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## Three killed in separate wrecks on Orient Drive

# Sandy teen killed, two injured in accident

A four-wheel-drive vehicle carrying three Sandy teen-agers to the state high school football playoff game in Gresham last Friday evening collided with a Tri-Met bus, killing one of the youths and injuring the other two.

Carey L. Larson, 17, of Sandy was fatally injured in the accident.

He was a passenger in the vehicle driven by Dean E. Fischer, 17, of Redland. Fischer underwent surgery early Saturday morning at Gresham Community Hospital. He sustained several broken bones.

Fischer was transferred Tuesday to Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City where he will undergo additional surgery on a broken arm.

The other passenger injured in the accident was William Chris Jones, 17, of Sandy. Jones, a state Class AAA 148-pound division wrestling champion in 1980, suffered head and internal injuries. He was in the intensive care unit and listed in critical

condition by the Gresham hospital Wednesday.

The accident occurred at 6:50 p.m. Friday at the intersection of SE Orient Drive and 312 Avenue, according to Lt. Lonnie Ryan of the Clackamas County Sheriff's office.

The bus was heading east on Orient with two passengers and the students, riding in a Ford Bronco, were heading west.

The Bronco apparently swerved in front of the bus, Ryan said.

Eddie Linnum, 57, of Portland was driving the bus. He suffered a cut arm and leg. He was treated and released at the Gresham hospital.

One bus passenger, Steven Smith of Sandy was also taken to the hospital with minor injuries. The second passenger, Ken Navills of Boring, was not injured.

Linnum told sheriff's deputies that he was unable to avoid hitting the Bronco.

"The driver said he turned around

to look at a passenger in the back and when he turned around he (Fischer) was in the other lane," Ryan said.

The bus was travelling between 45 and 50 miles per hour when the two vehicles collided, Ryan said. Deputies said Larson was killed on impact.

The three Sandy high school youths were driving to Mt. Hood Community College where the Sandy High School football team was playing Reynolds High School in a first-round state playoff game.

The three students were all members of the Sandy High School wrestling team. Jones and Fischer both competed in the 1980 state wrestling tournament.

Linnum had been a bus driver for five years. Prior to that he worked for a trucking company and had driven one million miles without a preventable accident, said Phil Colombo, Tri-Met spokesman.

Ryan said there was alcohol in the

Bronco. It has not been determined if alcohol was a factor in the accident. He said results are expected from the Oregon State Police crime lab on Thursday or Friday.

In all, three automobile collisions within four miles of each other on Orient Drive claimed three lives during the weekend.

Clackamas County Sheriff's deputy Jimmy L. Shoop, 35, of Rockwood, was killed about 3 a.m. Saturday while on his way to assist a state trooper at the scene of another fatal accident.

The accident Shoop was responding to occurred at the intersection of Orient Drive and Welch Road. Killed in that mishap was Alwanda A. Wilbur, 58, of Gresham.

Shoop's car was heading northwest on Orient Drive when it struck a car that was northbound on a cutoff from Kelso Road, said Ryan.

"He was not dispatched to the

scene, but he probably figured since he wasn't busy he would go help the trooper—who was his wife," Ryan said.

The driver of the car that collided with Shoop was Gaylyn May, 19, of Boring. She is in fair condition at Portland Adventist Medical Center with facial cuts.

Shoop's wife, Vicki, was the first officer to respond to the accident that killed her husband.

Ryan said it was the first time in 75 years that a Clackamas County deputy was killed on duty.

First reports indicated that Shoop had been using his lights and siren, but the department's investigation later found otherwise.

