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Court upholds contention of Sandy worker

The U.S. Supreme Court Monday confirmed what a Sandy man and two co-workers had maintained all along when it upheld a ruling allowing Seventh-day Adventists at the Martin-Marietta Corp.'s plant in The Dalles to avoid paying union dues or an equivalent "service fee" to a union.

Arnold Bakke of Sandy and his co-workers challenged the payment of dues and membership in the United Steelworkers union which became mandatory in October 1976 at the plant.

Monday, the court let stand a ruling that barred Martin-Marietta and the union from firing the Seventh-day Adventists as long as they pay an amount equivalent to the union dues to the American Cancer Society.

According to Harold Wynne of Sandy, spokesman for the church, Seventh-day Adventists prefer not to belong to unions because they sometimes resort to strikes with resulting violence. Church members, he said, do not wish to unwillingly be drawn into a situation where violence may arise.

He added that Adventists do not believe that it is morally wrong to belong to a union, however, as was asserted in some reports of the court's decision.

This marked the first time that a case of this sort had reached the Supreme Court, although a number of similar cases have been heard at lower federal court levels.

After the union dues became mandatory, the three Adventists challenged the payment or the fee. They offered instead to pay an equivalent amount to a non-religious charity, but the union refused.

After they filed the suit, two other church members began refusing to pay dues or a service fee.

The total amount of money the Seventh-day Adventists at the plant would have paid came to approximately \$1,200 a year.

Bakke has since retired from the company.



Four-year-old Kelley Robison of Sandy braves an audience with Santa Claus (Bruce Parker) who rewards her with a candy cane and balloon in other hand. Santa arrived in Sandy last Saturday and plans other stops at downtown stores here Dec. 19 through 24.

Planning idea OK'd but no group named

More than 300 Mt. Hood area residents last Friday voted to form a community planning organization (CPO) to represent the area, but stopped short of handing that designation to the Environmental Committee on Suitability (ECOS).

In lieu of that, Clackamas County officials will mail out the organization's bylaws to those who attended the hearing at Welches School for review. Then, on Jan. 28, another organizational meeting will be held to decide what the bylaws of the CPO will be and what group will become the CPO.

ECOS had appeared before the Board of County Commissioners on Oct. 29 seeking to be recognized as the CPO for the Mt. Hood corridor. Their proposed boundaries extend from Zigzag to Wildcat Creek on the east and west; it was bordered by National Forest land on the north and south.

At the first hearing, commissioners sided with a group who claimed they did not have advance notice of ECOS intentions. They asked Ardis Stevenson, assistant director of the Department of Environmental Services, to set up a community meeting and act as facilitator.

The county notified 3,000 property owners and the meeting was held Friday. Paul Rice, owner of Merit Proper-

ties of Welches, told Stevenson Friday that another organization is not needed.

"We went through this several years ago and the people of this mountain told you folks of the county what we wanted," he said. "It's called the comprehensive plan and it took a lot of work, a lot of hours."

"Why don't we just go with that comprehensive plan? We've already told you what we want. I don't think we need another organization."

Phil Clark of Brightwood disagreed, saying Rice's statement was "totally irrelevant" to proceedings.

"The comprehensive plan has already been recognized by the state... in developing the mountain," Clark said. "All this is for is to give citizens some input as to what to do with the mountain."

Before a vote was taken on whether or not to form a CPO, Stevenson told the audience that the decision is entirely up to residents, not up to county officials.

"If you think it's an advantage, it's available," she said. "If you think it's a waste of time or a disadvantage, don't vote."

Stevenson said that county requirements include that a community planning organization include residential, property owner and business interests.

Commissioner pledges support for mountain

by MICHAEL P. JONES
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A handful of Mt. Hood residents met with Clackamas County Commissioner Stan Skoko Tuesday evening to seek solutions to illegal sewage dumping in the area.

At the meeting, the residents hand-delivered a letter to the commissioner requesting that steps be taken by the county to stop the dumping.

The letter asked that the matter be turned over to the district attorney's office for investigation and prosecution.

