



Sandy firefighters Gary McQueen, Keith Hergert and Ed Hanning finish extinguishing a blaze that destroyed a garage belonging to Albert Swede at 35060 S.E. Jarl Saturday evening. It took 12,000 feet of hose to get to the fire, which was barely within the Boring Fire District boundary. No one was injured. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

## Mountain voters to face \$106,782 special school levy

The fate of a \$106,782 special school levy, and the election of board members for five new special water districts, will be decided by voters in the Mt. Hood area Tuesday, June 29.

Kenneth Blackburn, superintendent for the Welches School District, said funding is being sought to maintain the current level of programs for the 1982-83 year.

The special levy, said Blackburn, is being presented to voters in a combined A-B ballot. The figure represents an increase of 7.93 percent over the 1981-82 budget.

The district is seeking funding for the continued employment of three full-time instructors, who teach music, kindergarten and physical education.

Blackburn said if the levy does not pass then the music and physical education programs will be eliminated. He estimated that 25 to 30

students would be affected if kindergarten is not offered when school resumes.

Co-curricular activities for which funding is being sought include painting, pottery, sketching and crafts. They are provided by the after-school art program. The after-school drama program would also be funded by this levy.

Boys football, boys and girls basketball, girls volleyball, and boys and girls track and field comprise the sports program the district is seeking to continue next year.

Blackburn said that about \$15,295 is represented under co-curricular activities.

An estimated \$4,000 for library materials and books is also included in the budget. Blackburn said if the levy does not pass the school will still have a library and a librarian, but will not be able to purchase any new

reference materials.

The new 66-passenger school bus, for which the board has already earmarked \$20,000 of existing funds, would also be affected. Blackburn said the additional \$7,000 needed for the purchase is included in the levy.

The reserve fund, used to purchase services needed for handicapped students, reflects the remaining \$10,000 of the levy.

Blackburn said the district did not cut back on classroom teachers, support services and transportation because they are necessary in providing students with a basic education. The levy, however, represents additional services that are not currently being supported by the tax base.

Also, boards of directors positions for the Alder Creek-Barlow, Country Club, Wildwood Annex, Sleepy Hollow and Riverside water districts will be decided Tuesday.

an estimated \$3 million in assessments, according to Dave Abraham, director of the county's utilities division. Three developments with an estimated 987 units are proposed for this tract of land.

Terry Kent, of Brightwood, said that under the original community plan no density transfer for wetlands were allowed, and that it wasn't a problem at that time. Why should it be a consideration now, he asked.

Originally, when the land was purchased, wetlands could not be built upon, said Kent.

Dennis Cox, a resident of Brightwood, successfully entertained a motion that the county should inventory all wetlands in the corridor, whether the original 1976 plan is retained or the new revised one adopted.

**BRIGHTWOOD GLEN**  
Marilyn Leslie, a board member representing the Lolo Pass-Zig Zag area, presented an analysis of the Brightwood Glen subdivision proposed for 93 acres in the Cedar Ridge area.

Leslie identified a number of questionable issues in the developer's (the Real Estate Loan Fund of Salem) preliminary environmental impact assessment, a requirement when filing for a conditional use permit.

A map with wetlands and slopes overlaid on the development's proposed layout was presented by Leslie. The map showed that a large number of the units are proposed to be constructed in areas just recently identified by the county as being wetlands.

Also, units are proposed for two ridges that run north and south through the project area.

A contour map shows the eastern ridge contains slopes in excess of 20 to 25 percent.

The western ridge, which was not identified on the developer's map, contains slopes ranging from 25 to 30 percent.

Bob Walker, a CPO representative from Brightwood, raised the issue of the subdivision being constructed in a winter deer range previously identified by both the county and the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The members did not take a stand, either for or against the Brightwood Glen development, but rather voted to send a letter to the developers requesting they make a presentation at the CPO's next general meeting, scheduled for July 19.

They also voted to send the county planning staff a letter and officially request they provide additional information to clarify some of the issues surrounding the proposed development.

One clarification concerns the domestic water source of the subdivision. Leslie said a water source must be determined before development can be approved.

No such water source has been identified as being sufficient.

The CPO is also requesting that the county address the issue of preserving winter deer range in this area, as well as elsewhere in the corridor.

Prior to the CPO's next general meeting, it has been requested that the county provide information concerning the potential impact the development would have on soil drainage and slopes at the project site.

In addition, the CPO is asking the county to justify the need for the development since existing subdivisions such as Timberline Rim, Zigzag Village and Rippling River have not sold well.

The county is also being asked to provide an explanation as to why no comments were solicited from Sandy Union High School concerning the proposed development, when they were from Welches Grade School.

In a hearing concerning a 192-unit mobile home subdivision, which is also proposed for the Cedar Ridge area, written comments by Dr. John Peters, superintendent for SUHS, state that with the current tax base, additional large-scale development could not be supported.

