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Sandy Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher is flanked by second-grader Paul Carden and fourth-grader Julie Ulman as they were greeted Tuesday morning on their arrival at Firwood School. The two youngsters got a ride to school in the fire engine after their entries were selected in the Sandy Fire District's slogan contest. Paul's entry was "Be Careful! Fire is

Your Responsibility." Julie's was "To Care and To Help." The two were selected from more than 50 entries. Along with the ride to school, the two were given \$15 checks, courtesy of the Sandy Volunteers.

Photo by Dan Dillon

Gresham chase lasts until east of Sandy

A Portland man, attempting to elude Gresham police in a high-speed chase, was arrested late Monday evening after his radiator hose apparently broke about five miles east of Sandy.

Shots were reported by area residents, but officials said no one was injured.

The man had fled from police at high speeds through the Rockwood area, Gresham and Sandy.

The incident began when a Gresham police officer spotted a vehicle suspected in an incident at a 7-11 Store at NE Kane Road and Division Street in Gresham.

According to Gresham police reports, officers had been on the lookout for a maroon Buick after its driver reportedly smashed a cash register at the store.

When officer Pat Duley circled to pull the suspect over at approximately 11 p.m. Monday, the man fled at high speeds, traveling west on NE Stark Street.

Duley followed the suspect, identified as Samuel G. Hanna, 23. The police car was traveling at 80 miles per hour and Hanna was reportedly pulling away.

Hanna skidded onto East Burnside Road where it intersects Stark Street, and continued east at more than 75 mph through Gresham to Highway 26.

Duley and officer Jeff Crippen arrested Hanna after he pulled off the highway about five miles east of Sandy.

Hanna was arrested for eluding a police officer, reckless driving, attempted assault and criminal mischief.

Sandy school tackles plumbing woes

Sandy Elementary District board members decided last Thursday evening to keep the district transportation service the way it has been.

At the same meeting, the board began steps to unravel a plumbing problem that has plagued Sandy Elementary School for the past two to three years.

District officials will study the present district-operated bus service and analyze it, with expectations for minor fine tuning, rather than turn it over to the private contractor who had wooed the school board with pro-

mises of financial savings.

Dorsey Bus Company, of Portland, had earlier told the school board earlier this year that the firm could save the district up to \$100,000 a year. A company spokesman said that the private contractor could reduce operating costs by at least that much per annum for the next five years.

The district, however, could have been required to sell its fleet to Dorsey—an alternative that was not viewed as entirely desirable.

If the district didn't like the private contractor, it would be hard-pressed

to re-establish a bus fleet.

At the time of the board presentation, district superintendent Clark Lund said, "I have a feeling the classified employees and drivers may be opposed to the concept" of driving for the Dorsey firm.

The classified employees and the district are currently wrangling over a new contract. The current contract expires June 30.

Those negotiations between the Oregon School Employees Association and the Sandy Elementary District have reached the factfinding

stage.

Chapter 114 of the OSEA, which represents 58 local school support employees, has requested that the dispute be reviewed by a factfinder. This request was made after two eight-hour mediation sessions failed to produce an agreement.

According to Chapter 114 President Orville Carden, the dispute does not center solely on monetary issues.

"We realize that things are tight right now," said Carden, "but the district has been unwilling to consider other contract improvements,

such as procedures for layoff of employees, employee discipline, arbitration to settle contract disputes and other contractual rights held by district teachers and other public employees."

Selection of a factfinder, who will hold a hearing and make an advisory recommendation to both parties, will occur in the next few weeks. At that time a hearing date will be set.

The proposed plumbing work in Sandy Elementary comes in the wake of a problem that has existed in the north wing, constructed in 1952, for the past few years.

The pipes that circulate hot water under the concrete in the wing are deteriorating and leaks have caused numerous problems.

Following an energy audit earlier this year, it was recommended to the board by the engineering firm of Timmer and Associates that that particular system be abandoned.

Lund said the district will now think about that because of the growing concern caused by the series of pipe failures.

He said there has been a lot of tearing up of floors in the past three years, searching for leaks.

"They are increasing in number and increasing in the severity of the problem," he told The Post.

"We've got to correct that plumbing before the next heating season."

Burning buses get attention of firefighters

Sandy firefighters this week tackled two separate incidents involving burning Volkswagen buses.

Last Wednesday, a 1968 Volkswagen bus was completely engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived at the Hudson Road site where it caught fire. According to the Sandy Fire District run sheet, the bus had a full gas tank and was carrying a full gas can and lawn mower which had just been filled up.

The incident is under investigation, according to Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher.

Monday, a 1977 Volkswagen bus was damaged when it caught fire on Trubel Road. The blaze apparently started as the result of an electrical problem, Gallagher said. The \$5,000 vehicle sustained \$1,000 damage.

Sunday afternoon, Sandy rescue personnel were called to the Sandy River, just three-quarter miles from Dodge Park after a rafter injured his knee in the river. Rescuers carried the injured person the three-quarters miles out from the accident site.

Saturday, Sandy firefighters were called to wash down Firwood Road at Deep Creek after a truck struck a guard rail and began leaking fuel.

