

# THE Sandy Post



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## EDITH Can Save Your Life

The new year 1967 is about to pop up over the horizon, and one of the resolutions you should make on New Year's Day is to sit down with your family and work out an escape plan from your home if fire should strike it.

In dozens of communities throughout the nation, families did just that during the past year. In many cities EDITH programs community-wide were carried out under the leadership of fire departments, fire marshals, and other safety officials. EDITH stands for "Exit Drills In The Home."

Fire nearly always strikes without warning, says the American Insurance Association. Every two minutes around the clock fire damages or destroys a home somewhere in the United States.

If your family has an escape plan, and practices it, you will be in a position to escape from your home safely. EDITH can save your life.

The importance of EDITH is based on the idea, which should be impressed on every member of your family, that if fire strikes your home, the first thing to do is to get everybody out of the house. Then call the fire department.

Physical possessions that may be destroyed in a fire can be replaced. A human life cannot.

Here's how you should organize your operation EDITH.

Get all the members of your family together and study the house from top to bottom. The first thing to do is to figure out alternate means of escape from all rooms including the upstairs bedrooms. Thus, if one escape route is blocked by flames, another may be used.

Then, practice the escape plan. The plan should be one that can be used at all times, day or night.

It's a good idea to test the routes under conditions as they might be if fire struck at night.

Have the children lie down on their beds and then yell, "FIRE!" They should be able to escape down the stairs and out onto the street within less than a minute. The escape plan should be practiced until speed is attained and leaving the house quickly becomes automatic.

Small children should be told that at the first whiff of smoke, they should shout, "FIRE!" and run for the street.

It's a good idea to have a central place for everyone to meet after fleeing the house, so that it can be determined whether all are outside.

Remind children not to stop and dress or look for a favorite toy or possession. The main job is to get out of the house safely.

Remind children that under no circumstances should they ever re-enter a burning building. That goes for adults as well.

Don't stop inside the burning house

## ZAMO . . . ?

The Zoning Adjustment Modification Organization, ZAMO, was formed by a group of citizens intent on reforming certain rules and regulations of the County's building and plumbing codes and zoning ordinances. Most, if not all, of them signed a petition which read as follows:

"We the undersigned residents of the after described area, hereby petition and request the County Commission to take appropriate action to remove that portion of the real property described in and affected by Commission Order No. 13590 dated March 9, 1966, which lies east of the Willamette River in Clackamas County, Oregon, from all restrictions and effect of the County building code, plumbing code and zoning ordinances, and further request and petition that a modified plan compatible with the needs of a rural area be referred to the vote of the people affected thereby."

After two or three informal gatherings ZAMO held an organizational

meeting at Mullno. Officers were elected and the name adopted. Since then meetings have been held at Colton and Estacada and perhaps other places. We do not know. No effort has been made by the group to inform the press of their meetings or actions.

We have heard rumors of other secret meetings held by the ZAMO steering committee and wonder why they shield these meetings from the press. While we do not mean to imply that their goals are less than worthy it is certainly possible under such circumstances that special interest groups might use the valid protests of worthwhile citizens to forward their private aims.

We recommend that ZAMO in the future: 1. Give all county newspapers advance notice of all meetings. 2. Furnish them full reports on meetings held. 3. Supply them an address for ZAMO and names and addresses of all ZAMO representatives.

## Service Lines

The 9th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade arrived in Vietnam Dec. 19. Specialist Fourth Class Paul Hulka, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hulka, Rt. 1, Box 36-A, Eagle Creek, sailed with the brigade when it departed the west coast

to call the fire department. Get the family outside and summon the fire department over your neighbor's phone.

If there is only one stairway, look around and see if there are other exits that can be used. For instance, sometimes there is a porch roof just below a window. Remind children that if the stairway is blocked by flames they could open the window above the porch roof and climb out on to the roof to await rescue.

They should be told that if the window is stuck shut, and will not open, a chair's legs can be used to break off any jagged pieces of glass with the chair legs before stepping through the window on to the roof.

