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Jury finds DEQ sets hearing on tighter dioxin limit

Ousley sold drugs to teen

By BOB LOTHAN
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A 10-year-old Albany man whose mother was found guilty Tuesday of selling drugs.

The state Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing in Albany next month on a proposal to lower the dioxin limit further for water from Pipe & Tabor's pulp mill near Albany.

The hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, in the Lane County Attorney building at Fourth and Lane.

Pipe & Tabor already is appealing a lower dioxin limit the EPA issued in February. The new proposal would cut dioxin about 20 percent more — to an average of 0.14 milligrams per day from 0.2 milligrams per day in the February limit. A consent use agreement labels it 20 milligrams.

The new limit would go into effect on the same

day the earlier limit would have — June 4, 1992. The mill, which employs 180 workers, probably emits about 1 kg of dioxin per day now, manager

water to the Willamette, and the Willamette flows into the Columbia.

Pipe & Tabor officials say the maximum load study is flawed and wrong.

The five other pulp mills in Oregon that bleach pulp and discharge dioxin in waste water also are covered by the earlier new limit. They are the James River Inc. mill at Wauna and the Boise Cascade Corp. mill at St. Helens.

Earlier this month Pipe & Tabor, James River and Boise Cascade filed suit in federal court in Portland challenging the effective date of June 1992 for the tighter dioxin discharge limit. The companies asked that a three-year compliance period not start until the EPA formally sets the

limit for the dioxin limit because of the time needed to install pollution control devices.

The company is suing the state to proceed to bear its appeal of the February limit. Lawyers for the company and the Environmental Quality Commission, which will hear the appeal, are to meet Thursday for discussions, Stuckler said.

Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 811 S.W. Sixth, Portland 97204. The DEQ will accept written comments on the new limit in that building until 5 p.m. Aug. 11.

The February rule newly proposed limits on dioxin also have other provisions including limits on other discharges called objectionable organic halogens, or AOX. The new proposal extends the compliance date for AOX one year — to June 1993. That is a welcome extension, Stuckler, the Halley mill manager said.

But Pipe & Tabor is worried about the June 1992 date for the dioxin limit because of the time needed to install pollution control devices.

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Independent candidate discusses state issues

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Gubernatorial candidate Al Mobley said Tuesday he would make a good governor because he grew up poor in Depue, Oregon, and he served in the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mobley, who is a Republican running on an independent ticket, spoke to 30 people attending a luncheon meeting at Elmer's Panckake and Steak House in Albany.

Mobley said his childhood farm experience taught him to work hard for what he wants.

"I know what sweat is," he said. "I know what it is to work without things and how to work for things that I want."

His service in the Air Force and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers taught him how large organizations operate.

"The governor's office would not be a totally strange place to me," Mobley said.

Organisms need a choice, and that is why Mobley would like to run for governor. There is a difference between candidate Barbara Roberts and Dave Froehner, Mobley said. They are both liberals who promise more of the same — expanding government, a centralized education system, and more crime.

"It's the basic duty of a state to protect its citizens," he said. "This state is doing a miserable job of that."

Mobley said Oregon was relatively crime-free 20 years ago, and now it is one of the most dangerous places to live.

Politicians here are too weak to handle the crime, but, tough and desperate who will do the job, Mobley said.

Building new prisons is only treating the symptoms of a problem.

"We need to get after the affluent drug users," he said. "I don't want to see them in jail. I just want to take all their possessions."

When the word gets out, drug users and sellers will head for the border.

"Let someone build prisons for them in another state," Mobley said.

He said the state's education system could be improved by changing it drastically. Mobley supports a statewide referendum that gives tax credits to parents who put their children in private, public or home schools.

The public schools would either compete or get out of the education business," he said.

The policy of getting the Land Conservation and Development Commission to decide what people may do with their private land goes against the promise that this country was founded upon. Open spaces, who are closer to the people, should make these kind of decisions.

Those who do not own farmland but want it preserved for future generations should buy some themselves and give to the state, Mobley said.

As governor, Mobley said, he would form a coalition of center-righters, large and small business representatives and moderate environmentalists to decide how much timberland should be preserved and the best way to do it.

Mobley said he opposes abortion. He wants to streamline the state's adoption process so adopting parents do not have to spend as much time and money trying to adopt a child.

While in Albany, Mobley blasted Gov. Neil Goldschmidt for asking \$10 million to support the "Children's Agenda" program.

The governor's proposed early intervention program only gives government more authority over families, he said.

Authorities fear missing girl likely victim of foul play

By CATHY MADDOX
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Law enforcement officers and volunteers from seven counties met at Hoodoo Bend this morning before beginning another day of searching for 12-year-old Barbara Lea Fackel, who has been missing from her Siskiyou Junction home for more than a week.

Fackel was last seen July 20 at her home at the state Highway Division maintenance campers located just west of Siskiyou Park.

She was reported missing the following day by her parents, Linda and John Adreick, who maintain they believe they had to wait 20 hours before filing a missing person report.

"There's no reason to think she ran away, and no information that she was wicked of playing around," James said Tuesday. "There's certainly the possibility that we've got a crime committed here. We think the greatest likelihood is that she's probably not over there of her own volition and is deceased either by violence or nature."

The initial search involved dozens of agencies from Lane, Jefferson and Deschutes counties.

Callers threaten man with death

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