



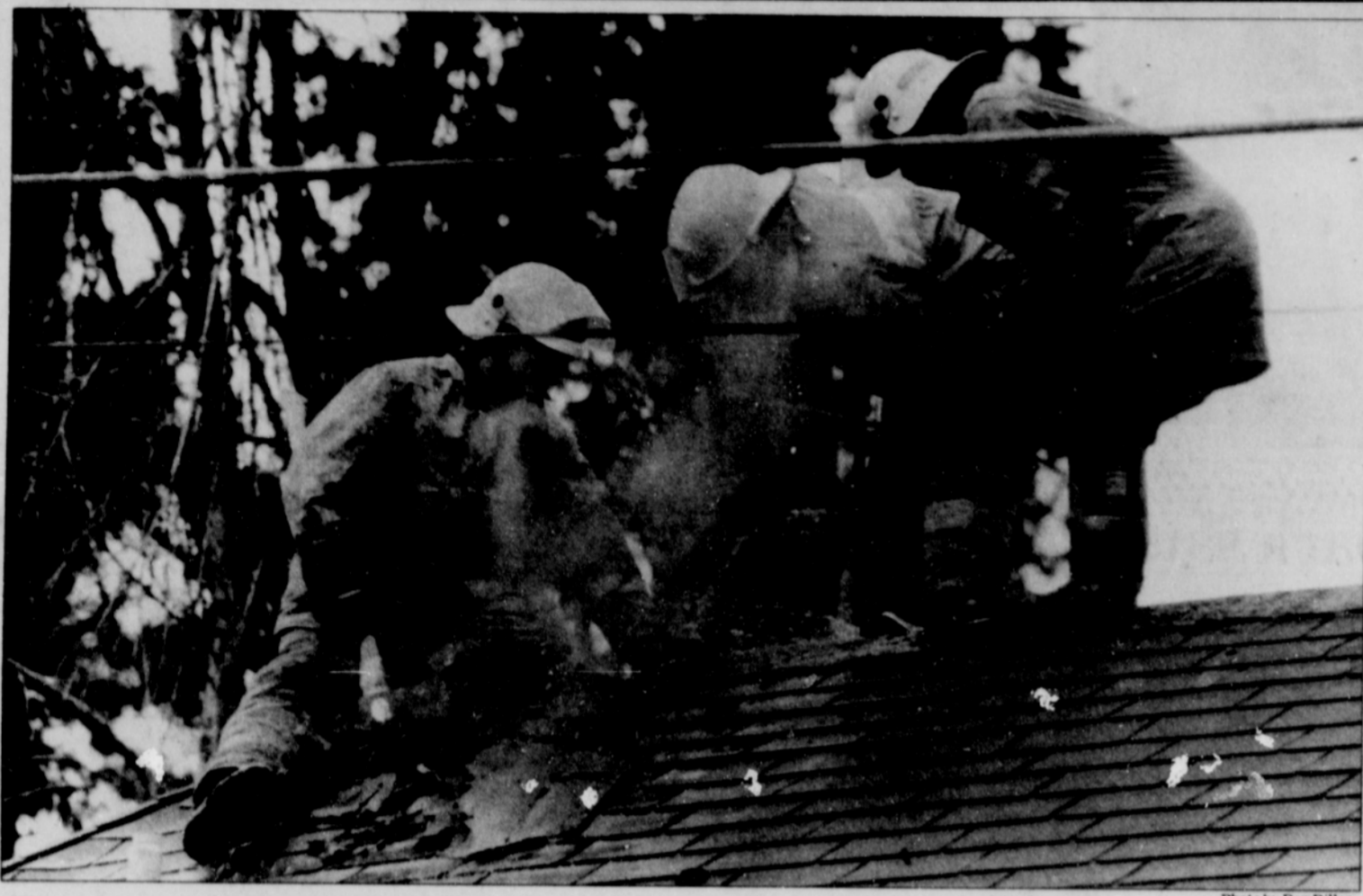
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Sandy firefighters work to cut holes in the roof of Sandy High's art room to ventilate the attic where a fire damaged the building last week. Once it was vented, firefighters had little trouble suppressing the blaze. Photo by Dan Dillon

Fire damages high school art rooms

An alert Sandy High School senior averted what could have been a major fire last Thursday afternoon at the school.