Here are some other things to remember:

If you are sleeping in an upstairs bedroom with the door closed, and are awakened by the smell of smoke, do not open the door immediately. A good strong door can keep out fire for several precious minutes.

Go to the door and place your hand against it. If the door feels hot, it may be that the fire is already in the hallway and you should use another escape route.

However, if the door does not feel hot, open it a crack. Hold your head away, brace your foot against the door put your hand across the opening to determine how hot the air is. If the air in the hallway appears to be cool and there are no flames or smoke, you may be able to go down the stairway.

However, if there is any question in your mind about getting down the stairs safely, close the door and go to the window. Open the window and shout "FIRE!" to arouse the neighbors so that they may summon the fire department. Then wait to be rescued.

If smoke and flames begin seeping into the room around the door, it may be necessary for you to leave by the window.

Drop bedding, pillows, clothing, or anything else soft on the ground beneath the window to give you a cushion to land on. Then lower yourself over the window sill as far as possible to shorten the distance to the ground, and drop onto the pile of bedding. If you are hanging by your hands from the sill of a second-story window, the distance from your feet to the ground should be less than 10 feet. Hold your body moderately tensed, neither limp nor rigid, when you make the drop. You should land safely.

The most important part of Operation EDITH is drawing up a definite escape plan and practicing it. Stage practice escape drills regularly, particularly if there are very young children who must be taught what to do in case of fire.

Practice the escape plan until it is automatic.

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Carroll Jackson  
Rt. 3, Box 172  
Boring, Oregon

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Dear Sir:

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Well, if you didn't make an error, who did? Surely, our "Snooper," who under the heading of HOOD-LAND HAPPENINGS dated December 15 said these enlightening and stirring words about author Skoko:

When you tell people that the vote is the democratic way of settling issues and officials then laugh in their face and do exactly opposite of their expressed wish and vote. It is the beginning of the end. A great many people I know today when asked to register and vote say what's the use it don't count anyhow. As you, the officials have demonstrated first in-daylight time issue, now in zoning in Clackamas County.

Yes its time we took steps to remove officials who believe voters don't know whats good for them. As in the past election a commissioner said of zoning, "Last time we waited for the people to act this time we're not waiting." This man is no longer a commissioner. The time the people didn't realize what they were voting for is when they elect officials such as he.

Who are these people who are allowed to choose what we will build and where. Whose land is very valuable and whose is worthless.

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For the people to elect an official to office does not give him a clear field to do his own will. Rather he is elected to represent the people.

It is not a lack of communication that causes opposition to their plans rather a lack of concern for our vote and wishes.

As for the uniform building code being duly adopted for the unincorporated part of the county. Was it duly adopted? At whose request? And were the people informed as to its true scope and meaning.

Yes I like to see the flag wave a bit. Too few do nowadays.

I for one shall be much better informed and guard my vote more carefully.

## Letters to the Editor

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Regarding your article on the front of last Thursdays Sandy Post.

The first item that brings a great deal of resentment to me is your nasty way of mentioning (other flag waving statements). Since when is it flag waving to expect your vote, by a majority to say what it means. The thinking of officials seems to be lets try it maybe we can get away with it. Then tell us we will like it if we give it a chance after it is in of course.

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Silence seems to be mistaken for approval.

I can no longer remain silent. I shall urge everyone to be much more careful with their vote.

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"Commissioner Stan Skoko, whose column graces the pages of the Sandy Post, tells me he has had other offers for his writings but has turned them down. He takes his writing chores seriously and feels it is vital to keep the public abreast of county affairs. I agree Stan, and what better way than through a newspaper! Keep up the good work!" signed the Snooper.

I can now believe it possible he wrote, or a ghost helped him with the first column appearing on the 15th but the ghost must have departed before the second column about the little red one room school house burst into print. "He takes his writing seriously. He feels it vital to keep the public abreast of county affairs." Whoa, Snooper where were you when you made such a prediction.

