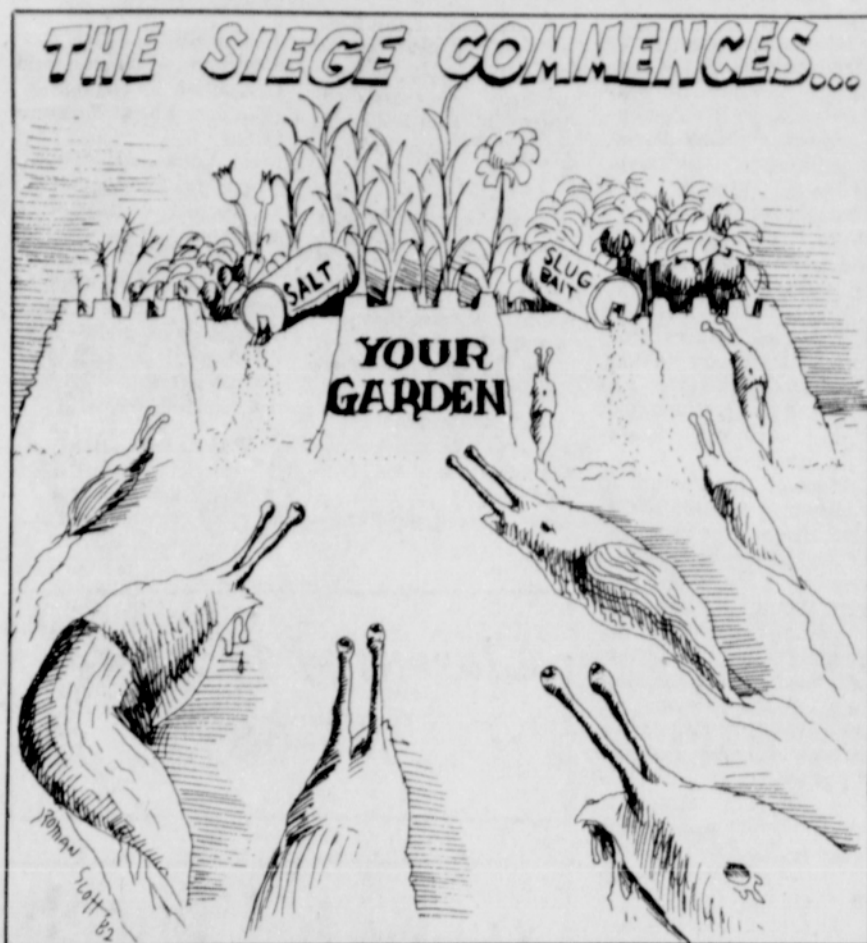


# Editorial & Opinion

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## Good neighbors take time to weed

With Mountain Festival just around the corner, it's time local residents clean up their yards for the thousands of visitors who'll flock here July 10-11.

City hall is encouraging weeding of unsightly yards, too, with a list of four or five agents to help neighbors who just can't seem to get the job done themselves. A nuisance section in the city code allows a clean sweep of yard messes that offend neighbors, with posting of yards targeted by the council and notice by mail with a 10-day response deadline. Then the city legally could step in and have the job done by experts and bill the offending property owner, putting a lien on the property to pay if necessary.

That's what the city COULD do legally. What the city proposes to

do to spirit neighborhood clean-up is a lot nicer.

Before taking legal action this year, the city plans to spell out the problem and offer names of vendors to anyone they receive a complaint about. Last year the city took this helpful approach first and spent some \$250 to clean up lots of negligent owners—an amount recovered in charges, not liens.

And the city's not leveling clean-up deadlines against every vacant lot with berry bushes, either. New residential subdivisions are where most complaints about tansy ragweed, uncut grass and thistles arise.

Tidy neighbors who landscape often consider unkept adjacent lots a public nuisance, and city hall rightfully is sticking up for their clean stand.

## Reader demand prompts tv return

By popular demand our weekly television directory is back as magazine insert to The Post.

We axed the program listings a few weeks ago to cut back on the number of pages we printed. It's quite costly to print that many extra pages each week, and we didn't think many readers would find our service all that indispensable.

Boy, were we wrong! At least that's what a hoard of angry readers told us in no uncertain terms, and we listened. Apparently, a complete cable listings for

the Sandy-Hoodland area is available nowhere else.

