

The "Anti-Prohibition Movement"

Tuesday, March 28: U.S. Supreme Court hears the James Acton case against random drug testing at his high-school in Veronia, Oregon. The day before a mock court in McLean, Va., found in the young man's favor. The high court will issue a ruling in June or July, could have major impact on drug testing policies and civil liberties.

Tuesday, March 28: hearing on Oregon House bills HB3250 and HB3251 (marijuana recriminalization). Twice as many people show-up in opposition, than in favor. After taking testimony the bills were tabled pending a motion to continue, no future hearing date set.

The GOOD NEWS: Portland's KATU-TV "telegill" asked if marijuana laws should be made tougher. About 70 percent of over 20,000 voted total, were opposed.

Wednesday, March 29: Willamette Week stuns everyone, when it prints a pot leaf on its cover, and

publishes Maureen O'Hagan's smashing "Reefer madness" expose. All about state legislators, the mayor, chief Moose, and his Bureau's topsy-turvy view on drugs.

For example, O'Hagan writes, "Last year, 178 people in Oregon died from the highly addictive drug (heroin), up from 100 in 1992." Meanwhile Drugs & Vice commander, Capt. Bob Brooks, says, "In my opinion marijuana is a larger problem (than heroin)..."

Sources tell me, copies of the news weekly were hard to find by Saturday, and were highly sought after for framing. Hmm?

Saturday, April 1: Measure 11 takes effect with tough, mandatory sentences for violent offenders, including juveniles. What can I say? Doonebury cuts to the quick. A scene from any public school cafeteria: a darkskinned young man ask: "Please, sir - I'd like some more ketchup." And from behind the counter the caption reads, "Sorry, kid, we're

building a new prison." Enough said. Thursday, April 6: the ABC-TV network broadcast a journalistic tour-de-force, "Searching For Solutions." An in depth look at legal marijuana, "harm reduction" and heroin maintenance programs in Holland and England. Several anti-prohibition perspectives from a U.S. judge, mayor and police chief. Ever the zealous spokesman for the war on drugs, William Bennett claims 40-50 million new "heavy drug users" should legalization come to pass.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bennett offers no studies or data to back up his alarmist speculations.

KATU-TV runs a "telegill" asking if some drugs should be legalized. The poll was announced about 10:30 P.M., half-way through "Searching..." By 11:30 P.M., 80 percent of over 8,000 votes said "Yes!" The talking heads went mute at the fade to black.

DVD Officers Seize 3/4 Pound Of Heroin, Child Neglect Charged

6600 Block Of N Seneca Ave.

Officers from the Portland Police Bureau's Drug and Vice Division seized more than three quarters of a pound of tar heroin worth \$51,000 during a Wednesday morning search warrant at a North Portland residence. Six grams of cocaine, a pistol, and \$7500 in cash were also found. Two small children were present in the home at the time of the warrant service, and were taken into protective custody.

The residents of the home, Samuel Hernandez, 38, Anna Hernandez, 36, and Giovanni Pena-Rodrigues, 24, were arrested and charged with four counts of Possession and Distribution of Controlled Substances (Heroin and Cocaine).

Samuel and Anna Hernandez were also charged with Child Neglect after the couple's two girls, aged 18 months and 3 1/2 years, were

found on the premises. They were taken into the custody of the Children's Services Division.

The adults were lodged at the Justice Center Jail. Bail for Samuel

and Anna Hernandez was set at \$135,000 each. Bail for Pena-Rodrigues is \$95,000. An initial arraignment was held on Thursday, April 27th.

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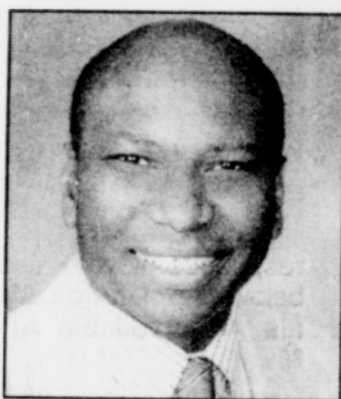
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