

Special events note 'Hospice Week'

By action of Congress, Nov. 7 to 14 has been designated as "National Hospice Week."

This marks the first national recognition of the hospice movement, a new and growing health care alternative. In addition, Gov. Vic Atiyeh has proclaimed "Oregon Hospice Awareness Week" to coincide with the national activities.

Mt. Hood Hospice, with offices in Sandy, serves the needs of residents in East Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.

During National Hospice Week, Mt. Hood Hospice will be giving informational presentations in Estacada, Gresham and Sandy. Special events

will include a Halloween Dance to be held this Saturday, Oct. 30, at St. Henry's Catholic Hall, 346 NW 1st, Gresham, at 8 p.m. Music for the evening will be provided by a country western band, "One Night Stand." Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call the Mt. Hood Hospice office at 668-9000.

The hospice movement began in an attempt to provide a unique kind of care to people suffering from advance-stage disease, usually cancer patients. Hospice care is provided by a team of nurses, physicians, social workers, counselors and volunteers.

Although the patient and the patient's family experience psychological,

emotional and spiritual pain as well as the physical aspects of disease, hospice care strives to encourage the patient to live as normal, comfortable and full a life as possible.

The term "hospice" is derived from the Latin word used in the Middle Ages to describe places where weary pilgrims could rest. These medieval way-stations evolved into special nursing facilities for the dying.

Hospice care has two main goals—to relieve pain and to provide supportive care to the patient and family. Hospice services include patient care, counseling and support of spiritual needs, recreational and social needs,

financial needs and bereavement follow-up.

Hospice care may be paid by Medicare for those who are terminally ill and who are eligible for Medicare. In addition, most health insurance policies will cover hospice care costs.

In an article entitled "Hospices: New Help for the Dying," in Glamour magazine, in March 1982, Laurence Sherry wrote, "Death is a fact of life for all of us, no matter our age. And most of us, while remaining healthy ourselves, are still affected by the deaths of our friends and relatives. For almost all of us then hospices are vitally important institutions."



Photo by Scott Newton

Gary Page ponders a move in the third annual Pioneer Chess Tournament, which was held Saturday in the Sandy Union High School library. See story on page 13.

Man arrested after threatening motorist

A Sandy man was arrested Monday evening and charged with four counts stemming from an incident that began on Pioneer Boulevard and culminated at TJ's Fireside Dining.

Arthur Lacia, 55, of Sandy was taken to Clackamas County Jail where he was held on \$9,500 bail. He was charged with attempted second-degree assault, assault of a public safety officer, fourth-degree assault and resisting arrest.

The incident began when an unidentified man noticed a car driving erratically eastbound on Highway 26. The man told police that the driver of that vehicle stopped his car near Pioneer Boulevard and Meing Avenue and threatened him.

The man who allegedly made the threat then went to TJ's where he was approached by a Sandy police officer, acting on information provided by the alleged victim.

An altercation reportedly occurred between the arresting officer and Lacia, who was subsequently arrested.

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