When Greg Reid, who was working on a project in the art room, looked up and saw flames coming out of the ceiling, he followed his first reaction and pulled the fire alarm.

"(The other students in the area) thought I was just going to pull a prank and I said, 'There's a real fire in there,'" he said the following day.

"That young gentleman did everything exactly correct," commented Sandy Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher, "and he should be commended for what the fire department was able to do. Just a few more minutes and we probably would have lost at least half the building."

As it turned out, damage was limited to approximately \$20,000 in the art facility, where Gallagher estimated total value at approximately \$850,000.

The call came into the Sandy Fire Department at 1:17 p.m. When firefighters arrived on the scene, smoke was pouring from the roof of the converted garage behind the school that serves as the art facility.

Two crews attacked the blaze. One entered through the kiln room door where the fire

originated and a second through the art room door.

At 1:30 p.m., Sandy Fire Chief Bob Rathke called in a second alarm that was answered by firefighters from Hoodland, Boring, Gresham and Fire District 10.

At that time, the fire was "confined, but not extinguished," according to Assistant Fire Chief Gary Connelly.

"We couldn't see for sure what we had, because of the smoke and the heat," Gallagher said.

Crews on the roof were cutting holes to give ventilation. "Once the roof was vented, we could get to the fire and put it out," Gallagher said. "Ventilation made all the difference in the world."

The fire was under control at 1:40 p.m. and the second alarm was recalled.

According to Rathke, the cause of blaze began approximately seven years ago when the kiln, used to dry ceramics projects, was installed.

The heat radiating from the kiln, which burns at 2,350 degrees inside, slowly dried out the wood in the ceiling and lowered its ignition temperature.

Gallagher estimated that the fire had been

working for approximately 10 minutes before Reid noticed it and sounded the alarm.

Robert Karsten, who was teaching in an adjacent area, was the first teacher on the scene and turned off the gas firing the kiln.

"I've always worried about this happening," Karsten said. "We were lucky when it happened. We could have shut the kiln down and thought it was safe, and it could have been smoldering up above and caught fire later."

Damage was limited to the kiln room and a clay storage room, Principal John McMahan said. The following day, students were using the rest of the building, he said, but "it stinks."

The kiln's chimney was destroyed in the fire, but most of the bricks were saved. Karsten said he has been working to improve the kiln for more than a year, adding an extra wall on one side to insulate.

Gallagher said the fire probably would have burned all the way down to the photography lab if the alarm had not come in when it did, an area of 7,500 square feet.

Fortunately, he said, the alarm is tied directly to Alpine Ambulance which automatically notifies the county dispatch, saving precious minutes. "That aided us a little bit also," Gallagher said.

Post office names Sandy site

The U.S. Postal Service has filed a conditional use application to build a new Sandy post office on the northeast corner of McCormick and Wolf Drive.

City Manager Roger Jordan said Wednesday morning that the Postal Service anticipates submitting its

paperwork in time for the May 5 Planning Commission meeting which will consider the conditional use and partitioning.

The architectural plan would go before the Design Review Board May 27 and on to the City Council at its June 7 meeting for final action.

For ex-sbobkeeper

Fraud draws 5 years

A former Sandy storekeeper who pleaded guilty to swindling Sandy area residents in securities deals was sentenced last week to five years in the state penitentiary and required to make restitution to his victims.

Lewis Milford Newman, 57, also known as Leon Mickey Newman, admitted his guilt in Clackamas County Circuit Court to two counts of securities fraud violations, said James O'Leary, Clackamas County district attorney.

