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Fourth candidate enters Sandy mayoral sweepstakes

Citing a need for better planning in city government to deal with Sandy's growth, Sandy High School work experience coordinator Dick Harrison this week announced plans to run for mayor.

Harrison's entry into the mayoral contest brings to four the number of candidates. Dennis Wolf, Bruce Cook and Jim Duff have already tossed their hats into the ring.

"I'm afraid we're going to have a rush to annex and rezone without any concern for the livability of the community," Harrison said of his main concern.

"This is a beautiful little town, a nice place to be," Harrison continued. "And people who will be moving here in the future deserve as much livability as the

people who are her now."

Harrison said the planning commission has been rezoning local property without thought as to the impacts of such a move. The fire department, the schools and the county should all be consulted before annexation or rezoning takes place, he added.

The Sandy teacher also contends that too many changes are being made in local zoning before the completion of Sandy's comprehensive plan.

"While the comprehensive plan is being revised we're making zoning changes that may or may not be in accordance with it," Harrison said.

Harrison said he recognizes that growth is inevitable, but added that inadequate planning has been made for that growth.

He noted that two of his opponents, councilmen Duff and Cook, were on record for "controlled growth," but he questioned what methods they had in mind to bring about that control.

Harrison believes that planning for even such mundane matters as the "hiring of a dog catcher" should be done now.

The last mayoral candidate has lived in Sandy five years after serving 26 years as Post Engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Lewis, Wash. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Colorado and a masters degree in industrial arts from Oregon State University.

Harrison resides in Sandy with his wife Gertrude. The Harrisons have three children.

Possible poisoning hits dogs in Sandy neighborhood

Poisoning attributed to a strychnine-like substance has been named as the cause of death and illness of several dogs in the Deming Road area of Sandy.

Pat O'Malley of 36663 SE Deming Road told The Post Wednesday that two of his dogs had died and a third seriously affected since last week.

O'Malley said he suspects someone is poisoning the dogs.

Sandy Veterinarian Dr. Mac Bischoff

said that lab tests had not yet confirmed strychnine as the cause of the animals' deaths, but it was a possibility.

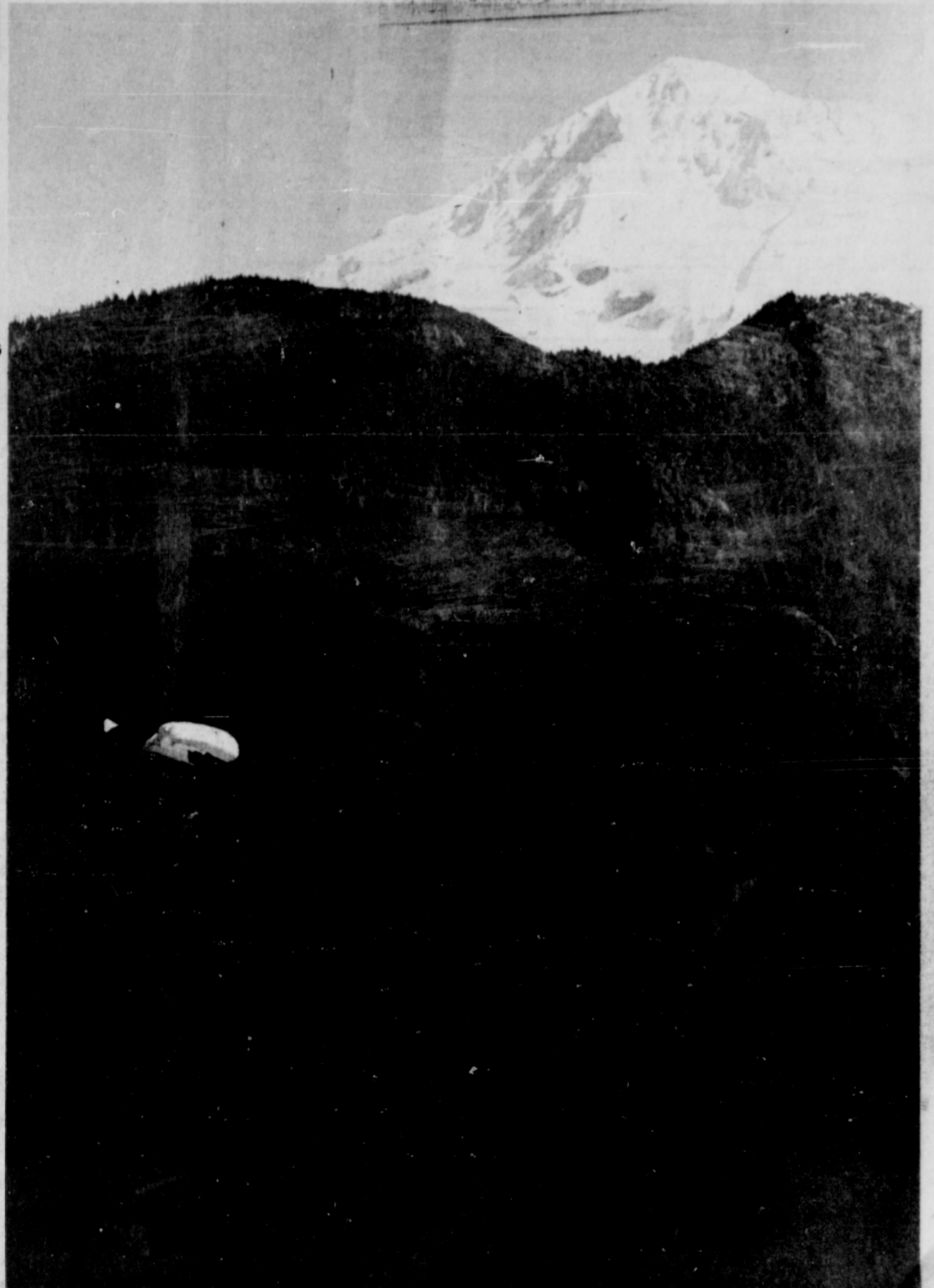
Bischoff said that the poisoning may also have been caused by slug bait or by a dead bird that had been strychnine-poisoned.