It asked that an ordinance be adopted which would require the county to regulate septic tank pumpers, as well as the owners of private septic systems and holding tanks. That, the letter said, would insure that sewage is disposed of in a treatment facility.

Finally, the residents urged the county to initiate a program to make the citizens of the area more aware of the problem. It recommended that the county to establish a reward for citizens aiding in the apprehension of persons responsible for the sewage dumps.

Skoko was to present the three requests to the Board of County Commissioners today. He told the group that he was confident the board would respond positively and begin dealing with the area's dumping problems.

The residents told Skoko that they are concerned the county and state are not actively seeking solutions to the dumpings, nor taking them very

seriously.

In the past, sewage has been dumped into the Salmon River at Welches and into a Henry Creek near Rhododendron, but there was little response from the county Health Department or the Department of Environmental Services.

Last month, sewage was dumped directly on Bright and Fairway Avenues by a pumper truck, a stone's throw away from the new Hoodland Sewage Treatment Plant at Welches.

Area resident Larry Hoyt, who found one spill, complained of potential health hazards to the county. The roads were not cleaned until three weeks later.

Skoko agreed that some county employees are not taking the mountain's situation seriously.

"When the majority of the county employees get that little tin badge pinned to their chests, they do things only when it's to their convenience," he said. "They could do more, but they won't."

Personnel from the state Department of Environmental Quality and the county Code Compliance Section have said there is little they can do without eyewitnesses. Both agencies maintain their hands are tied by budget restraints which prohibit dispatching staff to look for "midnight dumpers."

"It's a cop-out," Skoko said. "They've never made an honest effort to solve this problem."

"We must catch whomever is responsible and really hang it on them. Whoever's doing this is violating laws that pertain to fish and the health of human beings," he said.

Mountain rescue saves drowning hiker

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A late afternoon hike last Thursday almost ended in a tragedy averted by a quick response from the Hoodland Rural Fire Department's special rescue team.

On the snow-covered Mirror Lake trail, Richard Howard of Vancouver, Wash., had a seizure. For 25 minutes his companion, Douglas Bowers of Portland, watched helplessly.

When the seizure subsided, Bower propped Howard against a tree and went for help. He ran the two and a half miles down the mountain trail in 20 minutes.

When he arrived at Highway 26, he

hitchhiked two miles to Government Camp and called the fire department for help.

The call was received at 5:15 p.m. and the rescue team was dispatched. They picked up Bower in Government Camp.

When the rescue team—Fire Chief Don Armintrout, Assistant Chief Lane Wintermute, Mick Eby and Dick Hoflund, accompanied by Bower—headed up the trail, nearly a half hour had elapsed since Howard was left at the lake.

It was pitch black and freezing rain made the going difficult. The rescuers carried flashlights and some were equipped with headlamps.

The steep terrain was covered with two inches of snow when they began their climb to the lake. As they neared the top, the depth increased to two feet.

Armintrout said the group stopped for a short break about halfway up the trail. When two of the rescuers, carrying heavy packs, stopped for a second break, Armintrout, Wintermute and Bower continued on.

"I had a funny feeling that when we didn't run into the victim on the trail that something was wrong," Armintrout said. "I can't really explain why. It was just one of those feelings."

The trio reached the lake 45

minutes after they had left Highway 26. Howard was nowhere in sight so they searched the area.

They spotted Howard face down in the lake. Wintermute and Armintrout jumped into the lake, pulled him out and began giving him basic life support procedures.

"I believe in my mind, if we would have stayed with the others, he never would have made it," Armintrout said. "He was breathing his last breath when we reached him."

Armintrout contacted the dispatcher by radio and requested Emanuel Hospital's Life Flight helicopter. Bad weather, however, kept the helicopter grounded.

The 304th Air National Guard Search and Recovery helicopter crew was notified of the situation. They headed for the lake.

Alpine Ambulance transported Dr. Clare Koznek, of Mt. Hood Medical Services in Sandy, up the mountain to assist.

Halfway there, they received word that immediate medical advice was needed.

Koznek gave medical procedures and prescribed medication from a pay phone at the state weigh station on Highway 26 near Brightwood to Government Camp where a firefighter with a radio relayed the information to personnel at the lake.

