

MEANWHILE, IN NEWPORT

# ALEX LAFOLETT

Note: To protect the guilty, names used here are false.

I had just returned from a virulent but pleasing Central Oregon pub crawl in company with a good old pal. (His Lady and Herself, Light of My Life, both obligingly pretend to believe we're going fishing, hunting, prospecting or whatever...)

Anyway, bartender Rita could hardly contain herself, she was so eager to repeat the gossip "Had I heard?" Rita fairly simpered. Sally and Zack were going together! "I saw them myself this morning in the grocery. They were (giggle) holding hands!" Here she dissolved in laughter. "Don't you think it's just a scream?"

Understand, Rita has barely wiped the foam of her first legal beer from her upper lip. Meanwhile, from my advanced perspective, such geriatric shenanigans are an occasion for anticipation, and hope, not hilarity. Thus, my reaction disappointed.

She was going on to point out the more humorous aspects of the situation when she glanced up at the door. Her eyes widened. Her mouth shut.

There, for everyone to see, they entered the barroom of The Old Cetacean. Sally was demure. Zack's cigar jutted from his crockery grin at a veritably priapic angle.

They settled into a booth and called for drinks and menus. Rita delivered them with winks and simpers.

Friends, it was amazing. Public slap and tickle at 3:30 in the afternoon.

They ordered food, Zack specifying he wanted bread sticks with his salad. Bread sticks and whipped butter to spread on them. The food came.

At the bar we pretended not to listen. Zack buttered and crunched bread sticks. His rumbling bass carried the tune. Sally's interjections and laughter added percussive flavor... then...

"Rumble, rumble, rumble,"

"Giggle."

"Rumble, rumble, rumble, rumble,..." (Long pause)

"My God, Sally, I've just buttered my cigar!"

Fortunately, he hadn't taken a bite.



Twenty-seven years ago my friend Michael Marsh showed me the First amendment. He flipped a power switch on a 1260 Multilith press, ambled over to look at the result, made a slight adjustment, then flashed a mischeveous grin, eyebrows bouncing. His was the smile of a monk who knows the secrets, and that if there are no secrets, the truth will prevail.

Since the days of the Oracle, the Berkley Barb, the Realist, and, yes, the Willamette Bridge, I have collated, poeticised, pontificated, and otherwise raked muck from time to time. Never have I seen an unfunded little publication grow so nicely, look so good, be such a pleasure to read, or appeal to such a broad spectrum as the Upper Left Edge.

When your esteemed editor launched the Edge, it was a paper airplane. It was music and a sense of involvement in the community. It was fun, and it grew.

Owing its spark and commitment to Billy Hults and its visual magnetism to Sally Lackaff, the Edge has drawn fine writers and artists and will continue to do so. This paper is built by hand and heart each month, and the vitality shows.

If our differences create conflict, we can describe them clearly and without anger. Kindness is attractive, and, as the Dalai Lama says, anger is the most destructive human power. So, it is a joy to see this paper address weighty issues without resorting to verbal violence. This concern is born of affection, not a desire to control.

We all do care. It's not always easy but, as Ranger Doug says, it's the cowboy way.

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Les Shirley Park	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	—	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00
Candy Kitchen	10:03	10:33	11:03	11:33	12:03	12:33	1:03	—	2:33	3:03	3:33	4:03	4:33	5:03	5:33	6:03
Cokater	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	1:05	—	2:35	3:05	3:35	4:05	4:35	5:05	5:35	6:05
Midtown	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	—	2:06	2:36	3:06	3:36	4:06	4:36	5:06	5:36	—
Surfcrest	10:09	10:39	11:09	11:39	12:09	12:39	—	2:09	2:39	3:09	3:39	4:09	4:39	5:09	5:39	—
Tolovana Wayside	10:10	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10	12:40	—	2:10	2:40	3:10	3:40	4:10	4:40	5:10	5:40	—
Wave Crest	10:13	10:43	11:13	11:43	12:13	12:43	—	2:13	2:43	3:13	3:43	4:13	4:43	5:13	5:43	—
Maher	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	—	2:15	2:45	3:15	3:45	4:15	4:45	5:15	5:45	—
GOING NORTH		Leaves from Maher & Hemlock (Southpoint)														
Maher & Hemlock	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	—	2:15	2:45	3:15	3:45	4:15	4:45	5:15	5:45	—
Tolovana Wayside	10:18	10:48	11:18	11:48	12:18	12:48	—	2:18	2:48	3:18	3:48	4:18	4:48	5:18	5:48	—
R.V. Park	10:24	10:54	11:24	11:54	12:24	12:54	—	2:24	2:54	3:24	3:54	4:24	4:54	5:24	5:54	—
Midtown	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55	—	2:25	2:55	3:25	3:55	4:25	4:55	5:25	5:55	—
Ecola Square	10:26	10:56	11:26	11:56	12:26	12:56	—	2:26	2:56	3:26	3:56	4:26	4:56	5:26	5:56	—
White Bird Gallery	10:28	10:58	11:28	11:58	12:28	12:58	—	2:28	2:58	3:28	3:58	4:28	4:58	5:28	5:58	—
Les Shirley Park	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	—	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	—

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