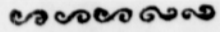


Rev.
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Editorial Now & Then



It was with great sadness that we learned on Memorial Day last, of the death of Bridget Snow. We share the grief of her family and friends, and dedicate this issue of the Edge to her memory. Bridget lived in Cannon Beach for over fifty years and was loved and respected by all who knew her. We know that this passing will effect our dear Professor Lindsey and Mr. Logan, and we will miss their regular reports of her wit and strength. She was one of the vanishing group of strong women who made Cannon Beach the place it is. She was also one of the few who could recall the last time the hills surrounding Cannon Beach were logged. Perhaps she could not stand the thought seeing it done again.



One of the joys of your beloved editor's day job, running Jupiter's Rare & Used Books, is the occasional outstanding book that he will hold briefly in his hands. Recently, thanks to Dr. Joseph Miller, tireless defender of Bull Run Watershed (see this page), we got our hands on several volumes from the 1700's. Books, some older than America, leather bound, printed on hemp, with wood block illustrations. One, from 1784, a small almanac from England, listed days whereupon bleeding was ill advised and also held a list of dates for "remarkable events". Of course, the first date was 3949 B.C. "Creation of the World". No quibbling; not approx. 3900 B.C., not 3948 or 3950, nope, 3949 B.C. We assume on a Monday, New Year's Day, a little after midnight.

This reminded us of how incomplete our knowledge is. Uncle Mike notes that we have no idea what 98% of our universe consists of. This is perhaps why we are skeptical of zealots and true believers. When former Secretary of Defence MacNamara, twenty years too late, declared that the Viet Nam War had been a mistake, we started to wonder about what other mistakes will be admitted in the future. Will we see Newt and the boys confessing their mistakes on education, health care, the budget? Will the major timber companies, the petro-chemical industry, and automobile manufacturers one day tearfully ask for the forgiveness of the whole planet, for the mistakes that brought about the needless death and destruction of our environment? Will it do any good?

This issue of The Edge will focus on some of the mistakes we can still correct or prevent from being made. In Portland, Bull Run is in danger, in Willapa Bay, herbicides and pesticides threaten. Here in Cannon Beach, the harvest continues, both on the surrounding hills and in the city limits, as new construction eliminates the last old ones, to "get more light" or make room for "new growth".

The humble Ms. Sally asked, what does it mean, "Some nights the wolf is silent and the moon howls"? We huffed and gruffed and pontificated, spewed out vague suppositions, and finally admitted we had no idea what it means. We have a feeling about the statement. It was originally found as graffiti, under a bridge in Portland. We picture a wolf howling at the moon as a primal vision of nature in reaction to the cosmos. Then we suddenly hear the whole universe screaming back at the earth, from the mouth of the moon. The universe has listened to the whines and howls enough, and it is time to shut up and listen to something other than our own noise.

This month we, and several others, have found ourselves howling at the moon, and for good reasons. We are at 8 pages this month, simply because that is all we can afford. This means that space is limited and some ads have been reduced to reflect this. We have tried to keep a balance of ads and content.

In addition, we are missing Jim's Wine Column, as well as Rob Milliron (who is also nursing a broken arm). We hope to see things looking more like normal next month.
- Assis. Ed.

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Dr. Joseph L. Miller Jr. has fought to protect the purity of the drinking water for the city of Portland for decades, and continues today. As recently as last month, May 1995, he submitted comments on plans to "manage" Bull Run Watershed. We are pleased to be able to share with our readers the thoughts of one of the most tenacious Oregonians since Tom McCall.

"I Oppose the Whole Process."

1. What happens to Bull Run Lake affects a National Treasure. It affects the purity of drinking water for 700,000 people now; and for more in future generations. There should be a full-fledged Environmental Impact Statement.
2. A 20-year permit for extensive MANAGEMENT would prejudice current efforts in Congress to secure PROTECTION for this water source. Protection is the opposite of management.

The values in Bull Run that have historically done better under protection than management, include:

Naturally pure, cheap, abundant, reliable drinking water.
Public pride and satisfaction in the way this area is taken care of.

Wild animals and plants; especially disappearing species and ecosystems.

