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Editorial Now & Then

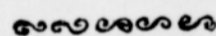


Along with most of the world, we here at the Edge were appalled, shocked and frightened by the Oklahoma City bombing. We rarely cover the "news" in these pages, but this incident is something that all Americans must speak out against.

It seems a bunch of white guys who didn't get to play "war" enough as adolescents have succumbed to paranoid fears of Big Brother, and have somehow been able to justify treason and the murder of children. We have seen this coming in America for years, the kind of thinking that says we must destroy a village to save it. The kind of intolerance, fear, and plain old hate seen in the Anti-Gay initiatives of the OCA. The bombings and murders of doctors by Anti-Abortion zealots. The ongoing racial violence and discrimination against aliens, legal and otherwise. The use of religion as a litmus test of patriotism. Prayer in school, and all that. Well, you have to put up with a lot of horseshit in a free country, but 5,000 pounds is too much. There is a law in this country which states that it is illegal to plot the overthrow of the government by violent means. By non-violent means is fair; give it a shot, the Republicans managed it. If you don't like the laws, you vote for change. You don't murder children. These idiots who did this should never be allowed to draw a free breath and never be let to forget it was the future of this country that they have so hideously betrayed.

Your beloved reverend is a "reverend" for two reasons: first, to tease the "true believers" -- those who believe "God said it, Jesus did it, I believe it, that settles it"; and second, because he believes that compassion, hope, and a place for the spirit are necessary for all human beings, regardless of dogma. The First Amendment gives him the freedom to follow his beliefs and speak his mind. It gives him the freedom to publish his views and to criticize the government. If so inclined, he could mount a run for office, and change the laws he disagrees with. This is a nation of laws, and those laws were written to protect the people from tyranny. They work pretty well, all things considered, better than any other country on the planet so far. So, please, folks, speak out against hate, vote against intolerance, work for peaceful resolutions of conflicts.

And remember, for evil to prevail requires that good people do nothing.



Well, as our constant readers know, the price of newsprint keeps going up and up, and two Oregon publications bit the dust last month. This Week and The Downtowner ceased publishing in Portland. In Houston, TX, The Post, which had survived for 111 years, printed its last issue; leaving the fourth largest city in the country with one daily newspaper.

We have entertained conspiracy theories in the past (and were justified), and are again suspicious of the owners of the Media. The excuse is just too good to be true: "We have to raise the price of newsprint (thus forcing many small alternative voices out of business, and silencing a lot of critics). But it's not our fault; blame the environmentalists, who won't let us cut down trees. (And we won't let you raise hemp, which makes the best paper there is, faster and cheaper than anything else, because you might just smoke it.)"

So, the Edge, like a lot of small papers, will be forced to either reduce the number of pages or the number of copies we print, or in the best possible of all worlds we will receive tons of support from our advertisers and readers to survive this crisis; but things are kind of scary right now for all newspapers in America.



The Josi Report

There comes a time in our lives, when we must take stock of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. It is part of the growth experience of all human beings. I have experienced such a period of introspection this past year. This process has led me to a decision that I need to share with you.

To begin with, I will be resigning my seat in the House of Representatives effective sometime this fall. I have enjoyed the years I have served as your elected official in Salem and will remember them fondly. My life has been enriched by the opportunity to meet and work with many of you and to have the privilege of helping some of you through difficult times.

My decision to leave is based on several considerations. The first is my family; as many of you know, I have a wife, daughter and a young son. When I first ran for this office I knew that it would mean a tremendous time commitment on my part. Initially, being your Representative was exhilarating and the time spent away from my family was not an issue. However, as I grow older, I find I miss my family more and more while I spend extended periods away from home campaigning, doing constituent work and attending legislative sessions. Because of this I find myself questioning my commitment to the office. This is not fair to you, as you deserve someone who can wholeheartedly devote themselves to the state's and to your interests. That is why I am telling you now about my decision, so those interested in being appointed to finish my term may pursue the position.

The second reason I am resigning is that I have recently been offered a business opportunity in Hawaii. The time is right for me to reach out to this new career and lifestyle. My family has suffered financially over the last five years while I have been your public servant; the enumeration one receives as a Representative does not replace the revenue I have given up in my personal business while tending to state duties. It is important to take care of my family needs now.

