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Photo by Sandi Poutala

Susie Gwynn munches a banana as J.P. McLellan tells her he wants to call off the wedding in one act of "Lovers and Other Strangers." The play, produced by Sandy Community Players, opens Friday evening at the Community

Theater at 8 p.m. with a special one-dollar bargain night. It runs for four weekends on Friday and Saturday nights.

Voters fail SUHS levy; officials ask assistance

It's back to the drawing board for Sandy Union High School officials and board members after the district's second attempt at an operating levy was defeated by voters.

This time, however, school officials hope district patrons will be more helpful in the budgeting process when the school board convenes Aug. 16.

Voters Tuesday rejected the district's \$2.7 million proposal by a 1,328-1,061 margin. The Welches School District's combined A-B ballot was approved 365-284.

"We're all disappointed," said Dick Harrison, director of student services. "I think that goes without saying."

Superintendent Jack Peters was unavailable for comment, but Harrison and Assistant Principal Dennis Crow are optimistic that the school board will arrive at a budget that is palatable to district patrons.

"We are going forward," said Crow. "All alternatives will be discussed at the board meeting. Deci-

sions will be made with the interests of the students in mind."

Harrison cited a need for greater community involvement in planning the budget.

"I'm not speaking for Jack," he said, "but the decisions will be difficult. The board needs a lot of support and advice. People should come to the board meeting Aug. 16 with their recommendations."

"We need to know what people will vote for. We know what they'll vote against," Harrison said.

"People will come to the meetings with their 'we wants'—We want a performing arts center, we want a better vocational education program—but they vote no at the polls," he pointed out. "People should participate in the democratic process at other times besides at the polls."

The chance for greater citizen participation will be this Monday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. when the school board convenes in Rooms 50-51 at the high school.

Council extends hunt for new city manager

by DAN DILLON

The Sandy City Council last week extended the hiring process for selection of a new city manager.

Because more people are interested in the job than had been anticipated—63 had applied by this week—the selection process was set back two weeks to allow more time for background checks of applicants.

As a result, interviews with five finalists will be conducted by the city council on Sept. 11, instead of Aug. 28 as had been planned.

Outgoing City Manager Roger Jordan, who resigned to take a similar position with the city of Dallas, Ore., said, "We're hoping the new city manager could be on board by mid-October or, at the latest, the first of November."

Jordan's resignation is effective Aug. 31. During the period between managers, Mayor Ruth Loundree will handle managerial duties if administrative questions come up. Finance Director June Isaakson will handle fiscal matters.

The background checks, with assistance from the League of Oregon Cities, will assist the council before prospective city managers

are called to Sandy.

"We want to be sure we're serious about interviewing someone before we ask them to take the travel time to come up here for an interview," Jordan said. He added that a number of applicants are from out of state, but because of the confidentiality of the hiring process declined to elaborate.

The five finalists will be selected from among 15 candidates who survive an initial screening by a citizens' panel and the city council.

The citizens' panel will be composed of Bruce Cook, Kathleen Eldridge, Mel Haneberg, Bob Kallen, Al Monser, Marilyn Rowell and Kathy Simonson.

The council's profile for a new city manager calls for someone with budgeting experience and demonstrated financial know-how. The council is also interested in finding someone with a strong sense of the needs of a small community, rather than someone who has been tested in the often turbulent waters of a larger municipality.

Applicants were asked to have a minimum of four years experience in local government administration.

Filing deadline for the position is Aug. 16.

County fair gates swing open Tuesday

The 76th annual Clackamas County Fair gets off to a rousing start this Tuesday, Aug. 17, when hundreds of youngsters pour through the fairgrounds gates in the 1982 version of the annual Kiddie Kapers parade.

The parade will leave Canby between 10 and 11 a.m.

Tuesday is Kid's Day at the fair. Wednesday will be 7-Up Family Day and Thursday is Senior Citizens Day.

Stage shows will be presented on the hour every hour each day beginning at 1 p.m. with a wide variety of professional and amateur entertainers booked for the six-day event. The annual IRA World Championship Rodeo has slated performances each weekday night, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Headliners Jo Anna Burns, who was a finalist in Lawrence Welk's

quest for a "Champagne Lady," and Bill Younger, a balladeer who looks and sounds like Burl Ives, will spearhead a parade of performers during the fair.

"Our outdoor stage is really going to get a workout this year," said Gerry Mickelson, fair manager.

The big even of opening day will be the annual talent contest scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday night. The event, which draws capacity audiences every year, will offer variety acts in two age groups, a junior and an adult division with the age break at 14.

Some 30 acts, all of which have been carefully screened in prior auditions, will be presented during the evening.

The Miss and Mr. 4-H coronation will be held on the outdoor stage at

6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The 4-H Fashion Review is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening.

The Old Time Fiddlers will be on hand to entertain from 8 p.m. until late in the evening on Thursday, Aug. 19, which is Senior Citizens Day. A sharp contrast to the old-timers will be a presentation by the Doris Davis Belly Dancers at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The bulls they bring to the annual Fair rodeo are so mean they truck them to Tulsa, Okla., each year for the nation's top rodeo event, the International Rodeo Association finals.

Major events at the rodeo include both bareback and saddle-bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, girl's barrel racing and kid's bull riding, an event open to youngsters 13 to 15 years old.

The fairgrounds barns will be

packed with prize livestock, with judging events going on in the showings each day of the fair. A continuous series of horse shows are scheduled Thursday through Saturday and there will be special exhibits of rabbits and poultry.

A full program of 4-H and FFA events are on schedule, with the annual Junior Livestock Auction slated for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

The Atrium Art Gallery, the photo exhibit and Hobby Hall will occupy the mezzanine floor of the main pavilion, with a wide variety of commercial exhibits on the lower level.

