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## Watch out for gang

The Williamson gang has been reported back in Oregon during recent weeks.

The group of con artists specializes in offering roof repairs, septic cleaning and driveway resurfacing to elderly victims in door-to-door hard sell campaigns. The good deal the gang members offer appear attractive to their victims, especially when customers are told that the "leaking roof" could cause major damage to household furnishings, or that a suit could be filed if someone trips on the "crumbling driveway."

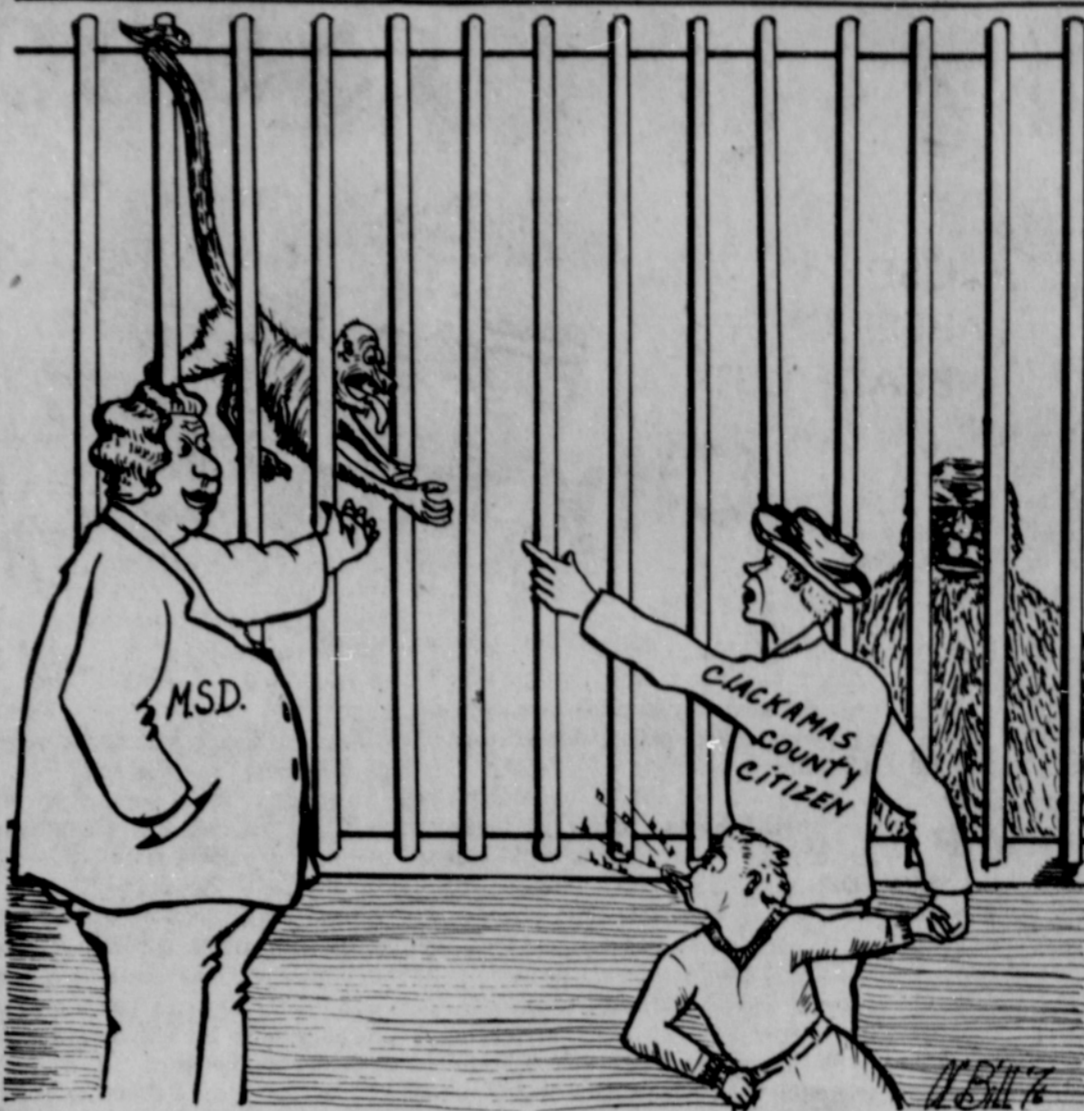
Only after the work has been done, the cash payment collected and the gang member safely out of town do their victims learn the bitter truth. The first hard rain sends black goop oozing off the roof or driveway to show that what was sold as tar or asphalt is really motor oil swiped

from behind some service station. And soon after the septic tank cleaning truck drives off the clean smell of the small quantity dumped in evaporates leaving just as much sewage, but less money.

