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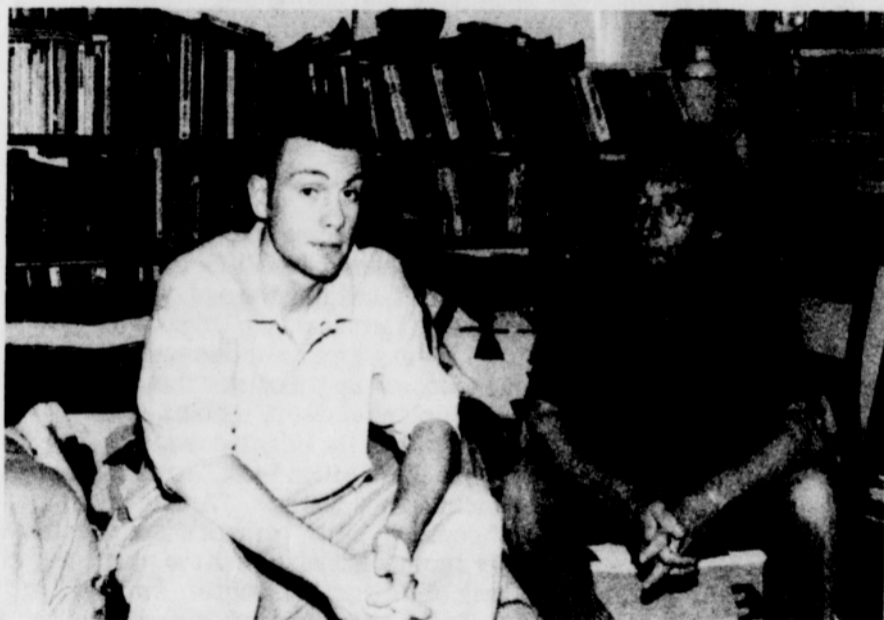
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The shortest distance between two straight lines is a point.



Happy Birthday Rev. Billy

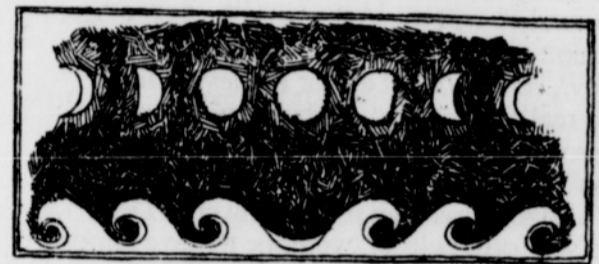
The photo above was taken by Leslie Wood, and shows your beloved editor/rev. and his son the Young Master James Lucas Rian Massa (currently 18 years old, single, available for lucrative employment; and willing to relocate).

We know that is a bit self serving, but as we have always said, "It's our paper, we can do anything we want, don't you wish you had a paper?" It is our way of encouraging others to be silly.

Well, we're back and we've grown, and we have new folks; who apparently have no fear, or judgment. Your beloved ed. has reached two score and thirteen, in spite of his best efforts. And it seems that he has committed himself to continue this dialogue until the millennium. (Just so we can see if the computers can handle the change over, our Mac was built by people who think in longer increments so we have no problem at the Edge)

So, let's get to it, shall we? Since we last spoke things have been getting more and more.... here in the magic kingdom without the mouse. An example: one of our spring break guests asked a local shopkeeper, "How did Haystack Rock get here?" We hope she explained, with a straight face, that we had it shipped over, much like the London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, piece by piece from Gibraltar, where it was considered "not that great". The Chamber of Commerce gave a silent auction and paid the freight, and if you get real close at low tide you can see the names of the donors spelled out by starfish and anemones. Yes, the madness of summer at a resort mall is again upon us, and our only refuge, The Church of Bill's, now called the Cathedral of William, is still undergoing its remodel.

Rev. Billy



JUNE - High Tides

DATE	A.M.		P.M.	
	time	ft.	time	ft.
1 Sun	11:16	7.0	11:23	9.1
2 Mon	0:08	9.3	12:17	7.2
3 Tue	0:52	9.4	2:05	7.5
4 Wed	1:33	9.3	2:54	7.5
5 Thu	2:14	9.1	3:40	7.5
6 Fri	2:53	8.8	4:25	7.4
7 Sat	3:33	8.4	5:08	7.4
8 Sun	4:13	8.0	5:50	7.3
9 Mon	4:56	7.5	6:33	7.2
10 Tue	5:45	7.0	7:18	7.2
11 Wed	6:43	6.5	8:04	7.3
12 Thu	7:52	6.1	8:51	7.4
13 Fri	9:06	5.9	9:37	7.7
14 Sat	10:15	5.9	10:20	8.0
15 Sun	11:18	6.1	11:02	8.3
16 Mon			12:14	8.4
17 Tue			1:43	8.6
18 Wed			3:05	8.7
19 Thu	0:24	8.8	4:20	8.7
20 Fri	1:05	9.0	5:40	9.0
21 Sat	1:49	9.2	6:56	9.2
22 Sun	2:34	9.2	8:10	9.2
23 Mon	3:21	9.0	9:24	9.2
24 Tue	4:12	8.7	10:37	9.2
25 Wed	5:07	8.2	11:50	9.0
26 Thu	6:10	7.6	13:02	8.7
27 Fri	7:21	6.9	14:14	8.2
28 Sat	8:38	6.5	15:26	7.8
29 Sun	9:55	6.4	16:38	7.5
30 Mon	11:05	6.5	17:50	7.2

