



Kelly Adovnik, Sandy policeman, covered the back of the house on Meinig Avenue during a police raid.

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tric company and a book on marijuana cultivation all were seized for evidence. Before any items were moved, police took photographs of them.

About an hour after the raid, Tuley went to the upstairs closet looking for a small, blue cardboard

box. After finding it, he opened it in front of witnesses and would not carry it down the stairs unaccompanied.

Punzel said later that a lawyer's best defense would be to discredit police, so police should try to leave no question of impropriety.

The box contained white powder inside a folded piece of paper cut from a magazine and white chunks in a clear plastic bag. It also contained \$461 in cash.

Of the 116 plants seized, many were starters. About 20 of them were near maturity.

Cocaine abuse on the increase

Cocaine use has increased dramatically among young adults, says Gary Braden, director of Mount Hood Medical Center's alcohol treatment services program.

"Anyone under the age of 30, we don't even ask if they use cocaine," Braden said. "We ask how much they are using."

While it can take 20 years of drinking to cause a person to realize alcohol has caused him to lose control of his life, cocaine can accomplish the same in about four years.

"It is sometimes hard for us to convince someone who is 23, with a two-year history of drug use, to accept that his life is unmanageable because of drug use," Braden said. "It is hard for them to accept they can't take any mind-altering drugs (including alcohol)."

Braden said they have seen a "horrendous" increase in the number of people seeking treatment because of cocaine or "crank," which is a methamphetamine.

He said cocaine use has doubled in the past five years to about 10 million to 11 million regular users in the United States.

Braden said drug treatment programs offer hope. "I think the thing for people to know is that there is help, and that it does work."

General Telephone has approximately 95 employees working in East Multnomah County, Palmer said.

Council approves guidelines for enforcing weed control

The Sandy City Council approved guidelines to clarify enforcement of its weed abatement ordinance and denied an appeal by Councilor Brad Picking at a meeting Monday.

The City Council has enforced its weed ordinance for several years, but in the past has picked up the cost for some mowing originally assessed against property owners.

City councilors hope to solve the problem of uneven enforcement with the guidelines.

City Manager Tom Reber said some city councilors consider enforcement of the weed ordinance to be difficult. But Reber said he feels the council is making "good progress," and that the guidelines should help the city's staff with judgment calls.

Among the issues addressed in the guidelines are:

- If a parcel of property is used for agricultural purposes the land will, with some exceptions, be exempt from weed ordinances.

- The use of blackberries for erosion control will be considered acceptable in some circumstances.

- Industrial property will be treated the same as residential property. It had been argued previously that industrial property should be considered differently.

In areas that are undeveloped, weeds must be mowed back 30 feet from the pavement with a 10-foot strip mowed all around the property.

The issue of undeveloped property was a sticky one Monday night. Picking, a city councilor, had asked for an exemption on a piece of property on Highway 26 between Paola's Pizza Barn and Les Schwab Tire.

Picking, who did not vote on the exemption or the guidelines, said it has been several years since there were buildings on the property and it should therefore be considered undeveloped.

But Councilor Dick Harrison said the property had once been developed, and mowing a 30-foot strip in front of Highway 26 and a 10-foot strip around the property was not enough.

Picking, a developer and owner of Janz Berryland, said the burden of "manicuring" property to the standards of a golf course is not something the council could expect of business people who invest in property.

"It makes it hard for me to recommend to people that they buy property in Sandy," Picking said. "This is beyond reasonable."

But the council voted 4 to 1 against

the exemption. Harrison, Mayor Deane Wesselink, Jim Duff and Mort Spence voted against granting the exemption. Marge Frederickson voted for it.

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GTE, union nearing agreement

Negotiators for General Telephone Co. of the Northwest and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 89 have reached a tentative contract agreement.

"We have a tentative package that we're putting out to the membership for a vote," IBEW business representative Gerry Nagel said Monday.

The current contract has been extended to July 25, said Nagel and Russ Palmer, a General Telephone service manager in Gresham.

Union members should have a list of changes from the original package and a ballot "in hand" by the end of the week, Nagel said.

The union is recommending acceptance of this package, he said. On June 30, the union recommended rejection of and union members turned down the original package, Nagel said.

Job security, not wages, was the union's major concern the first time around, he said.

Local 89 represents 3,347 hourly employees in Washington, Oregon and northern California, Nagel said.

The current contract has been extended three times since the two sides began negotiating in March, he said.

Negotiators for both sides produced the tentative agreement during a marathon meeting, which began at 9 a.m. July 1 and ended at 3:25 a.m. July 2, in Everett, Wash., Nagel said.

If progress had not been made by 12:01 a.m. July 2, the union could have called a strike, he said.

General Telephone has approximately 95 employees working in East Multnomah County, Palmer said.

The union represents hourly workers in 58 classifications, including secretaries, operators, linemen and various technicians.

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Inskeep Center offers class on Oregon Trail

A class on Oregon history and an unusual outing will be offered this month by the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center in Oregon City.

A class for teachers and others interested in learning about the overland migration of people in the mid-1800s from Independence, Mo., to the end of the Oregon Trail will meet July 18 at the learning center.

Migration routes, historic sites and points of interest will be explored. Students will attend and evaluate

performances at two pageants. The cost is \$39 for members and \$34 for non-members.

If a hike through history isn't of interest, take a llama for a walk during an all-day outing July 19.

For information on either activity, call 657-8400, extension 351.

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