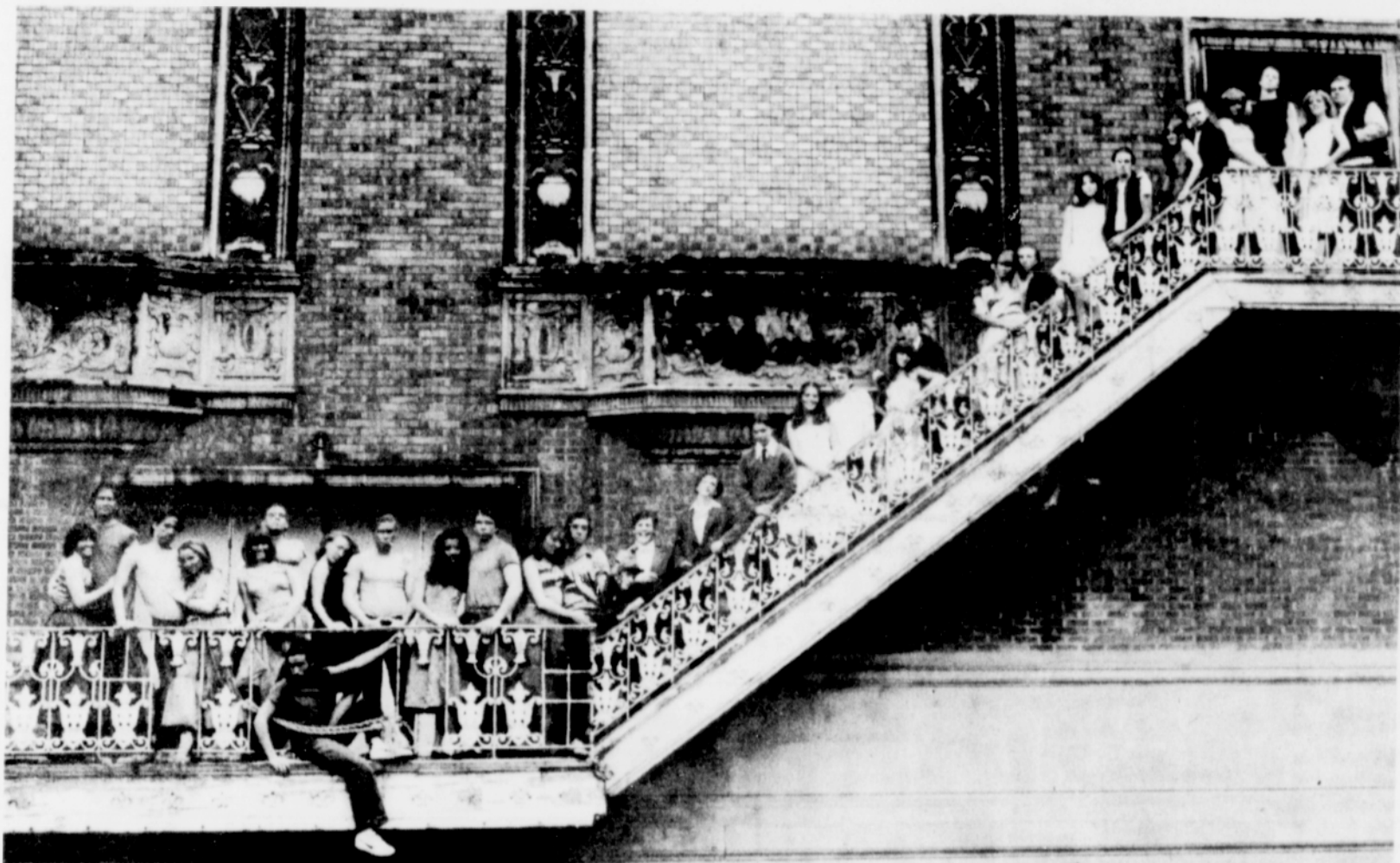
"At the scene, officers checked all of the switches and they were off," Ryan said. "The filaments on the lights were not hot. The siren was not on. And nobody moved those switches."

The accident that killed Wilbur occurred at 2:45 a.m. Saturday, said John Drum, information officer for the Multnomah County Sheriff's department.

The car Wilbur was driving was struck head-on by a pickup truck driven by Edward E. Ruby, 22, of Gresham. Drum said Ruby swerved into Wilbur's lane, but he did not know the cause of the accident.

Ruby was released from Portland Adventist Medical Center on Sunday after receiving treatment for facial cuts and spending the night in the hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said Monday.

A passenger in Ruby's vehicle, John Bettencourt, 40, also of Gresham, is listed in satisfactory condition at the medical center. Hospital officials said he has shown some improvement. He received cuts on the face.



The cast is ready for Friday evening's opening performance of "West Side Story," a musical about the young love between members of rival gangs. The

show will be presented at 8 p.m. on Nov. 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at the Sandy Community Theater on Proctor Boulevard. A benefit will be staged Nov. 20.

