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Don't follow leaders.

Watch your parking meters.

Yes, we have had two headlines in a row that are Bob Dylan lyrics. Actually both from the same song. Last month it was, "You don't have to be a weather man to know which way the wind blows", which, as was pointed out pointedly, is incorrect. You will also find scattered throughout this issue quotes from Dylan. So, why are we on this kick? Well, we just read two biographies of Mr. Zimmerman, and he played for the Pope and \$350,000 recently, and has always been one of our favorite poets. Bob is one of those poets who rhymes. Robert Zimmerman is a lot like Robert Service if you look at it. He writes stories, which, like so much oral history, have a rhythm, a rhyme scheme, if you will, so that people can easily remember how the story goes. Because oral history, like all history, is of no value if we forget it. So let's take Bob's message and bring it down to the now. Don't follow leaders. Locally, in Oregon, one of our elected leaders, Rep. Bob Smith, R-Ore, hosted a field trip for his fellow leaders in the US Congress to show them the terrible condition of the eastern Oregon forests, to encourage them to allow clearcutting, and "better wilderness management" (yes, 'wilderness management' is an oxymoron). Russell Sadler wrote a wonderful piece in the Big "O" called "Dead trees, Live issue" that states "One hundred years of scientific management, including 50 years of ruthless fire suppression, suggest the Native Americans understood something about the semi-arid, fire-adapted land they inhabited that early foresters did not." We might add current foresters seem to be having a similar problem; no, our current leaders, political and industrial, don't inspire us to follow.

Now, watch your parking meters. It seems to harken back to 'if you live outside the law you must be honest'; you've got to follow the rules. The rules being the social contract: you don't hit me, I don't hit you. It's the deal the people make with the people in a democracy. The leaders are subject to the deal too. But as any politician or lawyer will tell you, the law or the deal is a living thing, subject to change. And if we don't follow leaders, we must make the changes ourselves, as the people. Which is the joy of living in the first state that adopted the initiative, recall and referendum system.

The people get to decide about the parking meters. 51% of Oregonians who voted in the last general election voted yes on Measure 16, which legalized the traditional practice among family doctors to help a dying patient to end their life with some dignity. The leaders of the current Oregon Legislature have apparently been convinced by the powers that be in the nasty little business of power lobbying, that those thousands of voters didn't understand that they were voting on a life and death issue. This voter for one certainly did, and cast his vote seriously because he knew how important it was. The "Establishment" newspaper of record (we can call them that because they called the Edge an underground paper once, we contend that we are a sea-level paper.), the Oregonian, recently did a five part editorial in support of the Legislature's attempt to repeal Measure 16; Measure 51. This propaganda piece was possibly the most offensive thing we've read in years, parroting the dogma, and the condescending tone of the folks spending millions (no doubt some at the big "O") on this campaign of fear. The editorial pointed out that the pills one might take to end one's pain are bitter. That you might even throw up. Does anyone who has had a loved one dying in pain; unable to control their bodily functions, suffering humiliation in front of those they love day after day; have a problem with vomit? Perhaps the silliest argument against a doctor administering barbituates to a dying person is that they may have dangerous side-effects. Excuse me? Like they might cause cancer? Or even death? Does 'Duh' mean anything to these folks? No, the fight here seems to be between dogma and democracy, dollars and dignity. You know which side your beloved reverend is on: as usual, the one with the least money. But money stops in the voting booth, or in this case the mailbox, and the people have to take responsibility. No laws or people are perfect, but we have to trust each other to decide what's right for us, the people, not the



leaders. The people who plug the parking meters; our fathers, our mothers, our children, our lovers, our friends. There is not much room for the government or politics in that decision. That is why the only way it would ever get decided is the way it was decided, by an initiative from the people. And of course the only way it would be challenged is by the government and the politicians, and folks with a lot of money and an agenda. That California crap don't work here. We have noticed once the people of Oregon decide, especially when it is a tough decision, they don't back down. The Upper Left Edge asks its readers who are registered Oregon Voters, if they have not already voted, to vote NO on Measure 51. And to our friends who have a serious moral or religious problem with this vote, we suggest that when it comes to the secular rights of citizens, that they "render unto Caesar, that which is Caesar's, and unto..." well, you know the rest. The way we spend our last precious moments of life certainly do depend on it.

Oh, and as if we had to remind you, vote YES on Measure 52; education is always a good investment.



