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Editorial Now & Then



"Unlimited growth is the ideology of the cancer cell."

Edward Abbey

Pave the beach? What would Tom say? Well, it belongs to the Hiway Department doesn't it? And that is what they do, pave things, don't they? Consider the parking alone.

We see no point in belaboring the obvious, with examples of coastal communities that have developed themselves into strip malls.

Cannon Beach, this fingernail crescent on the edge of America, this "Beach of a Thousand Wonders", with singing sands, this half bowl facing the Pacific, this farthest place reached by William Clark and Saccajawaea, where the footprints end, must decide.

This is what we think Don Osborne was saying when he drew what is our cover this month in 1987..

The obvious point of our headline this month is, "can we actually find a viable alternative to the equivalent of paving the beach, mowing the watershed, and all that entails." Is there an alternative? Can we, given the rights of property and all, deal with the future of our town in a rational manner? We are hopefully curious.

LATE BREAKING STUFF

Big "O's" front page piece, on the eve of the summer solstice, was about the State Parks Dept., who are closing 65 State Parks. The day before, the headline was, "State plans huge prison expansion". State Parks get about \$32 million a year, and the plan to spend \$41 million to "begin locating land for the new prisons". Do they plan to put the prisons in the parks?

Well, not surprisingly we had some folks drop by the bookstore who, to put it mildly, were upset. Our former Mayor, Lucielle Houston, offered a piece from Oregon Coastwatch that was predictably in front of the curve. (See Call to Action Page 6). Geraldine Rock, the Brenda Starr of Cannon Beach, offered her wisdom and vision. We called Tim Josi and left him a message, and he called back (make a note voters). He was not pleased with the whole deal and agreed the answers will not be easy. He did encourage citizens to get involved, adopt a beach before they pave it. (We Republicans used to believe that if we want less government we have to take more responsibility.)

Oswald West and Tom McCall wisely saved the beaches of Oregon for the people of Oregon. We think it is time for the people of Oregon and the people of this country to make clear that we, the people, believe that if we have more schools and parks we will need less police and prisons. The things that teach us and heal us need to be given more attention and energy than things that protect us from ourselves and prevent us from reaching our potentials.

The insolence of authority is endeavoring to substitute money for ideas.
Frank Lloyd Wright

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Speaking of things historical the Cannon Beach Historical Society would like to inform you that they have a complete inventory of the Cannon Beach Gazette and the Upper Left Edge on hand in their newly acquired microfiche reader-printer. Visit the History House at the corner of Sunset and Spruce, 11 AM to 3 PM Wed. & Thurs., Noon to 3 PM Fri. & Sat. Or call 436-9301 during business hours.

We assume our readers, with the exception of those who actually live here, a mere 1200 of our 6000 plus, missed a letter to the editor in the Cannon Beach Gazette. It was from a local lawyer. We only have one who actually lives and practices here. Nice, huh? It seems he was upset because a member of the planning commission used the word "horseshit" (in the Gazette it was "horsesh*t") when commenting on a proposed Eco-Tourism facility that has been proposed on the sight of a riding stable near Elk Creek. (Get it?) The debate about if Eco-Tourism is an oxymoron will no doubt continue, especially when tennis courts and swimming pools are part of the deal. The aforementioned barrister took umbrage, and called for apologies, recalls, and/or defeat at the next election.

Now, let us not assume that we at the Edge are less than sensitive to the language used in the public debate, or the media, but there does come a time when strong words must be used to express strong emotions.

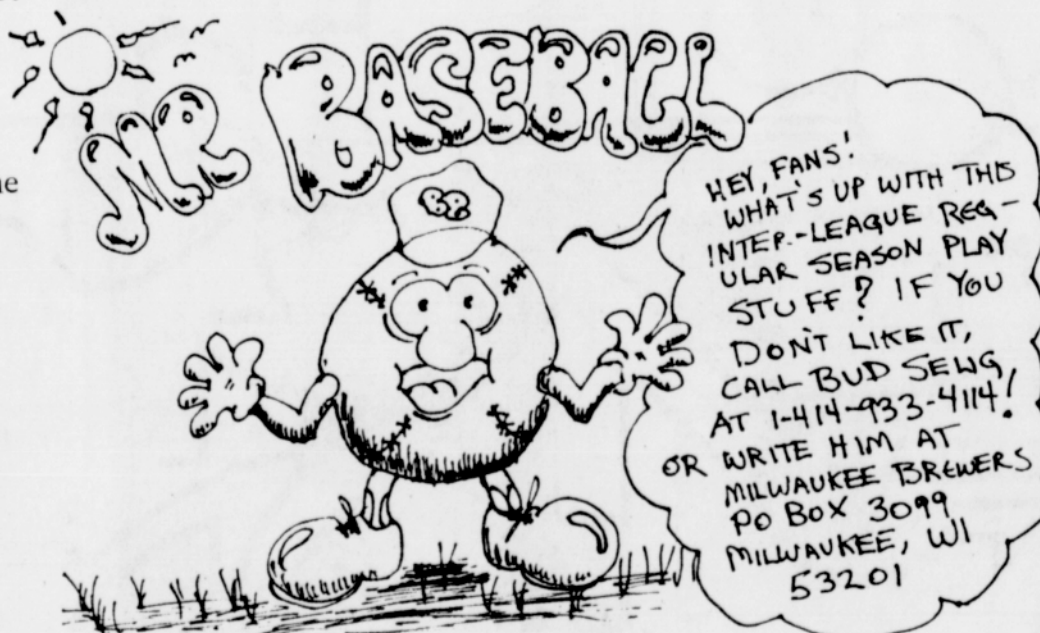
We recall an occasion when a reporter from a Vancouver paper was interviewing Bud Clark during his first campaign for Mayor of Portland. Mr. Clark, who had attended Reed College, and so is not without verbal skills, and was also a Marine, so not lacking in colorful vocabulary, described his opponent, Frank Ivancie, as a "Son of a Bitch". This caused an outcry from several quarters, but, the description was accurate, and was never retracted.

This paper has in the past and will in the future continue to encourage honest dialogue. And that includes calling 'em like you see 'em. Everything else is, whether it offends or not, Bullshit.

The interesting thing is that the very sight of the proposed Eco-resort facility might be, according to Clark's own map, where Clark & Saccajawaea found the village where they had whale meat for sale. (The pizza and lattes of the early 1800's). Clark called it "No Cost", which was ironic even then. The natives skinned them. We are gratified to see support growing for the idea of a modest reconstruction of one of the cedar houses on the current grade school property. Stay tuned.

Locals !!

Don't forget the town meeting July 6th at the Coaster or the Library Sale July 5th & 6th.



Mr. Baseball delivered a column this month, but due to the usual problems we will print it in our August issue. ed-

BASEBALL

When the tall fellows from Chicago in their underwear and amusing hairstyles were being televised at the same time as our beloved Cubs, the "man upstairs" (Harry Carey) asked Die Hard Cub Fans to write him a note and let the guys that buy his Buds know we were watching. Even if you were actually watching the Bulls/Sonics game, it wouldn't hurt you to drop a line to Harry and tell him The Edge sent you (we are hoping to get Press Passes for this). The mailing address is not a @dot com dot seven sort of thing, it's the corner of Clark and Addison, Chicago, Illinois, USA. Try it. Go Cubbies !!



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I am not aware that any community has a right to force another to be civilized.
John Stuart Mill

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