

THE FINGER

(A COLUMN OF SOCIAL ISSUES AND HUMOR)

Unjustness is ranking high on the list this year with a very dear family friend murdered in Oregon City last week. Perhaps you've read about it. We are now minus one loving human being that has touched more souls in his surroundings than I have yet to meet. "Big Al the Kiddies Pal", I love you.

The police have handled the situation extremely well as usual leaving the "suspect", that named the burial place, behind the wheel of a running police car while they were stroking their egos on the side of the road. The suspect slammed the car into reverse and floored the vehicle but was brought to submission by the police firing upon the "suspect" driving the police car.

I can't stop asking myself who has their hand on the vertical hold? Why does a man kill another without apparent cause and how could the police force leave a murder "suspect" in the front seat, not hand cuffed, of a running police car?

Let us take a look at what is going on in our communities, friends. Let us look closely at the what is being produced and consumed. Take a good look at who is driving by in the black and white patrol car. Take a close look at the people in control of the institutions you or your family frequent and what it is that is being bought and sold.

My family and many of our friends are feeling a terrible loss. This is something new to our middle class white existence. I have never before experienced the senseless murder of a close friend or family but to much of our country this is a part of everyday life.

In certain parts of Portland the police and concerned groups are asking for ARMED NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS to patrol the neighborhoods. This is to stop the senseless murder that happens every day in some neighborhoods in our own state.

Once a problem in "those areas" or to "those people" over there, people physically assaulting or killing other people is becoming more and more frequent every day all around you and your family and friends.

The answer is not to make more money and live above it by being able to live in the "right" areas because I can show you by turning on the television that there are no untouched areas.

This nation has a violent culture and a violence problem. It is time we helped ourselves. I don't preach pacifism as a solution but I also believe violence breeds violence. It is a cultural problem tied into our everyday fabric from recreational visual media to the romantic history of WW II in an ill compiled high school text.

This nation needs to teach itself an egalitarian sense of human value. There must be an achievable human understanding and tolerance level reached if we are ever to progress as a neighborhood, city, state, country, world.

For the sake of your family, yourself and our collective families respectively; the next time you are pushed over the edge into hate and reaction take control and help others to do the same. This is a time when we need constructive thought out action not the reaction of hate and physical violence on our large human family. Let us control this organism in harmony for the betterment of human kind without the grief of death.

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WHO AM I?

1) AFTER FLOUNDERING WITH THE TIGERS FOR SIX YEARS, I LED THE LEAGUE IN SAVES WITH THE DODGERS, THEN THE CUBS. MY TRADEMARK WAS MY PRACTICE OF TAKING THE MOUND, PEERING UNCERTAINLY IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE PILE, AND THEN UNCOILING A 90 MPH FAST-BALL 20 FEET UP THE BATTER'S FEET. NEVER FAILED TO LOOSEN UP THE BATTER. I HAD ONE OF THE LAST GREAT ANIMAL NICKNAMES. TWO BASES.

2) GIMME A BEER, ME? I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CAT PLAYERS TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSET. CHECK IT OUT. I WAS THE DUDE THAT INVENTED THE HIGH FIVE. TRUE STORY. THREE RUN HOMER.

3) I PLAYED FIRST, LED THE LEAGUE IN HITS, HR'S, & B.A. ONCE EACH. I WAS REGARDED BY MOST PLAYERS AS THE BEST AT MY POSITION. BARB RUTH SAID I WAS BETTER THAN GERRIG. ALAS! I WAS A GAMBLER, AND AFTER TWO YEARS OF CROOKED BASEBALL, I WAS BANNED FOR LIFE AFTER THE BLACK SOX SCANDAL.

