

Tualatin VFW has a memorial idea: Ramsey Reservoir

Mount Tabor Park | Oregon's 108-year-old WWI vet "would just have loved this"

By EDWARD HERSHEY THE OREGONIAN

From the day Howard Ramsey bought a home on Southwest 59th Avenue in 1937 until he left for an assisted living facility 65 years later, the reservoirs in nearby Mount Tabor Park were part of his life, Ramsey's daughter, Coral Falk said.

Now a veterans group wants to honor Ramsey — Oregon's last World War I combat veteran, who died in February at 108 — by naming Reservoir 6 after him as a way of memorializing Oregonians who fought in the war. The idea will get a public airing Monday at Portland City Hall.

Tricia Knoll, a spokeswoman for the Water Bureau, said the session will address the ramifications of the reservoir's being on the National Register of Historic Places. "You can't just go to

a meeting and say this is what we are going to do," she said. "The Mount Tabor Reservoirs are not just a crown jewel of the water system, they are a crown jewel of the city."

Knoll acknowledged that the event also would allow Commissioner Randy Leonard, who oversees the bureau, to test the water for possible opposition. Representatives of such groups as the Mount Tabor Neighborhood Association, Friends of Mount Tabor Park and Friends of the Reservoirs have been invited to weigh in. Dick Tobiasson, a retired U.S. Army colonel from Bend who has championed military veterans memorials in Oregon and other states, will make a formal presentation.

Dale Potts, past commander of the Tualatin VFW, is spearheading the proposal. "Our idea is that this is history," he said. "We hope people who visit will look beyond the name and find out more about World War I and the lessons it should have taught us."

According to family lore,



A veterans group would like to see a reservoir at Mount Tabor Park named after Oregon's last World War I combat veteran, Howard Ramsey, who died in February.

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Ramsey, a graduate of the old Washington High School in Portland, bulked up on bananas and water before his enlistment day to ensure he would meet the minimum weight for service. He spent much of his active duty as a driver near the bloody Argonne battlefield in France, trucking officers and supplies to the front and returning with the bodies of dead GIs.

Perhaps anticipating concern about glorifying combat, Potts noted that the proposal seeks to honor war veterans, not war itself. "Howard was not a killer type," he said, "but someone who was in service to others. In

that regard, he really is a good role model."

Although no opposition has materialized, members of the community groups say they plan to use the occasion to reiterate a call for the city to make paths to and around the reservoir handicapped-accessible, an idea Falk says sits well with her. Falk said that Ramsey and a neighbor often played sidewalk superintendents when workers renovated the reservoirs back in the 1930s, offering pointers and occasionally criticism.

"Dad would just have loved this," she said, "I wish he were here to see it."

Ex-mayor's legacy goes beyond Vancouver

Visionary | Developer Albert C. Angelo Sr., 87, shaped communities across the West

By HOLLEY GILBERT THE OREGONIAN

VANCOUVER — A funeral Mass for Albert C. Angelo Sr., a former Vancouver mayor whose development company helped change the face of communities from Bellingham to Klamath Falls, will be Friday.

Angelo died March 23 at his Vancouver home. He was 87.

The son of an emigrant from central Italy who came through Ellis Island looking for work in the United States, Angelo graduated from the University of Washington, then built what has become a third-generation family business with holdings in six Western states.

Starting in 1947 with an \$8,000 loan, Angelo began building single-family homes in Vancouver's westside Lincoln neighborhood. Now, the Al Angelo Co. is a development, purchasing and management company that

owns 3,200 multifamily housing units and 1 million square feet of commercial space in 22 cities.

The company owns the Morningside Apartments on West Table Rock Road in Medford, the Shangri La complex in Klamath Falls and the Villa Montana in Scottsdale, Ariz.

In Vancouver, the company's first multifamily project was Brandt Terrace, a 214-unit complex deemed a standard for federal Housing and Urban Development properties. In 2000, it developed the \$25 million Heritage Place condominiums, which helped revitalize downtown and neighboring Eastown Short Park.

More recently, the company is in year seven of the Four Seasons, an 85-acre mixed-use development at Northeast 29th Street and 112th Avenue.

"He and others built the community," Mayor Royce E. Pollard said in 2000. "We weren't very big or wide or tall. He's the guy who set that standard for that."

Elected to the City Council in 1962 and installed as mayor in 1966, Angelo persuaded the city

Angelo funeral Mass

When: Noon Friday
Where: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 6600 Highland Drive, Vancouver
Donations: Hospice Southwest, P.O. Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668

to buy the Orchards Water System east of the city. That vision enabled the city to grow, Pollard said.

Mayor until 1969, Angelo was one of three Clark County friends whose work helped shape the region.

Angelo began building homes at the same time as Ed Pietz, co-founder of the Red Lion hotel chain.

