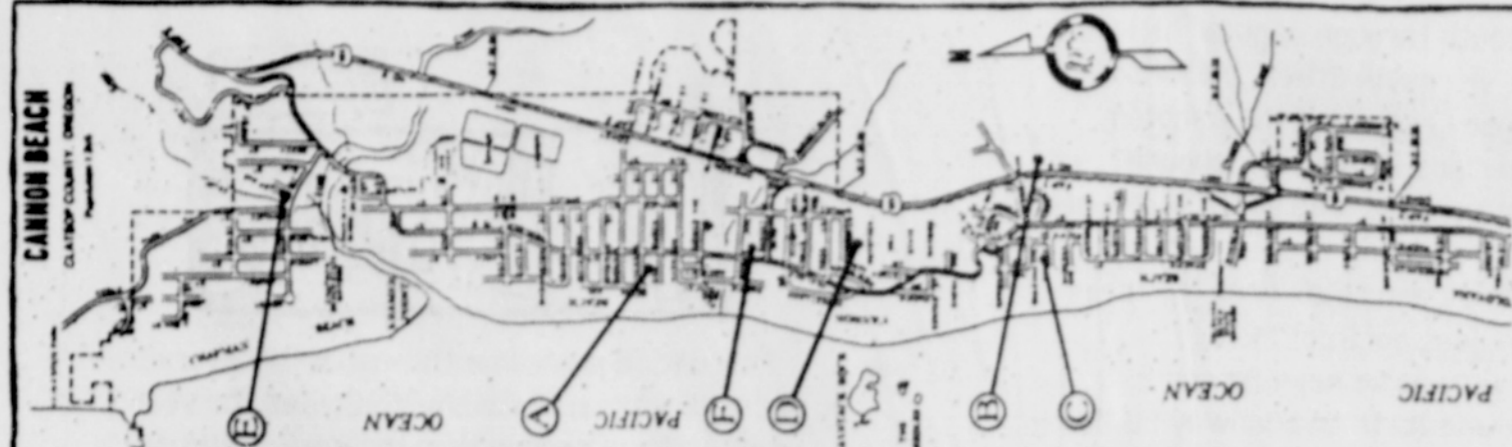


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### SAND MANAGEMENT

**SAND, SAND, AND MORE SAND!**  
 The issue of sand is an increasing concern, at least for oceanfront property owners. Fortunately, there may be some assistance available. The City has applied to the Northwest Oregon Resource Conservation and Development Area (RCAD) for assistance. A meeting is scheduled for March 5, 10 a.m. in the gym at the Cannon Beach Grade School. Dave Dinkens, executive director of the local area of RCAD will be present to provide more information. If property owners agree, he will initiate a planning process that is internationally known as coordinated resource management planning. For it to work, it requires participation by the affected owners.

### \$2.5 MILLION BOND MEASURE

The City of Cannon Beach is placing a question on the ballot for the March 22, 1994 election asking the voters of Cannon Beach if the City should be authorized to issue \$2.5 million in general obligation bonds to support capital improvements in the City's water, wastewater and drainage systems and to extend and improve bicycle paths and other City facilities. Voters should receive by mail their ballots during the first week of March.

If approved, the actual sale of bonds will amount to \$3.5 million since the City intends to refinance approximately \$1 million in bonds previously approved by the voters. The interest rates on those bonds are about 2-3% higher than the rates anticipated for a new issue.

If approved, it is unlikely the City will have to ever levy the tax since accumulated and current revenues along with savings from refinancing should be sufficient to service the debt.

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# CLEARCUT

THE TRAGEDY OF INDUSTRIAL FORESTRY



Near Tofino, British Columbia. Photo by Garth Lenz, 1992

**"For forestry to have a future, the future must have a forest."** -David Brower

**CLEARCUT: The Tragedy of Industrial Forestry** is a 300 page exhibit-format style book that comprehensively documents the destruction wrought by industrial forestry through over 100 stunning, full-page, color-images of some of the most horrific clearcuts in North America. Accompanying this pictorial indictment are over a dozen essays by leading ecologists and activists explaining the myths and failures of today's dominant forest-management practices while outlining ecosystem-based solutions.

Co-published by Sierra Club Books and Earth Island Press and edited by Bill Devall, the book's contributors include David Brower, Chris Maser, Colleen McCrory, Reed Noss, Mitch Lansky, Dave Foreman, & Herb Hammond.

The book's purpose is to serve as an organizing tool for forest activists to highlight local, national, and international problems. Local coalitions of citizens are invited to present CLEARCUT to the press, legislators, public agency officials, timber industry executives, and others who influence forest policy.

