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## New Year—drive slowly

The New Year holiday is over, but the pleas for all persons to drive safely are still valid. Sandy area youngsters are still enjoying the freedom of winter vacation and every day the highway to Mt. Hood is crowded with ski traffic.

Maintaining the New Year's effort towards safe driving is especially important within the city of Sandy. It is all too easy to allow car's speed to pick-up just a little to keep up with the flow of traffic rushing through the city. But increased speed in the city increases the possibility of a serious accident.

Almost every safety expert has said at one time or another that most accidents occur close to home. When driving in Sandy we should all remember this. Be that much more

alert to watch out for the other guy.

The police cannot reduce accidents or even speed by themselves, the drivers passing through Sandy aren't going to be that concerned with traffic problems here, only we can do something about it.

Observe the speed limits; maybe even drive at less than the maximum allowed. Be alert for pedestrians trying to cross at intersections and crosswalks, they have the right of way. And always watch out for the unexpected, some child may attempt to cross the street in the middle of the block or some parked car may pull out from the curb without looking.

If we all make the effort to drive safely this year, then 1976 can be a happy new year all year long.

## A One Sided Investigation

The Christian Science Monitor has put into print what a lot of people have suspected for a long time:

"It is now coming into the open that the Watergate investigators—from Sam Irvin to Frank Church—have been doing a shoddy, one-sided, dishonest job of investigating.

"It was not accidental. It was apparently deliberate.

"They were concealing facts which they knew would be damaging to recent Democratic presidents. They maneuvered the Senate hearings to focus the glare of hostile publicity upon one President, Richard Nixon."

The article goes on to point out that nearly all of the offenses of which Nixon was guilty were offenses of which Pres. Kennedy, Pres. Johnson and Atty-Gen. Kennedy had earlier been guilty.

But the investigators held back on probing Democratic misdeeds to put the heat on Pres. Nixon.

No one should be surprised that Kennedy and Johnson, even Franklin Roosevelt, did things originally ascribed only to Nixon. All were every bit as power hungry as Nixon. But the hearings were engineered so only part of the story came out, that

devastating to Nixon.

The anti-Nixon hysteria which fed upon the Watergate disclosures has now paled and some things are being put into perspective. Nixon was guilty as charged but had the truth about other presidential misdeeds been told, things might have been put into a different light.

Even though Nixon has long since been pilloried, hung, drawn and quartered, the deception goes on.

Frank Church, Democratic senator from Idaho, currently is making a lot of noise about alleged assassination plots in the Eisenhower administration. The Monitor points out, there is just as much evidence linking Pres. Kennedy with plots against Fidel Castro. Yet Church and Co. are trying to keep that bottled up while pinpointing Eisenhower.

Everyone knows that politicians on both side of the aisle have done a lot of dirty tricks. The visceral hatred with which Democrats and many Republicans treated Nixon some day will be turned the other direction.

The Kennedys and Lyndon Johnson are certain early targets. The fallout from Watergate is far from over.

## Wounded Knee, A New Version

In opposing legislation to compensate heirs of Sioux Indians killed in the battle of Wounded Knee, the U.S. Army is trying to rewrite the history books.

Specifically, the Army is claiming it was not a premeditated massacre and it is "unfair and inaccurate" to characterize it as such. The Army further claims an Indian fired the first shot and others opened fire with concealed weapons.

There is confusion as to who fired the first shot. Actually, two soldiers and an Indian were scuffling for a gun and somehow a shot was fired. Whoever fired the first shot, there is no doubt what happened then.

Shots poured into the assembled Indians from every quarter. As later described in the publication "Great Western Indian Fights":

"The steady roar of the Springfields (rifles) was punctuated by the crash of the Hotchkiss guns from the knoll. These went into action at the first shot

from below, slamming two-pound high-explosive shells into the camp among the women and children.

"It took two minutes to turn the camp into a burning shambles, with the surviving Indians scattered in utter rout.

"The soldiers surged forward, blood-mad. They fired at every Indian who moved—man, woman, or child, well or wounded. They shot the very dogs of the camp, the horses."

There were about 350 Indians in the camp, nearly 300 died. Of the 25 soldiers killed, most fell to bullets or shrapnel fired by their own men.

In its clumsy attempt to rewrite history, the Army is only further besmirching its record in the Indian wars. Moreover, a country which spends billions on social welfare programs or putting a man on the moon, certainly can afford \$549,000 (that's the amount involved) to compensate heirs of those killed at Wounded Knee.

investments were reported plus one from oil-rich Kuwait.

Japanese interests have for years been deeply involved in Hawaii and it is only natural that they should reach out to the Pacific Coast. There have, in fact, been several pretty well-substantiated rumors in recent years of Japanese interest in the Gresham-Sandy-Hoodland area.

Largest outside investor in Oregon is the Mitsui Corp. which has half-interest in the still aborning Alumax aluminum plant.



## SPIRIT OF '76

### Letters to the Editor

#### Basket thanks

To the Editor:  
The Sandy Kiwanis Christmas Basket project for 1975 served 163 families totaling 593 persons.

The project was possible only because a very great number of boys and girls, men and women, of the Boring, Cottrell, Sandy, Bull Run and Welches areas helped. Approximately 8,000 cans or packages of food was collected in the schools. Approximately 600 toys, games and other presents for children were contributed. \$580 in cash was contributed and used to help pay for the fresh foods and meat packed with the "baskets."

The purpose of this letter is to extend the hearty thanks of the Sandy Kiwanis Club to all those boys and girls, their parents, their teachers, various organizations, and people generally for helping on this community effort.

