chapel with vault entombment at Riverview Abbey.

Agnes VanVleet

Agnes Marie VanVleet, 69, of Seattle, and a former Gresham area resident, died Sunday.

Born in Mud Lake, Wis., she came to Oregon in 1943, settling in Fairview. She later lived in Gresham and Sandy.

On June 29, 1927, she married Alfred VanVleet in Wisconsin.

Survivors include: five sons, Alfred of Oregon, Bud and Chuck of Idaho, and LeRoy and Robert of Washington; two daughters, Gladys Golz and Geraldine Roberts, both of Eugene; 29 granchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be 10 a.m. Friday at Carroll Funeral Home with private burial in Willamette National Cemetery.

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