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Sandy man charged with city's 1st bank robbery

Sandy police, FBI arrest man following daylong search

by DAN DILLON

The city's first-ever bank robbery Tuesday resulted in the arrest of a 22-year-old Sandy man.

Wayne Woodmancy, 38100 Sandy Heights Road, was arrested Tuesday evening by members of the Sandy Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation without incident and unarmed in a downtown Portland restaurant at about 11 p.m.

He was charged with the robbery of the Sandy branch of the Benj. Franklin Savings and Loan, 17500 Strauss St., earlier in the day.

According to Police Chief Fred Punzel, a man approached an employee at the savings and loan branch was opening at about 9 a.m. under the pretext of opening an account. During the course of the conversation, he gave the teller a note demanding money.

After being given an undisclosed amount of cash, the robber fled from the thrift institute on foot. According to

Bill Williams of the FBI, the robber had simulated a weapon.

Woodmancy was in possession of a small amount of currency at the time of the arrest, he said.

The suspect was placed in the custody of the United States marshal in Portland and was scheduled to appear before a U.S. magistrate Wednesday morning on charges of robbing the Benj. Franklin branch.

He was also arrested on a warrant issued by Jackson County authorities for the armed robbery of Western Bank at Gold Hill on Feb. 23. The warrant was issued March 13, Williams said.

Wednesday morning Punzel thanked the anonymous informants who gave the police the information needed to make the arrest. "We're going into this crime prevention program," he said, "and the whole idea is to get people involved. This is one time it paid off." The police chief also thanked the Sandy businessmen who helped with the investigation.



The Benj. Franklin Savings and Loan Tuesday became the first financial institution ever robbed. A suspect was arrested.

Staff photo

GTE announces cuts, 40 layoffs planned

General Telephone Co. announced today it is laying off about 3 percent of its employees, an action it has not taken since 1958.

There will be 35 to 40 layoffs in the southern division of GTE of the Northwest — which includes Gresham, Canas, Wash., and Crescent City, Calif., according to general manager Chuck Day. Only a "small percentage" of those 35-40 layoffs will be in the Gresham division, he said.

Once layoff notices begin going out April 2, Day said, employees with more seniority will begin "bumping" employees who haven't been with the company as long.

Those employees are among 190 to 210 in the company's five-state operation that will receive the pink slips between June and September.

The cuts are part of a massive budgetary effort to save \$4 million, said Hank Borys, human resources vice president in the company's Everett, Wash. headquarters.

The layoffs are a result of "a general economic malaise, continued high interest rates" and no company growth, said Borys. The majority of layoffs will be from the construction and customer service areas where business is down, he said.

County CETA program faces funding cutbacks

Clackamas County has received notice that a major cut in federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) job funds is on the way. That cut could immediately eliminate 38 jobs countywide and jeopardize some positions locally.

Over \$500,000 was cut from the Clackamas County Employment and Training Agency's Title VI and Title II-D programs, according to word received last Wednesday. According to CCETA officials, this leaves Title VI "in the red" and requires a two-week notice be sent to these persons immediately informing them of the funding cut-off.

Most of those affected are in the

Public Service Employment (PSE) program, according to Roy Soards of the county agency. PSE provides funding for positions with public and private non-profit organizations including local government, schools and community-based organizations.

If these organizations can pick up the salaries of the Title VI positions, some layoffs will be avoided. However, it is expected most agencies will not be able to accomplish this due to the short notice, Soards said.

The Title VI reduction was more than \$170,000 and more than \$350,000 in Title II-D. Full impact of the Title II-D cut is uncertain at this time. Program officials estimate money could run out in June or July, two months before the federal fiscal year ends, potentially causing more PSE layoffs.

Clackamas CETA officials emphasized that most people in private sector activities, classroom training and work experience will not be affected by this cutback.

The layoffs and funding reductions are a direct result of current budget cutting activities prompted on the national level by the Reagan administration. CETA's Public Service Employment program is a major target of these cuts and is planned to be phased out completely by Sept. 30.

Most agencies working with Clackamas CETA have transitioned their PSE people into permanent, non-CETA subsidized positions with their organizations, according to Soards. Officials said approximately 70 percent of those being laid off would have been hired if allowed to complete their PSE time.

These latest cuts follow drastic reductions received in December for the overall program.

Schools seek approval of first 'B' ballots

Sandy's two school districts will ask voters Tuesday for operating expenses for the coming year and the opportunity to do a little something extra.

For the first time, both Sandy Union High School District and Sandy Elementary School District are seeking 'B' ballots to enable the them to make repairs or offer new services.

Sandy Union High School District's 'A' ballot request of \$1.8 million would maintain the school's existing services at an estimated tax rate of \$4.39 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Taxes levied under the 'A' ballot, intended to fund existing services, are eligible for state payment of up to 30 percent of the taxes on owner-occupied homes. Spending under a 'B' ballot is not. The second ballot was originally intended for new services.

