



BEAT THE HEAT—

These three youngsters, Matt Sanders (10, foreground) and his brother Scott (7) and sister Annette (5) made themselves a water slide out of two pieces of plastic and a garden hose. It may not be elegant but it sure beats sweltering in temperatures exceeding 100 degrees.

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Fire danger closes local forests

The risk of wildfire in Northwestern Oregon has increased dramatically during the hot, dry spell of the last several days. The burning index (a system designed to judge and predict fire potential) is as high as it has been in years, and the forecast calls for more of the same type of weather, according to State Forestry officers.

Further restrictions regarding smoking, campfires, and logging operations went into effect Monday morning, August 10, to help reduce the risk of wildfires.

These restrictions include a regulated use closure which

prohibits:

- 1) Smoking on timber, brush, and grass lands except in an enclosed vehicle.
- 2) Campfires on timber, brush, and grass lands except in improved campgrounds and designated areas.
- 3) The use of chainsaws on non-residential operations between the hours of 1 pm and 8 pm.

A partial closure for industrial logging operations also went into effect Monday morning. These include:

- 1) Prohibiting the use of

chainsaws between 1 pm and 8 pm.

- 2) Prohibiting the use of cable logging systems between 1 pm and 8 pm.

The above restrictions will be in effect until rescinded by the State Forester.

For further information, contact the Oregon State Department of Forestry office in Columbia City (phone: 397-2636). To report a wildfire, call 397-1685.

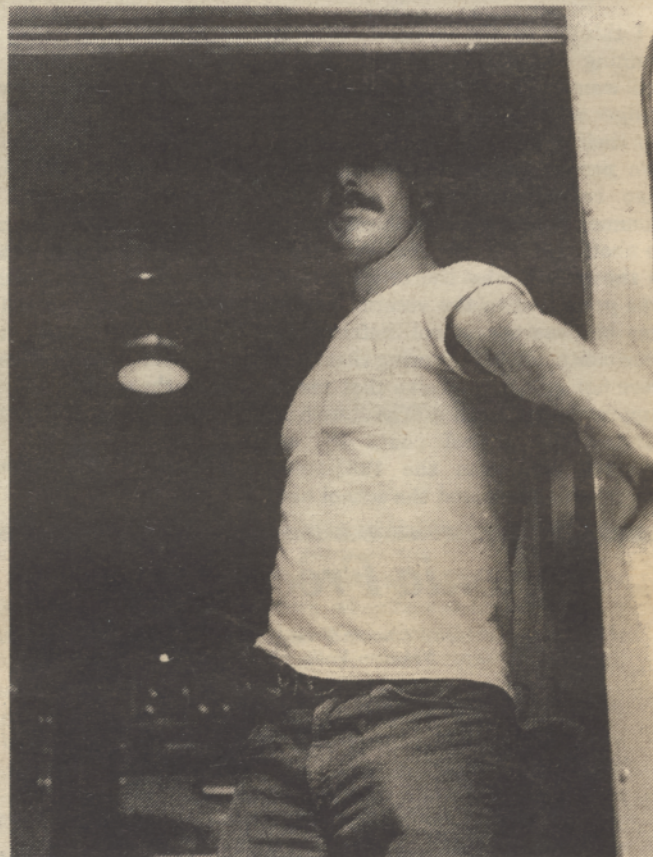
Logging Show Contest Results

1981 LOGGING SHOW

BIRLING— Dale Webb, Leon Cutright, Amos Cutright
5.5" & UNDER— Terry Bair, Greg Brewer, M.C. Brewer
FALLING— Mike Holmes, Stewart Grady, M.C. Brewer
POLE WALK— Greg Brewer, Dan Jeffers, Fred Bergerson
CHOKER SETTING— Mike Leloff, Dean Bernardi, David Holmes
POLE WALK & SNIP— Greg Brewer, M.C. Brewer, Terry Bair
UNLIMITED— Scott Sword, Carl Olson, Greg Brewer
MODIFIED— Rod McLean, M.C. Brewer, Carl Olson
5.5" & OVER— Greg Brewer, Terry Bair, Rod McLean
AXE THROWING— Leon Cutright, Bruce Cavallero, Tony Hyde
HARD HAT TOSS— Cyndy Brewer, Sandra Brynjolfson, Babs Holmes
LADIES BUCKING— Rena Shultz, Shawn Brewer, Debbie Klein

Next Week

How
Do
You
Beat
The
Heat?



SEISMIC TESTING— A Western Geophysical seismic testing crew supervised by Mike Grammer (above, standing in doorway of computer trailer) has been working on the roads surrounding Vernonia recently. Using four simultaneous sound wave signal sweep generators they are exploring for gas pockets. Grammer says he expects to begin conducting tests that measure the shock waves created by carefully planned blasting in these same areas sometime this week.

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