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Editorial Now & Then



Nader Notes

Vote for Yourself!!!

October once again finds us looking at a blank sheet of paper. The humble Ms. Sally is off to the Upper Right Edge for a few months, so your beloved editor is left to bang out the rag alone, thus any typo's, mistakes, or general lack of style and grace should be considered par for the course, of course.

So many things are going on one wonders where to begin. Okay, let's start big and work our way down. Globally the Multi-National Oil and Gas folks are once again bringing about an 'energy crisis' as winter starts in the Northern Hemisphere. Isn't this the sort of thing the WTO is suppose to prevent? No? Humm? Then what is it they are suppose to do? The Democratic Candidate pressured the President to release the Strategic Oil reserves, and was predictably chastised by the Republican Candidate, who has a vested interest in oil prices, as does his Vice Presidential Candidate, and well, the Current Vice President, if only because his Mother was willed stock in an oil company. But none the less it's not about them, or us, it's about the guys who own the oil. And it has been argued that the last few wars we have been a part of were basically about oil, and who gets to make money off oil. So, if we vote for the Democratic Candidate, we will have a better chance of avoiding an oil crisis than if we vote for the Republican Candidate? Not necessarily.

Now we must go on to the State level. The two volume Voter's 'pamphlets' lists a slew of initiatives and candidates and could be very confusing. We are tempted to fall back on the old adage, 'When in doubt vote NO!' It holds true for any measures sponsored by Ol' Billy Size-less, or the born again OCA. Measure 9 for example is not only cruel to children, it violates the First Amendment by prohibiting speech. Measures 2 and 7 supporters plan to spend over a million dollars to help developers profit from our environmental protection laws at an estimated cost to taxpayers of 5.4 Billion annually. So, if we must, we suggest with all humility that you consider voting as follows on the Ballot Measures; #1-Yes, #2-No, #3-No, #4-Yes, #5-Yes, #6-Yes, #7-No, #8-No, and #9-Hell No!

There is also a list of Measures numbered from 83 to 99 which as best we can figure voting No on all but 83, 84, 89, 94, 96, & 99 seems reasonable.

As for candidates, well since your beloved editor has finally left the Grand Old Party and registered as a Pacific Green, he recommends voting for any Pacific Green candidate on the ballot, and failing that voting for the Democrat, or write in your own name.

Locally we have three candidates for two seats on the City Council. We strongly suggest you vote for Betsy Ayers. We have worked with her for years and hold her in high esteem, she is the best kind of person to serve the community as a council person, and we thank her for running. We also must thank her for her dedication to Head Start, and her numerous other contributions to the well being of our village. For the other position we have two good intelligent people running. The incumbent has served the community, the region and the state in various capacities for years and has served them well. The challenger has served the community for years as well and has volunteered to do more. We thank them both for running and recommend you vote for one of them, perhaps the challenger, simply so the incumbent can have more time for his other worthy projects.

James Massa, Happy 22nd Birthday Oct. 22!!

Okay, we know you are all pretty tired of having people tell you to vote and who and what to vote for these days, and we promise this will be our last effort to encourage you to try to make this great experiment in self-governance work, this month. Faithful readers will recall our story about the Nader event in Portland that drew 12000 people at \$7 a head. Well, it worked so well, there is a series of them scheduled before the election. One in Seattle asked \$10 per person to listen to Nader and LaDuke, and Michael Moore and Jim Hightower speak truth to power. Over 10,000 people attended. In Michigan Nader drew 12,000 at \$7 each. It is a completely new way to campaign. Never has anyone ask the public to pay to hear a political speech. They usually ask seven people to give \$12,000 each to have lunch with the candidate. What Nader has done is make lobbying affordable to the average citizen. We here at the Upper Left Edge encourage any one who is planning to vote for Al Gore to go right ahead, and anyone who is planning to vote for George Bush to seek counseling, but if you are not planning to vote at all we beg you to reconsider your decision. A vote for Ralph Nader this year could be the most important vote of our life. A vote for Nader is not a vote for a personality it's a vote for a program. A vote for Nader is not wasted anymore that a wish for a better future is wasted. A vote for Nader is a vote that demands that the two political parties begin talking about things that really matter to the average consumer. We find it pathetic that the 'major candidates' spend so much time talking about sex and violence. Oh, they are both against sex and violence, but they seem to enjoy talking about it. They don't seem to enjoy talking about the environment, globalization, abortion, the idiotic war on drugs, homophobia, and a lot more. When they say they want to make television, movies and the internet a safe place for our children. We say, fine, but first, let's make schools, our city streets, the food we eat, the air we breath and the water we drink, safe for our children. Issues are driving the Nader campaign not money. The people are demanding this change not the corporations. So, if you don't care who is the next President but you do care about your future and the future of your children, vote for yourself and your children, vote for Ralph Nader.

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Local Color

The locals whooped it up once again at the annual Pig Party. Serious drunkenness, gluttony, and lust held sway at the Stumblefoot estate, and culminated with the weekly meeting of the Thanatopsis Literary & Inside Straight Society. A fine time was had by all and no life threatening injuries occurred. The photograph on this page depicts Pigu the Destroyer an ancient God of Drunks, Gluttons and Women of Easy Virtue.