Photo by Sandi Poutala

## School board retains architect for plan

The Sandy Union High School Board voted Monday to sign a contract with Richard Gessford and Associates for not more than \$10,000 to do architectural work on a proposed fine arts building and high school renovations.

Questions were raised about retaining Gessford and Associates at a September board meeting because of problems with the Welches School building, a project on which Gessford worked.

"I think we've really got a handle on it," Robert Boring, board member, said, referring to the contract. "We've got it spelled out, where we want to be," he said. "It's our contract. It isn't his, and this makes me feel very good."

Superintendent Jack Peters said, "It's significant that the architectural fees are based on a 1979 schedule of our original contract."

The monies to pay Gessford will come out of the capital projects fund, which has been budgeted for.

In other business, the board voted

to buy a Thomas body to go with a chassis bid. Only Carlson Chevrolet bid on the chassis.

The Thomas body bid was about \$259 from being the low bid, but it will keep the fleet to just a couple of different makes.

The board felt this would save money in the long run.

The board voted to certify Dr. Mark Mullens, a chiropractor, as an assistant wrestling coach. He will receive a salary of \$1,262.

Dr. Peters informed the board of a petition he has received with 26 signatures from female students requesting a girls soccer team.

Dr. Peters said that as he develops the budget next year he would like to "work it out."

He said, "I won't recommend anything that's not economically feasible."

The board tabled until next spring action on standards for athletics and other activities. It was felt that this would be an inappropriate time of the school year to make a change.

## Estacada students need local residency OK

by DAN DILLON

Last Friday the Estacada School District closed its doors to 2,500 students after its operating levy was defeated on Nov. 3 for the fourth time this year.

School district officials there say the schools will not re-open until voters approve an operating levy. The next election isn't until Nov. 24.

If any of those students want to attend school in Sandy during the interim, they are going to have to meet residency requirements, according to Sandy High School officials.

"We are declining to crowd our students up any more," said Dick Harrison, Sandy High School director of student services.

He said many classes are full this year and the student-teacher ratio, 18-1, is up this year from last when it was 15-1.

"We will continue to take in-district students," Harrison said. "If someone rents an apartment in Estacada and decides to move to Sandy and rent an apartment in Sandy, then we'll take them."

Harrison said the school closure has brought a number of telephone calls of inquiry but, so far, just two students from Estacada have been admitted as transfer students after they moved to the Sandy district.

The Clackamas County Education Service District (ESD) leases space at Estacada Primary School for TMR students who are enrolled in the ESD special education program.

Even with Estacada schools closed, these students will have to be taught, said ESD Superintendent Bob Burns. The ESD has made arrangements with Sandy Elementary School District to move the Estacada classroom to Kelso School in the Sandy Elementary District.

"When school ended on Friday afternoon, everything from the Estacada classroom went to Sandy," he said. "Monday was orientation day to let our teacher and aide settle in at Kelso School. Tuesday morning was back to school for our students in

that classroom."

In the wake of the fourth budget defeat in Estacada, the district's school board last Thursday chopped \$135,124 from its request, leaving voters to decide on a \$2.75 million proposal at the November special election.

Sports at the high school and junior high school were spared cuts, as were elementary band, art and nearly all elective courses.

The Estacada school closure is the first in Oregon since 1976, when schools were shut down because of levy failures in Eagle Point, North Bend and South Lane for up to 45 days.

School officials have sent termination notices to more than 220 of the district's 350 teachers and staff. The district is Estacada's second-largest employer after Crown Zellerbach Corp., which has been running reduced shifts.

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## 'West Side Story' opens tomorrow

by DAN DILLON

Sandy Union High School raises the curtain tomorrow evening on a production that this week has taken on new meaning for the student body at the school.

"It's a play about accidental teenage death," director Mark Kuntz said Tuesday. "Right now it has a very special meaning for these high school kids. It's going to have a very special meaning for the high school audience."

The aim of the SUHS production, "West Side Story," all along has been to present a real-life interpretation of street life, Kuntz said, and the meaning of death and why people die.

Set against the backdrop of New York street gangs, "West Side Story" gives a modern twist to the "Romeo and Juliet" story.