JUNE - Low Tides

DATE	A.M.		P.M.	
	time	ft.	time	ft.
1 Sun	5:15	0.4	5:07	1.3
2 Mon	6:12	-0.4	6:00	1.5
3 Tue	7:04	-0.9	6:50	1.7
4 Wed	7:51	-1.2	7:38	2.0
5 Thu	8:37	-1.4	8:25	2.2
6 Fri	9:19	-1.3	9:10	2.4
7 Sat	10:00	-1.0	9:55	2.5
8 Sun	10:39	-0.7	10:40	2.7
9 Mon	11:17	-0.3	11:26	2.8
10 Tue	11:55	0.1		
11 Wed	0:17	2.8	12:36	0.6
12 Thu	0:17	2.8	1:20	1.0
13 Fri	2:15	2.6	2:10	1.5
14 Sat	3:20	2.2	3:03	1.8
15 Sun	4:21	1.6	3:57	2.1
16 Mon	5:16	0.9	4:49	2.3
17 Tue	6:05	0.3	5:39	2.4
18 Wed	6:50	-0.3	6:27	2.5
19 Thu	7:34	-0.8	7:15	2.5
20 Fri	8:16	-1.2	8:02	2.5
21 Sat	8:59	-1.4	8:50	2.4
22 Sun	9:41	-1.5	9:39	2.3
23 Mon	10:24	-1.4	10:31	2.1
24 Tue	11:08	-1.1	11:27	2.0
25 Wed	11:55	-0.7		
26 Thu	0:27	2.8	12:45	-0.1
27 Fri	1:34	1.6	1:39	0.5
28 Sat	2:45	1.2	2:38	1.1
29 Sun	3:55	0.6	3:39	1.5
30 Mon	5:00	0.0	4:39	1.8

Einstein said that all parallel lines will meet in space. During the cold war, it was said that by the end of this century Communism and Capitalism would pass each other going in opposite directions. It could still be true. Even though they say the only real communists left are in Berkeley. We bring up this point because of global developments since we last spoke. Labor has taken #10 and Africa is ablaze with something like revolutionary democracy. It is all quite interesting. Yes we believe there has been a shift, we will try to let our readers know how weird it gets.

H.L. Mencken on Authors; "Why then do rational men and women engage in so barbarous and exhausting vocation - for there are relatively intelligent and enlightened authors, remember, just as there are relatively honest politicians, and even bishops." And on schoolboys; "The notion that school boys are generally content with their lot seems to me to be a sad delusion. They are, in the main, able to bear it, but they like it no more than a soldier enjoys life in a foxhole. The need to endure it makes actors of them; they learn how to lie -- perhaps the most valuable thing, to a citizen of Christendom, that they learn in school."

Are we ready for our history lessons? In January? we wrote about what had happened in 1897, all those things we take for granted were new weird radical new ideas then. Examples abound that the rhythms of time sound true. So, let's consider the next year, because as was discovered in 1898 the most common galaxy was a spiral, not a circle, so we must look in an expanding or decreasing number, or at least in the general neighborhood. In 1898 Oscar Wilde published his book about his imprisonment for, basically, being a high profile gay man. In 1997 Allen Ginsberg died, he had been imprisoned as well, though usually on purpose. The US was having trouble knowing what to do about Cuba. We eventually started the Spanish-American War. Corporations (read Railroad Barons) were running afoul of the Laws of the Land, 18 were convicted of violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. In 1897 the President had to veto a bill requiring a literacy test for immigrants. There was a lot of trouble in eastern Europe, Turkey and Greece at war, trouble in Africa, the Middle East, well, same stories as today, or in fact the stories of today are the direct result in some cases of those wars. And so it goes.

BASEBALL

After a record breaking start the Cubs are fighting for third place in their division.

The one thing the study of baseball teaches is that the stats, odds and polls are a record of what happened. They are no indication of what will happen. On any given day any team can beat any other team, this has been proven, so then until it's over, everything is just improvisational mathematics; and that is like jazz, and that works. A jazz musician once said that when you are playing music, if you make a mistake, just repeat it and call it Jazz. Every one makes mistakes, every one loses. It boils down to how one loses; gracefully, grudgingly, or rarely, or a combination of the three? There are several sights on the WEB for Cubs fans, one fan asked whether taking your kids to Cubs games was child abuse? The reply came back, "No, it's just teaching them that just because you make a million bucks a year, don't mean you can hit a major league fast ball most of the time." One of the nice things about getting the Edge out again was being forced to actually call or write or even meet face to face some of you who make the Edge work. You are nicer than we could have hoped. You are as silly as we expected.

One comment from the owner of a shop in Portland: "Oh, yes, we want our ad to continue," she said, "I read the Edge cover to cover every month, I even read the baseball column and I don't even like Sports." The natural response was, "Thanks, we don't really like Sports either." But, Baseball, well.... we are reminded of John (a catcher's catcher) Kruk's comments, when asked if he and a few of his teammates didn't look a little out of shape for Athletes? (Mr. Kruk has a beer belly and one testicle, which is apparently enough.) "Hell, Lady!", he said, "We ain't Athletes, we're Baseball Players!"

The Upper Left Edge doesn't have a Sports Column, it has a Baseball column. Any questions? Go Cubbies!!!



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