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## Weather hampers recovery of body

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Poor visibility and unpredictable winds Monday and Tuesday hampered efforts by a rescue team to recover the body of a climber killed Sunday in an avalanche on Mount Hood.

Monday, efforts to recover the body of Hugh Hake, 45, of Olympia, Wash., were thwarted after a line attached to the litter bearing his body broke as a rescue helicopter encountered strong air currents.

The litter fell back onto a glacier. Tuesday morning, crewmen on a helicopter from the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron of Portland relocated the body of the dead climber.

The helicopter was just beginning to dispatch a ground and air party for the recovery when "a dramatic weather change forced the operation to be postponed" until Wednesday morning, according to Clackamas County sheriff's deputy Dick Baker.

He said the body is located in a dangerous position on "tender snow and ice."

Hake died early Sunday morning when a wall of ice broke loose near the 9,500-foot level and swept him and two other climbers down a steep chute as they were attempting to scale the 11,245-foot peak.

Dean TeeHee, 26, of Portland, suffered leg injuries and lacerations; Charlie Hysmith, 31, of Vancouver, Wash., suffered a possible broken leg. The injured climbers were taken to Portland Adventist Hospital.

Early Monday an eight-member climbing party left Timberline Lodge to aid in the recovery of Hake's body.

The rescue party was comprised of four pararescue members from the 304th and four others from the Craig Rats and the Mountain Rescue Team.

At 2 p.m., after two unsuccessful attempts to locate the body on unstable slopes in the Leuthold Couloir, above Illumination Rock, Hake's body was found and strapped into a litter which was roped to a helicopter hovering 300 feet overhead.

Packsacks and other gear left behind Sunday by the seven-member climbing party was also on the litter. The rest of the climbers were rescued after a 40-foot wall of ice broke loose and swept three members of their team into the hourglass-shaped chute.

Lt. Lonnie Ryan, public information officer for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department, described weather conditions during the recovery as severe. Warm temperatures made the steep slopes unstable for the ground rescue party, and the changing nature of the winds made it dangerous for the six persons in the helicopter.

Airman 1st Class Mark Ross, who was a member of the ground team, said the party made a decision to go ahead with the difficult recovery despite the difficult terrain and hazardous conditions.

The body was located in an avalanche chute just south of the accident scene.

"We thought we could get the body out as long as we were already there," said Ross. "We didn't want to risk everyone's life a third time by having to come back."

Ross said they located Hake's body between three chutes. While the helicopter attempted to lift the litter, the winds changed and the pilot had to pull back.

The litter broke loose and slid an unknown distance down into a chute.

"Tragically, and almost too tragically," said Ryan, "when they got the body into the stokes litter a 'down-gust' of wind attacked the helicopter. It then became a choice between the helicopter or the litter."

Ross said the helicopter would

have crashed into the mountain's slope if it hadn't been for the quick response of the pilot who pulled back.

"The six lives in the helicopter, at that point, took precedent over the task they were performing," said Ryan.

He said that as the helicopter began lifting, a down-draft caused the litter's rope to rub against some sharp rocks. The rope snapped and Hake's body and the gear fell.

Ken MacMahon, 34, of Hillsboro, one of five climbers in Sunday's expedition who escaped injury, said his

pack and 35mm camera were lost during Monday's unsuccessful recovery operation.

MacMahon said he believed he had a photograph of "the tail end" of the avalanche as it swept down through the funnel-like terrain.

"I doubt if my camera will ever be found," said MacMahon late Monday night. "I just hope they recover Hake's body."

"It just took one bad gust of wind," said Ross. "We felt we could have successfully made the recovery."

The mountain accident occurred just one day before the anniversary of the worst mountaineering accident in Mount Hood history.

On June 21, last year, five members of a 16-person Mazama climbing party, died when they fell from Cooper Spur down onto Elliott Glacier on the northeast side of Mt. Hood.

That same day, a short time later, 11 climbers were buried on Washington's Mt. Rainier.

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Rick Burgett of Sandy powers through the first moto en route to the overall championship in the open professional class of the Yamaha Gold Cup motocross race, run Sunday at Mt. View Raceways. The annual race at-

tracted more than 350 riders from throughout the western United States and more than 900 spectators.

Photo by Dan Dillon

## Sandy youth pleads guilty to slaying

19-year-old Sandy youth pleaded guilty Monday to first-degree manslaughter in the March 4 slaying of his father.

Harvey Hayden Hazelett, whose trial for murder was to have begun Monday, will be sentenced July 22, according to Deputy District Attorney Janine O'Neill. The plea was entered before Circuit Judge Charles Sams who will also pass sentence.

No pre-sentencing hearing is scheduled, O'Neill said.

Hazelett was originally charged with murder in the slaying of his father, Dr. Hubert H. Hazelett, 52, a local chiropractor. His body was found in the Sandy River by fishermen just downstream from the Revenue Bridge early March 5.

An autopsy revealed that the elder Hazelett died from shotgun wounds to the chest and massive head injuries.

The new plea was the result of a plea bargaining agreement, O'Neill said. She said Hazelett faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Hazelett's younger brother, Herbert, 17, was originally charged with the murder. Charges against him were dropped by the Clackamas County District Attorney's office after investigation in the case determined his innocence.

## Two of three recalled from school board

Bull Run School District patrons ousted two school board members Tuesday but granted a reprieve to a third.

Board member Karen Rollins survived the recall election by a narrow 72-76 vote, according to unofficial returns from the Clackamas County Elections Department.

However, district residents voted 84-65 to recall Ron Jantz, and 79-70 to recall Jim Bollermann.

Members of a recall committee, who gathered 80 signatures on petitions circulated throughout the district to force the election, charged that the board was unresponsive to concerns of area residents and unwilling to discuss budget information with the public.