The best way to safeguard yourself against the Williamson gang and all practitioners of similar con games is to be wary of any deal that sounds too good, or any sales pitch that uses scare tactics. If you are exposed to such a technique, give the City building official or the Sandy police a telephone call. They can quickly check out any legitimate businessmen.

An even better way to insure good work is to do business with local companies. A man whose livelihood depends on repeat business from his neighbors has to do good work.

## PORTLAND METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT ZOO



CLACKAMAS COUNTY citizen: "That's our share?"

M.S.D.: "Yes. You can put this magnificent animal with the bus you can't ride, the port you don't use, the extra \$10 on your car license and CRAG."

## Letters to the editor

### Fort Sandy

To the Editor:  
Not long after we moved to the Sandy area several years ago, there was a large picture on the front page of the Sandy Post showing and praising the new electric power poles running up land down Proctor. At that time I said to myself, "Is this something to be proud of?"

Then, a few years later, they started putting up these Quonset hut type buildings. (comment later)

As for the Carmel Estates shopping complex and its competition to Sandy, it is needed. The only thing that the Sandy merchants lack at the check-out stand is that they don't have anybody to break off the shaft after you have paid your bill.

Gene Warren's letter of May 6, 1976, stated that Sandy's Chamber of Commerce and its bureaucrats were showing their "narrow minded tunnel vision afflictions."

This is just not true, because not only they can't see the tunnel, they don't even know where the road is.

Now, some advice Sandy: Why not fill up the town with those Quonset hut type buildings and rename the town Fort Sandy. This would be a nice decor and fitting with your times. Because by my calculation Sandy should step (fall) into the twentieth century about 1983.

Lawrence C. Jones  
35245 SE Crescent Road  
Boring

### Dismay

To the Editor:  
I would like to express my concern, or rather my dismay, over the cut of \$292,243 from the Clackamas County library budget announced in the April 29 issue of the Oregonian.

I sincerely cannot believe that the budget committee would make such a drastic cut in the library budget. I am very concerned with the effect this cut would have on our only source of reading and reference materials available to the people "on the mountain." So many of us depend entirely on the county for our reading materials. With the budget cut, the county library will not be

able to open its doors, let alone provide a minimum amount of service to the people in the outlying areas of the county.

There has been a growing trend for the city libraries in the county to charge patrons not living within the city limits. It is conceivable that soon the Sandy City library will be charging people not living in the city limits of Sandy. I don't feel that the facilities of the Sandy library are adequate to serve Sandy, much less the mountain area. An inadequate library, 21 miles away, that we may have to pay to use will not even come close to fulfilling the needs of the people.

The only hope for the county library is for the voters to vote yes on Ballot Measure 5 which would provide monies for maintaining and expanding the present library system. If this proposed tax base is voted down the Clackamas County Library will not exist. I propose that every person who holds a Clackamas County library card vote yes on Ballot Measure 5. Let the commissioners know that we need and will back our library system in Clackamas County. It's election time and we still have the power of the vote!

Kathy Rice  
P.O. Box 178  
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### Rescue thanks

To the Editor:  
We want to say thank you so much to all the people who helped Hoodland Rescue during its recent fund drive on the mountain. A big thank you also goes to the businesses where our donation jars were placed, and to their customers who helped fill them.

We do appreciate your support.

Sue McAbery  
Secretary  
Hoodland Rescue

### Utmost

To the Editor:  
Thanks to the five-man Sandy Grade school board which, through more knowledge about the school's band instructor and the voice of the community, has rehired Jerry Dickson. The board members spend many hours of time doing their utmost to help operate our

fine schools.

When this administration or any asks for a bond to pass to meet the needs of our children, they too, must pay more. I have attended meetings listening to them and other business men say "can't we cut some corners?"

They do all they can to cut; not pay teachers as much as they would like to, but make the decision that they, too, might have to pay more taxes. This year there are more homes and businesses to help split this load.

I again say support our school board and thank you, school board, for your time, effort and final decision on Mr. Dickson.

Alice Will  
Sandy

## Welches sets musical

The public is invited to watch the students of Welches School celebrate the American Bicentennial today at 7:30 p.m.

Students from all grades will be involved in the musical play, "I'm Glad to be an American." Michele Bradley stars as Joplar, a being from far-distant planet, Scorcius, who comes to earth to save human beings from annihilation.

