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Editorial Now & Then



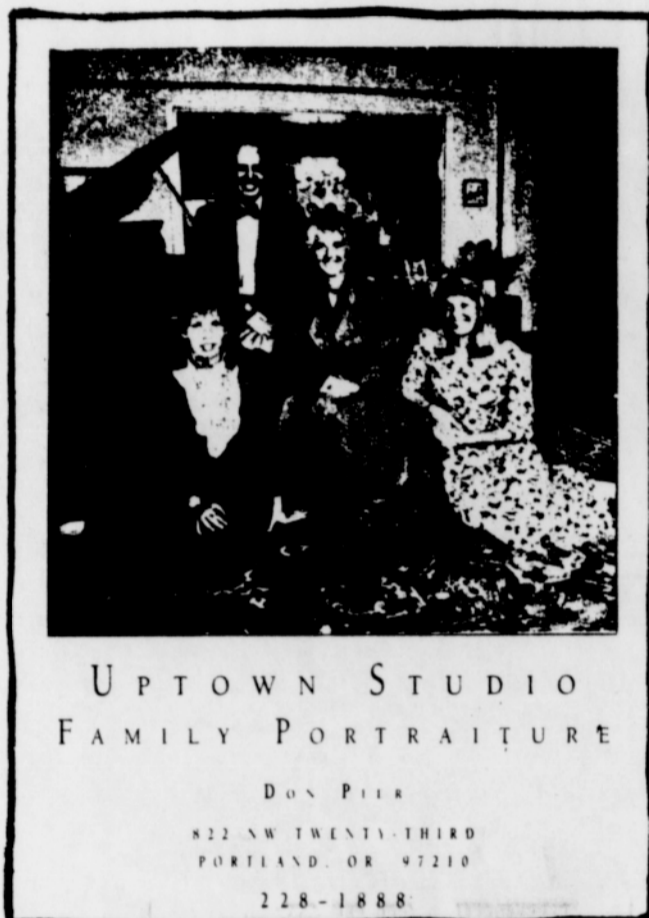
Okay, Newt! Now you've done it!! We are mad as hell! How dare you?? We are appalled at the statement we read this morning (Feb 17). "The first thing every good American does every morning is say, 'What's the angle? How can I get around it?'" Obviously our idea of a Good American and yours differ greatly. You must be one of those people who think all environmentalists are in it for the money, because that, and the power which comes with it, is all you apparently think of. We are very disappointed, but not really surprised. On the other hand we have "Sparky" Anderson, who said, "There ain't enough money in the world to buy my integrity." Good for you Sparky! Shame on you, Mr. Gingrich. When we think of folks we know, "good" Oregon-Americans like Brandon, who volunteered every Thursday morning at 9 AM, often in a driving rain, to help with the recycling center; or closer yet: June Kroft, Professor Lindsey, the "good" Dr. Karkeys, and all the others who write for the Edge on a regular basis and ask not a dime for their work, and have no "angle" but to share with other folks what they have learned. . . Oh, yes, shame on you, Mr. Speaker. If that is what you think good Americans are like, perhaps you should spend less time with billionaires and more time with working folks.

More Stuff: Yes, that was the Beloved Rev. on the frontpageabovethefold of the Big "O" the other day, being quoted about the Cavenham clearcut and the dialogue that our community has begun with them. The Rev. came out in favor of dialogue, as opposed to polarization. And not surprisingly exception was taken by a couple in the "letters to the editor" page the following Sunday. Even though the Rev. was assumed to be "intelligent" (must have been a typo) they were concerned about his grasp of the difference between talk and reality. Cavenham has not promised to change its policies. They have promised to "consider" visual impact. Granted, a very small step. But we are taught that every journey begins that way. Yes, we understand that we are to suffer under the laws written for Corporations. We can already see a huge scar as we look north to Tillamook Head from our "Beach of a Thousand Wonders". With a big yellow mechanical dinosaur grazing happily on the slopes.