Recall supporters were also concerned about the recent high turnover of teachers in the district and pending litigation involving the district.

Another election, next Tuesday, will determine the fate of the remaining incumbent board member. Current board chairman Jack Layton is being challenged by Dave Shaw for a four-year term. Sherry Marlow is running unopposed for an unexpired one-year term, created when former board member Marcia Hazelwood moved out of the district.

## Divers fail to find body after search

Scuba divers from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Marine Division Tuesday failed to turn up any trace of a victim of a reported shooting at Dodge Park, five miles north of Sandy.

The park caretaker reported the shooting, according to Deputy Dick Baker, acting information officer for the sheriff. The alleged shooting occurred Sunday at about 8 p.m. The victim was a young, white female.

Baker said the river search would not resume until later this week because of conditions in the river.

"I talked to the divers and they said the snow melt has caused a cloudiness in the river," he said, resulting in hazardous diving conditions.

"It's a day-to-day thing," he said. Baker said the caretaker reported that he witnessed what appeared to be a young lady being shot. He said he saw her fall into the river.

Searchers combed the park and waded through the edges of the Sandy River Sunday night, Monday and Tuesday hoping to find a clue in the alleged murder.

Baker said both the Marine Division and Detective's Division will continue the investigation.

## School districts eye budget elections

Local school officials are casting a hopeful eye at two levy elections this Tuesday, June 29.

The Sandy Union High School Board of Directors have placed a \$2,705,474 operational levy on the ballot.

Meanwhile, Sandy Elementary District is seeking approval of a \$1,948,065 levy.

The \$2.7 million SUHS operational levy is part of a \$4,884,673 budget, with other funds provided from basic school support and other sources.

A \$3.6 million tax base issue was voted down by the public 2,531-1,452 in May.

For Sandy Elementary School District, this is the second attempt to pass an operational levy. Voters narrowly rejected a proposal submitted in March.

Since that time, the district has

pared more than \$300,000 from its proposal with help from the state which provided \$269,511 more in basic school support than was reflected in the earlier proposal.

"Our teachers are contacting people, our community committee of citizens for education are contacting people," said SUHS Superintendent Jack Peters. "We're actively involved in trying to get the people who support the high school to come out and vote in the June 29th election."

With school just having let out, he doubts most people are thinking about the coming school year.

What kind of a chance does he feel the operational levy has of passing? "Excellent. I believe the same 1,400 people that voted positively in the election in May will whip right out and vote again and we'll have a

levy and be operating school June 30th," Peters said.

As to charges that too much money is spent on athletics and other co-curricular activities, Peters explains that of the nearly \$5 million budget, \$236,209 is spent on co-curricular activities. That includes coaches' salaries, advisors' salaries for school clubs, all extra-duty assignment salaries, uniforms, transportation, meet and club expenses, and fees for referees and officials.

Co-curricular activities are "an extension of the curriculum," Peters said, adding, "Career education goes on in the athletic department."

Sandy Elementary District teachers have scheduled a canvass of the city this weekend to spearhead a drive for voter support. They will concentrate their efforts in precincts

that have traditionally been supportive of school elections.

The largest reduction from the earlier elementary district proposal came in teachers' salaries, according to Superintendent Clark Lund. New teachers will not be hired to fill positions vacated by two teachers who are leaving the district.

While there will be a general trend toward larger class loads, Lund feels the move will bring equity across the district. Some schools have had smaller loads in the past and that will gradually work out to a more even distribution.

"We're going to operate a very austere, but very intact program with this proposal," Lund said.

Both districts are submitting A levies which qualify for property tax relief from the state.

## Candidate knocks 'frivolous' spending by SUHS

by SCOTT NEWTON

Jeffrey Miller is one of two persons seeking Sandy Union High School Board of Directors Position 2 in the June 29 election.

He is running against Terry Lenchitsky, manager of Sunset Fuel in Portland and a Cottrell-area resident.

"I think they're eliminating education in favor of co-curricular activities," Miller said of the present board last week.

"I'm upset, really, as a parent and as a citizen of this town, with the administration of this school. I don't think they're doing their jobs, to be flat honest with you.

"I think they're throwing money away, number one."

Miller, his wife, Wendy, and two children (a boy, 10, and a girl, 15.), moved to Sandy from San Diego in January of 1981.

He worked at the high school as a substitute custodian for about five months, but declined to discuss the reasons he no longer works there. He currently is maintenance engineer at Providence Child Center in Portland.

"I don't want to put anything out that would be libelous or slanderous in any way, shape or form towards anybody," Miller said. "There are some things I am totally unhappy about, things I won't talk about while the machine (tape recorder) is going. It's that simple."

He added, "The city of Sandy, per se, does not have any representation



Jeffrey Miller

on the school board. It comes from the mountain. It comes from Boring. The city itself doesn't have any."

Miller said some of the best teachers at the school are among the probationary teachers who have not

had their contracts renewed.

"I don't fathom this. It doesn't make good sense to me," he said.

Board members and administrators have explained that letting contracts expire for probationary teachers had nothing to do with performance. Oregon state statutes set procedures for reduction of work force.

Miller has attended one board meeting. At that meeting Paul Montgomery, SUHS instructor, charged the school with non-support of the vocational education department.

Miller echoed Montgomery's concerns, adding that the graphics program and the career center have been cut while a sports program (girls soccer) has been added.

Miller said, "My question is this, what are we training 'em (the students) for?"

About his attendance at board meetings, Miller said, "I went to the one, this year. My work schedule is so honked up. Number one, I'm getting up at 4:30 in the morning to get to work. If I've got to go to a board meeting that lasts until 11 o'clock at night.

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