MOONS & TIDES

ASTORIA TIDES NOVEMBER - High Tides

DATE	A.M.		P.M.	
	time	ft.	time	ft.
1 Sat	1:55	7.4	1:22	8.8
2 Sun	2:35	7.4	1:52	8.8
3 Mon	3:17	7.3	2:25	8.7
4 Tue	4:01	7.1	3:03	8.6
5 Wed	4:50	7.0	3:48	8.3
6 Thu	5:45	6.9	4:44	7.9
7 Fri	6:46	7.0	5:55	7.4
8 Sat	7:49	7.3	7:21	7.1
9 Sun	8:46	7.8	8:45	7.2
10 Mon	9:38	8.4	9:57	7.5
11 Tue	10:25	9.0	11:00	7.8
12 Wed	11:10	9.5	11:58	8.0
13 Thu	11:52	9.8		
14 Fri	0:51	8.2	12:34	9.9
15 Sat	1:43	8.2	1:15	9.9
16 Sun	2:33	8.1	1:56	9.6
17 Mon	3:22	8.0	2:38	9.2
18 Tue	4:11	7.8	3:21	8.6
19 Wed	5:01	7.6	4:07	8.0
20 Thu	5:54	7.4	5:01	7.4
21 Fri	6:48	7.4	6:06	6.8
22 Sat	7:42	7.5	7:21	6.5
23 Sun	8:33	7.7	8:35	6.4
24 Mon	9:19	8.0	9:40	6.6
25 Tue	10:00	8.3	10:37	6.8
26 Wed	10:37	8.6	11:28	7.1
27 Thu	11:12	8.9		
28 Fri	0:14	7.3		
29 Sat	1:45	9.1		
30 Sun	0:58	7.5	12:18	9.2

ASTORIA TIDES NOVEMBER - Low Tides

DATE	A.M.		P.M.	
	time	ft.	time	ft.
1 Sat	7:33	2.0	8:16	-0.4
2 Sun	8:06	2.3	8:50	-0.5
3 Mon	8:42	2.5	9:26	-0.4
4 Tue	9:22	2.7	10:06	-0.2
5 Wed	10:09	3.0	10:54	0.0
6 Thu	11:07	3.2	11:51	0.3
7 Fri	0:57	0.6	12:20	3.2
8 Sat	1:59	1.3	1:39	2.8
9 Sun	2:05	0.8	2:55	2.1
10 Mon	3:09	0.9	4:00	1.2
11 Tue	4:06	0.9	4:58	0.3
12 Wed	4:58	1.0	5:51	-0.5
13 Thu	5:47	1.2	6:40	-1.1
14 Fri	6:34	1.5	7:28	-1.4
15 Sat	7:21	1.8	8:14	-1.4
16 Sun	8:07	2.1	8:59	-1.2
17 Mon	8:54	2.4	9:43	-0.8
18 Tue	9:42	2.8	10:28	-0.3
19 Wed	10:33	3.0	11:15	0.2
20 Thu	11:31	3.3		
21 Fri	0:05	0.8	12:35	3.3
22 Sat	0:59	1.3	1:44	3.1
23 Sun	1:55	1.7	2:51	2.6
24 Mon	2:49	1.9	3:49	2.0
25 Tue	3:40	2.1	4:40	1.3
26 Wed	4:26	2.2	5:25	0.7
27 Thu	5:08	2.4	6:06	0.2
28 Fri	5:48	2.5	6:45	-0.2
29 Sat	6:28	2.7	7:22	-0.4
30 Sun	7:07	2.8	7:59	-0.6

BASEBALL

Well, once again we write about the World Series without a hint of bitterness that our Cubs have lengthened their period of absence from the fall classic to oh, eighty six years.... but who's counting. The Ohio First People are playing the Florida Fish, and that's all there is to it. Rude comments have appeared in the public media about having a Baseball team named after a fish, although, the Marlin is a very large fish known for his fighting stamina. There was once a team in Major League Baseball called the Spiders and in 1924 the World Series was won by a team that went by the name of the Washington Senators. (The mind boggles at how long the games must have lasted and what the mascot looked like.) In spite of the unfortunate name the Floridian Nine had the advantage of the wisdom and instincts of one of our all time favorite managers, Mr. James Leyland. Leyland's Sisyphus like career of taking the cheapest major leaguers the aptly named Pirates would provide him each spring, and pushing them up the standings to a respectable position, and an occasional pennant, then seeing them sold off each winter, resonates with Cubs fans. And, guess what, he won. Yes, in what will go down in baseball history as one of the greatest seventh games in the annals of the World Series, this \$100 million dollar team made up of rookies, rejects, refugees and the very rich played excellent baseball. The new kids played classic fundamental blue collar baseball, guided by a man who described himself second string catcher in Double A, and who dedicated the win to rank and file players who never give up on the dream. There is always hope. Go Cubbies



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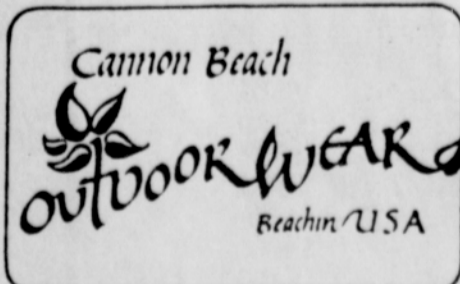
The Audubon Society of Portland informs us that we only have until Nov. 14th to write to Gov. Dr. John Kitzhaber or David Gilbert Chair of the Oregon Board of Forestry at 2600 State St., Salem OR 97310 to protest the 'timber first' rule. This Administrative Rule makes the cutting of timber the highest priority use for Oregon Forests, and that is just plain wrong. Call Audubon at 503-292-6855 or the Sierra Club at 503-238-0442 or Oregon Trout at 503-222-9091 for more info, and do it now!

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