"When I first started out, Al Angelo and I were both poor, real poor," Pietz said Tuesday. "He'd be building houses on one side of the street and I'd be building houses on the other side of the street, and we'd be yelling at each other to see who could get done first."

Pietz, 86, described Angelo as serious "about pretty much everything" but said he enjoyed a good joke. The two were friends who would talk shop over lunch but didn't socialize beyond that. "Too much socializing is bad for business," Pietz said.

Pietz and Tod McCleskey, Angelo's close friend, went on to build the 56-property Red Lion hotel chain. In 1985, the chain was sold in a leveraged buyout to Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. for approximately \$620 million.

McCleskey died in 2003. Pietz is building a 600-unit apartment building near Interstate 205 and 18th Street, not far north of the Glenn Jackson Bridge.

The land on which the freeway approach to the I-205 bridge sits was purchased from Angelo, said Craig and Al Angelo Jr., the oldest of Angelo's five children, who with their mother, Kathryn, survive him. The sale led to Angelo's commercial development to the east of the freeway and two multifamily apartment complexes to the west.

CITY HALL NOTEBOOK

Zones extension OK'd

The city's drug- and prostitution-free zones will stay active for another six months, despite concerns among City Council members that an oversight committee studying the exclusion areas is "dysfunctional" and includes too many people with a vested interest in the policing tool.

The City Council established the exclusive zones 15 years ago to give police another way to fight crime in central, Northeast and East Portland neighborhoods plagued by violence and drug abuse.

Under current rules, officers can exclude suspected drug offenders from the affected neighborhoods for 90 days. The exclusions stand even if the criminal charges don't.

Last year, Mayor Tom Potter and his colleagues established an oversight panel to study the zones and began requiring officers to have probable cause before excluding people. They

now must arrest someone to exclude them.

Since the new rules took effect and city leaders began studying the zones, African American residents have been disproportionately hit by exclusions. That worries city commissioners, who want to make sure they're balancing the need to protect neighbors with the civil rights of those excluded.

The oversight committee is supposed to recommend changes to extend the zones until Sept. 30. Sten first voted against the zones, effectively killing them for a month — the amount of time it would take the mayor's office to hold the requisite public hearings to reconsider the extensions.

But after putting his "no" on the record, Sten asked for another tally so he could vote "yes." He changed his vote out of courtesy to the mayor, and to ensure there was no lag in enforcement of the exclusion zones.

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sight committee, which includes prosecutors and public defenders. He suggested that the mayor's office, which has hired an outside facilitator to help the committee, might want to add members or rethink the group's makeup.

"An oversight committee can't be the people who actually do the work," he said.

In the end, Potter and Commissioners Randy Leonard, Sam Adams and Dan Saltzman voted to extend the zones until Sept. 30. Sten first voted against the zones, effectively killing them for a month — the amount of time it would take the mayor's office to hold the requisite public hearings to reconsider the extensions.

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valid tools," Sten said. "... At the same time, we were given a year. We need to stick to our word, and say, 'We didn't do the work we said we were going to do.'"

Park vote postponed

City Council members postponed a vote Wednesday on proposed guidelines for sponsorship and naming rights in Portland Parks until April 25 to address concerns that they won't have enough oversight over proposed deals.

City Council members must give the OK to name or rename a park. But under the policy up for a vote, they're not involved in negotiating sponsorship deals in which a company or an individual gives money in exchange for recognition within a park.

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Courts | Sandy and Clackamas County officers are accused of rights violations

By GOSIA WOZNIAK THE OREGONIAN

A lawsuit filed in federal court this month brings to six the current number of cases pursued by Sandy area residents against police and city officials alleging law enforcement misconduct.

Salem attorney Bruce Mowshynski represents the city in some of the cases through City/County Insurance Services, said the claims — which target city officials, Sandy police officers and Clackamas County sheriff's deputies — have no merit.

All of the lawsuits accuse Sandy and Clackamas County

officers of excessive force, harassment and violating defendants' constitutional rights. The suits are all separate claims, though three of the defendants share the same lawyer.

The latest case, filed March 12 in U.S. District Court in Oregon by Sandy resident Samuel Contreras, claims Contreras was set up by police and wrongfully arrested for possession of a controlled substance, having a concealed weapon and tampering with a witness. Contreras had previously been convicted for possession of firearms and charged on multiple occasions with drug possession, Sandy police said.

The other cases are: • Estacada resident Britt Woodley alleges officers used excessive force in his arrest outside a

Sandy restaurant last year.

• Juan Rubio, the father of a man whose remains were found in the woods in 2005, claims that Sandy officers were verbally abusive to him and that city officials neglected his complaints during the search for his son.