So with a little egg on our face, we resume our directory of local television programs for the week. You'll note we found ways to condense the full week's schedule into fewer pages, while making the listings a bit easier to read with a new layout format.

We hope it meets your approval, and we vow to continue the weekly service as long as we can afford to do so. Call to say how you like the new format. We'll listen.

## Ask the superintendent:

### How many try college?

by DR. JOHN PETERS  
Sandy High Superintendent

QUESTION: Do most Sandy High School graduates go on to college after graduation?

ANSWER: We do not have any statistics on the percentage of students attending a particular school after graduation. We do know that the majority of graduates receive some form of after high school education. Many attend our local community colleges. Others begin four year programs at private or public universities, while still others join the military service. Some go to work immediately or join apprenticeship programs. Our counselors tell us that very few students who graduate from Sandy High School fail to put their education to good use.

QUESTION: What does Sandy High School offer in vocational education?

ANSWER: Currently, Sandy High School offers a secretarial program, marketing, metals, accounting, forestry, electricity, electronics, industrial mechanics, child care, agriculture (which includes agricultural mechanics, animal science and horticulture) and work experience. In addition to these programs for juniors and seniors, we offer underclassmen a course called "vocational exploration" which treats six different occupational areas in a year-long sequence. Through contact with several "worlds of work" as a freshman,



the student is better able to select his or her specialty. Drafting and woods are other classes popular with ninth and tenth graders. We also have a tutor program for vocational students whose reading, writing and arithmetic skills need improvement. This program is federally funded and designed for the "average" student. We are the only high school in the state of Oregon that uses federal vocational money to assist the "average" student.

NOTE: Questions for Dr. Peters should be addressed to The Sandy Post, PO Box 68, Sandy, OR 97055. He will answer all questions in this column.

## Personally speaking:

### Birds best short-term companions

There was one thing we agreed on the whole time we shared the apartment.

He didn't tell me what to do. I didn't put my hand in his cage.

We let each other be. We both liked that in a roommate, even though we both violated the heck out of our unspoken code.

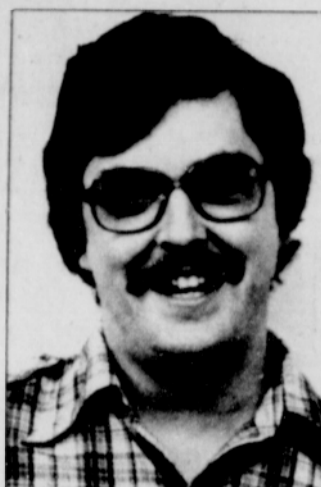
Last December I wrote about that relationship in this space. "I've been befriended by Clint Eastwood and, for once in my life, I have a friend who doesn't talk back, tell me to dust under my bed or criticize my fondness for frozen pizzas."

Our first meeting set the tone of our relationship.

Annie Dillard touched on it when she wrote, "It was less like seeing than like being for the first time seen, knocked breathless by a powerful glance... I had been my whole life a bell, and never knew it until at that moment I was lifted and struck."

Clint lifted and struck me at the Clackamas County Fair in 1980, moments after a friend threw a dime that caught the dish and refused to bounce out.

The carnival Barker asked her what bird she wanted and, although we shrugged helplessly



by DAN DILLON

at each other at the thought of a pet, the light blue and yellow number caught our collective eye simultaneously.

I suggested Flip, but there was little doubt the parakeet would be named Clint Eastwood.

His first petulant stare guaranteed that, "like being for the first time seen."

"I know that in all the confusion, you're thinking, 'Did he fire five shots or did he fire six shots?' Well, how lucky do you feel

punk?" the cinematic Clint snarled in the opening moments of "Dirty Harry" at a would-be liquor store robber who cowered beneath the business end of his .45 magnum.

That sentence was the only thing I tried to teach him in the 21 months we shared our basement apartment, but he was his own bird. He'd just glare and tell me to change the record.

We bought his cage with money garnered from recycled empties. Its color didn't do his feathered upholstery justice, but it matched his passion for noisy squawks of outrage.

Those squawks turned once into a simple yelp of pain.

Late for work during the first week of his tenure, I tried to feed him while I dashed out the door. He flew the coop, settling on the curtain rod.

Catching a parakeet can't be so difficult, I thought.

