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Barriers to Fair Housing Fought

pleted, in 1996, discrimination based on race Multnomah Building, 501 S.E. Hawthorne, in in both renting and purchasing homes was the first floor Board Room. verified. It resulted in the development of Individuals and organizations are invited to Housing Connections, a web-based service testify on any barriers to fair housing and that allows users to search for a wide variety housing choice, including discrimination in

In addition, testimony will be accepted about a city of Portland policy that guides the location of new publicly funded affordable housing

The hearing will be accessible to people with mobility impairments. Testimony can also be submitted by email to bhcdinfo@ci.portland.or.us or by letter to the Bureau of Housing and Community Development, attention Fair Housing, 421 S.W. Sixth Ave., Room 1100, Portland, OR 97204. Written testimony must be received by July 29.

Medical Pot Crackdown in California

Suspects accused of also trafficking street drugs

(AP) - Federal drug agents launched a wideranging crackdown on medical marijuana providers in northern California, arresting at least 17 people last week in San Francisco and Sac-

Fifteen people were arrested in San Francisco as drug agents searched three pot clubs and more than 20 homes and businesses June 22, authorities said.

The searches capped a two-year investigation into an alleged marijuana and ecstasy trafficking ring, Drug Enforcement Administration agent Javier Pena said Thursday.

"It was a large scale operation" with ties to other countries, Pena said. The pot clubs were fronts for operations having to do with "illegal cultivation of marijuana, money laundering and distribution of ecstasy," he said. An attorney for a Sacramento husband and

wife who were also arrested said he believed the sweep may have been prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court's medical marijuana ruling two weeks ago. The high court said federal law prohibiting the sale and distribution of narcotics supersedes state medical marijuana laws.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence Brown in Sacramento said the Supreme Court ber 2001 from their storefront California Medi-



A federal law enforcement agent carries marijuana plants seized during a raid of a medical marijuana club Wednesday in San Francisco, Calif.

ruling "lays to rest any question whether federal authorities have jurisdiction."

California is one of 10 states, including Oregon and Washington that allow the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Dr. Marion Fry, 48, and her husband, attorney Dale Schafer, 50, were arrested on a sealed indictment handed up a week ago. It charged them with conspiracy to grow and distribute marijuana between August 1999 and Septemcal Research Center in Cool, a Sierra foothill community northeast of Sacramento.

"Marijuana (for medicinal purposes) was legal in this part of the United States until this month, so any attempt to hold them as serious criminals would have been, I think, inappropriate," said their attorney, Laurence Lichter. "They are charged with violating the old marijuana laws, which are now back in effect, and I'm hoping that the jury will see ... that Dr. Fry was acting as a physician."

Vancouver Diversity Effort Recognized

The City of Vancouver has been Champion of the Year. recognized for its efforts at responding to the needs of its diverse popu-

The Association of Washington Cities named the city Diversity

"We are extremely proud of this award," said Assistant City Manager Betsy Williams who has been the team's executive sponsor since the city started working on diver-

all of our diverse community."

The state association's judges leadership.

sity efforts five years ago. "We commented that the city's Diverhave worked very hard to take the sity Policy and Advisory Council steps necessary to ensure that we has stepped forward in the effort to are able to respond to the needs of empower diverse communities and that the City is on the forefront of

Police Looking for Burglar

The Portland Police Bureau asking the public for assistance in locating 66-year-old William Clifford Grandy.

Grandy is currently wanted on a no bail parole violation warrant in connection with a prior conviction for burglary in the first de-

Grandy is a transient and described as a 5-foot 7-inch tall black male weighing approximately 200

Anyone with information should call 911 or CrimeStoppers at 503-823-HELP.

Major Lottery Scam Letter Mailed Elderly targeted to give personal information

An elderly woman recently lost Bucks" and "Top Hat Lotto."

\$7,000 to a lottery scam, along duped by the elaborate scheme.

people in states such as Georgia,

The Oregon State Police Detec-

with six other victims who were tives assigned to the Gaming En-Letters have been sent out to ing the fraudulent letters. The letters ask the victim to call

Florida, California and Pennsyl- an "866" phone number, where they vania stating "our records indi- are told a check equaling 1 percent cated that we have not received a of the "unclaimed winnings" will be claim for your last year's shared sent to them to help pay the prewinnings" up to \$750,000. The mium prior to receiving the award. letterheads list two Salem, Ore.- Upon receipt of the check the vicarea addressed fraudulent com- tim is asked to deposit the check panies called "Golden Lotto Mega into their account, then withdraw

the same amount and have the funds wired back through Western Union. No victims have been identified

forcement Division are investigat- in Oregon yet, but investigators believe there may be others. Investigators are working with other federal and state agencies in the ongoing investigation.

The Oregon State Police and Oregon Lottery recommend that if anyone receives a similar bogus lotto letter: do not provide personal information; do not send money; and keep the letter to notify the Oregon State Police Gaming Enforcement Division.

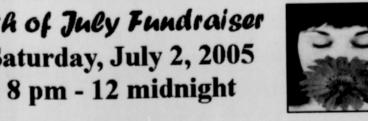
Anyone with information or who has received a similar letter in Oregon is asked to contact Detective Rich Dennis, Oregon State Police Gaming Enforcement Division, at (503) 540-1409.

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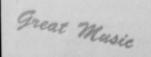
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Crack Cocaine, Handguns Seized

Shawn Rashad Jones, 28, has been charged with distribution of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

He was arrested May 25 after local police and federal law enforcement officers seized approximately three ounces of crack cocaine, three semi automatic handguns, a ballistic vest and approximately \$3,000 from a home at 618 N.E. 93rd Ave.