It deals with a rivalry between two street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks, and the effect this hatred has on two young lovers caught in the middle by their membership in opposing sides.

Tony, (Mat Madison) is a Jet. Maria (Mary Russell) is a Puerto Rican, sided with the Sharks.

The rival gang leaders, Bernardo (Tony Cleland) of the Sharks and Riff (Dave Stafford) of the Jets try to stand in the way of the two, but the young couple's love will not be denied.

Others in the cast include Tomi Griffin as Anita; Phil Plotner, Chino; Suzanne Jones, Velma; Rob Lawson, Lt. Shrank; Duane Hall, Doc; and Fred Buhler, Glad Hand.

A special member of the cast is maintenance supervisor Jerry Swails who plays Officer Krupke.

"We needed an Officer Krupke-type and he was perfect," Kuntz said.

The students will present seven performances of "West Side Story," five for the general public and two special matinees.

"It's more than we've ever done," Kuntz said, "but I think we have a show to show off."

This week the director, musical director Steve Christensen and vocal director Bruce Scarth are tying together the relationship between the orchestra and the actors.

Kuntz said that relationship has been challenging because the beats and rhythms of the music are "very difficult."

Leonard Bernstein is responsible for the difficulty of the music. Arhur Laurents wrote the book and Stephen Sondheim added the lyrics.

For the first time, SUHS has employed an outside choreographer for a production. Cally Moore of a Portland dance studio did the work and it's "wonderful. We're very excited about the dancing," Kuntz said.

Lynn Daugherty did the costuming. Leslie Crockwell produced the play.

The play will run Nov. 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 with performances at 8 p.m. each night at the Sandy Community Theater on Proctor Boulevard.

The Nov. 20 performance will be a Mt. Hood Hospice benefit by the students. Actress Ann Sothorn will make an appearance that evening.

Ticket prices are \$3.50, adults; \$2.50, students; \$1.50, children and senior citizens. Tickets for adults attending the Nov. 20 presentation will be \$5.

## Gresham hospital receives state backing

Gresham Community Hospital got some unexpected good news Monday evening.

The hospital learned that the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) has reversed its earlier decision to deny a Certificate of Need application for a new 107-bed hospital.

That move ends more than 18 months of hearings and delays for the hospital and opens the door for construction of the new \$13.1 million facility.

"The state has issued a proposed order to approve the Certificate of Need," said John Grotting, administrator of Gresham Community Hospital. "We are very pleased with their decision."

"Essentially, the order indicates that the Certificate of Need is ap-

proved and that no further hearings are necessary unless the order is challenged by another hospital," he said.

"It is apparent that SHPDA has realized that there are many people in the East Multnomah and North-Central Clackamas county areas who support the concept of a new hospital and feel that it would be an invaluable asset to have the new facility as soon as possible."

The hospital closest to the Gresham facility, Portland Adventist Hospital, has previously objected to Gresham's expansion. Whether it will continue its objection is not now known.

According to Stephen Kent, director of Community Relations for the hospital, SHPDA had earlier denied the Certificate of Need because the hospital failed to demonstrate a suffi-

cient need and because of the cost of the project.

He said that following the decision, the hospital went back, re-evaluated the hospital proposal and scaled it down so that it would be in line with SHPDA suggestions.

The 107-bed project will be located on a 21-acre site on NE Stark Street in Gresham, between NE Hogan Road and NE Kane Road. It will feature 83 medical beds and a 24-bed alcoholism treatment center.

The design goals of the facility's planners are to allow expansion potential for all departments at minimal expense, create proper functional relationships and proximity between departments, provide and accommodate a separate flow of patients, visitors, outpatients, staff and

materials for an efficient operation and create an energy-efficient building.

The architect for the project is the Portland-based firm, Broome, Oringdolph, O'Toole, Rudolf and Associates. That firm designed Kelso and Firwood schools in the Sandy area.

Space planning is under the direction of Medical Planning Associates, a Malibu, Calif., firm which specializes in health care facility planning.

Single-patient rooms were selected over multi-patient rooms as the most efficient means of health care. Single care rooms will allow the most flexibility in placement of patients and higher utilization than can be achieved with multi-bed rooms.