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## Prevention set on fire losses, education plan

by DAN DILLON

They say the three-legged stool is the steadiest foundation because it is solid with the ground.

The Sandy Fire District is taking that approach with a three-pronged plan of attack to increase awareness of fire prevention techniques in the district.

Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher spent the past month studying fire loss history in the Sandy district during the past four years and decided on objectives the district can follow to reduce the number of fires in its boundaries.

Gallagher spelled out inspection, investigation and education as the keys to a successful fire prevention program.

"With a full inspection program, you can use a fire code which tells how you can use, maintain and protect a building," he said.

A fire code would give the district authority to make inspections. Currently inspections are done only by request.

"We can expand our fire investigation program," he said, "primarily in relation to arson-type fires by developing a closer working relationship with the state police."

Finally, the district will take what it learns and give that to the public in a series of educational opportunities.

Gallagher sees the three tying neatly together. "We have to know what caused yesterday's fire," he said, "so we can prevent tomorrow's" with inspection and education.

Gallagher's proposal is a nine-point plan that was presented to the Fire District Board Tuesday night.

The leading cause of fires since 1978 has been electrical failure, accounting for 19.2 percent of the district's blaze. The fire marshal's first proposal would be initiation of a program on identifiable electrical fire cause problems.

The program could be taken to elementary and high schools through home economics and shop classes, he said, along with adult education.

Wood stove installation and faulty maintenance caused 23.5 percent of the district's fires in the time period and Gallagher recommends expanding the Wood Stove Inspection Program. Currently, he said, he does 25-30 inspections a month and a new printing was just completed of the wood stove pamphlet.

Arson fires accounted for 15.4 percent of the districts fire alarms and Gallagher can see that being eliminated with a strong investigation process that catches the arsonist and discourages future set fires.

He would develop a program through driver education and automotive classes that would teach students to know the signs of potential vehicle fires, which accounted for 21.8 percent of the district's fires since 1978.

One quarter of the district's responses were to unauthorized burns, Gallagher said. That may not even be a true picture because many times, he said, the fire chief or duty officer goes out to the scene himself without a fire truck.

Gallagher sees the need for a tougher district policy on unlawful burning, to eliminate the need for district firefighting apparatus being on the road.

"We're talking about something that's 25 percent of our responses," he said. "We're talking about significant figures and we are a volunteer fire department. The efforts of the fire prevention program are to get (fires) on a declining basis."

And with remaining a volunteer department a major part of the district's master plan, the district's fire prevention efforts become more important.



Just maybe the Easter bunny's helpers left one egg in here, thinks four-year-old Nathanael Miller of Dodge Park as he searches for Easter eggs among the dozens of empty egg cartons stacked by Sandy Kiwanis members last Saturday in Meinig Park. Hundreds of children attended.

## At Sandy library

### County tie-in seen with computers

by DAN DILLON

Patrons of Sandy Public Library will have access to more than 250,000 titles in the near future.

That's quite a jump from the 15,000 titles that currently rotate through the local facility.

The boost will come with the installation of a computerized catalog and circulation system in the library that will link Sandy with 33 other libraries countywide.

"I think it's going to add a lot to what we can do for the public," Librarian Sue Newlands said this week.

"It will give us an opportunity to work more directly with the public because we will not have to be so involved with the labor-intensive chores."

Those chores, which include billing for overdue books, filing in the card catalog and weeding out the collection, will be done by the computer.

That will be important because Sandy Public Library is growing. The library circulation in 1979 was 38,820. That increased to 46,856, or about 21 percent, in 1980. In 1981, the circulation jumped another 32 percent to approximately 62,000.

"Obviously, all the labor-intensive tasks associated with operation of a library increase proportionately while staff levels remained constant," Newlands said.

The automated system works by putting complete bibliographic information and patron identification into the computer. A code is attached to all library materials and each individual's library card.

"Once our collection is converted, nearly every aspect of operating the library will be made more efficient, productive and cost effective," she said.

Cost of installation will be approximately \$8,000 and include three terminals, one of which will be for

patron use. Maintenance of the system will cost the city approximately \$1,500 annually.

"If we were to hire one additional full-time equivalent employee to the library staff, it would cost the city about \$13,000 a year," Newlands said. "I'm very doubtful that one additional person could accomplish what automation will."

The library will go through a 10-day shutdown in early summer when the computers are installed to give local librarians some hands-on experience and allow them time to code in the 15,000-plus titles in the Sandy library.

When it reopens, the county's whole library system will be the library for locals with the ability to get a book, if it is in at another library, becoming practically overnight with daily van service between the 33 sites countywide.

Total conversion to all county sites is expected to take from 12 to 18 months.

## Sheriff sees improvement, but effort may fall short

by VON BRASCHLER

Sheriff Paul McAllister of Sandy told the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday his department is gearing up with more trained officers, a computerized crime lab, a narcotics team and a larger jail.

He also said the effort may come up short.

"I'd be first to say we're not providing the kind of protection we should," he said, "but in a couple months our new officers will be all trained and out there."

A special levy last year funded the sheriff's department back to its 1977 strength with 32 new officers. It also funded a \$900,000 computer for crime analysis and enlargement of the crowded county jail to 122 beds.

Unfortunately, McAllister said the expanded county jail when completed won't be big enough.

"It's got so bad, I've had to call some municipalities and ask them not to incarcerate, unless they absolutely have to," he said.

The present 72-capacity jail houses 120-130 prisoners on a Friday night. Some 70 percent of them are sentenced

prisoners, while a few years ago some 70 percent of county jail occupants would be awaiting trial.

"When we open the front door, we have to run some out the back door," McAllister said.