The project gave abundant evidence that people do care about other people and that the "love thy neighbor" ethic is still alive.

W. Pete Sulzbach, Chairman  
Christmas Basket committee  
Sandy Kiwanis Club

#### Post script

To the Editor:  
The March 21, 1974 issue of the Sandy Post published two letters to the editor, one signed by Fred Thornberg, of Wemme, and one signed by Dick Seller, of ZigZag. Both were highly critical of my handling of a news story for the Sandy Post, (March 14, 1974). Thornberg's letter also mentioned my "vicious" cartoons and "distortions" in a letter I had written for another county paper about the proposed Cedar Ridge development.

Since the Cedar Ridge development proposal has now

had the legal benefit of an Appeals Court review, and the county's approval has been reversed, I believe an appropriate answer to the Thornberg-Seller criticism is possible, and long overdue. In the Sandy Post news article I wrote: "...the proponents of the development had failed to present the required detailed plans to support their proposals..." The Appeals Court ruled that "...the county commissioners should not have granted the conditional use permit because the property developers did not submit a detailed plan of the development."

In the letter written for another county paper which Thornberg called "distorted," I wrote: "What will make this case unique, and questionable, is not that the commissioners have lacked the authority to make a decision, but that they have lacked the specific information upon which to base a decision."

In reversing the county's approval of the cedar Ridge development, the Appeals Court ruled: "Local government cannot approve part of a planned unit development when it is impossible from the record to know what is included in that part."

So much for the "distortions." No writer comes THAT close, nearly two years in advance, to the exact terms of an Appeal Court ruling, by "distorting."

As for the "vicious" cartoons, (and there were three on the subject, not two), I still get requests for copies from people who think they were appropriate, and funny.

Well, "time heals all wounds," a philosopher promised us, and that's nice. Time also straightens out most records, and that's nicer still.

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## Damages deductible

Damage suffered from recent storms in Western Oregon may be tax deductible for 1975 according to John J. Lobdell, director of the Oregon Department of Revenue and Ralph Short, district director of the federal Internal Revenue Service.

The important thing, according to Lobdell and Short, is to substantiate the amount of the loss. This can be done by taking pictures of damaged property. It would be helpful to have pictures of the property taken before the damage, but if that is not possible, pictures should be taken after the storm and after repairs are made, they said.

The property owner should compile a list of items lost or damaged, initial cost, value before and value after the storm. In computing the amount of the loss the property owner must deduct insurance or other compensation received to offset the loss and the value of repairs and cleanup provided without cost.

## Keeping Posted

**MONDAY, JAN. 5**  
The Sandy City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in city hall. Included on the agenda are three zoning hearings and a supplemental budget hearing.

At 8 p.m. an organizational meeting of the Welches School board and budget committee will be held at the school.

The Firwood's Neighbor board will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Firwood School.

The Sandy Grade School board meets at 8 p.m. in the upper grade library.

At noon the Sandy Chamber of Commerce will meet in the Amber Lantern.

The Citizens Advisory Committee for Cottrell School will meet at 7 p.m. in the east building of the school.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7**  
The Clackamas County board of commissioners holds its first meeting of the year at 10 a.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City. The commissioners will be selecting a chairman for 1976 and designating two official newspapers for the county.

## CCC classes start Monday

Clackamas Community College classes start Monday, registrar Chuck Adams reports.

Persons may register from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Jan. 5-8, in the Community Center Building. The last day to register for winter term is Friday, Jan. 16.

Taking a community education class? Check with your local community education center for registration dates and times.

## Baby clinic scheduled

The Sandy well baby clinic for January will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

The clinic is sponsored by the Sandy Community Action Center and conducted by Dr. Hollister Stolte, director of the Clackamas County Health Department. Free examination of infants up to three years old is given.

Mothers may call 668-4746 for appointments.

## Tri-Met to meet

The monthly meeting of Tri-Met's Board of Directors will be held in Lake Oswego at the Army, 1919 SW South Shore Dr. at 10 a.m. Jan. 5.

A public discussion follows the agenda items.

## CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College by Rus Frank, Public Information Specialist

Dutch Triebwasser, MHCC associate dean of physical education, reports that 5,377 area residents and students used the handball courts at the college this fall. This was open recreation use of this physical education facility only and is in addition to class or intramural use. The first week in December saw a record 593 people use the court facility. Tuesdays and Thursdays were the most popular days for handball court use and Saturday had its fair share of community use.

Calligraphy by Herman Zapf, the art of ink drawing, is the featured art exhibit this week at MHCC. Opening last Monday, Zapf's work will be on exhibit until Jan 16 in the college center gallery, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays Monday through Thursday. This artist's works have appeared on cards, graphic design and book covers.

The MHCC Community Services-Education Program will again offer area residents a long and varied list of adult and children's "short-shot" classes. Most courses offered are four to six weeks long, three per night, and one night a week. Many classes from "Money Management for Small Business" to "Mime" for children are scheduled. All classes begin the week of Jan. 5 and a small fee is required for each course taken. Registration is accepted at the classroom door during the first class session or by mail prior to the beginning of classes.

'HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS



## Thank You & Happy New Year

To the Head of the household: What is your most important asset? Do you know? It is your Earning Power. When that stops, what will your wife and family do? Don't you think you owe it to them to give them some security if you should pass out of the picture? I know we don't like to talk about that, but do you know, according to Social Security statistics, for every home destroyed by fire, 16 heads of households die before their mortgage is paid off?

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