

# UPPER LEFT EDGE

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## If not me, who? If not now, when?

### Dr. Karkeys

When the sky goes deeply blue, just before the stars fill up the near-black above, the only sound that lingers is a steel guitar whispering from a car radio. In the places where the land and the waters and the skies hold off the crowds, the shifting, bending chords pay homage to the hills, and the melody reaches with the mountains toward the moon. In the hands of a master, the steel plays notes that carry until the winds die, just before dawn, the sound of things that have the illusion of lasting.

Because it is tied so closely to our Western myth, and because we desperately need our myths so that we can dream in the face of adversity, "Country" music is often reverent, and inspires a deep affection.

The family farmer cared for the land; he understood that the soil was living earth, that his life would pass, and his children's and, still, the land would live. This sense of stewardship was inspired not by government or churches, but by the land itself. It was felt by those who preceded the farmers.

Now, however, when profit, rather than sustainability, has guided America's agricultural "industry" for so long, we are seeing the extreme costs of single cropping in highly modified soils, of dependence on irrigation, of streams killed because the cost of maintaining buffer zones of vegetation is not built into the cost of food production. As with maximum yield forestry, greed yields a short term profit that arranges the cost of damages be paid much later, and often by the victims. Waste, like ostentation, is excessive. When it



### The "PEACE SIGN"

"Back by popular demand" or "The footprint of the American Chicken"? What does this familiar symbol mean, and why do we love, hate and ignore it?

The oldest explanation of its origins we have heard of was that some English women who were protesting the "Atomic Bomb" in the fifties were told that semaphore for N & D (standing for Nuclear Disarmament) would look like what we call the Peace Sign. They adopted it and it spread to the counter culture in America and was worn as a protest during the VietNam War.

What is this symbol doing on the front page of the Edge? Well, as some of you know the Edge got its start in Portland during the recent Gulf War ( Operation Desert Storm, not the current edition) when Uncle Mike, Wickland, Dr. Karkeys and your Beloved Editor put out a "Peace Paper" in protest.

Now, we are again engaged in war in various places around the planet, and again we feel the need to express our opposition to violence as a solution to economic and social disputes. If Ghandi and Dr. King have taught us anything it is that we need not kill people to bring about change. We can and must resolve our disputes without the massive destruction we have used in the past. We can no longer afford the luxury of war. We can no longer pretend there is no other way! We must make and keep the peace on this planet if we are to survive. We must make peace as individuals, states, nations and corporations. If there is to be peace it must begin with me, and with you and the efforts must never end. Just a reminder.

endangers the lives that follow, it is criminal.

It is absurd that the very businesses which are known as exploiters have sought the hearts of independent westerners in their "Wise Use" coalition. These are the economic giants who, when the price of their greed has come due, simply turn us against each other and vanish behind a cloud of disclaimed responsibility.

The people who know the land understand that it must be healthy so that it can help us provide wisely. We have been insulted and deceived and polarized by the profit-seekers for too long. We are not environmentalist vs. logger, angler vs. rancher, or archeologist vs. miner. The struggle is between those who care for the earth and those who care about money.

As people perceive the difference between self-serving pronouncements and the complexities of preserving our resources, they can make their voices heard in support of intelligent policies in the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management. Let it be known that there is no room in our councils for those who see only board feet in a redwood that has lived for 30 of our generations, or those who would rip out a Joshua tree that has outlived the Romans and leave behind only a pile of radioactive tailings.

It is possible that we are crushing the miraculous unfolding of life on this planet when we are only beginning to understand it. It is also in our power to stop.

"Continue to contaminate your own bed, and you will one night suffocate in your own waste."

Chief Seattle



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### FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON AND OREGON COAST TIDES  
STANDARD TIME

Date	HIGH		LOW	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1 Mon	6:26	8:4	8:36	6:0
2 Tue	7:33	8:6	9:40	6:5
3 Wed	8:38	8:9	10:33	7:0
4 Thu	9:40	9:2	11:18	7:6
5 Fri	10:36	9:5	—	—
6 Sat	11:28	8:1	—	—
7 Sun	—	—	—	—
8 Mon	1:21	9:0	1:12	9:5
9 Tue	2:00	9:4	2:05	9:0
10 Wed	2:38	9:6	2:58	8:4
11 Thu	3:19	9:6	3:56	7:8
12 Fri	4:02	9:4	5:03	6:9
13 Sat	4:53	9:1	6:17	6:4
14 Sun	5:54	8:7	7:36	6:2
15 Mon	6:57	8:4	8:48	6:5
16 Tue	8:07	8:3	9:51	6:9
17 Wed	9:09	8:3	10:41	7:3
18 Thu	10:04	8:4	11:21	7:7
19 Fri	10:53	8:5	11:57	7:9
20 Sat	11:35	8:5	—	—
21 Sun	—	—	—	—
22 Mon	1:00	8:3	12:52	8:2
23 Tue	1:26	8:4	1:28	8:0
24 Wed	1:51	8:5	2:06	7:7
25 Thu	2:14	8:6	2:45	7:3
26 Fri	2:42	8:6	3:28	6:8
27 Sat	3:11	8:6	4:21	6:4
28 Sun	3:49	8:5	5:27	5:9

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1 Mon	0:07	3:6	2:08	1:3
2 Tue	1:23	3:8	3:13	0:7
3 Wed	2:39	3:8	4:09	0:1
4 Thu	3:45	3:4	4:57	-0:4
5 Fri	4:43	2:9	5:42	-0:8
6 Sat	5:37	2:3	6:23	-1:0
7 Sun	6:29	1:7	7:04	-0:9
8 Mon	7:19	1:1	7:43	-0:6
9 Tue	8:09	0:7	8:24	-0:1
10 Wed	9:01	0:5	9:03	0:6
11 Thu	9:56	0:5	9:47	1:4
12 Fri	10:55	0:6	10:34	2:1
13 Sat	—	—	12:01	0:8
14 Sun	—	—	11:34	2:8
15 Mon	—	—	1:17	0:8
16 Tue	0:45	3:3	2:28	0:7
17 Wed	2:02	3:5	3:32	0:4
18 Thu	3:10	3:3	4:23	0:2
19 Fri	4:09	2:9	5:08	0:0
20 Sat	5:00	2:6	5:44	0:0
21 Sun	5:45	2:2	6:17	0:1
22 Mon	6:24	1:9	6:49	0:3
23 Tue	7:03	1:6	7:15	0:6
24 Wed	7:38	1:4	7:43	0:9
25 Thu	8:10	1:2	8:08	1:2
26 Fri	8:45	1:1	8:33	1:4
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### CANNON BEACH Recycling Center Schedule

COMMERCIAL & RETAIL RESIDENTIAL

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Weekly  
 First and Third Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monthly

\*The monthly curbside orientation is held on the last Wednesday evening each month promptly at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

## BASEBALL

Pitchers are loosening up, the owners have spent the money, the Cubs did some traditional trading, and soon, throughout the land, we will hear, "Play Ball", in every ball field and tavern in America! It makes you proud!

