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High chlorine levels found in river

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High concentrations of chlorine, which is toxic to fish life and aquatic insects, have been discovered in the Sandy River.

The chlorine was first discovered in early June by Dennis Tylka of Welches, while conducting a study on the potential environmental impact of sewers on rivers and wetlands in the Mt. Hood corridor.

Tylka, a member of the Portland Chapter of the Audubon Society, analyzed the water in the Sandy River above the outflow pipe of the new Hoodland Service District sewage treatment plant.

The tests, said Tylka, were taken about 100 feet above the pipe where he discovered the chlorine was .02 parts per million gallons of water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a ceiling of .001 parts per million of chlorine residue to avoid harmful effects.

One month ago, after further exploring the effects of chlorine on stream life, Tylka notified the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, EPA, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Oregon Department of Fish and

Wildlife.

Irving Jones, Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist, said discovery of the high concentration of chlorine caused a concern. He said studies have shown "water having that much chlorine in it is not good for the fish nor such insects as daphnia or worms."

"With salmon existing in the Sandy," said Jones, "the situation looks even worse."

Even if the chlorine proves harmful only to the insects, he said, there is still a problem because they are a source of food for the fish.

Jones said he first learned about the chlorine problem in the Sandy River system last week. He discussed the situation with DEQ and was

told they will do more testing and follow up with an investigation to track down the source of the discharge.

This unacceptable level of chlorine in the Sandy River, explained Jones, could prevent salmon, trout and steelhead from passing upstream to Clear Creek, the Zig Zag River, Henry Creek and Still Creek, which are important habitats.

"We are quite concerned," said Jones, "that the water quality in the Mt. Hood area is maintained because of its importance to the fisheries."

Al Hoose, DEQ laboratory manager, said his office "has had only a limited look at the problem." He said budget cuts haven't allowed the department to conduct an investiga-

tion because of a manpower shortage. The northwest region office has lost approximately 50 percent of its staff in the past three years.

"The last thing I heard about it (the investigation) was they (DEQ employees) found chlorine on one side of the river, but it did not stretch completely across," he said.

Hoose said this high concentration of the chlorine was found on the north side of the Sandy River. Tylka, however, took his test from the south bank.

The nearest sewage treatment plant is located at Zigzag Village upstream from the test area, off Lolo Pass Road.

The Zigzag plant has a permit from DEQ to discharge into the river bet-

ween the Oct. 1 and May 31, when the river has high enough flows to adequately dilute the chlorine-treated effluent.

Wixom said a stream survey will be made sometime in the future and all possibilities will be investigated at that time.

Tylka is critical of DEQ and said the seriousness of the situation warrants a quicker response because he reported it a month ago.

"I don't want the rivers to be used as a gutter to accommodate development," said Tylka. "If the state cannot afford the cost of monitoring growth, then they should restrain growth until they have the funds to do their job. Only then can we insure the health of our rivers."

Hazelett draws 20-year term for slaying

A 19-year-old Sandy man was sentenced last Wednesday to 20 years in prison for first-degree manslaughter in the March 4 slaying of his father.

However, Clackamas County Circuit Judge Charles Sams found that there were "mitigating circumstances" in the slaying of Dr. Hubert H. Hazelett, 52, a local chiropractor, by Harvey Hayden Hazelett. As a result, he suspended a five-year minimum sentence normally required in killings involving a firearm, according to Deputy District Attorney Janine O'Neill.

Sams ruled that the elder Hazelett had a "prolonged and great influence" over his son, slowing the younger man's maturation and self-confidence, O'Neill said.

She said that investigators found that the elder Hazelett treated his family in a "Hitlerian" fashion.

Suspending the minimum sentence means Harvey Hazelett could be eligible for parole in 30 months. He had faced a penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

He was originally charged with murder in the slaying of his father but pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter as part of a plea bargain.

Dr. Hazelett's body was found early March 5 in the Sandy River by fishermen just downstream from the Revenue Bridge.

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

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.

SUHS official 'optimistic' about levy try

Sandy Union High School Superintendent Jack Peter is "cautiously optimistic" about the chances of the district's special operating levy Aug. 10.

The district's first attempt for an operating levy failed June 29, and a tax base levy was voted down in May.

The budget was not changed following the 1,099-895 defeat in June.

The budget committee and the board of directors feel it is a "solid budget," Peters said. "This is what we need to operate school."