The Cookie JarParade will be a highlight of 7-Up Family Day at the fair, Aug. 18, and participants will gain free admission to the fair that day by simply showing their cookie containers at the gate.

State terms own chlorine testing 'invalid'

by MICHAEL P. JONES
Post Correspondent

Tests last week by the state Department of Environmental Quality, investigating complaints that high levels of chlorine are polluting the Sandy River and Roslyn Lake, were invalid, according to an agency spokesperson.

Larry Patterson, regional DEQ supervisor, said tests conducted Thursday in the Sandy River near Wemme and at Roslyn Lake were invalid because DEQ investigators were looking for higher doses of chlorine than those reported by an Audubon Society member.

The chlorine was discovered by Dennis Tyka of Welches in the Sandy River and Roslyn Lake about a month ago. His tests showed a chlorine concentration of .02. Patterson said the DEQ investigators tested for .2, a much higher dosage and easier to read with their testing equipment.

"At .02, I don't know if we can register that low concentration of chlorine," said Patterson. "I do know what the investigators did is totally worthless."

Patterson said he doesn't know if investigators will conduct additional tests to track the source of the chlorine down. He said "with a diminished number of employees at the department, we really have to pick and choose what we go after."

Mark Fritzier, DEQ public affairs officer, said Monday that the mix-up in the tests resulted when his department followed up on a complaint made by the operators

of the new Hoodland Service District sewage treatment plant, not the Audubon Society.

The employees of the Hoodland Service District reportedly took tests in the same area as Tyka, just upstream from the outfall line in Wemme, and discovered a reading of .2. The service district reported the findings to DEQ, said Fritzier, so they wouldn't be blamed for the high concentration of chlorine discharging into the river with the effluents from the plant.

Fritzier said investigators took the type of tests they did because below chlorine levels of .2 aren't generally a concern and shouldn't cause adverse effects on aquatic life.

He also said testing for a lower dosage of chlorine would require complicated equipment, "not easily or readily available in the field."

Gerald M. Bell, DEQ fisheries biologist, said he doesn't know what effect low doses of chlorine will have on aquatic organisms. He said to conduct such research would be complicated. Unlike high doses of chlorine, which kill fish in relatively short periods of time, it would be difficult to recognize the consequences of lower doses.

Earlier, Bell had said, studies by fisheries biologists have shown that trout will avoid passage upstream if as little as .001 parts per million of chlorine residue is present.

Bell also said tests at the Columbia River dams have shown that salmon will avoid passing over fish ladders if small amounts of chlorine are in the water.

If future testing does not reveal the presence of chlorine in the Sandy River or in Roslyn Lake, Bell said, that should not be interpreted as meaning it never was in the water or that it won't happen again. Monitoring will be the only way to keep on top of the problem.

"The thing about chlorine, it's volatile," said Bell. "It's just like carbonization. You open the bottle for a while and the carbon is gone. That doesn't mean it wasn't there in the first place."

"Chlorine comes out (of the outfall pipe) and goes into the at-

mosphere. Over a period of time it goes away."

Dave Abrams, Clackamas County utilities director, said last Thursday he requested a report on the chlorine found above the outfall pipe from Dwayne Worley, superintendent of the sewer plant. He said the report will detail the tests taken by the plant's employees as well as the testing procedures and equipment used. The findings of that report will be made public.

"I am quite confident it (the chlorine source) is not us (the

Roslyn Lake testing proves futile

by MICHAEL P. JONES
Post Correspondent

Tests by the state Department of Environmental Quality last Thursday failed to verify the existence of high levels of chlorine in Roslyn Lake near Sandy.

The chlorine was reported in the lake by Dennis Tyka of Welches, an Audubon Society member who was following up on similar complaints about the Sandy River in the Mt. Hood area.

Larry Patterson, DEQ regional supervisor, said the testing equipment used would only register concentrations of 2 million parts chlorine and not the lower dose of .02 which Tyka reported.

Tyka said he tested the lake as well as the water which passes

through the power generation facility on the lake where it flows into the Bull Run River.

His claims of chlorine in Roslyn Lake is being disputed by Portland General Electric's Bull Run Power House, an engineer for the city of Portland's Water Bureau and a state Department of Fish and Wildlife fish biologist.

Jay Massey, a fish biologist for Fish and Wildlife, said the high chlorine level in the lake was a problem several years ago on two occasions, but that isn't the case now. "I don't have any knowledge of chlorine coming into the reservoir now," he said.

The man-made lake, which was built sometime between 1910 and 1912, began generating power to a predecessor of PGE's in 1912. It is

stocked frequently, according to Massey, with "catchable trout."

"We're not having a problem with fish survival," he said. Tyka claimed that one likely source of the chlorine is the Bull Run River which is a domestic water supply for Portland. He said water is occasionally sold by Portland to PGE.

Bob Wesselink, PGE Bull Run powerhouse operator, said that PGE purchased water from Portland last fall for 130 days from Nov. 13 to April 2. During that time an estimated 108 million gallons of water flowed the five miles from Marmot Dam into the lake every 24 hours.

Paul Norseth, Portland Water Bureau's chief engineer, denied any responsibility on the city's

part for releasing chlorinated water into the lake.

In his 25 years at the water company, Norseth said, he is aware of chlorinated water being mistakenly released into the lake only once.

Carl Bell, Bull Run powerhouse supervisor, said it is hard for him to believe there is chlorine in the lake. He said the only time he remembered chlorine contaminating the lake from Bull Run water was about nine years ago, but not recently, to his knowledge.

As for dead fish being found in the lake, Bell said, they could be "suckers" killed by fishermen who don't want them. He has seen this done a number of times.

Bell said he has received calls from fishermen concerned about what is going on in the lake.