## Hydro hearings set

The final hearings on proposed amendments to zoning and development ordinances, which are to establish criteria for hydroelectric facilities in Clackamas County, are scheduled for June 28 and July 12.

The siting criterion, with its initial draft originating from citizens committee meetings earlier this year, recommends establishing both procedures and standards for reviewing hydro projects with various electrical generating capabilities.

The proposed amendment establishes which projects will be subject to review by the planning staff, and which will be reviewed by a hearings officer or through a joint state and county hearings process,

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A heavy snow pack from the previous winter, a recent thunderstorm and unusually warm temperatures, combined Sunday and sent a wall of ice down the southwestern flank of Mt. Hood, killing one climber and injuring two others.

The mishap struck the seven-member climbing party of the Vancouver-based Ptarmigan Climbing Club, around 7:30 a.m. near the 10,000-foot level where temperatures were averaging 90 degrees.

Survivors estimated the avalanche began 80 feet above the climbers at the Leuthold Couloir, just above Reid Glacier, according to Lt. Lonnie Ryan, public information officer for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department.

Ryan said a 40-foot wall of ice cascaded down the hourglass-shaped chute, seven and a half hours after the party began their ascent of the 11,245 foot peak.

Dead is Hugh Hake, 45, of Olympia, Wash., considered the most experienced climber in the group.

Charlie Hysmith, 31, of Vancouver, Wash., and Dean Edward TeeHee, 26, of Portland, were injured in the accident.

The avalanche, according to Ryan, resulted from a combination of factors. The unusually heavy snowpack was the result of late snows, a thunderstorm which dropped nearly one inch of rain on the mountain Saturday afternoon, and last week's warm temperatures.

The freezing level never dropped below the mountain's peak.

Ryan said the climbers were roped together in two groups—three persons in the lead party and four in the second party.

The lead party, comprised of TeeHee, Hake and Hysmith, was swept 800 feet into the steep and narrow depression, burying the climbers in rock, ice and snow.

The second party was taking a break along the right side of the chute, out of the path of the avalanche.

Speaking from his Portland Adventist Hospital bed Monday afternoon, TeeHee, who was leading the party, said all members of the climbing party were experienced and had exercised caution prior to and during the climb.

TeeHee said the group was aware the area was a difficult climb and the conditions on the mountain were hazardous. As a result, all members of the party were screened and selected for their knowledge and expertise. TeeHee had climbed numerous peaks in the Cascades such as Mt. Adams, Mt. Jefferson, and Mt. Washington, as well as Mt. Hood on five separate occasions.

"Everyone in the party were experienced and we didn't have any 'greenage' on the climb," said TeeHee.

According to TeeHee, they began their climb at midnight from Timberline Lodge with nine climbers. By dawn, however, two members of the party who were carrying skis, decided to complete the climb on the south side of the mountain where they planned to select a suitable location and ski back down to the Lodge.

The two reportedly departed somewhere around the 8,500- to 9,000-foot level above the Palmer chairlift near the cut-off to Illumination Rock.

The party was roped together in two separate groups, TeeHee said, just in case one or the other got into trouble they could "arrest faster" and give assistance.

"It was kind of a fluky thing when the wall came down on us," said TeeHee, recalling the incident.

"At first I only saw a small piece of ice fall and come down towards us," said TeeHee. "Then, all of a sudden, a big one swept over me. A piece of ice, a 40-foot-wide wall, had pulled away from the slope."

When the wall of ice began rumbling, TeeHee said he and the two others on the rope went into "self arrest" and laid down flat on the snow. They dug in with their ice axes and crampons.

TeeHee said the falling debris pulled his climbing helmet off, his gloves and his pack. Hysmith's watch was ripped from his wrist.

The next thing TeeHee remembers is being flushed down the rugged slope trying to keep his head above the sweeping wave of ice.

Rhonda Rundquist, 29, of Vancouver, Wash., and Ken MacMahon, 34, of Gresham, were then at his side. His face was covered with lacerations and bruises. He was suffering from head injuries and a possible broken ankle.

Hysmith was also alive, suffering from a fractured leg. Hake was believed to have died instantly. He was buried under the debris.

As more ice fell on them, the uninjured members of the party transported TeeHee and Hysmith to a rocky outcropping in the middle of the chute, using ropes and pulleys.

The uninjured party members emptied their packs and placed extra sweaters and shirts around the two survivors who were going into shock. Rundquist and MacMahon also used the warmth from their bodies to help keep the victims warm.

The location of Hake's body was marked. Tom Kredlo, 30, of Hillsboro, and David Fiedler, 34, of Vancouver, Washington, hiked down to the "saddle" at Illumination Rock where a Mazama climbing party was camped.

Kredlo said he and Fiedler "were somewhat devastated and in a highly emotional state" by the time they reached the Mazama party. He praised Mazamas for being "very together" and professional.

