

**More Stuff....**

We are proud to welcome new supporters to the Edge, **Sometimes a Great Lotion**, (our favorite name for a shop in Cannon Beach). They sell things that encourage romance and sensuality, sounds good to the Beloved Reverend. Also we welcome two of that dangerous species "Architects": **Jay Raskin**, who has been helping on the watershed issue, and **Anthony Stoppello**, recently moved to Ilwaco, who specializes in passive solar, another favorite!

And now for the news... We get letters and comments about the Edge on a pretty regular basis these days, but this last week we got a letter from a guy in SW Portland that made us stop and think. What we are doing here with this paper, not Ms Sally and Your Beloved Editor, but WE writers, readers, advertisers, subscribers, friends, is different from any other publication that we know of, it is infact an experiment, and we think it might be working! The letter explained that this person had friends in Cannon Beach and had picked up the Edge, and since they had enjoyed it so much and felt it was a voice they would like to hear again, and since things were going pretty good for them, that, please find enclosed... they sent us a check for \$100; we promptly paid our water bill, garbage, and part of the light bill, and wondered if this is what they call grace. Thank you.

This, of course, doesn't mean we are "fat city", no, the Edge is as usual in danger, so keep those cards, and letters, and checks coming!

Now for local color, The Don Thompson's Birdwatching Platform is under construction at the Don Thompson Memorial Swamp and Sewage Treatment system lagoons to the east of Cannon Beach. This stucture is being built by volunteers (Pete & Tim Lindsey and Ron Logan for the most part, so far) out of recycled telephone poles and other donated materials, so drop by and give the guys a hand or contact City Hall and give a donation to this worthy project. The Edge is planning to print Don's Bird Counts in a future issue.

Also coming up, in September, Donna Osborne, local activist for Native American rights, is organizing an art show of Native American Artists, including work by Leonard Peltier, America's most famous political prisoner (see article later).

Don't you think it's time we re-examined the FBI role in Wounded Knee, and in fact our whole policy toward the Indian Nations in America? As a matter of fact, in light of Jack Anderson's recent column exposing the total incompetence of the B.I.A., (they allowed files to be "contaminated with asbestos" and others somehow ended up buried under a parking lot!) we would suggest that the State Department be assigned the task of representing the U.S. peoples' interests when we deal with the Sovereign Native Nations. Native American peoples seem to be getting no better treatment at the hands of the Dept of Interior than the deer, wolves, salmon, and owls in our National Parks, which they are also payed to manage.

Anyway, this is another worthy project that could use some support, so contact Donna, or Don or the Edge if you can help. Upper Left Coast Productions will be doing its best to organize a benefit in Sept., so stay tuned...

One more community note and then we can move on. Recycling!!!! Your beloved editor got lucky this month and was given the privilege of being Recycling Volunteer Co-ordinator for July. The Co-ordinator signs up folks to serve one hour a year to help at the recycling center. The fun was that folks from all walks of life in our community were happy to spend an hour (some many more) to keep our Recycling program one of best in the country for the size of the community.

The Cannon Beach Recycling program is one of the true "Community" projects in town. It began over 15 years ago, and in spite of Bureaucratic indifference, political manipulation, Budget attacks, Union abandonment, and business disdain, it has survived and prospered, thanks in large measure lately, to the stead hand and clear head of John Rippey, and a host of folks who demand the best for the community.

We at this paper believe that the Cannon Beach Recycling program should not only be given the full support of the people in the community, but of the City Government and the City Manager.

We believe that educating the public, both local, and our guest from around the world, about Recycling in general and our system in particular should be one of our top priorities, and we urge others to pass this message on to the powers that be. We believe that it is important to inform our visitors about the bottle bill, for example, so they don't toss aluminum cans in with the trash, our curbside program, so they can participate while they visit, and maybe take this information home to their own communities. We should encourage folks to take a walk down by the lagoons and see what people can do sometimes in spite of the lack of commitment by their Government.

The people of Cannon Beach started this program years before any of our current office holders were elected or hired, and the people have had to fight every step of the way, well, folks another one is needed. We need to quit hiding our light under a bushel or a cardboard box for that matter, and make education and information a priority in our future efforts.

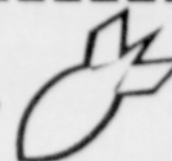
For example, we have to change the idea that Recycling and Garbage Collection are the same thing. The latter is removing waste, the former is reclaiming resources. Everytime you recycle a can you are doing a little consumer style mining, you are a logger when you bundle your newspapers and cardboard, and with every aluminum can you return for a refund, a salmon has increased its chances to make it to the ocean, where you are helping our fishermen.

Bucky Fuller once said, "Pollution is just a resource we haven't found a use for yet."

We have plenty of use and need for recycled materials and need to let our potential consumer loggers, miners, and fishermen know how to do the jobs we need done. So, if the City, County, or State would like to join us at the Edge, and the rest of the community in volunteering in these efforts, they would find us also willing to support them. Until then... I guess the battle continues.



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