The use of strychnine is illegal in Oregon.

Bischoff said that the poison's symptoms include nervousness, body rigidity and convulsions. Death may occur within 45 minutes of ingestion.

Bischoff advised people to keep their dogs in their yards and not allow them to wander to help prevent further poisoning.

Clackamas County Animal Control officials are investigating the cause of the deaths.



Dueling chutists

IT'S SPRING, and a time for outdoor activities. This week The Post takes a look at springtime in Clackamas County—including sports such as parachuting and hacky sack, home tours and remodeling tops. Bowman's Mt. Hood Resort in Welches was the scene of the area's first paraski competition. See page 3, Section two.

(Post photo)



THE FIRE-GUTTED music trailer at Welches School is examined by Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout (right) and Assistant Chief Lane Wintermute. Arson is suspected. The double-wide 60-foot mobile classroom serving band and choir classes was totally destroyed last Sunday night,

along with all band instruments, sheet music and electronics equipment. The Hoodland volunteers restricted the trailer fire from the main grade school building just five feet away however, with that wood structure escaping even paint blisters.

(Post photo)

Arson suspected in Welches school fire

The Welches School music program went up in smoke last Sunday night, and Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout suspects arson behind the hot blaze that destroyed the school's music trailer.

The fire spread quickly and started under the trailer which is located just five feet away from the wood wall of the main building, the chief said.

The fire reached an estimated 2000 degrees to buckle the heavy metal framework of the double-wide 60-foot mobile building.

Hoodland volunteers, aided by Sandy firefighters, restricted the blaze to the trailer by wetting the wood wall of the main building.

"That volunteer department of ours did a tremendous job," said Welches Superintendent Jack Callaghan. "They were fantastic."

Chief Armintrout echoed the praise of his men.

"I told the men that if we were to have a critique, I can't think of one thing they did wrong."

Armintrout added that the fire was

contained to the trailer with "not an ounce of paint blistered" on the main structure.

The fire is under investigation by the Oregon State Police arson investigator and the Oregon State Fire Marshall's office.

"We're doing everything we can and are seeking professional outside help," he said. "The experts in the field are sending their best."

Armintrout said the department has "one very strong lead" in the case.

Sunday night's fire mirrors another recent fire at the Hoodland Women's Club building.

That fire displaced kindergarten pupils who now meet daily in the library and forced some library classes into other classrooms.