A proposed \$60 million state bond this year would fund the first new security center built in this state since 1958 with a facility for state prisoners somewhere in the tri-county area. Also proposed is another 150-bed facility to incarcerate county prisoners from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties.

"Our county is very, very ripe for drug enforcement," McAllister said. "Hey, it's in the grade schools. It's in the junior high. I know this personally. We want to go after where it's coming from and cost them some money."

The new sheriff said the department is a stricter, tougher bunch of county cops who seek greater countywide visibility.

The department fielded 19 cars on county roads last Friday. That included reserves and sergeants who now pull road duty.

The department's 32 new members—hand-picked from 844 applicants, have undergone new stringent physical exams and background investigations in place of psychological tests.

Sheriff McAllister himself trimmed down to set a department standard.

"It's amazing how they've responded," McAllister said of his men. "They've lost hundreds of pounds."

The recruits are cross-trained to serve in all department operations, McAllister said.

"I inherited a can of worms, in all honesty," McAllister said. "We've cleaned up our mess. I'm not a headhunter, but we do treat everyone the same now in terms of enforcement."

The new sheriff's levy also has enabled the department to add three dogs to sniff out narcotics and bombs.

Bomb threats are prevalent lately in the county—particularly the Oregon City area.

The sheriff department's new crime analysis computer has proved inexpensive at \$900,000 compared to

## Second son charged with father's slaying

The younger son of the Sandy chiropractor whose body was found floating in the Sandy River March 5 has been cleared of murder charges in the case.

That came five days after his older brother, who had earlier been implicated, was charged with the shooting.

Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel arrested 19-year-old Harvey Hayden Hazelett on April 8 for the murder of his father, Hubert Harold Hazelett, 52.

Earlier police had arrested Herbert Harlan Hazelett, 17, at the family home March 5 for the murder and held him at the Donald E. Long Juvenile Home in Portland.

Tuesday morning, Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge Charles Sams acted on a juvenile court petition against Herbert Hazelett and dismissed charges against him, said

Janine O'Neill, of the Clackamas County district attorney's office.

She said the petition was made after further investigation in the case resulted in last Thursday's arrest of the elder Hazelett son.

No further charges will be sought by the state against the younger Hazelett, Punzel said. He has been released from custody.

Harvey Hazelett had been arrested March 17 and arraigned on charges of hindering prosecution, tampering with physical evidence and unlawful removal of a body in connection with the case.

Those charges were dropped after the murder charge was filed.

An autopsy showed that the elder Hazelett died from single gunshot wound to the chest and abdomen and multiple head injuries.

Harvey Hazelett is now being held in the Clackamas County Jail without bail.

## Water users seek help, get no sure answers

by DAN DILLON

The potential presence of federal funds makes the Alder Creek water problem a bit tricky, U.S. Rep. Denny Smith, R-Ore., told representatives of the Alder Creek Water Users Association Saturday.

Because the Mt. Hood corridor situation is unique nationally, however, the freshman congressman told the group, "Hopefully, we can help stop it at this point," before it goes into the court process.

In Sandy for a town hall meeting, Smith told the audience of 40, "If we get government back to the local level so people know what the money they're being taxed is for, they will know that it's being well spent."

The Water Users Association has been embroiled in the controversy surrounding the Alder Creek Water Company since the group formed in November 1981 to provide its own solutions to longtime questions about water suitability.

Now, the association is concerned that a \$1.75 million federal loan could be forced on the group by the man appointed receiver for the company in September 1980.

Gene Ginther, a Beaverton engineer, has made pre-application to Farmers Home Administration for the money to upgrade the five water districts in the system and repay his own expenses.

The association has fought it, but a federal judge ordered FmHA to accept pre-application on the loan.

Smith, who has introduced a plan to freeze federal spending for two years until the federal budget is balanced, would be happy to keep the money in federal coffers.

His plan, the Smith-Grassley Proposal, would allow Congress to only spend a much money as it takes in and no more.

"If you can't afford to spend, you don't do it," he explained.

He denied charges that his proposal would put a lid on benefits.



Rep. Denny Smith

"With the budget situation and with growing unemployment, we have to increase payments because they've been paid in," he said.

Smith feels the reduction in inflation which has taken place should help limit hardship on Social Security recipients. Also, he feels his proposal would help restore solvency to the system.

Responding to charges that the proposal is politically motivated in an election year, Smith admitted that despite the freeze there are any number of things that could overrule it, such as a war, and give Congress the open pocketbook it has drawn from in the past.

The congressman, who is seeking election in the new 5th Congressional District, criticized the Congress for not making "tough decisions," but defended it against charges that basic services for the elderly and infirm are being slashed.

"I have to stand on the fact that basic services are being maintained," Smith said.

Lane County's \$8 million computer system, McAllister said. He's also proud of its progress with two former deputies as programmers and Multnomah County looking over their shoulder for example.

McAllister said the county recently moved its only satellite precinct from Estacada to Sandy to escape gas security limitations and security problems.

"The night I told their (Estacada's) city council we were going to move from there, we had

eight tires slashed," McAllister said. "That points up the problem right now."

He credited Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel with popularizing a new kind of light in patrol cars that's saving county deputies money on flashlight batteries.

McAllister said deputies were spending \$2,000 per year on flashlight batteries, with most batteries disappearing around Christmas time.

"We now have a better light, and it saves money," he said.

## Identity told of man found at Roslyn Lake last week

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Department this week released the identity of the Portland man found last week at Roslyn Lake.

Quentin Verne Iles, 33, was found in the early morning of April 6 slumped against his car at the lake on Thomas Road.

According to Det. Loren Peterson of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department, it was determined that Iles died from self-inflicted wounds, including cuts.

According to sheriff's department reports, Iles' vehicle had been seen in the area the previous evening at approximately 10:30 p.m.

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