

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to attest to the facts that the site of the proposed Sahalie Condominium Development was indeed a Chinook Indian campsite and is definitely a Chinook Indian burial ground.

To review briefly, my family has been continuous visitors to and summer residents of Gearhart, OR, for over seventy years. I was first brought to Gearhart in 1923 when I was 8 months old (I am now 71). During the time this testimony covers (the late 1920's, the 1930's and the 1940's), I came to know the permanent residents of Gearhart (about 125 of them then) and was intimately acquainted with the surrounding area, particularly with the site along the Necanicum estuary that is under discussion. I visited and transited this area many times as a boy and a teenager and can testify to the following:

First, I personally saw and handled the skeletal remains of Chinook Indians (including skulls) that were scattered about the area east of that point where the Neacoxie river enters Little Beach.

Also observable were many sunken indications marking graves, some of which had been excavated over the years. In addition to bones, I found stone implements and other artifacts. Many of these items had been found by and were to be seen in the houses of Gearhart residents.

In those days (particularly the 1930's) the site was uninhabited, heavily forested and reached by an old Indian trail that ran north and south along the east bank of the river. The gravesite was not overgrown with salal as it is now; it was an open grassy area, eminently suitable for a campsite or village. Dense flocks of wild pigeons filled the trees in the area.

Second, as evidence that the area was an established Indian campsite or village, I saw several deposits of razor clam shells, one of which was over two feet thick. These deposits had been exposed one year by winter-storm-water action and were located in the river bank adjacent to the site.

To conclude, I am ready and available to testify in detail concerning the content of this letter. In addition I can bring contemporary corroborating witnesses who can testify in their own right to the truth of the matter.

Sincerely,
Richard Schultz

P.S. I, of course oppose any development in that area. Do the right thing and end the trashing that is all too prevalent now in your area.

Mr. Schultz's letter was submitted for Seaside Council review in Nov '93 and Feb '94. There has been absolutely no concern nor inquiry from Mayor Johnson, the Council or anyone else. Why? In addition, please read below a partial calendar of events concerning Sahalie, (more appropriately, Necanicum resource).

Mr. Dick Pearson, former Seaside Planning Director, instruments erroneous zoning of an estuarine resource to non-estuarine.

Local realtor joins Sons of Norway and soon thereafter makes an offer on S.O.N. land.

Joseph Hanna, agent for Cascade Trust, makes purchase, and during Heron nesting season tractor work begins to cut trails throughout area, which results in a trail into the salt marsh to the tidal creek; also results in trespass of Sons of Norway.

Local residents research Seaside public records, finding many irregularities. This includes a visit to the Seaside Engineering Department to discover that the large scale zoning map, with the mylar, was missing. No one in the department knew its whereabouts. A map house-cleaning also took place at this time, around Thanksgiving.

During the hurry-up construction of a bridge abutment to satisfy a conditional-use permit, Mr. Jim Brien, building inspector, provides information that significant cultural material had been found and "they are working it out". No word has reached tribes of this event.

This list continues with misplacement of documents, erased tapes of a recent hearing, and outright erroneous information (to put it nicely), which all makes for an unsavory course of events that effect all of us living in the region. Do you care? Call Lyn Mattei, of Oregon Natural Resources, at (503) 223-9007, ext. 222 or locally, 738-7108.

Chris Cowan
Gearhart

To the Editor:

I was at Lyle Point, WA, for a very brief time this month. I was there long enough to see the sun rise and set, and to feel the wind caressing my face. I was there long enough that I believe I know who owns the land...

...it belongs to the Creator. His touch is in every blade of grass and every moss-covered rock. If this land is to be held in trust, let it be held by the Native Americans. It is their hearts that have lifted at every sunrise when the light streaks the sky and mingles with the clouds and the mountaintops. It is their hearts that lift at the cry of an eagle as he circles and soars. It is their hearts that beat as one with the heartbeat of the sacred fire. It is their hearts that sing down the sun into its slumbering.

Generation after generation they have fished the river, loved the river, become the river. I have never been to a more peaceful spot. They have honored the Creator's wish. Let us leave it in their hands.

As for the developer, I wonder if he has walked at dawn, alone there, and stood at the river's edge and listened to its voice. It is not just the people of Lyle who need this land. We all need to have these blessed places saved where we can enjoy the grace and incredible peace that comes to us when we step upon them. This land is a living entity and we will not stand aside and let it be destroyed as we would not allow life to be destroyed. I understand that in this world money is power, but it is a transient thing that has no power to ease a troubled mind or heal a wounded heart. Please leave this land alone. A part of me is there that I do not want erased.