The Women's Club fire one street away occurred March 12—one month earlier to the day. Both fires happened in the evening and started outside the buildings. Another fire in which arson is suspected is a fire at a shelter at Toll Gate Campground, which also happened March 12.

Someone also set a fire inside the new Welches Post Office about a month ago, but it died out without causing damage, Armintrout said.

All of the incidents are believed to have occurred on a Sunday.

Hoodland firemen have sent some evidence from this week's fire to the state crime laboratory for analysis.

The destroyed trailer housed all band and choir classes, as well as their instruments and equipment.

Callaghan said music teacher Tim McCarthy lost much of his music he composed, along with a library of music books.

"Everything is a mess," Callaghan said.

The building was used daily by every student in school in a regular music instruction program which now will have to be moved into regular classrooms.

Every band instrument not checked out for the weekend was destroyed in the blaze.

The school had just bought a new

electric piano. Speakers, a hi-fi, a console and sheet music. All were lost.

Consequently, the school may have to cancel a May 18 concert, unless a blanket insurance claim comes through in time.

No early estimate of dollar loss has been set as yet.

Special music classes displaced by the fire include a fifth-grade band, a sixth-grade band, a seventh-eighth grade band, a seventh-eighth grade morning honor choir and a new fourth-grade band.

Bands likely will have to practice on stage in the gymnasium at the same time that physical education classes utilize the gym, Superintendent Jack Callaghan said. "The program will continue."

The Hoodland firefighters, with assistance from Sandy firemen, responded at 9:28 p.m. April 9 and sent out two later alarms.

The fire was brought under control after 16 minutes, and firemen dispatched from Boring were turned back enroute.

Roadless area survey nears June completion

After a year of intensive effort, Forest Service officials said the week that their RARE II (Roadless Area Review and Evaluation) survey should be completed and ready for evaluation early this summer.

The survey is aimed at categorizing roadless forest areas as a step in determining whether an area will be best utilized as multiple use, wilderness or other purposes.

Mt. Hood National Forest public information officer Ann Heisler said that the Forest Service's final report will contain nine use alternatives for the identified roadless areas, ranging from wilderness to "intensive management," a euphemism for multiple use.

Heisler said that no Forest Service preference will be expressed in the report.

After RARE II is released in mid-June public comments will be accepted until September. Heisler said that "anyone who wants to" can give their input to the Forest Service, and that special office hours or open houses may be arranged to make it easier for interested parties to get their comments heard.

RARE II is the continuation of RARE I, which began in 1972 to identify roadless areas.

But over the years it came under heavy fire, and RARE II is an attempt to correct its deficiencies.

Heisler said that the original project did a poor job of defining just what a roadless area was, using as its criteria the terms availability, suitability and need—which nobody could agree on.

The waters were further muddied when public input was requested. Heisler said some lumber mills went so far as to force their employees to sign

letters opposing roadless areas before they would be paid.

"It became a vote count," Heisler said of RARE I, "a giant paperwork thing."

Other problems arose when the Forest Service changed its input criteria midway through the project.

"It caused a lot of hard feelings," Heisler concluded of the first RARE. "We did a poor job all the way around."

The new RARE, begun last spring at the instigation of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Rupert Cutler, sets out to correct the mistakes made the first time.

Heisler said that the definitions of roadless areas have been stripped of "value laden words" so that the study can be made more objectively.

Methods for receiving input are also being improved, she added.

A common misconception is that an area classified as "roadless" will automatically become a wilderness area.

Heisler said that this is not so and that roadless area definitions simply provide the Forest Service with a yardstick by which to measure the amount of development in forested areas.

One commented upon sidlight to RARE is that logging interests and environmentalist, for once, agree on something.

They both want RARE II finished as soon as possible, so they can chart their next move in the ongoing preserve-utilize war.

"I think everyone would just as soon get these plans decided," Heisler said as RARE approaches its conclusion.

Currently, about 47,000 acres in the Mt. Hood National Forest are defined as roadless areas.

Cottrell group meets Tuesday

The Cottrell Area Land Use Planning Group will meet on Tuesday, April 18, at the Cottrell School rather than on the regularly scheduled date of April 19.

Clackamas County officials are expected to attend the Tuesday evening

meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Clackamas County Planning Department staff members will be on hand to discuss plan amendments and zoning for the Cottrell area.