The school is asking for \$2,705,474, which would be \$5.14 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to homeowners.

The budget is up 5.6 percent over last year's, although offerings have been reduced, Peters said. Total revenues are expected to be down \$590,000. Basic School Support is expected to be down \$75,000, although that figure has not been firmly established.

Revenues will also be down because of reduced income from investments, and an end to tuition from Redland students.

Gary Adams, president of the Sandy Education Association, has reportedly mailed 200 letters to other educators in the district asking for support, and members of the classified staff are canvassing the community via the telephone.

About 115 students are also out talking to people. "They are student leaders who want school to open," Peters said.

If the budget is voted down it will be split into "A" and "B" ballots on Sept. 21. Alternatives will be discussed at the Aug. 16 board meeting should the budget attempt fail.

Fire destroys family camper

A flash fire last Friday morning destroyed a Sandy family's 11-year-old camper and pointed to some safety tips for area residents with recreational vehicles.

Mrs. Robert Becker was cooking breakfast in the camper just before 10 a.m. when the telephone in the family home at 39900 Bumpy Lane rang. She went into the house to answer the telephone and was alerted by the barking dog that the camper was ablaze.

Sandy Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher said the camper and its contents were a total loss and estimated damage at \$1,000.

One problem Sandy firefighters faced when they answered the alarm, he said, was the narrowness of the road. Because Bumpy Lane is a private road, the usual dedication of roadbed isn't applicable.

The Becker family have fence in their front yard and the fire engines could not pull into the driveway. Gallagher said the firefighters had just enough fire hose to reach the fire.

Because of the construction of recreational vehicles, Gallagher said, it is advised that they are equipped with a smoke detector and a fire extinguisher.



Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel and Firefighter Ron Smith talk with Norman John Beatty, 38772 SE Lusted Road, Boring, after the car he was driving collided with a pickup truck driven by Patrick Rotherham of Portland one and a

half miles east of Sandy Friday afternoon. Beatty was cited for failure to yield right of way by Oregon State Police.

As contractors' bids unsuccessful

Road improvements delayed two weeks

The city's summer road improvement program was dealt a setback Monday night when the Sandy City Council rejected all bids from contractors vying to do the paving.

The city will now go back through the bid process, delaying the improvement program by at least two weeks.

Two contractors bid on the job which includes paving on North Bluff Road, chip seal on Sandy Heights, Hood Street and Hoffman Avenue, and oil mat on Hoffman Lane, Hoffman Avenue, Strauss Avenue and Junker Street.

However, one bid was more than \$13,000 above Public Works Director Greg Di Loreto's \$34,000 estimate. The other failed to provide a bid bond which makes it invalid. That bid was

some \$11,000 below Di Loreto's estimate.

He said he had planned to have the contractors on the job, paving Bluff Road by Aug. 16. With the rebidding process, it looks now like no road work will be underway before Aug. 27.

Di Loreto said the city is setting the program up so that if the new bids come in high again, some of the construction will be eliminated. No priorities have been set as to what projects would be postponed, he said.

That wasn't done the first time around, the public works director said, because he anticipated that he would negotiate with the high bidder until a satisfactory price was arrived at. The city council nixed that idea and asked for the new bids.

Until the new bids come in, Di Loreto said city crews will do as much preparation work as possible.

Crews are presently installing a new drainage system along Bluff Road from Highway 26 to Bell Street, the same portion of the street which would be paved under the summer improvement program.

In other action the council:

—Signed up for another year's dispatch service for the Sandy Police Department with Clackamas County Communications (C-COM) at a cost of \$4,842. Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel told the council that the local police department has not experienced the problems reported by the fire department because the police transmitter is located at a different site.

He said the cost, compared with \$5,163 estimated last year, takes into consideration the possibility that the Sandy Fire District and Hoodland Fire District may solicit dispatch services elsewhere.

—Set Aug. 16 for a joint workshop session with the council and Sandy Budget Committee to discuss a tax base proposal for the November General Election. That tax base election is required by state law.

—Learned that there is a vacancy on the Library Board. George Burg has served two consecutive terms and is thus ineligible to serve. Anyone interested in serving on the Sandy Public Library Board is asked to submit a letter to Sandy City Hall. Appointment will be made at the Aug. 16 meeting.

