

# Editorial Now & Then



Rev. Hults

The problems of the forests are both global and local, in the ways they effect us and the ways we must deal with them. In Thailand and Burma we have cut the trees and the land is washing away into the ocean. In Brasil we are burning the rain forests. In Cannon Beach we are poisoning our water supplies and destroying our fishing and tourist industries.

Why are we doing this? Who are we? ... or more correctly, who do we think we are? We... you, me, a lot of unemployed loggers, a lot of small investors in the dream of financial security and a future for their kids, a lot of corporate folks worried about the bottom line for their investments, and, yes, their kids' futures. We apparently think we have "dominion" over the earth.

What we have been doing is not only not working for a few owls and the salmon here in Oregon, but for the planet as a whole. So we can't go back, we can't just say: "That's the way we've always done it", or "It's a way of life"; and we can't tell each other, "We should have known, we should have been able to see that we were causing irreparable harm". This is ignorant behavior. There is nothing wrong or unusual about ignorance. It is the most common human trait. We are born with it. Once we grow and learn, but refuse to change -- then we are no longer ignorant, we are stupid. Stupid is no more unusual in humans, but there is something wrong with it. It indicates we are not using available information for our own well being, it is self-destructive behavior. I believe several multinational corporations and governments are committing suicide and trying to take us with them! The Forest Summit brought together a lot of folks who live on what we call the Edge, both geographically and economically. Loggers, who love their freedom to work an honest job, their independence, their kids and their country. Native peoples, who love the Earth, their kids, their freedom to live in balance, and their country. Environmentalists, who love the beauty of the planet, science, truth, freedom to make a difference, their kids, and their country. Business people, who also love their kids, their country and the freedom to live the American dream and succeed. Politicians, who mostly love their children, and winning elections, and the freedom to make things happen their way, and their country, 'cause it lets them do their thing. And all these folks sat around and talked about what we are going to do here on the Edge.

If we are not ignorant we understand we have problems, with cutting trees that make breathable air and hold the dirt in place and filter the water for us. If we are not stupid we are going to do something about the problems. The problems... locally we have been trying to find out about what we are dealing with now and in the future, by talking to locals and the lumber harvesters -- in this case Cavenham Forest Industries, who own the harvest rights to the land surrounding Cannon Beach.

Now, remember this is not the Washington Post where the Oregonian goes for its news. No Woodward & Berstein we, but we asked around about Crown Z and "Sir" James Goldsmith (we fought a revolution so we don't have to call people "Sir"; in America respect is earned, not bestowed by royalty) and heard some stories. We have ten years of ignorance and stupidity stories. But it is not our purpose to document blame, but to encourage healing. We are a very small voice, and shouting at Knights is never recommended. But the fact remains that change is occurring and information is available to correct a lot of mistakes we have made and people all over the world are making, this corporate suicide must be prevented as the old ways of ignorance die off and we become forced to act on our knowledge. The corporations are the only ones who know what is really happening to the planet, and we need to let everyone know; like what really happens to the water after clear cuts and herbicide spraying. So since "Mr." James Goldsmith apparently couldn't make the Summit, this small voice on the Upper Left Edge of America would respectfully request that the Lord of the Manor in these parts might explain to the serf-like folks in Cannon Beach, Ore. what the hell he does have in mind for our watershed! We could meet at the chamber; Sir James with Pages and Grooms and Barristers, the Beloved Reverend with innkeepers, musicians, and game keepers; we could raise a flagon of Ale (Portland Ale, of course!) and talk about the forest, and salmon fishing, and how we love our kids.

Your beloved reverend knows little about the economics of the

forest industry, but, using the skills that earned him a D in Algebra, we figure that the real reason we "harvest" timber the way we do is that it is more profitable than other, perhaps less damaging forms of management and harvesting. But how much more profitable? Do you save a million dollars when you spray after cutting? Is a clear cut twice as profitable as selective cutting? Ten times? What would it cost to do differently? We, the folks being affected, might be able to pay the difference. Hey, we could hold a bake sale, or a Rock Concert, and give all the proceeds to Sir Jimmy and his bankers. I really think people would (or should) be willing to pay to protect their water, fish, birds, views, ... kids.

So, Goldsmith, sir, you can earn our respect, by coming to talk with us about what you plan for our future, and maybe we can strike a deal.

Otherwise, Sir Knight, if you come swinging your battle ax, we must remind you that on the older maps of this area, it was noted that -- "Here there be Dragons."



The Upper Left Edge is proud to inform our readers that as of April of this year we have been printing the Edge on recycled newsprint with soy-based ink.

Also, we would like to thank the many people who are helping us work on our water shed story, which will be featured in our July issue. If you have any information about plans for this area or past abuses, please contact the Upper Left Edge -- Box 118, Cannon Beach Ore. 97110.

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City of Portland  
 STATEMENT BY MAYOR VERA KATZ ON THE MAYOR'S BALL

"For the past eight years, the Portland Music Association has dedicated considerable time to producing one of our City's largest musical events, the Mayor's Ball. Each year, hundreds of volunteers, along with the staff of the Association have contributed hundreds of hours to ensure the success of the Mayor's Ball.

"Thanks to the event's sponsors, staff and volunteers, the Ball draws annual crowds of around 12,000 attendees who pay a ticket price of around \$12.00.

"To put to rest, once and for all, any lingering questions regarding the Mayor's Ball finances, I asked the Portland office of the Arthur Andersen accounting firm to conduct a complete audit of last year's books. The audit, which was released today, shows that the Ball's finances are in sound shape.

"Since the Ball's inception as a campaign fundraiser for Mayor Bud Clark eight years ago, it has grown increasingly into a mature, independent, self-supporting organization.

"After ensuring that the event was in good financial shape, I have notified the Portland Music Association that I intend to take the next step in that continuing evolutionary process and hand over the Ball completely to the musicians and volunteers who currently operate it and make it happen each year. And, from here on out, it will no longer be called 'The Mayor's Ball'.

"I want it to be very clear that even though I do not think it appropriate for this event to continue carrying the title of my office, it will continue to have my support. See you at The Ball."

### And now for something completely different.....

The Mayor's Ball.

Your beloved editor, Dr. Karkeys, and Uncle Mike all were deeply involved in the creation of the original Inaugural Ball, and have fond memories of eight years of work and fun at this unique event. Every year it brought thousands of people together, to hear the finest music the area could produce. Thousands of dollars were raised for charities. I remember sitting on several of the committees that decided where the money from the Ball would go, and watching folks with tears in their eyes and smiles on their faces help small dedicated groups of people help other people. I have watched musicians, who had never played to anything bigger than a school gym, stand on a stage in front of thousands of people and for a brief moment be the star they dreamed of being. I have watched sound, light, and road crews get the experience that can only be gained by working a "big room". I have watched people in the "industry", from all over the country, check out the scene.

Now, it seems it might be over. I would like to urge my friends in the Portland Music Association to consider carefully the possibility of doing it, doing it differently, yes, but doing it.

Not just because the charities need all the help we can give them, or that it's a great party, or that it gets bands more exposure (the Turtle says, "A person can die of exposure!") or to give the PMA a reason to exist; No, do it because you can! No one else can! For eight years you have built up the teams that can pull off an event that made the Guinness Book of World Records. Every year you do something that everyone said couldn't be done! And you do it good. Not perfect, but good. You really have helped the music industry in Portland! You have the right to be proud of what you did to help a lot of people.

It is not without personal knowledge of how difficult this event is to organize and produce, that I ask; but still, do it, if you can, and we know you can.

### WHERE TO GET AN EDGE

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