

Students have day in court

The parents of Sandy High School student Carrie Byrd might be a little shocked to see their daughter on the witness stand, swearing that she was not drunk the night her car crashed into another driven by one "Terry Vickers."

Even though the setting is the Multnomah County Courthouse, Byrd's parents didn't have to worry that she was in any danger of being thrown in jail. Byrd was taking part in the Street Law Mock Trial Competition, sponsored by the Lewis and Clark College law school.

Byrd played the role of Dana Ivy. The fictional Ivy had pleaded guilty to drunk driving. The party host who had served her alcohol was being sued by Terry Vickers. Ronda Oertwich was the defendant and Ulla Pearson was a witness for the defense.

Staci Leathers, Bonnie

Calnek, Glenda Dimmick, and Alan Jensen were the attorneys for the defense.

Four attorneys on one case might be enough to normally have a good chance of winning a case, but the Sandy team was knocked out of the competition by Lake Oswego High School.

Trial attorneys acting as judges rated each school on how well they presented the evidence. It was not necessary to win the case to win the competition.

Although Lake Oswego won on both points and the case, Sandy lost to David Douglas earlier by only three out of a possible 150 points.

Local attorneys Judy Grant and Jeff Crook also worked with the students, according to SUHS instructor Len Eaton. The participating students are from Eaton's law and civics classes at the school.

"It is very realistic," said Eaton. "It is not the same thing as a drama performance."

Eaton said the exercise is more like competitive sports.

"You don't know what is going on," he said. "The kids really have to think on their feet."

Carrie Byrd is a volleyball player at SUHS and sees more than one similarity.

"The judges are just like referees," she said.

"Sometimes you can play up to them (with dramatic performances) but most of the time they just look at the facts," said Byrd.

The competition gave the class an opportunity to look at Oregon's drunk driving laws. The new laws state that a person can be held responsible for damage done by an intoxicated person if they served them

when the drinker was visibly intoxicated.

In the mock trial, the defendant was sued for \$8,400 in medical bills and \$10,000 in pain and suffering.

Alan Jensen said he decided against pursuing a career as an attorney after participating in the competition. He said there is more to his decision than the fact that he lost his "first case."

"It just doesn't seem like that great of a career," he said.

"It seems like most lawyers have a real cynical outlook."

Carrie Byrd and Shelley Fox said they would still consider some part of the legal profession, though not as attorneys.

"We learned a lot about the process," said Byrd.

"I think I might like to be a legal secretary, but not an attorney."

Obituaries

Former nurse dies at 73

Edythe A. Kasch of Welches died Tuesday at Gresham Hospital after an extended illness. She was 73.

She was born May 6, 1910 in Jamestown, North Dakota. As a young girl, she moved to Portland where she spent most of her life. In 1968 she moved to Welches where she has resided since.

She worked as a nurse for 10 years at St. Vincent's Hospital and at Gresham from 1968 until retiring in 1980.

She was very active in the Welches Senior Citizen Group. She loved and enjoyed animals.

She is survived by three brothers: E.K. Reiber of Sierra Vista, Arizona; S.D. Reiber of Portland; D.D. Reiber of Hepner; two sisters: Lois Konig of

Portland and Myrna Wagner of Clackamas. Services are pending at Bateman Funeral Chapel in Gresham.

Cheney

Services for Annamae Cheney were held Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home. Interment followed at Sandy Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Cheney died in a Portland hospital on Dec. 4 after a lengthy illness. She was 55.

She was born in Escondido, California on June 1, 1928. Upon completing high school in Escondido, she began working as a legal secretary and later working with her husband in their family

Philippines for three years to serve as a missionary. Upon returning she continued her education at a Bible College where she met William Cheney who she married on Oct. 3, 1959 in Burbank, California.

They remained in California in 1967 where they began their family. In 1964 they returned to the Philippines where they both served as missionaries.

Returning to California in 1967, they made their home in Escondido where Annamae returned to her work as a legal secretary and later working with her husband in their family

photography studio. In 1982, they came to Oregon to live in the Sandy area where they became active in Living Way Fellowship Church.

Annamae remained active as a free lance writer which she had done since 1967. She also taught writing classes in this area.

She is survived by her husband, William Cheney; three children: Pamela Cheney and Sandra Larkin, both of Sandy and Virginia Izbicki of California; her mother, Rose Marie Stoffel of California; a brother, Basil Machado of California and one grandson.

