

Editorial Now & Then

Measure Twice, Cut Once.

Work, as we know, is what we do for a living, right? The dictionary defines it as "the transference of energy when a force produces movement of a body." There are a lot of definitions of work, and a lot of opinions about it.

We recently were given a copy of Paul Hawken's 'Growing a Business' a small reader friendly book about American Business Trends. Unless you really understand your Beloved Editor, (and so few do) you might be surprised that an old urepentant hippy, would enjoy what looks like a Yuppie Self-Help book. But, no, Mr. Hawken is talking about what "The Edge" is all about. It is both what you do, and how you do it, that counts in your life. The work that you do defines you to yourself in some degree. So if you are doing something you hate then you tend to hate yourself for doing it. The phrases, "I just work here" or "I'm just doing my job, are indications of how we feel about what we do when we are doing it, and how we think it should be done.

Mr. Hawken talks about some folks who do what they like to do the way they want to do it, and make good money doing it. Folks like Patagonia, Ben & Jerry's, even Norm Thompson and Midas Mufflers. He makes the point that your work is a major part of what you do with your life and that you can't feel good about your life if you don't feel good about your work.

Your editor found this out several years ago while tending bar. Spending night after night acting as a social director for practicing alcoholics seemed to lower our opinion of the human race, and our part in it.

Mr. Lennon said "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." Work is what we do when we are making plans for our lives, but it is in fact our lives, so maybe we should be careful of what we pretend to be, while we are getting ready to live our lives.



Rev.
Hults

Work is real, and it is hard to find, and it is hard to keep doing, and it takes more time than you have to do what you want to do, but if you don't like the road, you'll probably hate the destination, so measure carefully, twice, before you cut, or you might have to do it all over again.

So what we are trying to say here... your beloved editor has, after a mere eight months of Small Business Administration negotiations, managed to buy a small book store in Cannon Beach. Yes, the Edge has yet another home. Jupiter's Rare & Used Books, formerly under the capable and amusing management of John Taylor, is now in the clutches of the Rev. Billy Lloyd Hults, pastor of the Rastified Church of the Cowboy Buddha, and will be open daily from around ten til about five. Jupiter's is located on Spruce, between the Kite Shop and the Bike shop.

We will be having a Grand Opening (little late) Saturday, June 12th, Noon til Six, with treats and deals and the staff of the UPPER LEFT EDGE, including a special appearance by Uncle Mike, who will autograph your papers and give you advice. (like you need it, like you'll listen!) Mr. Baseball, with trivia, possible live music and all kinds of cool and famous people all day! So we invite all our friends, and folk who vaguely remember us to drop by and buy a book or two. See you there, but you must excuse me now, I have to get back to work.



Want announcements of highway meetings & community gatherings when there's no time to publicize them in the *Edge*? I need your address!

In May ODOT held a US 101 Corridor Study workshop in Seaside at which your presence would have been helpful. There likely will be meetings this summer about the \$80 million in freeway projects constituting ODOT's dream for the Upper Left Edge.

In March community planner Peter Katz gave an excellent lecture in Astoria on "The New Urbanism: Toward an Architecture of Community". In late May Robert Theobald facilitated town hall meetings in Seaside on "Economic Development and a Sustainable Environment".

When community building events like these are announced too late to spread the word in the *Upper Left Edge*, I mail announcements to those who have expressed interest. In a democracy there is strength in numbers. Exercise your citizenship -- broaden public participation & open government processes!

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OCA Update:

The Oregon Citizens Alliance failed to gather needed signatures to place anti-gay/lesbian rights initiatives on the June 29th ballot in Medford, Hermiston, Pendleton and Prineville. While legal challenges may hold up votes in Canby and Lebanon, residents in six counties will cast their votes on anti-gay initiatives in June. Those counties are: Crook, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Linn. Other cites that are currently challenging the OCA's initiatives are: Estacada, Gresham, Molalla, Troutdale, and Wood Village.

If passed the initiative would allow employers to fire a gay or lesbian employee if his or her actions "disrupts the workplace". But what constitutes disruption is not defined.

"It is our goal to train a generation of biblically-based young people to lead America to righteousness."

OCA County News
Douglas County, Jan. 1990

The Oregon Hate Free Association's immediate goal is to help defeat the county initiatives and to educate the state and encourage EVERYONE not to sign the OCA's new petitions. Oregon said NO once. We can't afford to spend over 6 million dollars on another Measure 9 type initiative. Colorado already faces a 100 million dollar boycott and the City of Springfield now faces new legal challenges, that its taxpayers are now paying for. Springfield has also lost its city insurance because it passed the OCA's initiative.

My personal plea to everyone is this: Don't be blinded by the lies of the OCA, all citizens in this state deserve EQUAL RIGHTS. When the OCA knocks on your door tell them that you are proud that this house is a hate-free zone and that you don't believe in discrimination no matter how re-worded it is.

"The world is no longer a safe and familiar place. Individuals have TOO MUCH FREEDOM, kids are having sex, and no one respects authority. The OCA's concerns range from reinstating cursive writing in schools to banning abortion."

Brenda Saunders
OCA Member
Willamette Week

Did you know?

The Oregon State constitution already contains a prohibition against "Special Rights", in Article I Section 20, it reads:

"No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges or immunities, which upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens."

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Whyizit - We can take an old hurt dog or cat or any other type of beloved pet to a veterinarian and have it "put down". It is a good thing to do - the poor thing is suffering.

Whyizit - When I am old or have a catastrophic disease and have tubes in every orifice, I cannot ask my physician for a dignified and quiet death. I must use a gun, drive over a cliff or jump off a bridge. Which is a very big shock to my family. And if I am unable to do any of those - I must suffer untold agonies and pain.

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