Circuit Judge Winston L. Bradshaw sentenced Newman to five years in the Oregon State Penitentiary with a minimum of two years before he is eligible for parole.

He was placed on five years probation in the second case and in both cases Bradshaw ordered Newman to repay more than \$293,000 to the 12 victims. Payment to the victims will begin when he is released from the

corrections facility.

Newman operated the Kelso Store when the crimes were committed in 1978 and 1979, O'Leary said. The store is now called Nikola's Market.

Newman was indicted by the Clackamas County Grand Jury on Sept. 17, 1980, accusing him of 88 counts of securities violations involving about \$500,000.

He was indicted for obtaining money from various Sandy area residents for investment schemes that did not exist. When he was unable to pay the people their money when it was due, they contacted the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's office.

He was arrested in July of 1981 in National City, Calif., and was extradited to Clackamas County on Sept. 11, 1981.

School plans update

Architects and engineers unveiled a \$550,000 plan last week to update Sandy Elementary School and make the building more energy-efficient.

The proposal came after an energy audit and complementary design review to incorporate the audit's findings.

Alan Curtis, of Timmer and Associates, told the Sandy Elementary District board that the school is in better shape "energy-wise" than he had anticipated when he began the project.

He pointed out three areas where energy conservation could be accomplished: a timed start clock for the boilers, insulation over some classrooms and the gymnasium, and automatic control valves on heating units throughout the building.

Cost of those three provisions would be \$17,100. The board voted to apply for a \$5,000 grant from the state Department of Energy to install the timed start clock, reasoning that applying for all three would dilute the chances of approval.

Heinz Rudolf, of Broome, Or-

indulph, O'Toole, Rudolf & Associates, outlined an extensive remodeling program that would carpet the building and lower the ceilings for better acoustics, give additional cabinetry, enlarge the media center and cafeteria, and convert one classroom into a health station, office space and principal's quarters.

Outside the building, landscaping would include transforming the current bus parking into a grassy playfield, provided a new bus area could be found.

Some of those improvements have been mandated by the state standardization team.

In turn, Superintendent Clark Lund outlined three possibilities the district could follow to pay for the project: a "relatively small" bond issue, serial levy or a tax base that would complete the project in phases.

Now, he said, the first priority facing the school district is establishing an operating budget. The board meets tonight at 7 p.m. to begin that process.

Governor outlines means to revamp LCDC

A bundle of sticks thrust into Vic Atiyeh's hands by an angry citizen at the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday caught the governor off-guard momentarily.

Sandy housing developer Ginny Brewster said the kindling knotted in a ribbon once represented Oregonians' birthright, but now represents her lost property rights. She blamed the Land Conservation and Development Commission, now under attack statewide.

Then she handed the governor a single large stick with a yellow bow she said symbolized her tax burden with the layers of government.

"I've yet to find a pocket of support in the state for LCDC," Atiyeh replied, looking up from the sticks. "I'm looking for some procedural changes with some common sense." governor said he'd deliver the sticks to LCDC, but hoped it would be the last time he'd be asked to do so.

He said he's revamping LCDC to be more accountable to the public, and that a new director and process im-

provements are first steps.

Many critics and petitioners are asking if it wouldn't be better to scrap LCDC and return the final say in land-use planning to local governments.

"If you could go back to 1971," Atiyeh answered. "But in 1982, governments have spent a lot of time and money (meeting LCDC requirements). (Scrapping LCDC) would be effectively changing the rules in the middle of the process."

"There are a lot of people who don't like (LCDC), but it's the process they dislike—not the concept. It's on the process that I've been working as governor."

Atiyeh said he's making improvements in Commission membership and the post-acknowledgment phase of the planning check-off process. He said he anticipates less litigation with these improvements.

WARNING TO REAGAN

The governor also had words of warning for President Ronald Reagan, who earlier spurned his pleas at the White House for housing subsidies for depressed Oregon.