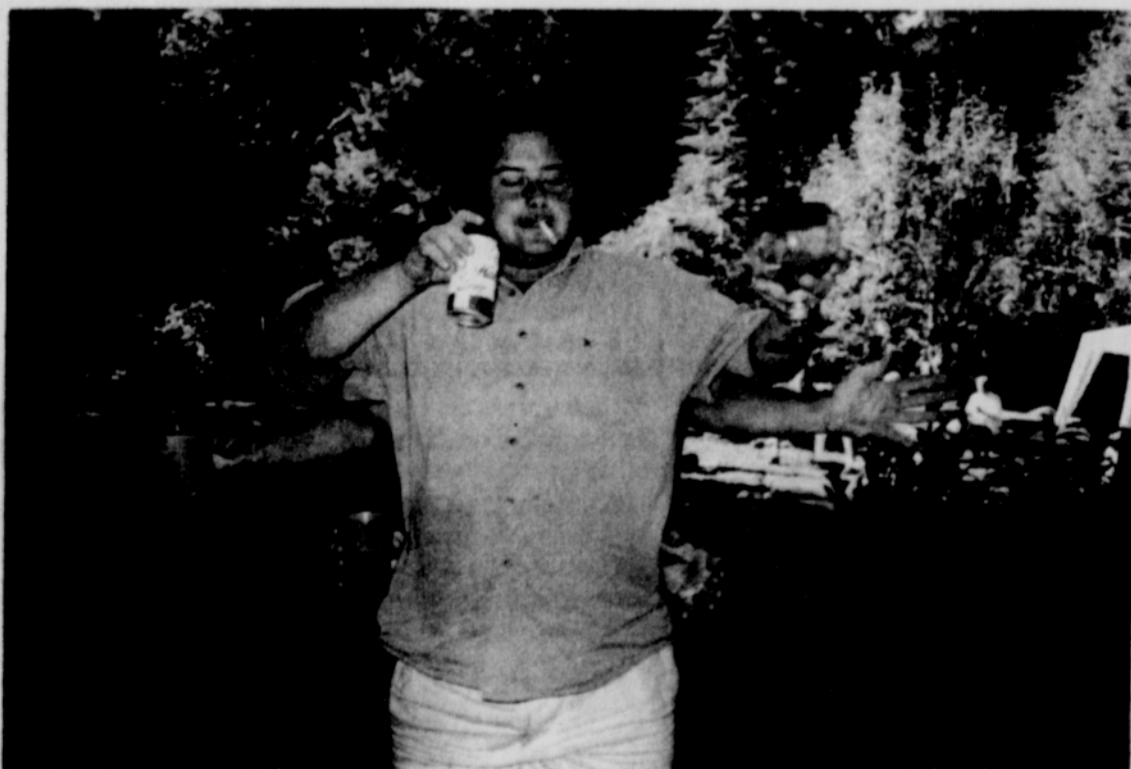


Photo by Steve Lawrence

So here we are, Senators, at your doorstep: We the people. How did you dare think we do not care about our country? How did you dare think that we would not come here to these steps to denounce your corruptions in the name of all who have given their lives to our country's defense and improvement? How did you dare think we were so unpatriotic to have forgotten all those rows upon rows of graves that mark how much we, as a people, care for our freedom and our equality?

The People of our nation do care. They have told me. They laugh with disgust about you on the beaches of California. They shake their heads about you in the native village of Hashan Kehk in Arizona. In Toyah, Texas, they pray for deliverance from your corruption. In Little Rock, they understand in anger how you undermine their best dreams for our society. And in Memphis and in Louisville and in Chillocothe and Clarksburg, through Pennsylvania and Maryland and into this city today, the people see you for what you have become and they are prepared to see you another way: boarding the trains at the great train station down the street. They are ready for real leaders, unselfish and principled leaders who will prove their worth by voting for meaningful campaign finance reform this year.

The time has come, Senators, for reform or for some new Senators. Tell us which it will be, and then we will go vote.

In the name of the people who have sent me along to you, and in the name of the generations before who have sacrificed so much for the sanctity of our free institutions and who stand with us in spirit today, I make this demand.

Doris "Granny D" speaking on the east steps of the U.S. Capitol Tuesday, February 29, 2000



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To the Editor,

How did Cannon Beach come by its reputation as a hell raising tree hugger town and indeed, where are the fabled tree huggers? Non-existent vigilance is not incompatible with fake activism. All seems balmy here in Ecotopia, where the distracted guardians of the view shed are clucking over the still unproven relevance of vague exaggerations like global warming and rumors of open water at the North Pole.

Lest it pass without comment, I refer readers to the August 31st Gazette, wherein lies a press release for the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, trumpeting a new Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Interpretive trail within Ecola State Park, offering, "exciting opportunities to educate visitors about local forests." Imagine that! I know it will be a good deal but I can't figure out why. OFRI was created by the state legislature and is funded by taxes on the sale of timber. Organized as the propaganda arm of, by and for the timber industry, it operates within a fog bank of deception. In an act of supreme villainy OFRI will oversee development of this trail in Ecola, home of some of the most beautiful vistas in North America. The splendid results of many years of state park stewardship will be foisted on the unknowing as an example of the natural consequences of accepted industrial forest practices, when in truth the culminating moments of intensive forest management are repetitive clear cuts. Local history will be revised in order that the facts support these same old conclusions. Forest health demands we log it to save it.

Today's timber managers are as apt to be masterful dissemblers as they are foresters. Harvest planners must now provide experience zones that move the focus beyond the stealth logging in sensitive watersheds, while maintaining scenic backdrops and impermeable view sheds where sanctioned recreational opportunities and retention of visual quality objectives are integral to the sustained management of public perceptions. In case you didn't know, privately held timberland is a gated community, and gates monopolize and fragmentize the community space. There is a rightness to public access and a need to take in the views that these physical barriers withhold. Therein lies the rub, served up as an OFRI designed state park trail while local people remain locked out of their homeland, the very land that surrounds and sustains them. A nod is a good as a wink to a blind horse.

Gary Duheim

The Quotes in this issue of the Upper Left Edge are all by George W. Bush, and have been compiled, along with many more by Jacob Weisberg and can be found at many sites on the internet.