Cecilia Unga
Manzanita, OR

We received a copy of this letter which we pass on for your information:

Coastal Barrier Resources System
Assistant Regional Director - Ecological Services
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services
911 NE 11th Ave.
Portland, Or 97232-4181

Dear Sir:

In response to your request for public comments on U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's proposal to acquire Pacific coastal barriers in Oregon for Federal ownership, my comments follow:

Your interest in acquiring sizable portions of the Oregon coast was revealed to me indirectly at a meeting of some ten or more people, myself, and chaired by Mr. John Mellott of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Mellott stated he was under continuous and extreme pressure from you to reclaim or take back all oyster beds on the Oregon coast not in current production.

Mellott's refusal to grant any new oyster claims regardless of their merit or meeting state statutes is another indication of your intimidation of a state administrator.

Please back off from John Mellott. You don't need any more land in Oregon.

The demise of the Columbia river fisheries is an example of your expertise, and we don't want any more. Your expertise and ethics went the way of the Coho.

The license for your sideshow to do business in Oregon is hereby cancelled.

Sincerely,
K. V. Dethman

A little cranky are we?
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We are so concerned to flatter the majority that we lose sight of how very often it is necessary in order to preserve freedom for the minority, let alone for the individual, to face that majority down.
William F. Buckley Jr.



It is not only vain, but wicked, in a legislator to frame laws in opposition to the laws of nature, and arm them with the terrors of death. This is truly creating crimes in order to punish them.
Thomas Jefferson, 1779

All men are frauds. The only difference between them is that some admit it. I myself deny it.
H. L. Mencken

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HEMP HEADLINES

AIDS and medical marijuana activist Stephen Smith is at it again. Smith heads the Cannabis Buyer Club based in Washington, D.C., a group dedicated to providing cannabis to people with AIDS and other medical conditions.

Recently on ABC's morning talk show, Good Morning America, Smith presented information about clubs that are now open and distributing cannabis in 15 cities across the country. So far, authorities seem to be turning a blind eye.

Joining Smith on that same show was the ever eloquent Dr. Lester Grinspoon. Grinspoon quickly dispelled the host's worry about addiction when he flat out said, "[marijuana] is not a drug of addiction". When asked about marinol - synthetic THC - he was just as straightforward: "Marinol is just not as good as whole, smoked marijuana." Period.

Interviewed via phone, Mildred Kaitz, 79, of Monticello, New York, described her arrest for growing pot to give to her 49 year-old son, who has Multiple Sclerosis. Kaitz was placed on probation and basically told she would have to stand by and watch her son suffer or face jail if she grew any more plants. (Damn that makes me mad!)

Offhandedly, one of the hosts suggested Kaitz's son join Smith's club. It appeared to take Smith a moment before he realized he was about to receive a new member, on nation-wide TV, no less. The show quickly cut to a commercial - I hope Mildred got the number OK. It is: Cannabis Buyers Club, PO Box 53119, Washington, D.C. 20009 (202) 462-8962.

It is reported in the Jan. '94 issue of High Times: "DEA Sabotages Oregon Medical Marijuana Bill. A DEA public relations man, James Hicks, "Threatened that (Oregon) doctors and pharmacists acting under the new law would lose their licenses."

Hicks' statement came last spring during State Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on a medical marijuana bill. The Senate Health Care and Bioethics Committee passed the legislation with recognition of the plant's "medicinal qualities". The bill went to the Judiciary Committee where it was tabled and essentially killed.

There are victories, even in defeat. Long-time Marijuana activist Laird Funk pointed out, "We got recognition that this is medicine." And, "Everyone got to see the antimarijuana contingency at its most grotesque."

How grotesque? The bill was brought to the Senate by the late Senator Frank Roberts, husband of Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts. It was the last piece of legislation the distinguished Senator would ever bring forward. Ironically, Frank Roberts died recently from causes related to cancer. To this writer's knowledge, Governor Roberts remained silent on the legislation.

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David Smallwood (political free-lance hitman) reports that those wild and crazy Democrats are at it again. In their recent gathering in Seaside this little piece of the platform was approved by a strange coalition of environmentalists, old union guys and some folks who just like to tease the powers that be: "Amendment to Protecting our natural heritage: under Environmental and Natural resources, page 6 after line 8 and deleting the two previous, alternative fiber/hemp amendments. We support laws favoring experimental production of hemp for industrial purposes, i.e. manufacturing of paper, rope, particle board, canvas, etc. to be regulated or licensed by the state, and further, we encourage the use of cotton, straw, etc. and urge the state and federal government to purchase such products."

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