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Editorial Now & Then



Yes, time and tempers have gotten short here in Cannon Beach. The other evening while observing vespers at the local public house, we happen to glance out the "window of a thousand wonders", (as the chamber of commerce refuses to call it). We were reminded that August, locally, is the 'cruellest month'. Not only is it the dog days, but the political conventions are committing cruel and unusual punishment on those of us who actually care.

Sausage and law, two things you do not want to watch being made, has been expanded to include the political meatmarket.

Politics. The time has also come to speak of politics, and what our government will look like by this time next year. Will we pick Mr. Clinton, who shook Kennedy's hand as a boy or Mr. Dole who wept at Nixon's funeral as a grown man? My, but it is a strange dance.

Okay, so did we watch, what was laughingly called, the Republican Convention, ..yes.. one evening, the festivities ended with a rendition of "I'm a Soul Man" with the obvious insertion of "Dole" for soul, which, of course doesn't work, on any level. Considering that Kemp is calling himself "Dole's right hand man.", we suggest perhaps 'Coming in on a wing and a prayer' would be, more appropriate, if not politically correct.

This must be the 90's, Hunter S. Thompson sounds like the voice of reason. When the going gets weird, indeed!

Well that's entertainment. Of course it is not government, or governing. One must in fairness say that for the Democrat's, Kenny G was the choice. So, who do we vote for? Well, Ralph Nader does come to mind.

Whitewater (strangely, one word.) has apparently yet to die, and the other various "gates" (how did that become a suffix?) appear with regularity on the information horizon. Well, 'we watched Watergate, and Whitewater is no Watergate.' Watergate was the whole country, even Congress, coming to realize that the sitting President of the United States was in fact 'a crook' he extorted money from industry and sold ambassadorships, plotted to kidnap folks, and on and on. Whitewater hearings proved beyond a doubt that folks that have done business and politics with the Clinton's were crooks. It would be belaboring the obvious to prove that the Clintons are opportunist. So, now Whitewater shows up on Unsolved Mysteries, the day after the Republican Convention ends. It was mostly a story about a guy that worked for the Clintons committing suicide, and did he really? We think if we worked for the Clintons suicide would always be a viable option. The right will say the 'liberal media' refuses to cover Whitewater after two years and \$4 million dollars spent, so, all we can do is ask Robert (Untouchable) Stack, to associate the Clintons friend with folks who kill their folks, on a television show that shows the most dangerous and tragic aspects life today, for money. Isn't it strange that the folks who pay the most attention to other folks values, seldom show many of their own. The President is still on his first marriage, has been President for four years, and things seem to, slowly, be getting better. "Bob Dole" says "If you want Bob Dole to be Ronald Reagan, Bob Dole will be Ronald Reagan." And Jack Kemp will help. Been there, done that,.... still hurt, ...any questions? At the Old Grand Party Convention half the old white guys were millionaires, the others believe they will be, in heaven.

Mo stuff,

Much to your Beloved Editor's delight and amazement, the Edge has become something of it's own, in spite of incompetence, and sloth, silly periods, and general stuff, this paper you hold in your hand has managed to become something that people read. Thanks As our constant readers know, the Edge spin off, The Left Coast Group (a non-profit corporation in Oregon) has been working on publishing some books, well, we are almost ready to print one.

We must thank, at this point, Ms. Brown, Mr. Absher, Mr. Hummel, Mrs. Osburne, and Mr. Mrs. Love-Linquist for their support on this project.

Well, we've spent most of their money and we still need a few grand to print and distribute our first book. This is a tax right-off for those of our readers who make enough to need right-offs. Manzanita Creative Arts Council is handling our 501c3, donations, so make out your check to them and put "Left Coast Group" on the Memo line.

For our more numerous readers, folks who use the 1040EZ form for their taxes; if you like the Edge, and the writing in it, and the art in it, send us a check for twenty bucks, and when we get the book in our hands we will send you an autographed first edition. Cool, huh? We'll also put you on our mailing list and let you know what comes next.

Also for all of our computer friendly readers we are planning to go "on the net". Yes, yes, we've heard the screams, we scream often ourselves, but the hammer is the tool, the home is the job. We will basically be doing the bookstore business, but we also plan to tell folks about the books being built by the Left Coast Group and we'll probably eventually put some Edge stuff out too. So stay tuned and we'll let you know what our "@@#^**" ".dot com #" is.

**The world is proof that God is a committee.
Bob Stokes**

Now, on a silly note, we will relate some bumper stickers we have heard of; "Dope & Hemp in '96" (it might have been a typo.). And the most by-partisan and insensitive; "Lefty for President!!" And finally a local woman submitted, "It takes a village to raise an idiot."

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