

Demos vie for treasurer

Two Democrats, Thelma E. Hooper and Robert W. "Bob" Ruby, will be vying for the post of Clackamas County Treasurer in the May 23 primary election.

Current Treasurer Wayne LaFarge has announced he will not seek reelection. LaFarge has served as treasurer for 29 years, the longest continuous period in public office of any elected public official in Clackamas County.

Ruby, 50 is a Gladstone resident. Both he and Hooper have served as chief deputy treasurer under LaFarge. Ruby is employed by Landeen Welding Supply, with offices in Oregon City and Portland.

Offices Ruby has held include programmer and analyst for the county tax department and treasury manager for the City of Portland.

Hooper, 56, spent 18 years as deputy treasurer and the last 9 as chief deputy treasurer. She also is investment manager for the county, overseeing administration and investment of all county funds.

She is a resident of Canby.

City objects to yardkeeping

THE SANDY CITY COUNCIL Monday night told Merle Dahrens, right, to clean up his property, below. Dahrens said a bout with the flu, poor weather and problems finding adequate storage space has delayed moving outside appliances at 39627 Pleasant. Councilmen said if Dahrens didn't move the appliances which he has stored the city would—at Dahrens's expense under authority granted by a city ordinance. Some of the refrigerators had been moved when this photo was taken. The council said Dahrens has been warned several times before of the problem. (Post photo)



Rhododendron woman sentenced

A Rhododendron woman was sentenced in federal court Tuesday to 90 days in jail for the possession and intent to distribute five ounces of cocaine.

Peggy Peacock, 25, is the first of four people to be sentenced after their arrest last year by federal and Clackamas County law enforcement in connection

with an alleged drug ring. Awaiting sentencing in the case are Raymond Claude Arnold Jr., 37, and William Douglas Phillips, 29, of Portland. Both have pleaded guilty to one count in con-

nection with the case. Awaiting trial is Joseph Lynn Darr, 36, Portland. No trial date has been set for Darr, who is the former manager of Multitop Ski Bowl at Government camp.

Peacock's sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge James M. Burns, who suspended nine months of an original one year term. The sentence is to be served in conjunction with a five year probation.

Peacock had faced five other drug-related charges, but they were dropped in exchange for a guilty plea to the government's charge she sold five ounces of cocaine to undercover narcotics agents for \$10,500.

Judge Burns said he felt that the imposition of a jail term would act as a deterrent to further drug dealing.

Barnett pleads guilt to sex charge

David Michael Barnett, 34, of Sandy, awaits presentence investigation on a first-degree sexual abuse charge, after plea bargaining to drop four related charges.

The charges all stem from an Oct. 23 incident in Sandy

and allegation by a 15-year-old girl that Barnett forced her to commit sodomy. Barnett, who resides at 39120 Hood Street in Sandy, has a record of two prior convictions in California.

One involves breach of

peace, while the other is a drug conviction.

"We are much happier with this conviction, than in taking a chance in court," a district attorney's office spokesman said of the public's case which was described as weak.

In plea bargaining, Barnett pleaded guilty to a charge of first-degree sexual abuse (sexual contact), while the district attorney dropped four other related counts which stem from the same incident.

These involve charges of attempting to engage in sexual intercourse and deviate sexual intercourse, plus similar charges for such alleged acts with a minor under 16 years of age.

The presentencing investigation will include a recommendation to the court as to what sentence should be in order, plus review of Barnett's background information.

Date for actual sentencing will be set later by Circuit Court Judge Howard Blanding.

Barnett pleaded guilty this week.

The incident allegedly occurred the evening of Oct. 23, according to deputies, when a man called a girl over to his car near a store in Sandy.

Apparently, the girl agreed to leave with the man.

The man reportedly stopped to buy some beer, after which time the victim said he drove her to a secluded area near Bornstedt Road.

There he allegedly made sexual advances to her.

She refused the advances, according to her statement to deputies, and said that the man then drove to another spot near Wildcat Mountain Drive.

After refusing his advances a second time, the man threatened her and began tearing away her clothes, according to the victim's statement to deputies.

The girl claimed then that she was forced to commit deviate sexual acts with the man.

She said that he dropped her off in Sandy, and that she called the police to report the man's license number.

Bull Run slash to burn

"The Columbia Gorge Ranger District will be burning about 500 acres of logging debris (slash) in the Bull Run Watershed area from March to October," said District Ranger Gene Zimmerman.

Smoke columns from the fires may often be visible from the Portland metropolitan area.

"The total slash build-up represents a possible fire hazard in the watershed," said Zimmerman, "and will be burned in small, controlled acreages to make the Watershed Management Unit more fire-safe."

Burning the debris is also the first step in preparing the area for reforestation, he said.

Permit requested

A conditional use permit has been filed by Charles Moen before the Clackamas County hearings officer.

The hearing will be tonight at 7 p.m. in courtroom 4 of the Clackamas County Courthouse in Oregon City.

Moen proposes to use a 24 by 51 foot mobile home as a single family residence.

Approval will require taking exception to statewide planning agricultural and forest goals and guidelines.

Location of the property is on the south side of Southeast Ridgecrest Drive approximately 2,100 feet northwest of its intersection with Southeast Coalman Road in the Sandy area.

Non-farm use approved

The Clackamas County Hearings Officer March 16 approved an application by Fred Wickersham for a non-farm use.

Wickersham proposed to subdivide property into three parcels of 2.02, 2.02 and 3.63 acres and construct a

residential dwelling not in conjunction with a farm use on each of the 2.02 acre parcels.

Property is on the south side of Southeast Trubel Road near its intersection with Southeast Firwood Road in the Sandy area.

Request OK'd for fire department

The Clackamas County hearings officer approved a conditional use request by Sandy Fire District 72 to use a 14 by 70 foot mobile home with a 8 by 12 foot expandable as a single family residence for a watchman-caretaker for the unmanned fire station.

Location is on the north side of Wildcat Mountain Drive approximately ¼ mile west of its intersection with Southeast 452nd Avenue in the Firwood area.

Approval for the permit was given by the hearings officer on March 16.

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