However, with the low state ceiling, 12.64 percent over last fiscal year, many districts cannot keep up with inflation and some have been forced to place existing services on the 'B' ballot — Sandy Elementary School District is

one example.

The Elementary District will request \$1.6 million for its operating levy with an estimated tax rate of \$5.38 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. But, because of a cutback in outside aid, the district has moved existing services, such as its intercurricular athletics and activities, the Talented and Gifted program and support for Sandy Community School to the 'B' ballot measure.

That request, for \$357,704, would largely go toward funding a district kindergarten proposal. The tax rate for the 'B' ballot would be \$1.51 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

At SUHS, the \$96,500 'B' ballot request would be used to buy a bus, add a counselor to the staff and renovate the art room and the library. Its rate would be 20 cents per \$1,000.

The existing tax base, a 62-cent rate, would make the total tax rate 36 cents higher than fiscal 1980-81, adding \$18 to the tax bill of a home assessed at \$50,000.

In the elementary district, the tax

rate would decrease 10 cents. With the bond issues, already approved by voters, the total tax rate would be about \$8.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Tuesday while most local eyes focus on the Sandy Union High School and Sandy Elementary districts' ballot measures to see how school funding occurs, the districts' administrators will also be watching the Clackamas County Education Service District tally.

The ESD is making its third attempt to gain approval of a \$3.4 million levy. That money is, supplementary to the ESD's authorized levy.

The \$3.4 million would be part of a \$6.9 million general fund budget which includes \$2.6 million for a handicapped child fund which is distributed to local school districts, like Sandy's, for assistance in their handicapped student programs.

Candidates for various district boards include:

Clackamas ESD Board — John Rowell of Sandy and Dick Groener of Milwaukie.

Sandy Union High School Board — Position No. 1, Terry Lenchitsky and Paul Tucker.

Sandy Elementary School Board — Position No. 1, Harold H. Haward Jr. and Dennis Traxler.

Cottrell School Board — Position No. 1, Michael Cholbi, unopposed; Position No. 2, Judy Lenchitsky, unopposed; Position No. 3, Larry Werth, unopposed.

Boring School Board — Position No. 2, Michael Byrd and Shigenari Nagae; Position No. 4, Stuart McKenzie, unopposed; Position No. 5, Dixie Whitmore, unopposed.

Bull Run School Board — Position No. 2, Ron Jantz, unopposed; Position No. 3, Jim Bollerman, unopposed; Position No. 5, Teddy Peetz and Karen L. Rollins.

Hoodland Fire District Board — Position No. 3, Maryanne Hill and L. Ray Miller; Position No. 4, Peggy Hergert and Michael Igo; Position No. 5, Richard McAbery and David Olson.

Candidates square off for SUHS board seat

by DAN DILLON

Greater involvement in school activities for students and community residents concerns both candidates for the Sandy Union High School District board.

Incumbent Paul Tucker, a retired salesman who lives in the Bull Run area, and Terry Lenchitsky, general manager for Sunset Fuel Co. and a resident of the Cottrell area, are seeking Position No. 1 on the board in next Tuesday's special election.

Tucker, who is completing his first four-year term, feels the school has gotten a bad rap. "In spite of what some may have said in the press, I think we have a beautiful program," he said. "If the public would go to some of the programs, they'd see that the kids aren't all bad."

He added that he is interested in "encouraging youngsters to shape up, not ship out."

Tucker said he is impressed with the district administration. "I think we have the finest set of administrators in the whole country," he said.

Tucker is concerned that the board could get overloaded with representatives from one of the high school's feeder districts. "We already have one

person from Cottrell," he said. "We feel as though it would be more balanced if it scattered among the feeder districts."

With no children in school, the candidate feels he can be an unbiased member of the board. "I have no one in school, no axe to grind and I don't have an occasion to pick on people," he said. "One thing that I insist on is being fair with faculty members."

Lenchitsky doesn't think having children in the school is necessarily a liability. The father of two SUHS students feels he has "somewhat of a better pulse on what's happening."

He said the school needs a "strong emphasis on academic opportunities other than reading, writing and arithmetic to get students involved."

Lenchitsky said he thinks the school board is doing a "real fine job" but he would like to "reapportion funds to help students prepare for what they're doing to do when they get out." He cited the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Future Farmers of America and the Future Business Leaders of America Club as examples of constructive attempts to prepare students for alternatives to college.

"The curriculum can be altered for a stronger vocational education," he



Paul Tucker



Terry Lenchitsky

said. Lenchitsky would also like to work to "make students feel more pride in their school, get the students supporting the games." He endorsed establishing an athletic policy board. "A group of parents and the athletic department

can get together and see how they can work to get the kids involved," he said. He'd also like to see more merchants and parents take an active part in the school through the Booster Club. "A high school can be the center of the whole community," he concluded.

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