

# UPPER LEFT EDGE

VOLUME 6 NUMBER 10

MARCH 1998

FREE!

UPPER LEFT COAST PRODUCTIONS ▲ P.O. BOX 1222 CANNON BEACH OR 97110 ▲ 503 436 2945 ▲ bhults@pacifier.com ▲ pcez.com/upperleftedge

## Data, data everywhere, and not a thought to think.

Rev. Hults

### Editorial Now & Then



Life on the Edge of the Information Highway. As our constant readers know by now, your beloved editor, and the Upper Left Edge are on the Net. That is our web address, up there, below the masthead. It is about to change and get simpler. It will soon become upperleftedge.com. The reason is that the folks that helped us build our web site are now helping us build a 'virtual domain'. No, we are not really sure what means either, though they have tried to explain and speak very slowly. Some folks look askance when we start to talk about things like e-mail and web sites, and chat rooms, and all that 'net' stuff. "The Upper Left Edge is, after all, a small paper that is pasted up by hand and is a 'hand to mouth' effort staffed by mostly volunteers. So, what is it doing out there with Bill Gates and Amazon.com?" Well, this paper began as a result of "Gulf War One". It tried to be an activist voice for peace and possibilities in an information environment that was closed to regular folk. Remember? It was a CNN war. Video Violence at it's best/worst. So we printed the paper to get an alternative message into the hands of the most people for the least money. Since then we have managed to get a 'message' out to folks every month for comin' on seven years, it's fun. You can pick it up in a lot of places, New York, D.C., The City, Seattle, Eugene, even Cannon Beach.

For the last year we have been on the 'net'. The reason they call it "surfing" the net, we think, is because it is dangerous and fun. The fun part is that there is so much from so many. The dangerous part is you are kind of 'alone out there'. So, we are now offering all sorts of stuff to advertisers, readers, and contributors, that might help. After all, it's just a typewriter, a telephone and a television.



I recently read in a brochure produced by the Better Business Bureau that 80% of materials filed are never retrieved for reuse. Armed with this fact, I began my annual file purging. Living and working in small quarters forces me to perform this task each winter once I have completed end of the year reports and taxes.

I decided this year to calculate the percentage and weight of unnecessary papers filed. I set aside one morning to complete the task estimating that as a professional in this field, I would only have to remove approximately 20% of my files. After all, I do make my living advising others on how to be resource efficient.

This year I decided to be a bit more ruthless than in the past by including information I saved to assist me in writing. I have saved articles and publications for years to use as references when detailing a project. These were the first to be purged. What good is information over 18 months old...

While I was well below the average, I was aghast to see that 40% of all the materials (23 lbs) I had saved and filed were unnecessary. The main source of unused materials I have accumulated came from professional organizations' newsletters, announcements and publication lists. In analyzing these, I found that they were very repetitive and the volume of those saved hampered reuse.

Hard copies of correspondence that I also had on disc ranked second. This year I am implementing a few ideas that may assist anyone in cleaning up and reorganizing their filing systems:

1. Set aside professional publications for a month and when you review them, check to see if you are receiving new and different information in each of them. I was able to determine that two publications I received were redundant, and called to remove my name from their mailing lists. This did not take any extra time; I just had to review them together as opposed to when they arrived in the mail. Not only was paper saved, but I also saved money for fees. One organization whose meetings I find useful was willing to give me a reduced membership fee by eliminating me from their mailing list.

2. Start a disc for saving correspondence only. This enables you to retrieve and copy letters when necessary without having to scroll through a long directory to find that correspondence.

3. If you need to save facts and information for research use, file it with a date on the folder. Then when you purge your files, it will be easier to do. To help estimate whether you truly use this material, place a check mark on the file each time you use it over the next year. This will help you decide if you are saving the right type of information.

4. Begin routing materials to others. Do three people need to have the current copy of every publication or magazine in your office? After everyone has seen it, file it in a central location for future use.

5. Why print e-mail? Save it if necessary in an archive message.

6. Always remember to double-side copies to save paper and filing room.

For more recycling info, visit these websites:  
<http://www.obviously.com/junkmail/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/>  
<http://www.recycle.net/recycle/>