If Commissioner Skokowrote the Little One Room School House bit then no wonder the county residents are all up in the air keep and "harping on the Planning Commission" as Nell Howe in Nell's Notes says . . . Yes Nell you are right when you ask that "the County Commissioners get up enough courage to face the voters."

Mr. Editor, I'd like to hear your comments on the "little red school" article and on your remarks "publicity should come from ZAMO" regarding meetings, and did Mr. Skoko REALLY write that article of December 15, come now tell us.

/s/Matt Shields  
Rt. 2, Box 315  
Boring, Oregon

(ed's note: Cynic Shields should be aware that most of us like to indulge in a bit of nostalgia at this time of the year. Mr. Skoko, who has been writing his column under the head of "County Commissioner Reports" for some time, is certainly entitled to his own bit of whimsy.

As for our views on "publicity should come from Zamo," we believe the organization responsible for calling a meeting is also responsible for informing the press and the people of that meeting. For further comments see editorial on this page.

To the Editor:  
Following is a copy of a letter I have sent to various persons and agencies in an attempt not only to locate our missing family pet, but in the hope of preventing the same thing from happening to others in our community.

Kathleen J. Eldridge

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm conversations that have been had with some of you in person in the matter of our lost, stolen (or whatever) black, Labrador male dog.

This dog, a pure black male, almost two years old, with small white marking on chest, was tied by your garage in the yard of our home at Rt. 1, Box 246, Sandy, Oregon, on last Wednesday, Dec. 21. At that time, and for several days prior to that there had been a small female, part fox terrier, hanging around our place. When we returned home the dog was gone and has been ever since that time.

The dog, I believe, could be positively identified by a scar back of his shoulders, and in the center of his back, where he was treated less than two months ago by the vet for some type of wound. He was wearing a choke chain at the time he left. His name is "Sonny." He is an extremely gentle dog, good natured and is the pet of our two children.

We have checked with our neighbors who raise sheep, and they had never seen the dog on their premises so we do not feel he was a hazard to livestock. Another neighbor reports having several of his purebred dogs poisoned within the last year so we consider this may have occurred.

We are writing all of you people in an attempt not only to locate the dog, or some "whereabouts information" as to what happened to him but in an attempt to get this type of thing stopped in our community. An exactly similar situation arose for us two years ago with another black, Labrador male we had at that time and he was never recovered or traced. We solicit your cooperation and if you have any information please call us collect at either 668-4104 (Sandy) or 663-3941 (Gresham).

Very truly yours,  
Kathleen J. Eldridge  
(Mrs. E. W. Eldridge  
P. O. Box 98, Sandy)

To the Editor:  
Mrs. Howe's column last week was a real shock. How a respected and well liked columnist could make such a vicious and uninformed attack



You're right! These two youngsters had already opened their Christmas presents or they never could have been persuaded to sit still for picture. Jimmy, 3, and Beth Chandler, 7, they're the grandchildren of I. S. Hartman, Rt. 2, Sandy. (Post photo)

## Barlow Trail

wishes to thank  
all the customers  
who helped to make his Christmas Party  
such a big success. BEST WISHES FOR THE  
COMING YEAR. GEORGE STAGGS



There's always  
plenty of time to wish  
old good friends good luck,  
good cheer, good thoughts, and  
best of all, good health. May we  
continue to serve you in 1967!

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Sincerely yours,  
V. Wingle, M.D.,  
Zig Zag, Oregon

There ain't nothing that breaks up homes, country and nations like somebody publishing their memoirs.

--Will Rogers.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO:  
THE CITIZENS OF SANDY  
Members of the City Council,  
City Employees,  
and Others:

Your loyal support and cooperation during my terms as Mayor has been deeply appreciated.

It has been my great privilege and honor to serve you.

Sincerely,  
**MIKE PALUCK**  
Mayor of Sandy  
1963 - 1966