Howard was suffering from hypothermia, shock and a possible head injury.

"The question was time," said Koznek. "We had minutes, rather than hours to work with. We also had no idea just how long he had been in the lake."

By that time, the 304th's helicopter reached the lake.

"We could see them but they couldn't see us," said Armintrout. "So they landed in the parking lot and picked up one of our radios so we could communicate and bring them in."

Once Howard was loaded on the helicopter, he was taken to Gresham Community Hospital where his body temperature was just 82 degrees. He was treated for hypothermia and pulmonary edema, a lung condition typical of drowning cases.

Koznek believes the hypothermia may have saved Howard's life because its victims do not require as much oxygen.

Tuesday, Howard was released from the hospital.

Three enter commissioner's race

A Lake Oswego city councilwoman and Clackamas County Corrections administrator have announced their intentions to attempt to unseat veteran Clackamas County Commissioner Stan Skoko in the May 1982 primary.

Skoko, a Democrat, announced last week that he will seek the seat he has held off and on since 1948. This would be his sixth term.

He will be challenged by Bev Henderson, a Republican from Lake Oswego, and Scott Taylor, a Democrat.

Skoko was first elected to the board of commissioners in 1948. He won a second term in 1952, but was turned out of office in 1956.

He regained a spot on the board in 1964, lost in 1968 after an unsuccessful recall attempt, and returned in 1974. He was re-elected in 1978.

Skoko has gained a reputation as the "lone wolf" on the board of commissioners, often casting the lone dissenting vote against Commissioners Ralph Groener and Robert Schumacher.

Henderson lost a seat on the board in the last election when she came within 317 votes of unseating the incumbent Schumacher. Ironically, Skoko supported her in that race.

"In 1980, the voters of Clackamas County came close to making a change in the County Commission," she said, "based on key issues involving the tightening of the budget to cut costs, better communication with the citizens and improving the working relationship among the members of the board."

"These issues have not gone away," Henderson said, "in fact, they have intensified."

Henderson has a 20-year background in business and the forest products industry, as well as involvement in public service on the national, state and local levels.

She was first elected to the Lake Oswego council in 1974 and was re-elected in 1978.

She has served on the National League of Cities Transportation and Communication Policy Committee, the League of Oregon Cities Energy Task Force and the Clackamas County Library Policy Board.

Taylor is the manager of Clackamas County's Milwaukie residential center for work release prisoners. He is concerned about the county's fiscal problems and the lack of citizen involvement which have bothered him in the county.

He claims that personalities split the present board of commissioners more often than the actual issues do. He also said that Skoko has alienated county administrators.

Tree causes power outage on mountain

An estimated 1,000 residences and businesses east of Sandy were without power for about an hour early Tuesday evening.

According to a Portland General Electric Company spokesman, the problem was caused by a tree limb falling on a 13,000-volt feeder line near Brightwood.

Power was cut at about 7:10 p.m. and restored about 8 p.m.

Meteor lights up night

Oregon residents from Salem to Sandy, and on up to Seattle were treated to a surprise light show last Thursday night as a bright meteor streaked through the evening sky.

Its light was powerful enough to turn the night to day, according to one resident. But, what actually flashed through the night was probably smaller than a bread box.

"It doesn't take much (to cause a great amount of light) since they are moving at such a high velocity," according to Burce Spainhower, acting director of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's planetarium.

The meteor fell through the earth's atmosphere about 10:30 p.m., said Spainhower.

He said although reports were received that small chunks of the meteor struck the earth, they are unconfirmed.

Spainhower said the event was "random" and occurs several times each year. Thursday's meteor was "one of the bright ones," he said.

It likely was a small meteor, between a baseball and bread box in size, he said. The light a meteor produces is caused as it enters the earth's atmosphere about 50 miles above the surface. The meteor is moving at such a velocity—about 35 miles per second—that the air can't get out of the rock's way. The air heats up and the heat is transferred to the meteor. As it burns up, it leaves a trail of light.

"A very small mass will generate a large amount of energy... and light," Spainhower said. The meteors which create falling stars are the size of a grain of sand.

Bright meteors such as the one which fell Thursday are called "bolides."

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