I grabbed, listened to his wounded squawk and looked at the handful of tail feathers I held. They grew back and with them came a mutual respect I've felt with few friends.

He didn't tell me what to do. I didn't put my hand in his

cage. Clint had difficulty dealing with his assigned species.

He barked like a dog when I came home from work. He crowed like a rooster incessantly every morning at dawn. He chirped his thanks when I fed him and he danced like there was no tomorrow whenever Talking Heads' records were played on the stereo.

Last weekend I flew home to Montana answering an unexpected emergency. When I got back, word that Clint would never learn his line waited.

Later I listened to an old Jerry Jeff Walker song that used to make me think of all the girls I've split up with in the past six years, and grinned.

It was funny. Although they all meant the world to me at the time, the only thing that still stands out among the lot of them was their dark hair.

It occurred to me that the only one the song really applied to is Clint.

"My buddy, my buddy, nobody's quite so true..."

He didn't tell me what to do.

I didn't put my hand in his cage.

## Letters to the editor:

### School-taught creationsism debated

#### Whose religion?

Recently there has been a lot of talk and print about prayer in public schools. President Reagan even has proposed an amendment to this effect.

There exists a lot of public support for voluntary prayer in public schools. Many people feel that this would help improve the moral quality of our young people.

I grew up in a public school system in which both prayer and Bible reading were everyday activities. There was no problem, and all the students did it without any complaint.

The fact that prayer in school caused no problem in those days is not necessarily a proof that prayer would cause no problem now. Almost all the students in my school were either Baptists or Methodists, and no real problem in interpretation of the Bible arose.

Today there are many more types of protestant churches with widely divergent beliefs. Also there are non-protestant churches such as the Catholic which certainly don't share protestant beliefs. In this religious climate, prayer in public schools could cause problems.

To illustrate my point, I will relate an issue that arose in this very newspaper a few months ago. A local pastor announced that he was conducting a set of lectures on cults and other religious organizations that don't follow the 'historical' Christian patterns. I believe he included Scientology and the Moon church in this group. He also, to my shock and dismay, included the Mormon church. The next week a letter appeared in this section from a member of the Mormon church that eloquently rebuffed the charge.

Now if a Mormon was leading a prayer in school, a student who is a member of another church may be upset. Perhaps a Roman Catholic would take exception to a prayer led by a fundamentalist. There is room for all sorts of problems.

Unfortunately, churches still bicker among themselves as to dogma. This bickering has increased recently due to the emergence of conservative fundamentalist churches as a national influence. The people pushing the hardest for prayer in school are

these fundamentalists. Since they are making great progress, on joining or influencing school boards, the fundamentalists may decide which prayers are said. I am sure this would not be pleasing to the more moderate Christian church-goers.

Schools already have many problems to deal with in their day-to-day activity. To avoid further problems, either prayer should be left out of public schools or only non-sectarian prayers such as The Lord's Prayer should be allowed in the classroom. After all, there is no law against private prayer which comes from the heart. Public prayer is usually only a public display without real meaning.

Harold Hayward  
Sandy

#### Call it science

In the May 20 Sandy Post Tamra A. Kunkel, a Sandy High student, wrote an excellent letter requesting that science classes at Sandy High include creation as well as evolution, which presently is taught exclusively. The Post misheaded the letter "Teach religion." The Post appears to be confusing scientific creation with biblical creation, which differ. Miss Kunkel made it clear in her letter that she was not asking that the Bible be taught in the classroom.

I would like to quote Dr. Walter T. Brown, Jr., The director of the Institute for Creation Research, as he explains the differences: "Scientific Creation deals with the scientific evidences that give us insight into our origins. The great majority of these evidences support creation and refute evolution—thus the term Scientific Creation."

"Scientific Creation can be contrasted with Biblical Creation. The Bible provides many details about our origins that science cannot support or refute. Biblical Creation is an appropriate subject for the home, church, and church-related schools but not for science classes in the public schools. On the other hand, Scientific Creation, which draws its support from scientific evidence and not the Bible, is certainly an appropriate and exciting subject for science classes."

"... The creation model holds that: everything in

the universe, including the stars, the solar system, the earth, life, and man, came into existence in essentially the complexity we see today. ... Furthermore, the creation model holds that the earth has experienced a worldwide flood.