A few years ago, directly below the clear cut, the humble Ms. Sally and your Beloved Rev. watched a couple from the Salmon tribe as they selected the birth place of their children. The female was very fussy as she nosed around in the small stream that was wide enough to jump across in most places, and too shallow in places to keep the pair submerged. The male circled and consulted, but the choice was obviously hers. We were touched by their care, for each other and the future generation they were about to create. It was a truly romantic experience, and, we soon decided, a private one. We left them alone. We wonder about those new lives they created, did they make it, how are they doing? With the recent rains, will the stream fill with the soil left bare by the cut? We understand reality; yes. And no,

talk has yet to change that reality. When it comes to the spraying of poisons, will the talk matter? Hopefully.

We know it makes more sense to discuss differences than it does to shout at each other. Slogans and sound bites are fine but they are not to be confused with solutions. We were delighted when a local Real Estate Person suggested that if hand clearing of brush and scrub alder would prevent spraying of poisons, then he and others would volunteer, and maybe even spring for insurance, so Cavenham wouldn't be liable. Maybe that's just talk, but. . . We have stood out in the rain in front of buildings with protest signs, and marched in parades, and have seen little in the way of real change, so maybe we could try to sit down with folks we have been at war with and try to build a peace that we and the earth can live with. Just a thought.



We can destroy ourselves by cynicism and disillusion just as effectively as by bombs.
Kenneth Clark

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MAILING LIST BLUES

by Kim Bossé

If you were asked the question, "What is a tree worth?", how would you calculate that worth? A common answer would be its market value for wood or pulp products. Or possibly one could attempt to assign a value to the tree's aesthetic worth. Obviously, there are as many variables as the people you ask. Recently I was acquainted with an interesting response by Professor T.M. Das of the University of Calcutta, India. He has figured the worth of an average tree living for 50 years at \$196,250. His premise is the cost of artificially maintaining the ecological functions provided by the tree. The breakdown of that figure is:

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| \$31,250.00 | Oxygen Generation |
| \$62,500.00 | Air Pollution Control |
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One of the easiest ways to help in decreasing the unnecessary flood of paper products that collect in landfills, is to cut down on the third class mail we receive. Third class mail is referred to as bulk business mail, unsolicited mail; or in lay terms, junk mail. The postal employees are required by law to deliver all mail sent to your address. They cannot censor mail, even if we request it. However, we can!

The price break in third class mail allows over 8 million companies to advertise their products. Additionally, these companies often sell their mailing list to other companies and organizations. So how do we control receiving unsolicited mail? Easy!! Well, sort of. It will take a bit of effort on your part.

If you write to the following direct mail agencies and request that your name and address be deleted from their mailing lists they will accommodate you. These companies often sell their lists to small organizations for promotions, catalogues, and flyers.

Donnelly Marketing, 1235 North Ave., Nevada, Iowa 50201
 Mail Preference Services/Direct Marketing, P.O. Box 9008, Farmington, NY 11735
 Metro Mail Corp. 901 West Bond, Lincoln, NE 68521
 National Demographics & Lifestyles List Order Service, 1621 18th Street #300, Denver, CO 80202

Reverse phone books are another source for mailing lists. Again if you contact them they will remove your name and address.

Haines & Company Inc, Criss-Cross Directory, 2382 East Walnut Avenue East, Fullerton, CA 92631

The telephone company offers a "No Solicitation Calls" listing for a nominal monthly fee. By law this protects Oregonians from uninvited sales calls. Call your phone company for specific information.

The following companies provide credit information. Ask them to remove your name from their files. Also request a copy of your credit report. Look for the section called "promotions", "promo", or "companies that request your credit report." Contact each company listed and request to be removed from their mailing list.

Equifax Options, Marketing Decisions Systems Inc., P.O. Box 740123, Atlanta, GA 30374-0123
 TransUnion Transmark INC, 555 West Adams, Chicago, IL 60661
 TRW-NCAC, 12606 Greeriville Ave, Dallas, TX 75243

The Department of Motor Vehicles records are also used for direct advertising. This one really surprised me!! To be taken off their list you must complete form (of course there is a form; this is the government) 735-6438C "Request to Withhold Name/Address from DMV Records Used for Direct Mail Advertising." The form is available at your local DMV and can be submitted to DMV, 1905 Lana Avenue NE Salem, OR 97314.

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