In addition, real protection would retain an existing option for all the Bull Run and Little Sandy inhabited watersheds to be designated as Research Natural Areas, so scientific observations could be done of the impacts of past manipulations. Information obtainable only in this way can enable us to improve our caretaking of priceless and disappearing sources of naturally pure water in many other places. This option for future learning requires a control: undisturbed headwaters.

3. The extent of disturbance of the natural values that would occur if this permit is issued is hinted at by the mitigation measures.

4. Public involvement can only have been minimal, due to poor notification. I do not read the classified ad section of the Oregonian.

5. Public health considerations are ignored. The prime consideration in protecting the natural purity and safety of the water, is exclusion of all unnecessary human entry. This permit would authorize entry to many people for 20 years.

It would not be unreasonable to fear that issuance of this permit would lead to admission of public recreation. In 1971 the Forest Service proposed admitting the public to Bull Run, including swimming in the reservoirs from which come their drinking water. Public outrage blocked that proposal.

The Bull Run Lake permit issued in 1993 required admission of the public. Such entry would surely violate the intent of the Preamble of Public Law 95-200: That the principal management objective should be the continued production of pure, clear, raw, potable water. Admission of the public would mandate filtered, not raw water (for public health reasons).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph L. Miller Jr., M.D.
(ret. Portland physician)

(Enclosed with Dr. Miller's letter was the testimony of Harold T. Osterud, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Public Health and Preventative Medicine UOHSC, School of Medicine. Dr. Osterud also speaks eloquently of the need to keep Bull Run protected from recreational use as well as logging, listing the dangers of disease that increase with the number of people allowed in the watershed, plus the cost of correction once the water is polluted. Dr. Miller as always enclosed the names and numbers for the folks to call if you want to keep Bull Run protected. They are, this time, Connie Athman and Alan Smart, and we called them. They informed us that the Portland City Council has decided on option B, which allows water to be taken until it is level with the intake pipes, and will provide for the recovery of Bull Run Lake in 6 years. The "leave it alone" option was not successful, but they recommend you write your congression Representative. We also encourage this, and recommend you tell them that you stand with the good Doctor Miller in opposing the whole process!)

Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.
Richard Bach



The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.
Harry Emerson Fosdick

Question: Name a newspaper you can get in Cannon Beach, Astoria, Seaside, Lincoln City, Tillamook, Newport, Eugene, Corvallis, and Portland.
Answers: The Upper Left Edge, The Oregonian, USA Today, and maybe The Wall Street Journal.

Question: Now add; the Long Beach Peninsula, Seattle, and Duvall, Washington.
Answers: The Upper Left Edge, USA Today, and maybe The Oregonian.

Question: Name a paper that you can get in all of the above for FREE!
Answer: The Upper Left Edge

Question: Match the price for a full page ad with each paper:
A. \$140,400.00 1). The Upper Left Edge
B. \$57,500.00 2). The Oregonian
C. \$7,581.33 3). USA Today
D. \$300.00 4). The Wall Street Journal

Answers: A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1

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of being forced to set in motion the expensive and restrictive engines of recovery, the Secretaries of Interior and Commerce (a marriage made someplace other than heaven) would run a cost/benefit analysis of their survival versus somebody they know making a bundle. Then, and only then, would they prescribe treatments ranging from doing something about it to sending a note of condolence. In the eyes of Gorton/Johnston, this merely levels the playing field.

Speaking of level playing fields, there was an interesting piece in an old issue of Popular Mechanics I recently stole from some waiting room. The piece was about the Big One: the asteroid that hit the Earth 65 million years ago and wiped out the dinosaurs so we'd have oil deposits to kill each other over. The fiery chunk of karma struck off the present coast of Columbia and made a hole 180 miles in diameter, roughly the distance from Portland to Seattle. We know about the cloud of debris that blotted out the sun for decades. What the article pointed out was the immediate effect of a large asteroid slamming into the ocean. Evidence indicates it raised a wall of water three miles high that deposited shattered boulders five feet across as far north as Connecticut. One such wave deposit off Cuba, perhaps a back flush, is 300 miles wide and 1500 feet thick.

On cost/benefit analysis of that level playing field, Gorton/Johnston wouldn't even be a blip.

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