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Editorial Now & Then



Our headline, this beginning month of 1998, is an old saying we remember from our youth. And we are reminded that there are a lot of folks who are still going through their youth, and still don't know, that, well, that is how it often is for most folks in this world, no ham, no eggs.

We, here, on the upper left edge of America, are going through the season of darkness. Travel is tedious to terrifying. The coffers and cupboards are empty. The times and tides tear at our gentle nature, and we still tend to giggle, in spite of the lack of a good breakfast. Yes, life is serious, and we promise we will do our best to fulfill our obligations to those who have allowed us credit, and helped us get through the year just past. But, we refuse to succumb to depression, in spite of all the obvious opportunities. Your beloved rev., and the Upper Left Edge have been broke before, and you may have noticed, we have overcome the condition for the better part of six years. At this point we have no idea how this will come about this time, but we still think it will happen. So, let's get on with it, shall we.

We are delighted that Don Berry is gracing our pages this month, with his essay on the submissiveness of the woman in the tango, which is available 'free' on the 'net'. We, being a paper of poor, but honest people, who do their best to show respect, paid him our standard fee of \$5. He said that was more than The New Yorker paid for printing it almost in its entirety. (Harold Ross would not have behaved that way.) Mr. Berry lives on Vashon Island these days. He wrote "Trask", "Moontrap", "To Build a Ship" and a lot of other out-of-print books. He seems nice, and is spoken highly of by locals, as well as critics, but he is still, non-the-less out-of-print. You must understand, dear reader that 'real' publishers only print what is selling to the masses this year, like Steven King, Daniel Steel, Grisham, Koontz, or what ever Oprah is reading. We, on the other hand, like to share and we'll let you know if we can get another five bucks together so we might be able to print a wonderful new essay from Mr. B., called, "How to Dress a Nymph". (For you folks that actually 'surf the net'; punch 'berryworks' into 'Yahoo!' and see what happens.) (It's free.)

We have heard one rather interesting idea on how the people can get back some of the 'sovereign' rights given us by the constitution. If you recall your history the original 'corporations' or companies, like the East India Co. and the Hudson's Bay Company were granted charters by the 'sovereign' in their case the King of England. And the king had the option to revoke their charters, or right to do business, at his whim. It has been suggested that since all corporations must be registered in the states where they do business, (A lot are registered in Delaware which has no corporate taxes.) and that they can do business only with the permission of the sovereign, in this case the people, then the people retain the power to revoke their charters. In theory we the people of Oregon could pass an initiative that would prevent, say, Willamette Industries, or Nike from doing business here. We told you it was an interesting idea. So, instead of trying to get our representatives to listen to the voters rather than the corporate lobbyist that finance their campaigns, we could stop the corporations from doing business at all. We called the Secretary of State's Corporate Affairs office and spoke to Ms. Caroline Thrasher, who confirmed that, in theory, we could write and circulate an initiative, gather enough signatures to get it on the ballot, and if enough voters agreed, we could revoke the charter of any corporation to do business in Oregon. Yes, this is a radical and drastic step. And we don't suggest revoking anyone's charter on a whim. But it might do some good to flex a little 'sovereign muscle' to remind those who are buying our representatives, that the real power still belongs to the people, and that the consumer and the voter are the same person. So, let's hear from our readers, who's charter should we revoke

first? Exxon, Waste Management, Dow, all the timber companies, lets us know your choices. Isn't this fun?

There is a lot of news that has made us cranky this month. One item was the Common Cause report on the amount of money given by the Timber Industry to members of Congress during the time they were considering making the guys that use the roads to cut down the trees that we the taxpayers sell them at a loss, to actually pay for those roads, rather than charging them to us (again, the taxpayers). The amount was \$3,000,000.00. So, of course, the guys that use the roads won't have to pay for them. Yes, that does mean we will. And one wonders if any of that money ended up in Al Gore's pocket, (the wanna-be Environmental President; formerly the wanna-be Tobacco President) who failed to cast the tie breaking vote for this bill, because he was in New York fund raising, rather than doing his constitutionally mandated job, as vice president to vote only when the Senate can't decide between the money and the people. Well, this just illustrates the problem with representative democracy in a capitalist system where the Supreme Court declares that 'money is speech'. So legally, 'money talks'. And thus poverty is silent. Our alleged representatives, have failed to even address campaign finance reform, or soft money or lobbying, or any of the obvious problems they seem to be having doing the people's business.

Now don't think you beloved editor is just going to join the howling mob, that wants to throw the bums out. (but, yes, he would probably give his last two bucks for a re-deal) He actually has a modest proposal; We suggest that public servants be paid a wage that puts them at least in the top 50% of taxpayers. (rather than the top 10%), and that they can accept no other form of income for their period of service. And further that they can accept no more than a set amount of contributions for their campaign for any office they are seeking. Say, \$10,000,000 for President, \$5,000,000 for Congress, \$2,000,000 for Governor, \$1,000,000 for State Legislature, etc. (Our current Mayor in Cannon Beach spent \$100, and beat a guy who spent \$1000.) This would give the candidates the ability to get their message to the voters, and with free and equal time for debate of the issues in the media, it would give voters enough information to make up their minds about each candidate's abilities, and goals. It would also give the media the time to actually examine the issues rather than the candidates sex lives, friends, pets, or other things they do when they aren't on the people's payroll.



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