• Another Rubio lawsuit against a Sandy officer alleges Rubio was threatened during several incidents between 2004 and 2006.

• A federal lawsuit against Sandy and county officers claims the county, city and police officers violated the civil rights of Fouad Kaady, a Portland man killed after a string of hit-and-run collisions, a car fire and a possible assault. The family filed the suit. A Clackamas County grand jury last year

cleared the officers of wrongdoing.

• A lawsuit filed by Sandy resident Jerry Eural Woodford alleges Sandy police officers unrightfully tackled him and stunned him with a Taser while he was staying at a hotel.

The second Rubio suit is filed in circuit court; the others are filed in federal court.

Attorney Edward Merritt of Bend — who represents Rubio, Woodring and Contreras — said his clients filed the lawsuits not for monetary gain but to protest police department actions. Mowshynski, who represents Sandy on these cases, said the claims are orchestrated by the Bend attorney.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

McMinnville

Suspect in attack will have mental health evaluation

A man accused of attacking two Evergreen Aviation Museum employees last week has been transferred to a Portland hospital for a mental health evaluation, Yamhill County authorities said.

Police said Gerald Joseph Layhey, 19, broke into the museum, smashed a glass display case, removed a World War II uniform and put it on, pulled a fire alarm, climbed into a plane and smashed a television set.

Phillip Jaeger, 33, of McMinnville and Cheryl McKay, 31, of Sheridan encountered the intruder when they arrived for work. He is accused of punching Jaeger and biting McKay. Neither employee

Hood's glaciers, more than 1,300 rallies nationwide will mark April 14 as the first National Day of Climate Action, part of the grass-roots "Step It Up" campaign. But until five weeks ago, Portland wasn't participating.

Martin Tull, of the Northwest Earth Institute, and Barbara Ford, of the Community for Earth and the Community for Earth and the Community for Earth, knew that had to change. With help from friends at various environmental

ee required hospitalization.

—The Associated Press

Vancouver

Cameras attacked; two men are charged

Two men appeared Wednesday in Clark County District Court on charges stemming from an attack Monday on a Fox 12 television cameraman in downtown Vancouver.

Eugene E. Nerton, 26, no town given, was held on accusations of fourth-degree assault, unlawful display of a weapon and urinating in public.

Jesse K. Goncalves, 20, of San Juan Island was held on accusations of fourth-degree assault and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Both men are scheduled to return to court April 9.

The two were arrested shortly after the 8:40 p.m. beating of Peter Franzen, 31, at Sixth and Main streets. Franzen suffered a black eye, sore back, cuts and

"Where is this movement's Selma? Where's the bus boycott?" Ford asked. "The idea is to start a mass movement around climate action and bring it to the forefront."

Although public awareness about climate change has increased in recent years, greenhouse gas emissions rose 16 percent in the United States from 1990 to 2004. Step It Up, founded by environmentalist and journalist Bill McKibben, is

bruises.

—Holley Gilbert

Umatilla

Four boaters rescued from Columbia River

Three men and a woman spent a frigid 20 minutes in the Columbia River near the eastern Oregon town of Umatilla on Wednesday after their boat erupted in flames.

Firefighters from the Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District rescued two members of the group about 8 a.m., and a private boat plucked the others out, said Fire Chief Michael Roxbury.

The boaters, who were not named, were not injured.

—Richard Cackle

Police arrest suspect in 35-mile pursuit

An aggressive driver who led police on a 35-mile chase Wednesday crashed his car and

in every state, including at the levees in New Orleans and underwaster near a Florida coral reef.

"People are saying, 'I've changed my light bulb and my fuel, what's next? What else can I do?'" said rally co-organizer Salie Schullinger-Krause of the Oregon Environmental Council. The rally, she hopes, will demonstrate the next step: engaging elected officials to make tangible policy changes.

ran off, but was later arrested in Hood River County, police said.

A Multnomah County Sheriff's Office deputy spotted the driver zipping east and passing people on the shoulder on Interstate 84 at Wood Village shortly after 12:30 p.m. and pursued him, said Lt. Jason Gates, a sheriff's spokesman.

Deputies in Hood River County put a spike strip across the freeway at Wyebut, but the man continued until the car's rear wheels popped off. He then ran into the woods. A woman traveling with him was taken into custody.

A motorist spotted the suspect along the freeway and alerted police. Hood River County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested him but were still trying to confirm his identity.

Alvin Green and Elizabeth Suh

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the 20 people making the three-day walk will strap 40-pound solar panels to their backpacks. The walk echoes Bill McKibben's five-day march last summer across Vermont.

"I truly think this weekend is the birth of the American movement to address global warming," said Alexia Kelly, a rally co-organizer with The Climate Trust. "The rest of the world is ahead, and it's time for America to step up."

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