After they learned the exact location of the accident, one of the members skied to Timberline Lodge for help.

TeeHee said that while they waited for rescue personnel the conditions in the chute worsened and more snow and ice slid down around their perch. Although they were on a higher area, two small avalanches swept over them but caused little damage other than increasing their concern for safety.

Mike Cooney, the team leader for the 304th Aero-Space Rescue and Recovery Squadron stationed at the Portland Air Base, said two helicopters were dispatched to the mountain to aid in the rescue opera-

tions. However, due to dangerous hovering conditions, only one helicopter was used to airlift the injured climbers from the chute. One by one, said Cooney, they were flown to the parking lot at Timberline Lodge where they were transferred to the awaiting helicopter which flew them to Portland Adventist Hospital.

Senior Airman Matthew Chase of Portland and Para Rescueman Bob Rohde, was lowered down onto the unstable chute about 800 to 1,000 feet above the injured about 1 p.m.

A ground crew comprised of squadron members, the Hood River Craig Rats and other volunteers, helped bring the others down off the mountain.

Large chunks of ice, "the size of Volkswagens," were falling around them at 15-minute intervals making rescue conditions consistently worse, according to Lt. Ryan.

"We had 15 good-sized avalanches in the area," said Cooney, "plus numerous snow and rock slides which were occurring periodically throughout the mission."

TeeHee was released from Portland Adventist Hospital Monday afternoon. Hysmith is in good condition at the hospital and is expected to be released by the end of the week.

## Motorcycle accident claims life

A motorcycle accident on Highway 26 near Government Camp Sunday took the life of a Portland man.

Killed in the mishap was William Bradford Karpurk, 28, 3562 S.E. Harrison Street in Portland.

The incident occurred at 4 p.m. as Karpurk was heading west on Highway 26. As he rounded the Mirror Lake curve the kick stand on his 1979 Kawasaki motorcycle struck the pavement, he lost control, went off the road, and his motorcycle overturned.

A spokesperson for the Oregon State Police said Karpurk reportedly had stopped along the highway, and failed to raise the kick stand before continuing on.

Assistant Fire Chief Lane Wintermute of the Hoodland Rural Fire District said Karpurk was pronounced dead at the scene.

## Welches School sets fact-finding hearing

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The contract dispute between the Welches School District and the Welches Educational Association is scheduled to go before a fact finder Thursday, July 1.

The fact-finding hearing is open to the public and will be held at Welches Grade School in Zig Zag. Contracts for the teachers expire June 30.

Earlier this year, Kathy Mistler, a state mediator, was called in by the two parties after they had met 10 times unsuccessfully.

Mistler reportedly referred the case to fact finding the first night of mediation.

Tom Well, a Welches physical education instructor and coach who is serving as the WEA's chief negotiator, said talks with the school board officially reached an impasse on May 19.

Well said the board met with the school's 21 full-time and one part-time teacher in a closed-door meeting in an attempt to resolve the contract dispute.

The WEA, said Well, had requested a 6 percent salary increase plus increments.

The board's final offer of 4 percent plus increments was rejected by the WEA. WEA officials claim Welches teachers are receive the lowest salaries in Clackamas County.

Well said when he asked Board Negotiator Lea Behan if the district intended to allow the teachers to catch up with the salary schedules in other districts, within a one- to three-year period, Behan reportedly said the board could not make such a commitment.

The board also rejected, said Well, a proposal to convert \$4,000 in accident and dismemberment funds over to salaries. This money would have been divided among all the teachers.

In April, a local Mt. Hood businessman attempted to bring the teachers and the board back together to resolve differences, but this too failed.

Don Robertson, a counselor with the Oregon Educational Association, of which about one-half of the school's teachers are members, said earlier this week he does not feel a solution will be reached until next fall.

Robertson said in situations such as these, the summer vacation will do little to motivate board members into negotiating a suitable agreement.

The teachers, said Robertson, will attempt to resolve the dispute by early next school year "but complications could put the solution well beyond January."

The OEA, said Robertson, is not representing the teachers in the negotiations, but merely serving in an advisory role. The teachers' own in-house bargaining unit, the WEA, is the official negotiating team.

The hearing will begin at 1 p.m. and will be held in the school's new library.

## Fourth of July activities planned on Mt. Hood

A full day of activities are planned for Independence Day on Mt. Hood.

The Lions Club will serve breakfast from 7 a.m. till noon. The annual July Fly will start at 10 a.m., as will the Women's Club's rummage sale.

Other booths will be set up, and a variety of food will be offered.

Retail booths open at noon, along with a beer garden. Live music will be provided by "The Shuffle" at 7:30 p.m.

A shuttle bus service will be provided from the Hoodland Shopping Center to the celebration site. Buses will run on the half-hour from 6 to 10 p.m.

For more information contact Bud Nash, 224-7158.