**Rainforest Action Network, The Sierra Club, and Canada's Future Forest Alliance** are joining together in a continent-wide campaign to distribute over 12,000 copies of the book in the first quarter of 1994. Copies of CLEARCUT will be provided at no charge to activists who agree to present the book face to face to community leaders and policymakers.

Activists across Canada and the U.S. are using CLEARCUT to educate the public on the extensive devastation of our forests. We are demanding policymakers adopt a profoundly different set of principles based on respect, integrity, and stability for forests and forest communities. Every person involved in forest preservation is encouraged to participate in this effort to alert the public with images that speak for themselves.

**Seaside Youth Center Inc.**, in co-operation with the City of Cannon Beach, is operating a **free shuttle service** for youth. The Shuttle will depart the Seaside Youth Center at 6:30 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and take you to your destination in Cannon Beach. You can arrange to ride the Shuttle to Seaside at 6PM by calling **738-3192**. The purpose of this shuttle service is to allow youth to take part in after-school activities, sports, civic groups and Youth Center events. The service is funded through grants from the Parks and Community Services Committee of Cannon Beach, and Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families, plus youth center fundraising and donations. Suggestions are welcome for further uses of the shuttle. Call Kim Bosse and don't forget -- if you don't use it, you could lose it! So use it!

Saturday March 26th  
 Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce  
**Auction**  
 over 100 items to bid on  
 6:30-7:30 PM Viewing & Refreshments  
 8:00 PM Auction  
 at the Chamber building in Cannon Beach

Remodel • New Construction • Service Calls  
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**436-1484**  
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Dear Editor,  
 In December of '93 I was fortunate enough to participate in a design course based on the principles of Permaculture. Since that time people have been asking me to describe what Permaculture is. While I generally enjoy repeating myself, I thought I would save some time and write something about the topic and how I feel about it.

In a nutshell, Permaculture means permanent agriculture. As defined by its creator, Bill Mollison, "Pc. is the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems which have the diversity, stability, and resilience of natural ecosystems. It is the harmonious integration of landscape and people providing their food, energy, shelter, and other material and non-material needs in a sustainable way". The concept is about understanding the environment we live in to the extent we can design sustainable human habitat. Such a habitat strives to include humanity in the natural web of life. It works hard not to perpetuate the common trends which alienate people from living as a functioning part of the ever adapting whole.

Living in and maintaining sustainable habitat generally necessitates an uncertain amount of human ethics and a whopping dose of design science and methodology. Most important of all, indeed the catalyzing element, is common sense. The vehicle for that element is basic observational skills. A blending of these ingredients yield an uncertain amount of wisdom. Such wisdom doesn't answer all the questions of our existence. However, it does help in the efforts of living life in the fullest sense of the word. The practice of Pc. respects nature's existing designs; observes and uses them as models to benefit all the natural cycles of life, including human cycles.

"The earth would be better off without human beings!" I hate that all too common statement. It presupposes we have some knowledge that supersedes the biological strategy of nature. It assumes that we don't have a position in the natural family of life. Indeed such a thought works to perpetuate an attitude of ignorance by further distancing the mind from the one teacher that can teach us our place in life: nature itself. Of course it would be easier for us if we didn't face our ignorance and just quit trying. If nothing else, we have a responsibility to work hard to contribute to the regeneration of that which we have destroyed or sickened. We can never recreate what has been destroyed. But we can re-establish the connections that constitute the cycles of natural systems so that they have a chance to survive. And because we are part of nature, that means re-establishing our connection as well.

Natural systems often work to cycle energy to produce a self-replicating system. Such systems tend to evolve and rarely remain static. Conventional agricultural systems work hard to suspend evolution at a low point. There is no continuous energy cycle, stop putting energy in and production collapses. In the same sense, the typical housing development isn't designed to cycle energy on very many levels. More often than not, the ones that do fall short of their potential. The systems are entropic. That is to say dissipating energy leads to the erosion of the system instead of the self-maintaining of it. The object of Pc. is to arrest entropy. Biological systems tend to do just that. As bio-systems evolve they often manage energy with increasing efficiency. Pc. strives to create systems that accomplish similar goals.

I am attracted to Pc. because it offers hope and respect for the seven generations to come. It is about turning problems into solutions that can be applied on any scale, simple or complex. "The major elements of Pc. are water, soil, forest, agriculture, animals, aquaculture, architecture, energy, and people. These elements are thoughtfully planned in harmonious relation to each site, to provide an energy efficient, balanced ecosystem."

If you have an interest in educating yourself in this practice and/or are interested in me writing about specific, existing cases that are now functioning, please feel free to write me.

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