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Editorial Now & Then



Well, the special election to replace good old Bob is coming up. And again we urge our Republican friends to vote for Norma Paulus in the primary, and even the general for that matter. Yes, partially because she is a woman, but more importantly because of what else she is, a moderate who refuses to compromise her sense of fair play and hope for the future of this state and this nation. We had the pleasure of meeting the woman at a dinner to honor Tom McCall sponsored by OSPIRG. She told a story about when she was running for the legislature, she had a mailing list with several thousand names on it and she approached then Governor McCall to ask him to write an endorsement letter for her. After he agreed, it was suggested that it would be much more personal if he signed each letter rather than have them stamped with his name. Tom agreed to the tiresome task, and then suggested that to make it even more personal, Norma should hand address each envelope. When she finally finished, suffering from writer's cramps, she realized that she had just been taught a very valuable lesson in politics, by a master. We believe her record of hard work for the people of Oregon stands her in good stead. Her major opposition, "G" Gordon Smith appears to be a millionaire who wants to suck the water from the Columbia for his pea patch, and the hell with the Salmon. His opinions on a woman's right to chose and his endorsement by the OCA are just two more good reasons to reject this good old boy wanna-be.

Speaking of good old boys. As we celebrate Veterans Day, Nov. 11th, we might check out where Newt and Buchanan decide to spend the day. One must bring up the point that much has been made of the budget, and the attempt to balance it by The Gingrich who plans to steal Christmas, and the tax cut that is a major part of it. The cut is for those who make over \$100,000 a year, (that includes no one who has visited our house this year) and it is public knowledge that Congress people make \$133,000 per. So they give themselves a break of about \$6,272 each. Your beloved editor's tax bill is scheduled to go up and his benefits go down. Yes, he is cranky.

Okay, Prof. Lindsey is at it again. Yes, we are aware that the folks gave Chapman Point to the State, but we are also aware that no one could ever build there anyway, and a quarter of a million for PR is quickly made up when one has 19 lots topping out at six or seven figures. We share the rage at the outrage.

It has been brought to our attention that Linda Ellerbee will be in Portland in early November. We wish we could be there. Ms. E has always been an inspiration to us for her strength in the face of the weaknesses we all share. Moving from TV to the printed word, she was kind of the news woman who reminded us that it could work; it wouldn't be easy, but it could be done. She recently has written her last column, recently recovered from cancer, recently recovered from alcohol dependency, and we hope has recently begun to enjoy her life more. We know that she has helped us enjoy ours. The Edge rarely "buys" a column -- we bought Bill Gates once, and have considered buying Dave Barry, and 'Sylvia', and William Buckley. But, we had decided that Linda's was the one we wanted. Of course, too late. And so it goes.

Local Stuff:

Bob Legg, gentle banjo-ist, who suffered a head-on collision on the Young's Bay Bridge, is recovering at the Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon in Northwest Portland. Call Janet at (503) 245-3079, she can tell you how to help.

Speaking of the infernal combustion situation, over 7 hundred signatures were gathered to encourage the city to close the North Exit. Several signs have been put up by the city and by citizens to draw attention to the danger at this intersection. Our readers all over the place face similar problems with dangerous situations. We in Cannon Beach can, hopefully, show them that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world, or a small part of it.

On the subject of Civil Disobedience, Andrea and Cheth Rowe of the Ecola Creek Project will be appearing on cable TV in Portland to debate the clever nimble tongued Ralph Saperstein of Cavenham on the spraying program they have planned for us and our watershed. (Check local listings in Portland for Water Watch.) Ralph is good; he will make you believe that Bambi will die if we don't use 2,4-D but if, as he says, it will cost two or three times as much to not use the poisons (see the Municipal Memo, page 3), will he let us as a community pay the difference to Cavenham? We will do bake sales, rummage sales, etc. if that is the only problem -- we wouldn't want to see the guys lose any money on this deal. But we have seen what DDT (when it was legal) and its ban did in a few decades. Just because 2,4-D is legal means no more than the fact that DDT was once legal.

In other wildlife related stories, we have been asked to pass along an address to folks who want to ban steel-jaw leghold traps. Write to Mickey Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th St., Washington, D.C. 20506 and urge him to support H.R. 1404.

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- 7th, 1917: Bloshevik Revolution begins, U.S. Election day
- 9th, 1989: Berlin Wall Opens
- 10th, 1938: Kristallnacht
- 11th, 1995: U.S. Veterans Day
- 13th, 1983: Dedication of Vietnam Veterans's Memorial
- 15th, 1791: Bill of Rights ratified
- 1890: Sitting Bull Killed, First Wounded Knee Massacre
- 18th, 1995: Hanukkah begins
- 19th, 1863: Gettysburg Address
- 21st, 1990: Leaders of 34 Nations proclaim a United Europe
- 22nd, 1963: President Kennedy Assassinated
- 23rd, 1995: Thanksgiving

This is the month we wish happiness to our sisters. No, this isn't some feminist holiday. Your beloved editor has two real live sisters, who have been of great help in his strange old life. We won't mention dates, or ages, but suffice it to say, we are happy to have such fine folks in our family, even if we rarely write or even call. Maybe Christmas, or Solstice Cards this year?!!



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