'Lovers & strangers' visit Sandy stage

by DAN DILLON

Trips to the dentist don't generally conjure up visions of lighthearted entertainment, but the result of one woman's dental visits will offer Sandy theater-goers the opportunity for new comedic relief.

Doris Sheik, a veteran of theater groups "all over the country," makes her directorial debut with the Sandy Community Players next week when "Lovers and Other Strangers" opens on the Sandy stage.

Sheik will bring with her a host of new performers who may be strangers to local audiences, but bring with them a wealth of experience from Portland area theater groups.

The director became acquainted with the local theater group through Marlene Tebo, a longtime SCP performer and supporter, who works in a Portland dental office. Sheik is a patient in the office.

The two talked about Sandy's growing interest in live theater. One thing led to another, said Judy Sheppard, SCP president, and Sheik will be at the reins next Friday when the comedy opens its four-week run.

Gwynne Warner, Claudette Webster, Alfred English and Roger Kolaks, who all appeared with Sheik in Portland Civic Theatre's production, "Look Homeward, Angel," will also perform in the production.

Special guest artist will be Andrew Edwards, managing director for Lake Oswego Community Theatre. He appeared in "The Man in the Dog Suit," with Sheik, along with English.

Sheik, who has a theater arts degree from the University of Wisconsin, met her husband working with the theater group in Rockford, Ill. As they moved around the country they were involved as performers and directors in Chicago, Cincinnati and Newton, Mass., before settling in

Portland.

The two started The Masquers, a group in Parkrose, and shared acting and directing chores for 10 to 12 years.

She took a hiatus for a few years to watch her son perform in athletics, but three years ago caught the bug to get back into theater. Since that time she has worked with the Firehouse Theatre, Lake Oswego Community Theatre, Pub Theatre and Encore Players of Vancouver, Wash., as well as Portland's Civic Theatre.

She directed "Lovers and Other Strangers" two years ago with the Firehouse Theatre and finds it interesting working with the same play the second time around.

"It's very interesting to contrast what you do with the actors," Sheik said.

"The people (in Sandy) are just marvelous," she continued. "They have some very talented young peo-

ple."

Local talent involved in the production include David Stafford, J.P. McClellan, Noel Allen, Donna Nash, Susie Gwynn and Julie Griffin.

"Lovers and Other Strangers" involves five short comedies that play with typical, but in this case hilarious, situations inherited in man-woman relationships from the kitchen to the bathroom.

It plays on the crazy happenings that occur when men and women get together.

Opening next Friday, Aug. 13, at 8 p.m. the play by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna will be presented Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 29 at the Sandy Community Players Theatre, 38935 Proctor Blvd.

Opening night admission is \$1. After that, tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens.

Oral Hull to dedicate new 24-room dorm

A new 24-room dormitory will be dedicated this Sunday, Aug. 8, at Oral Hull Park for the Blind as part of the annual Funday activities from noon to 3 p.m.

The newly finished dorm sleeps 48 persons and features a recreation room. It represents one of the last major steps in a 25-year plan to design and build a park especially for the blind of Oregon and Southern Washington. It will be dedicated at 2 p.m. with a representative from the governor's office.

The new dorm will be dedicated Philbin Hall, in memory of the generous woman who left the wherewithal to construct the building.

PHILBIN HALL
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Philbin Hall will be dedicated in memory of Evangeline Philbin, a Portland woman who had a dream of what Oral Hull Park could become.

Evangeline Philbin died in 1974. She was a career woman and lifetime president of the original Portland Woman's Forum. She became interested in helping build Oral Hull Park in 1964 and had a dream of what the place could become.

The building is adjacent to the Rainbow Lodge, which was finished in 1975.

The 22-acre park now has a lodge, dormitory, caretakers' house, beautiful Gardens of Enchantment with Braille and taped descriptions of the different plant and tree exhibits, a fountain and a variety of shrubs, flowers and miniature fruit trees.

Funday activities this weekend will include games for the blind and a barbecued chicken dinner prepared by the Sandy Lions Club. Cost for the dinner will be \$3.75 for adults and \$2 for children. All proceeds go to the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind.

Those who buy dinner tickets will be eligible for some beautiful prizes. Many special activities will be spaced throughout the day on the grounds. The cakewalk will be conducted by three clowns with special music. There will be square dancing, a nail pounding contest, log sawing contest and a ringtoss game.