A fire in a stump at the intersection of Davis and Van Fleet Streets last Friday afternoon was the result of a youngster playing with matches. The youth was turned over to his parents.

During the week, Sandy Fire District personnel responded to 21 alarms, raising the 1982 total to 342, well ahead of last year at this time.

At May 1, 1982, the district has answered 278 alarms, compared with 242 on the same date in 1981.

SUHS sets June tax levy election

The Sandy Union High School Board of Education last Wednesday rescinded an earlier motion concerning the repair of the art room, and discussed the tax base levy vetoed May 18 by district voters, when it reconvened a recessed meeting.

The board had earlier approved a bid from Trimble Construction of Sandy for \$14,751 to repair the art room, which was damaged by a recent fire. Board member Gary Cleland had moved that they accept the bid, though it wasn't the low one,

because Trimble Construction is a local company.

It was later discovered that state statutes require the board to accept the low bid, which was submitted by Larry Culver Custom Homes of Gresham.

His bid was \$14,383. Cleland rescinded his motion, and board member Wayne Johnson rescinded his second. The board then accepted the bid from Culver Custom Homes.

Superintendent Jack Peters pointed out the error was made "in

good faith."

The \$3.6 million tax base levy was voted down by more than 1,000 votes May 18.

"The people on the tax base committee are taking this personally," Peters said at the meeting, which was held the night after the election.

Terry Lenchitsky and others worked very hard, he added.

"That 1,452 understand the tax base is marvelous," Peters said, referring to the number of 'yes' votes the district received.

He said that he is disappointed that

Portland can pass a tax base but Sandy can't.

The only way our country and community will continue to grow is through the schools, Peters said.

"All those brochures (the city of Sandy announced an open-for-business campaign two weeks ago) and everything is awash if we don't open in the fall," he added.

It was established earlier by the budget committee that if the tax base levy failed, a \$2.7 million operating levy would be placed before the public June 29.

City eyes fireworks, garage sales

The weather is warming and with the end of the school year in sight, local officials are asking for Sandy residents' cooperation in a number of areas.

The Sandy Police Department has asked that local residents refrain from using fireworks.

The city manager has asked that

local residents refrain from using illegal off-site signs to advertise garage sales.

Citing the hazards created, including eye and burn injuries, the police department is trying to make the public aware that violations of fireworks laws will result in the confiscation of the fireworks and possi-

ble arrest of violators.

In is against the law to sell, keep, offer for sale or use any fireworks within the state of Oregon.

Fireworks mean any combustible or explosive substance, including firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, wheels, fountains and tablets or other devices contain-

ing any explosive substances or inflammable compounds.

Sparklers, toy pistols, toy canes and toy guns, any of which use paper caps, do not qualify as fireworks, according to Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel. They can be purchased and used legally.

In past years, the Sandy Police

Department and the Sandy Fire Department have been plagued with complaints from concerned citizens. This year, the two agencies are seeking the cooperation of all local citizens.

GARAGE SALES

Now that spring cleaning is over and resalable items have been sorted, city officials have been bothered by the number of illegal signs offering bargains that have been tacked on to utility poles in the city.

It is illegal to use an off-site directional sign during the week to advertise a garage sale, according to City Manager Roger Jordan.

On-site signs are legal, he pointed out, as are off-site signs on the weekend. However, the city is encouraging local residents to stop by Sandy City Hall to pick up the signs designed by local crews.

The city is producing its own signs, according to Jordan, "to eliminate tacky-tacky signs that seem to arise on every telephone pole and down every alley."

Sandy woman honored for her heroics

Last June 27, Nancy Perkins Burke, 22, of Sandy was at the beach near Barview Jetty Park at Tillamook Bay with her church group.

She and a Gresham man, John Dezellem, saw someone struggling about 50 yards off shore at the same time. Independent of each other they plunged into the 50-degree water and began swimming.

Before entering the water, Burke said, she could faintly hear a second swimmer but could not see anyone.

After the swim through the break-

ing surf, eight to ten feet high, the pair reached Michael Holt, then 13, of Vancouver, Wash., who babbled, "Thank you, thank you" to his rescuers.

Dezellem kept Holt afloat until converging Coast Guard boats could find them. He waved his arm as the trio was carried further out to sea.

Burke said she first began to realize her danger when she spotted the boats and waited for rescue.

The struggling figures were spotted had been spotted from a Coast Guard tower about 12:25 p.m. Three Coast

Guard boats, an inflated launch, a nearby volunteer fire department and a helicopter from Astoria were dispatched to the scene. Frograms in wet suits appeared on the beach.

The trio was picked up about 15 minutes after being spotted.

They were taken by Coast Guard launch to Tillamook County General Hospital. They were sick from swallowed sea water and Holt's temperature was dangerously low for awhile.

The three were treated for hypothermia and released.

Last week the two rescuers gathered at the Coast Guard station and were presented silver lifesaving medals for their heroic action.

The other Boy Scout who had been in the surf with young Holt drowned in the incident.

The inflated launch was flipped in the surf and Coast Guardsmen required help from the hovering helicopter to help right it. Robert Neumann, 15, also of Vancouver, was last seen at 12:45 p.m.

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