



Sandy firefighters contained a small house fire Saturday afternoon at 19031 S.E. Langensand Road. The fire occurred when wooden studs abutting the chimney caught fire. Firefighters were forced to cut a hole in the roof to contain the flames. Photo by Dan Dillon

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Hugh Wilkinson

Crime program begins

The largest crowd to ever attend a regional crime prevention course opened a two-day seminar this week at the Sandy Community Center.

The seminar, sponsored by the Sandy Police Department, kicked off efforts locally to get the word out on measures residents can take to safeguard their belongings.

Hugh Wilkinson, crime prevention coordinator for the Oregon Crime Watch Program, was pleased with the response to the Sandy meeting. "I'm pleased that we have such a turnout. If we can get word out on crime prevention, we'll go anywhere."

The 48 persons attending the course Tuesday and Wednesday got the benefit of knowledge passed on by four experts in the area of crime prevention: Deputy Loyd Hinkle of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Department discussed the preventive approach; Deputy John Drum of Multnomah County addressed physical security; Deputy Paul Cunningham of the Josephine County Sheriff's Department covered security surveys, and Gloria Timmons, crime prevention specialist for the Eugene Police Department covered commercial crime prevention and personal protection.

The Sandy Police Department will now offer instruction to neighborhood groups.

Educators set excursion to legislature

Oregon Retired Educators Unit 23 is planning an all-day trip to the Oregon Legislature next Thursday, March 19. This trip is in conjunction with the Sandy Senior Center.

Arrangements are being made through the office of Rep. Wayne Fawbush. Wally Priestley, chairman of the Committee on Aging and Minority Affairs, and other key legislators will meet the group.

For more information, call the Sandy Senior Center, 668-5559.

BPW honors Sandy graduate

A 1972 graduate of Sandy Union High School has been named Young Career Woman for 1981 by the Parkrose chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW).

Laurie Olson, a reporter for The Skanner News, a Portland-area black weekly newspaper, was selected at a BPW speak-off last Thursday, March 5.

"My work with The Skanner is especially satisfying because of my strong personal beliefs about brotherhood and human rights," she told the BPW assembly. "Since The Skanner is a black-oriented publication, I deal with race relations and civil rights issues on a daily basis. This gives me the rare opportunity to help bridge the very real gap between races."

Olson said she decided on a career in journalism when a letter to the editor advocating passage of a 1971 Sandy school levy was printed on the front page of The Sandy Post.

"While many of my

neighbors didn't necessarily agree with what I had said, it was clear that I had gotten my point across — and I liked it," she said.

She graduated from Mt. Hood Community College's journalism program.

In addition to her work for The Skanner, Olson serves as a Governor's appointee to the State Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C) Council. She is editor of the state 4-C newsletter, chairperson of the state 4-C communications committee and is currently developing a

series of children's books dealing with contemporary issues such as the working mother, divorce and step-families.

Olson plans to continue focusing on human understanding in her work as a journalist and would like to serve as a foreign correspondent.

The mother of two, Olson lives in Portland with her husband, Peter, also a 1972 SUHS graduate and political science student at Portland State University.

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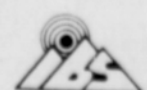
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