"I believe the president can get that (federal) deficit down and bring interest rates down to make us a stronger economy in this state and in this nation," Atiyeh said.

The governor said federal defense spending should be cut to control federal spending, a move he said would curb inflation and bring interest rates down.

For every percentage the interest rate goes down, Atiyeh contended, the nation could save \$4 billion.

He said some \$40-\$50 billion could be saved by bringing high interest rates that strangle the economy under control.

"I suggested he could cut down on that deficit in a lot of ways that make sense to bring those high interest

rates down. We were patient. But, Mr. President, we've become impatient," Atiyeh said.

"I'm interested in seeing the president's theory work, because I believe it will," Atiyeh said, with a word of warning.

"I'll be sending him a detailed list of what it means in Oregon," he said of interest rates that have crippled industry and building.

IMAGE CHANGE NEEDED

In an interview with The Post before his chamber speech, Atiyeh said Oregon has to change its image about prospective immigrants, both transient and permanent.

"There's a sign at the border that says, 'Welcome to Oregon. Hope You Enjoy Your Stay.' That sounds a little negative," he said. "The first thing we're going to do is take the last part out."

The governor talked about the emigration of Oregonians seeking greener pastures and the immigration of new Oregonians with difficulties fitting in.

"I think it's a credit to Oregonians that they don't want Workmen's Compensation or welfare," he said, speaking of Oregon migrants who have traveled to energy-rich Wyoming seeking work. "They want a job."

"During the war, we brought people from all over the United States to help build ships here in Oregon. It's just a shift of things."

"I feel it's a credit to Oregonians that they feel this way. People have always traveled where the jobs are."

That attitude is part of the reasoning behind recent letters from the state Department of Human Resources to Southeast Asian refugees advising them that Oregon can no longer give assistance with federal funds and suggesting they seek help, or jobs, in other states or contact their original sponsors for

support.

"It wasn't a matter of kicking them out," the governor explained. "I was trying to say, 'We're concerned about you. We can't help you, but there are other places that can or maybe your sponsor can help you.'"

Some other immigrants, moving into the Antelope area, drew no praise from Atiyeh.

"The followers (of Bhagwan Rajneesh) have not been sensitive to the residents," he said. "They are not really good neighbors. Their philosophy is happiness. I think they should extend that happiness to others."

He pointed out, however, that both sides followed Oregon law in the recent election to disincorporate and, because of that, threatened appeals may be for naught on both sides.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Atiyeh said he has fought with the legislature to wrest new money for a state-level economic development commission for marketing, tourism and higher education to attract new technology.

Now, he said, the state has the ability to work in a partnership with small towns like Sandy to attract new commerce.

"Sandy and the state are now in a partnership and all you need to do is contact us and let us know how we can help," the governor said.

State agencies are now working eyeball to eyeball to get through red tape to help local areas develop economically.

On correction facilities: "It's a sheer recognition that in order to deal with criminals, we need someplace to put them," he said. "I'd like to see the state involved in preventing crime from occurring in the first instance, which means a change of attitudes." The governor also expressed interest in a



Gov. Vic Atiyeh smiles as he looks at a bundle of sticks presented him Tuesday by an angry property owner fed up with the state planning procedure.

neighborhood watch movement and increasing awareness of the market for stolen goods.

On appointing a Supreme Court chief justice: "Vic Atiyeh doesn't need any more appointments," he said. "I felt strong enough on this to veto the bill and call a one-day special session. If you get the best administration, you get the best justice."

On sales of WPPSS power to

California: "There's definitely a market, and it won't be cheap power for California," Atiyeh said. "I've been the leader in terms of conservation and alternative sources of energy. I fought for the Regional Power Bill. I'm way out in front on this one. Leaving WPPSS plants where they are is not the answer."

"If Ted Kulongoski feels this is the way to go, he's just going to have to live with that."

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