

Rev.
Hults

Editorial Now & Then



Your beloved editor has always had an interesting relationship with the second month of the year. Like August is really 'high summer'; February is the mercifully shortest month of 'the dead of winter', in spite of what the stars or pagans say; the math works. Things seem to happen in this brief period that resonate throughout the following year. The 'holy days' over, the world settles down to the daily stuff of life. And life being what it is, interesting things tend to happen. So, here you have it, February on the upper left edge of America. We have always loved the fact that Oregon became a state on February 14th, Valentine's Day, 1859, and have often wondered if it was by design. Could this be a small part of the reason so many fall in love with this little corner of the country? We know that our little village seems to have an abundance of things and folks to love.

If the locals would just skip this part, we intend to brag about you to our readers around the country.

These days since your beloved rev. has moved back to his old hide-out from the sixties in Tolovana, he has had more reason to ride the shuttle. For those who have never visited; our village has had a free shuttle service that runs from one end of town to the other (Tolovana to Ecola) for years. It was started when a bunch of folks got together to fight oil drilling off the Oregon Coast. They figured if you don't want more oil produced you should have an alternative to offer. So, with a self imposed tax on local business, we run the shuttle, as well as all the city owned vehicles, including the cop cars, on natural gas. So, as we said we have been getting a ride into town, on the shuttle, when the rain and wind are a bit much for even the hardiest of locals. And it seems one morning the shuttle driver was hailed by a city pick-up. The driver of the pick-up wanted to remind the driver of the shuttle that there were a couple of people who needed to be picked up on the 4 o'clock run so that they could catch the shuttle that the city has been sending to Nehalem twice a day, now that the Arch Cape tunnel is closed. You see, some of the folks who work in Cannon Beach can't afford, or chose not, to live here, so they commute south to Nehalem or Wheeler where the rents are a little cheaper, and with 101 closed at Arch Cape they have to take treacherous Hwy 53 twice a day. Well, the shuttle driver assured the pick-up driver that she wouldn't forget, and would make sure everyone made it home safe. A small thing perhaps but it made us smile. The shuttle driver smiled too and said "We take care of our own." We have seen this town in troubles and tragedy come together and take care of it's own. We have seen conflicts with the police department result in community policing, which means you are more likely see a cop wave at the locals than pull them over. We have seen concerns about our watershed and it's logging addressed by the community and the timber company that owns the land surrounding our village. There is common ground being found. This town has a childcare center that is almost totally supported by donations and volunteers. We have the last independent library in the state, that accepts no taxpayers money. And they just added a children's reading room, built with money donated but locals. Our Chamber of Commerce building was built by volunteers, and has some of the most beautiful art we have ever seen incorporated into a building. So, this is, we guess, a valentine to this place by the sea, and the folks who live here. And a reminder to you folks that come to visit, these are good people, treat them nice. That bartender probably volunteers at the recycling center, that guy pumping your gas is a volunteer fireman, the clerk at the shop you're browsing in works at the children's center two days a week and the library one. The gardener tending the flower bed in town helps with the Haystack Awareness program. The woman in the wine shop serves on the City Council, the cook in the restaurant is the Mayor, none of them gets paid for their services to the community. So, again, be nice. Locals may resume reading.

Mo stuff,

First the good news; we obviously managed to print another issue of the Upper Left Edge, and things are going well with some of our publishing efforts with the Left Coast Group. "Uncle Mike's Guide to the Real Oregon Coast, with disturbing illustrations by Steve McLeod", by our own beloved Michael Burgess received kudos from the Eugene Register Guard as one of the best books published in the whole Northwest last year!! The book has also been selling well, and has been drawing praise from such diverse quarters as David Horowitz, conservative Historian, (he has at least six copies so far) and Walt Curtis, not so conservative Poet. You can get your copy at any truly good bookstore, or Amazon.com for the non-luddites. Oh, and yes, the Left Coast Group still has a few (boxes) of the Signed First Editions. If we can drag Steven off the beach and Michael away from the poker table long enough to sign a few more. Just mail \$20 to Left Coast Group, Box 1222, Cannon Beach, OR 97110. It will help us get Sally Lackaff's "Wildlife on the Edge" printed, a long postponed project we believe will bring you another delightful book. So, help!!

Speaking of help, now the bad news. Because of what must be terrible machine karma, our laser printer and copy machine have need of costly attention. So, things have become more complicated than they were when they were just the normal chaos. Please bear with us, we might have trouble with the next issue; fair warning.

The computer is the LSD of the business world. It absolutely guarantees the elimination of all the business it is now being brought to serve. - Marshall McLuhan

UPPER LEFT EDGE

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Salem: Heliotrope, Salem Library, & The Peace Store
Astoria: KMUN, Columbian Café, The Community Store, The Wet Dog Cafe, Astoria Coffee Company, Café Uniontown, & Shark Rock Cafe
Seaside: Buck's Book Barn, Universal Video, & Cafe Espresso
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