"Actually, no person's religion will be forced upon the public school if we allow only scientific evidence in the science classroom—that which has been observed, measured, or reproduced in the laboratory.

"Students deserve to be informed of all the major scientific data and the various interpretations of that data. To exclude data because it happens to correspond with statements in the Bible, the Koran, or other religious documents is censorship and poor science."

Miss Kunkel's letter should have been headed "Teach science."

Joan E. Berglund  
Sandy

#### Open mart opens

Sandy Country Market will open the season this Saturday, May 29, at Pioneer Park on the corner of Hwy. 26 and 362nd Avenue. The Market features crafts, fresh produce in season, honey, homemade bread and pastries, plants and much friendliness.

The market is a social event each Saturday all summer — open to buyers, craftpersons and gardeners who would like to sell their wares. What comes to market is always a surprise, so you will want to come often.

The dedicated people involved with the Sandy Country Market felt they had a commitment to their community to present an old-fashioned marketplace where people can find useful commodities at reasonable prices.

I would like to thank all of you who gave support to the market last year. We hope to see you again this year. The Market will be open each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To reserve a vending space call Pam Hauff at 668-7257.

Pam Hauff  
Sandy

#### Support asked

I'd like to thank all those who supported me in the primary election for state senator, particularly the volunteer workers. I hope you'll all stay with us for the next campaign that will culminate with the general

election in November.

We've tried to gather up all of our campaign signs that were put up, but if we missed one, please call me collect at 873-8385.

Joe Davis  
Republican candidate  
for state senate

#### Candidate speaks

This letter is written to express my appreciation to everyone who supported me in my bid for Clackamas County surveyor in the May primary.

I hope I will have your continued support in November.

Thomas A. Milne  
Oregon City

#### Misquote claimed

The news story carried in the Sandy Post, "Business hamstrung, candidate claims," reporting my May 4 talk to the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, misrepresents my position.

You reported, "High cost of labor is largely to blame for Oregon business short-comings," Brown said. This is misleading. I never stated or implied that the level of wages paid to Oregon workers, union or non-union, substantially deters new business from coming to Oregon. I did state, however, that a real deterrent is the high cost of labor-related social insurance: Social Security, unemployment compensation and especially workers' compensation, a cost which is especially high for small labor-intensive businesses. You accurately quoted me as saying, "Business does not want to come here, if it's labor intensive and they must pay those rates," he said of workers' comp."

Although Oregon workers' compensation premium rates are the fourth highest in the U.S., Oregon ranks near the bottom in benefits actually paid out to disabled workers. You inaccurately reported, "Brown said campaigning door-to-door opened his eyes to a new distribution of wealth that favors laborers. 'I find people living in expensive homes with campers and boats, who work through labor unions. These are houses and campers small business people would like to afford.'"

What I did say was that I commended the plumbers for cutting their hourly wage rates on residential construction from about \$18 to \$12 per hour, and that

to increase the rate of housing starts in Oregon, it would help if some of the other building trades would also reduce their wage demands to encourage the construction of new homes. I also said that some members of organized labor have been well paid until the current recession and have homes and campers that many small business people can't afford and that like small business people, they may have to take less in order to get the housing economy going again, which Oregon badly needs.

You also reported, "Sen. Brown said American labor has priced itself 'out of the market. So it's not surprising American business goes abroad.' Again, you misquoted me. I gave that as the big business argument for going overseas. It's a phony argument. In truth, American business goes overseas for a number of reasons: (1) they can get away with paying subsistence wages, (2) they don't have to negotiate with organized labor, (3) they provide little, if any, social insurance and health benefits, (4) they don't have to comply with adequate safety standards and environmental protection regulations, (5) and on top of this, they pay little if any federal income tax.

For many years I have led the fight in Salem for "Buy American" legislation so that Oregon tax dollars at least are not used to buy foreign goods at the expense of American jobs.

I did say that "small business is hamstrung in Oregon" but the thrust of my talk was to show that small businessmen, family farmers and organized labor must work together in Oregon for a graduated corporate income tax which encourages small business, workers' compensation insurance reform, fair railroad shipping rates, energy independence, legislation protecting family farming and "Buy America" legislation for Oregon government purchases where price and quality are substantially equal—if our Oregon economy is to survive.

Walt Brown  
State senator  
Milwaukie

#### LETTERS POLICY

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