Bake sale readied

The Child's Kingdom Montessori School will hold a rummage and bake sale Dec. 16 and 17 at the school, which is in the basement of the Masonic Hall, 38308 Pioneer.

The funds raised will go

toward the purchase of hands-on learning aid.

Hours will be from 1 to 6 p.m. on Dec. 16 and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 17.

For more information, call 637-3742.

Improved writing is goal

by KIM COOK
for The Post

First-grade teacher Jan Lewis believes she might be nurturing some future American novelists.

The Boring Grade School teacher has helped initiate a program to help her students communicate effectively using the written word.

"The old way of writing was not teaching them effectively," said Lewis. "They learn the rules, but are not taught to apply them. Just because you know grammar, doesn't mean you can write."

Lewis is motivating her students by having them

write, revise, edit, and publish their own stories. She starts by having the students draw a story in sequence, then she fills in the words that fit the pictures. Drawing is a child's primary form of communication in the first grade, Lewis said.

"I have been surprised at some of the stories," said Lewis. "Making up their own stories opens a lot of opportunity for them to connect things, be creative and imaginative. When we had a young authors conference for the first-, second-, and third-graders, they were very excited."

Students are published

by taking their work home to be viewed by their parents. Response from parents about the new program has been very positive, said Lewis.

As part of the program she sends home folders with the children for exercises they can do with their parents. Lewis believes that parents need to be a model, so children can see the importance of writing.

The district-wide goal to improve writing has been a challenge for Lewis in more respects than one. In the age of computers and video games, she reinforces the need to be able to write well to her students.

"I tell them the computer can be a positive experience, but they still need to formulate ideas and use sequence," said Lewis. "Ideas don't come from computers, you have to tell the computer what to write. Somebody had to tell the computer what to do, by writing a program. It's the same thing."

Teaching in a middle school before coming to Boring Grade School reinforced Lewis's belief in developing writing skills.

"I was astounded at what they did," said Lewis. "The students just filled in blanks in work books. They didn't learn writing."

Chief to leave

After six years as chief of the Hoodland Fire District, Don Armintrout is leaving this month to head the St. Helens Fire Department in St. Helens, Oregon.

Armintrout was the district's first full-time chief. He came to Hoodland when the department consisted of only one part-time paid person and volunteers.

Since that time the department has increased to three full-time firefighters and one office person. The number of volunteers has increased from 17 to about 50.

Armintrout and his wife, Nancy, have been active throughout the community, including the school. His children, Tony and Paul, age 13, and Jason, 11, will remain to finish the school year when he reports to St. Helens Dec. 26.

"I am sorry to go. I have a lot of friends here, but I am excited about going to St. Helens," said Armintrout.

Review

SciFi book features robots

by SARA FORK

Isaac Asimov fans will be delighted to see the new book he has written is a Elijah Baley robot novel.

Remember "The Caves of Steel" and "The Naked Sun"? In "Robots of Dawn" we find a puzzling case of "roboticide," the murder of a robot.

This is on a planet where robots are more human than the people. As Elijah Baley tries to discover the reason for the murder of a robot, he finds more and more mysteries add to his investigation.

The third and last law of robotics is: A robot must protect its own existence, as long as such protection does not conflict with the first or second law. Could a robot commit suicide? Asimov is always good, he always entertains and most of the time he makes us think. This time he managed to do both.

I'm all for the Robots!

"Life Extension," by Durk Pearson, is not, as quoted by the New York Times, a fountain of youth. It is, as the author says, a practical scientific approach. As the authors forewarn in the front of their book, "We do not provide the answer to aging in our book. There is no such thing. We provide a number of options which you can choose from, based on your values, not ours."

Why do we age? Can we indeed do anything about the diseases that shorten our life extension. Do drugs or diet or vitamins help? Is there a way that drugs and vitamins can be safely managed together?

"Life Extension" is a clearinghouse of informa-

Airman completes training

Airman Michael R. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Long of Eagle Creek, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance training course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

tion. It is concerned primarily with biochemical pathology and the effects of various nutrients upon them.

If we can live longer, now is the time to start thinking and reading about it.

As Woody Allen says, "Some people try to

achieve immortality through their offspring or their works. I prefer to achieve immortality by not dying."

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