She persuades Bobby, played by David Brosterhaus, and Mike, played by David Antis, to love America and work hard to improve themselves and their country.

The play features a giant space-time machine which transports Joplar, Bobby and Mike back in time through American history. Welches teacher says the play will be in the Welches gym.

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Stooks of field run potatoes stored in Oregon on April 1, including graded seed stock in cold storage has increased 23 per cent from a year ago. The Klamath Basin area of Oregon and California showed an increase of eight per cent in stored potatoes.

## Keeping Posted

# Musical tonight

THURSDAY, MAY 13  
The weekly businessmen's coffee hour starts at 9:30 a.m. in the commons at Sandy Union High.

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The Sandy Elementary school intermediate grade students present their spring music concert at 7:30 p.m. in the upper grade gym.

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"Fiddler on the Roof" will be presented by Sandy Union High School at 8 p.m. Some tickets will be available at the door.

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FRIDAY, MAY 14  
A joint installation of officers will be held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4372 and its auxiliary at the Sandy VFW hall at 8 p.m.

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"Fiddler on the Roof" will be performed at 8 p.m. at the high school.

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SATURDAY, MAY 15  
The Sandy Police department Explorer Post will conduct a car wash at the Sandy Arco station.

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The final showing of "Fiddler on the Roof" starts at 8 p.m. in the commons at Sandy Union High.

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SUNDAY, MAY 16  
The Police Explorers continue their car wash today at the Sandy Shell station.

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MONDAY, MAY 17  
The Sandy City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in city hall.

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The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners meets at 10 a.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City.

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At 7 p.m. the county planning commission also meets in the county courthouse and . . .

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At 7:30 p.m. the Clackamas County Board of Adjustment meets in the same building.

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TUESDAY, MAY 18  
State Rep. Paul Walden will speak to the Sandy Chamber of Commerce at noon in the Foothills Inn.

## Drinking Driver Deaths Up

Drinking and driving don't mix—but more young motorists are drinking and dying in 1976.

Through last April 25 there were 185 persons killed on Oregon's roads this year, compared with 51 at the same date last year.

In 1975 about half of those killed were under 25 with 53 per cent of that group showing evidence of having been drinking.

After July 1, 10 per cent blood alcohol content will be evidence by itself as showing a person is under the influence under the revised motor vehicle code.

Obviously there is an increasing problem, no surprise to most people. The trend over the past several years has been toward higher alcohol content among young drivers.

## Voters Deserve A Choice

When all the huffing and puffing is over in the primaries, Americans are left with the same smoggy choices.

Clear-cut choices aren't part of the political scene as the candidates hurriedly merge into toward murky middle.

Depending on which group they're talking to, they do their dances of support or nonsupport. The issues are lost in the shuffle.

What the voter needs is someone who doesn't pull punches, a person who doesn't hedge on sensitive issues, a straight-talker.

The drug scare of a few years ago has turned into an alcohol problem, again. There was a time parents were heard to sigh relief when they discovered their youngsters were arrested for drinking and not for use of drugs.

Alcohol is a drug and hopefully being able to use the proof in court will show down some people who don't mean to kill, but who might as well be taking random shots when they drink and drive.

Under present law, a breathalyzer test is given only when a charge of driving under the influence is made. Injured persons are not tested for blood alcohol content. Let's hope more liberal use of the test can help deter an ever-increasing problem on our highways.

We need someone who is concerned about heavy issues, but doesn't weigh every word.

People are more important than politics. Issues are more relevant than empty smiles. We don't need light talk instead of concrete programs.

We suggest forgetting the fluff and getting to the meat. We have two candidates who might provide a choice, one conservative, the other a liberal.

We nominate Betty Ford and Eleanor McGovern.

## Candidate fair set at Wemme

The Mt. Hood Lions club hall in Wemme will be the site of candidates fair Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the fair, have invited state and county candidates.

Following talks by all can-

didates present there will be a question and answer period.

Those candidates who have indicated they will attend include, Ken Jernstedt, senate district 28; Paul Walden, legislature district 56; Tom Telford and Forest Miller, Clackamas County commissioner, position 3; and

Robert Schumacher and Harold E. Washam, Clackamas County commissioner, position 1.

Jerry Justice, administrative assistant to the county commissioners will speak on Ballots Measure 5 which would increase the county tax base.



Member F.D.I.C.

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SANDY CHIEF Bob Rathke drenches flames while fighting house fire on Market Road Tuesday morning. The chief says the cause of the fire is still under investigation. (Post photo)

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