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tabled indefinitely

In my hippie days hunting season was something to resent. Each fall the woods filled with people with the firepower to blow me away.

The prospect of being mistaken for a deer and pumped full of lead had little appeal. Consequently, there were areas I stayed out of during several weeks every year.

But this season was different. 30-30 in hand I spent Saturday beating the brush on the Summer Lake Rim, trying to scare up a buck ready to blast him as he fled through the autumn-yellow Aspens.

Not that hunting is foreign to me — as a young Harris-burger I ate backstrap more frequently than beefsteak. I know what it is to scope in on a bounding buck and pull the trigger. But this time my mind asked questions requiring attention.

Carnivorous behavior requires a certain amount of arrogance: My sustenance and/or eating pleasure must be worth another creature's life. As a child, that arrogance was accepted with no problem, but once on my own it had to be rethought.

In the end I remained a committed meat-eater. Devouring dead flesh is still one of my habits and the moral questions involved in eating venison are no different than those involved with eating beef. Between domesticated and wild game lies only personal taste.

It's different to pick up a pound of burger at the store than to pull a steaming heart from the carcass of a freshly-killed buck. But if you can't kill something, you shouldn't eat meat. Paying someone else to do the slaughtering doesn't excuse you from the moral responsibilities or consequences of carnivorous behavior.

My rationalization was complete by opening day. Had I gotten a brown quadruped in the cross-hairs I probably could have pulled the trigger. I never had to make that decision but the state game department estimates that 30,000 persons hunting east of the Cascades last weekend did and squeezed off the deadly shot.

However, depletion isn't due to hunting as much as development, especially in Klamath and Deschutes counties. Houses disrupt winter ranges and, combined with increased harassment caused by increased populations, can drive deer to ranges less able to support them.

As the open range is decreased, more pressure is put on the remaining forage deer need to survive in a county like Deschutes, recently the fastest growing in the country. That pressure causes problems.

Another hazard of development is that it's happening in the deer's migratory routes and the long-run effect that will have on the animals remains uncertain.

What this means is that the humans most dangerous to deer may not be those armed with guns, but those armed with real-estate deeds.

Camp David: The latest fad?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Suddenly, people with a project to push are clamoring to get it the Camp David treatment. It may point to a new way of doing political business.

The latest request came from Rep. John Conyers Jr., a Michigan Democrat who walked out of a White House meeting between President Carter and the Congressional Black Caucus after saying the administration is not doing enough to promote full employment.

Conyers and his colleagues want the White House to push for swift adoption of a bill that would set as a national goal the reduction of unemployment to no more than 4 percent within four years.

White House officials say Conyers proposed a meeting at Camp David to put pressure on congressional leaders for action on several bills, particularly the jobs bill.

Conyers' associates say he wasn't necessarily seeking a return to the presidential retreat in the Maryland mountains, site of the 13-day summit on the Middle East but, rather, was suggesting a "Camp David style" meeting to give the legislation a push.

Carter said that would not be appropriate, and after some argument about the blame for inaction on the full employment bill, Conyers walked out.

It's starting to appear that Carter has done for Camp David what Lyndon B. Johnson did for the telephone as a tool — or weapon — of political persuasion. Johnson always was on the phone, cajoling, reasoning, arguing, instructing, ordering.

The habit dated from his days as Senate majority leader. By one account, probably apocryphal, Johnson boasted so much about his use of the mobile telephone in his limousine that Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen got envious.

So Dirksen had a phone installed in his car, too, and telephoned LBJ's limousine. They talked briefly, until Johnson said he had to hang up because his other phone was ringing.

Now, it seems, Camp David, or at least the Camp David style, offers new options for the Carter treatment.

Unless there's something in the water or the mountain air that leads people to come to terms, the key to Camp David-style success may be the duration of the encampment.

But the president can hardly fly off to Camp David for a week or two every time there's an issue to be resolved.

Perhaps he could blend the Johnson treatment with his own, send opponents to Camp David, get them started, and then telephone every now and then to push for an agreement.

Telling people to go and work out their differences is one thing. Inviting them to a summit conference is another.

All the White House has to do is label every meeting a summit meeting.



BRING deserves CETA

The recent CETA funding decisions made by the Lane County commissioners has threatened the future of recycling in the Eugene area.

For seven years BRING has served the residents of Lane County by offering an alternative to the available solid waste system.

BRING stands for Begin Recycling in Neighborhood Groups. It is the most active agency in the Eugene area attempting to educate the public to the fact that tin, glass, newspaper and yes students, even white ledger paper can be reused and/or recycled, diverting them from the landfill of no return.

Besides extensive public education, BRING is a main facilitator in the recycling process by providing collection points and processing labor for the tons of material that pass through the site each month.

BRING had CETA (federally

subsidized) funding for one year.

This enabled them to expand services and public education programs. When continued funding was under consideration the CETA advising committee, ETAC, set up priorities placing BRING 15th out of 556 various projects.

When the commissioners gathered to make the final funding decisions they ignored the committee's advice and rather than allotting a few positions to a greater number of projects they gave numerous positions to only a few projects. The result: BRING has been cut out of CETA and must now curtail recycling services in this county.

It seems to us in a state that has committed itself to recycling and in a county that has a recycling advisor on the county staff we ought to be moving toward the goal of recycling more rather than less.

The county does not provide these services and BRING will be

unable to continue its present level of services unless it has more support from the community.

If you wish to support local recycling, consider expressing your views on the subject to the commissioners. Use your voice, it's louder when it's local.

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RCYB isn't alone

Contrary to the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade's (RCYB) opinion, they are not "singled out" by the ASUO for poster violations.

One evening last week as I was putting up posters for the Cheshire Social Causes Group's "New Protester Week," one of our Men-in-Green approached me and told me that a poster which I was taping to a convenient lamp post was "not a poster."

"It's not?" I queried.

"No," he said, "that's litter."

Pressed for clarification, he said that "posters" are attached to bulletin boards. Everything else is litter and subject to a fine.

I run a pseudo-serious organization, but realize that petty bureaucratic things are petty bureaucratic things; so, in the Spirit of Bureaucracy I am limiting distribution of CSGG posters to accredited bulletin boards.

Except when nobody's looking.

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Not a Messiah

The spiritual figure whose picture appears in Jock Hatfield's column Sept. 29, does not, as the caption implies, make any sort of claim to be a messiah. He is Pir Vilayat Khan, Head of the Sufi Order in the West, and is distinguished internationally as a teacher of meditation.

The picture in question was lifted from a poster announcing a rare appearance by Pir Vilayat in Portland. On Oct. 12, there will be an opportunity to hear him speak on the integration of traditional meditation methods and their relevance to daily life.

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