### MOONS & TIDES

CORRECTED FOR PACIFIC BEACH TIDES

#### MARCH - Tides

WASHINGTON AND OREGON COAST TIDES  
STANDARD TIME

DATE	HIGH TIDES		LOW TIDES					
	time	ft.	time	ft.				
1 Sun	2:11	9.3	2:29	8.7	8:29	0.3	8:40	0.2
2 Mon	2:51	9.4	3:24	8.1	9:20	0.2	9:23	0.8
3 Tue	3:34	9.2	4:24	7.4	10:16	0.3	10:11	1.6
4 Wed	4:22	8.9	5:33	6.8	11:19	0.5	11:07	2.3
5 Thu	5:18	8.6	6:49	6.5			12:29	0.7
6 Fri	6:24	8.2	8:05	6.6	0:14	2.8	1:43	0.6
7 Sat	7:34	8.0	9:11	6.9	1:29	3.1	2:51	0.5
8 Sun	8:41	8.0	10:06	7.3	2:41	2.9	3:49	0.2
9 Mon	9:40	8.1	10:52	7.7	3:44	2.6	4:38	0.0
10 Tue	10:31	8.2	11:32	7.9	4:37	2.2	5:19	0.0
11 Wed	11:16	8.3			5:24	1.8	5:56	0.0
12 Thu	0:07	8.1			6:06	1.5	6:30	0.2
13 Fri	0:39	8.2	12:36	8.2	6:44	1.2	7:00	0.4
14 Sat	1:08	8.3	1:14	8.0	7:20	1.1	7:29	0.7
15 Sun	1:34	8.3	1:52	7.8	7:55	0.9	7:57	1.1
16 Mon	2:00	8.3	2:30	7.5	8:28	0.9	8:25	1.5
17 Tue	2:25	8.3	3:11	7.1	9:02	0.8	8:55	1.9
18 Wed	2:54	8.3	3:58	6.7	9:39	0.9	9:29	2.3
19 Thu	3:28	8.2	4:55	6.3	10:23	1.0	10:13	2.8
20 Fri	4:12	8.0	6:05	6.0	11:21	1.1	11:11	3.2
21 Sat	5:09	7.7	7:20	6.1			12:33	1.1
22 Sun	6:22	7.6	8:28	6.4	0:27	3.4	1:48	0.9
23 Mon	7:40	7.7	9:24	7.0	1:48	3.2	2:54	0.5
24 Tue	8:52	8.0	10:12	7.6	2:59	2.7	3:49	0.1
25 Wed	9:54	8.4	10:56	8.1	4:00	2.0	4:39	-0.2
26 Thu	10:51	8.8	11:37	8.7	4:55	1.2	5:24	-0.4
27 Fri	11:45	8.9			5:46	0.5	6:08	-0.3
28 Sat	0:17	9.1	12:38	8.9	6:35	-0.2	6:51	-0.1
29 Sun	0:57	9.4	1:30	8.7	7:24	-0.6	7:33	0.3
30 Mon	1:36	9.5	2:23	8.3	8:13	-0.8	8:16	0.8
31 Tue	2:17	9.4	3:17	7.8	9:03	-0.8	9:02	1.4

## BASEBALL



Harry Caray  
1921(?) - 1998

The phone message from John Buckley said simply that it was a sad day for Cubbies, Harry Caray was dead.

We had read about his Valentines day collapse, and feared the worst, he was after all, at least seventy seven, had already suffered one stroke and was known for his fondness for Budweiser. Last year we suggested that you might want to give the children in your life a chance to see Harry sing "Take me out to the ballgame." before it was too late, we hope you succeeded. If you did they will share a memory of baseball and America that will never be again. Something akin to seeing the last Dodo. Not too flattering a comparison, but apt. A lot of folks thought Harry should have become extinct long ago, with his phlem clogged voice, his big black glasses, and his endless birthday greetings for fans and visiting car dealers and bartenders. He was an echo of a time past. But we loved him.

One of our prize possessions is a "Shoe" Sunday cartoon strip showing The Professor and Skylar at a Cubs game during the seventh inning stretch, and they sing, "root, root, root for the Cubbies, if they don't win it's the same." In the corner is written, "Holy Cow!!" and it's signed Harry Caray. We sent it to Wrigley field, he signed it and sent it back. He did that a lot for fans. He did other stuff for them, and with them, because he was one of them. He truly loved the game, and it broke his heart, and made him cranky when players, management or the media showed disrespect for the fans. The fans give their dollars and their dreams to the game, and Harry knew it. No doubt, the Cubs will dedicate this season to their now silent 'voice', and his grandson Chip will sit in the chair where Harry sat, and we well might hear the echo of it might be, it could, be it is. Home Run!! or a third generation version of 'Holy Cow!' But, if by the magic of karma, this is the 'next year' that all fans, especially Cubs fans dream of, and the "perennial also-rans" (as the Cubs were described in a New York Times crossword puzzle lately), get to the last game of the World Series, and don't fold, and are ahead at the last out. By God, Chip or Arnie or someone better put on a tape of Harry, in all his glory, yelling, at the top of his lungs, "Cubs Win!!! Cubs Win!!!"

DUEBER'S SANDPIPER SQUARE



A Gift Store for the Entire Family 436-2271

Maggie

SANDPIPER SQUARE Women's Boutique 436-1718

Shorelines, N.W.

VILLAGE CENTRE  
Finest Shell Collection in the Northwest  
436-9350



SANDPIPER SQUARE Comfortable, Classy Clothing for Men & Women 436-2366



SANDPIPER SQUARE Home Gift Boutique 436-2723

DUEBER FAMILY STORES  
A Little Bit of the Best of Everything