One of the considerations that has made it easier to make this decision is that during the years I have served you, a marked change has occurred in the way politics is conducted in this state. Oregon has been following the national trend whereby men and women of moderate beliefs and conciliatory behavior are being marginalized in our political system. We are rapidly dividing into polarized interest groups and political parties that have no interest in building understanding and common ground between us, but rather in demeaning those who do not happen to agree with the goals or views of our particular group. We are becoming increasingly dogmatic and rigid, less accepting and benevolent towards each other, the earth, and the well being of future generations. I am having trouble dealing with the building cynicism towards government and politicians. I have tried to make a positive difference by being here in Salem, I hope that I have. Now it is time for someone else. Thank you for giving me the honor of being your State Representative. I will always be grateful.

Tim Josi

Mr. Josi, Democratic Representative from Bay City, has been sending us the Josi report regularly for several years; and we regret that this is the first time we have printed it. We are reminded that you don't miss the water 'til the well runs dry. We have, for the most part, been proud of Mr. Josi's work in the legislature and the district, and his responsiveness to our problems. We wish him and his family well. And to his replacement, good luck; it will be needed. -- ed

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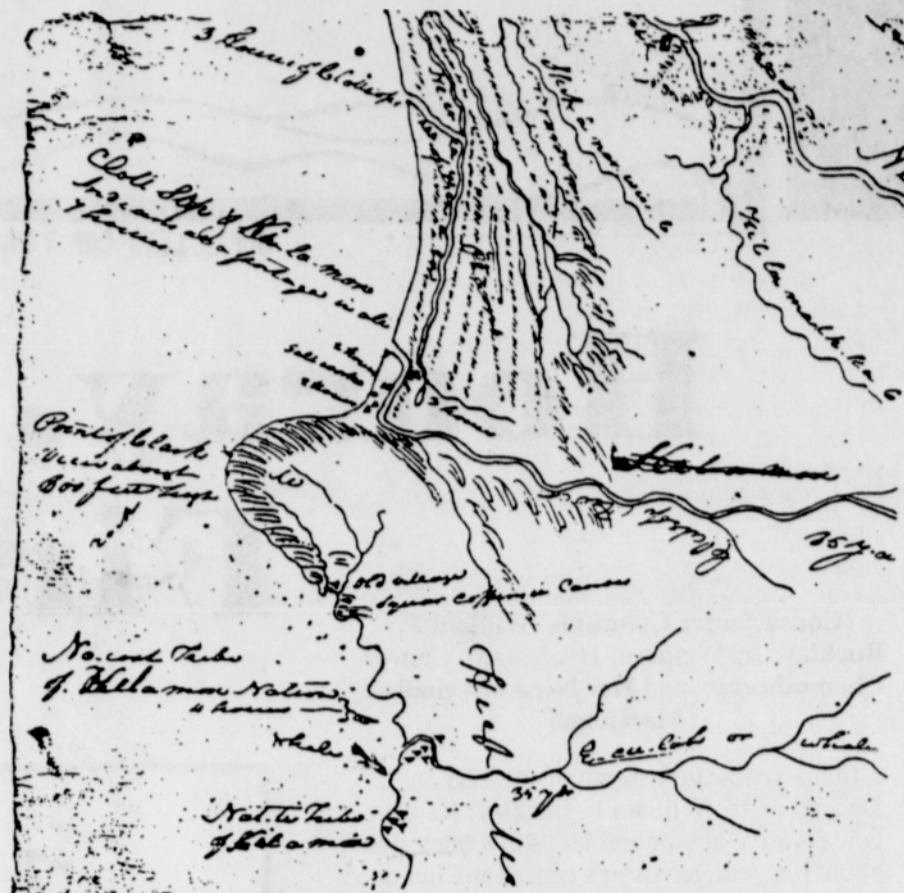
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We can destroy ourselves by cynicism and disillusion just as effectively as by bombs.

Kenneth Clark

Also, coming up will be more about the end of the Lewis and Clark trail, and the village that later became the site of Cannon Beach. We have a copy of the map William Clark drew (see below), and are continuing our efforts to gather information for a possible archaeological investigation of the site.



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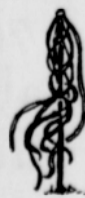
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