- A) STEVE GARVY
- B) FRANK CHANCE
- C) HAL CHASE
- D) CHICK GANDIL

4) HEY, MOVE OVER. I GOT A STORY. I START 37 GAMES ONE YEAR, & LOSE 25. I GET TRADED. SO I GET A PROBLEM WITH GIN, OR P. JOHN McLEER WRECKS MY PAYCHECK, DOES NO GOOD. I GET FIRED. SO WHAT? THE GAMES COME BACK FROM A ROAD TRIP AND I GET MY UNIFORM IN THE WINDOW OF THE CLOSEST BANK FROM THE FALLOUTS, SCANNIN' DRINKS FOR A BUCK. I WAS DEAD A YEAR LATER.

- A) SLIM SABLET
- B) BILL FROHN
- C) RUBE KRUI
- D) BUSBY RAYMOND

5) I WAS THE ONLY PLAYER IN THE NL TO BE TRADED IN MID-SEASON WHILE LEADING THE LEAGUE IN HITS. A TRIPLE, BUT ONLY A GIFT SINGLE FOR ANY WHALER REGULAR.

BONUS HOMER! NAME THE ONLY AL PLAYER TO DO IT.

SPECIAL BONUS QUESTION-

I WAS A MEDIOCRE OUTFIELDER WITH A WORSE BAT, BUT I HAD DECENT SPEED, HENCE MY NICKNAME "BARB RUTH'S LEGS"

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 - 3) GREYER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER
 - 4) HARRY STEINFELD
 - 5) BARD NEUSHAE
 - BONUS) ED DELAHANTY

THE SUBSTITUTE SURFER

When things get a bit under water blurry in the light dark black green cloud held on the bottom sandy gravel rock quiet down here how far down how long what eyes do i feel watching am i out of place is this my home do i belong forever comfortable saline blanket of ice rubber wedged on the bottom or floating to the top later than expected too late for dinner and too early for breakfast as a diner in a not the meal food chain mentality and a cold ride scalding coffee fogged windshield rain leaky v dub shit brown station van rusty dog transport vehicle waxed window looking down from the top hot tub bash in the swirly season it is after the frost quiets down the tourists potato chip so. cal boards no room for the timid in the rolling grey green mountain left tunnels going deeper than understanding snowball rolling surreal in the back with the quiet expansion of fall.

QUESTIONNAIRES ACCEPTED

Citizen interest and participation is the very breath of democracy. What surfaced at summer's end in Cannon Beach as an expression of frustration was focussed by concerned citizens into a simple questionnaire sent to all residents and available to visitors. The questionnaire invited comment about interactions with the Cannon Beach Police Department.

A great deal of interest had been generated by the time of the annual Homeowners and Residents Association meeting on October 10th. Police Chief Dave Rouse appeared by invitation and spoke briefly to the evidenced concerns of the audience.

Responses to the questionnaire were presented to City Council through City Manager John Williams. Presenting additional responses before Council at its October 13th meeting, Upper Left Edge editor Billy Hults initiated a lively discussion which included comment from Council, Mayor Schwab, and Chief Rouse, as well as local residents and businesspeople.

Of some 40 questionnaires returned, 75% were critical of police behavior, and the majority spoke of inappropriate attitude.

Others addressed police response to medical emergencies and other procedural concerns. Some respondents suggested that warnings be issued rather than citations when appropriate.

Chief Rouse explained that his officers have, in the case of repeated parking violations, warned before citing. He affirmed, however, that his department would enforce the law unless otherwise directed. Mayor Schwab pointed out that the uniformed officer has the greatest level of flexibility in the legal system. In a later interview, Chief Rouse said that until recently no training had been available for officers in handling the verbal component of incidents where police presence is required. Rouse also said that the level of hostility faced by officers this year far exceeded any prior time in his tenure. At the Council meeting, local business owner Sandy Love had reminded Chief Rouse that all who work in Cannon Beach had to deal with that same behavior. Council members recommended the Chief consider community policing training for the department, and commended those who responded to the questionnaires.

In interview, Chief Rouse said that some of the questionnaires, although vague, addressed ongoing concerns of the department. He said he intends to present a substantial report to Council before its November meeting.

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