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## Shared pain is lessened, shared joy increased.



Rev.  
Hults

### Editorial Now & Then



Well, we imagine by now, some of our readers have heard about the "thinning" of God's Valley by Christian Future's a logging company under contract with the Oregon Department of Forestry. Faithful readers will remember a story from this spring, when your beloved reverend was drafted by Ol' Joe Keating to help support a tree sit down on the Acey Line near the Tillamook/Clatsop border. Yep, the community came together and we done good, we got ODF to postpone the thin and come to the table and talk. We talked all summer but no one listened. August 1st the chainsaws started and the press releases went out from ODF, in that order. The last "Focus Group" meeting was the Thursday before, and everyone there was told by ODF that as soon as the other groups in Astoria and Forest Grove finished we would know what was going to happen and when. Apparently the local Sheriffs knew already, because there were officers surrounding the cut when it started. And Christian Futures must have known where they were working and when. The only people who didn't know when the cut would start was, well, everybody else. We first heard about it on KMUN when Mike McCusker announced it on his show Thursday morning August 2nd. They had been "thinning" for a whole day! The only thing that brought us out of the shock from the news was that the phone started ringing, immediately. People were calling to ask what they could do? Was it true? Where could they go to help stop this? The Sheriff's from Clatsop and Tillamook Counties were camped out and not allowing anyone within a mile of the cut. For the first time in history ODF had put a 600ft no access zone around an operation. They expressed shock that people didn't believe them when they said they were enhancing habitat, "this is like motherhood and apple pie." They might think that phrase is a sure thing in America. But, it's not. To some of us motherhood and apple pie brings an image of a pregnant woman chained to a stove. Sorry, it doesn't work that way any more. And managing a forest with the intent of speeding up the natural cycles of growth to produce a crop quicker doesn't work either. And using the story about enhancing habitat for a species that well might go extinct before the new habitat is ready doesn't work at all, even using ODF numbers. No, we think this is about power and money. But never mind, because it is a done deed. And the ugly thing is how it was done. How can the average citizen respect or obey authorities that lie to them. Haven't we learned that, "It's not nice to mess with Mother Nature", even if we think we are 'experts' and know how she works? Oh, children.

"Nothing is as important as the trees. Nothing!"  
Terrence O'Donnell

Christian Futures has put \$400,000 into the budget of the ODF and 'thinned' a new habitat for spotted owls and murrelets they say. But in the meantime they have upset a whole bunch of folks, who are members of the community, who don't usually break the law, who teach our children, who build our houses, who serve our coffee. ODF has activated a whole new batch of "Eco-terrorists". Yes, some of them are in their seventies, some are barely in school, but they live around the place that was 'thinned' and they did everything they could to work within the system and were lied to and treated with arrogance.

It seems your beloved editor has been elevated to the ranks of Eco-terrorists himself by the ODF, as we found out when we called and asked to be included in the media tour that was designed to show off the 'good' job that ODF was doing. The PR person we talked to said that there was limited space in the crummies that would take the media to the 'thin' and that if the Upper Left Edge was to be allowed to participate we had to promise not to "do anything" while we were there. Well, we promised to be on our best behavior, and made up some new press credentials for Dean Bonde and Cheryl Rorabeck-Silar, because she had a camera and is the most knowledgeable about the area and Dean was our ride. When we got to the appointed meeting place the ODF PR guy confronted us and seemed to want to deny us entry because of our previous articles. He finally said that he would allow only one representative from the Edge to participate. We explained that Cheryl was our cameraperson and we didn't know how to operate her camera, and besides the other media were allowed both a reporter and a cameraperson. We stood our ground and since the TV boys had turned on their cameras he backed off a little and said he would check. He went back to his truck and called someone. He came back and said Cheryl could come. He then explained that we would be driving our own rigs to the site, so much for the 'no room in the crummies' excuses. We then had to explain that Dean was our driver so he would have to go too. This seemed to upset him, but since Cheryl had gotten a ride from friends, Dean's was really our only rig. We finally decided not to push our luck and hopped into the back of Matt Love's pick up, leaving Dean to his own devices. Matt is a reporter for Hipfish and we heard that they weren't going to let him come because he had made unspecified "threats".

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### Spider Robinson



MOONS & TIDES

WASHINGTON AND OREGON COASTS  
2001 Corrected for PACIFIC BEACHES  
HIGH SEPTEMBER LOW SEPTEMBER

DATE	MOON	AM	PM	AM	PM				
DAY	PHASE	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME				
1 Sat	•	1:00	7:1	6:45	-0:7	6:42	1:7		
2 SUN	•	0:30	7:8	1:32	7:3	7:19	-0:6	7:21	1:4
3 Mon	•	1:09	7:8	2:02	7:4	7:49	-0:4	7:58	1:2
4 Tues	•	1:46	7:7	2:29	7:5	8:17	-0:2	8:33	1:0
5 Wed	•	2:24	7:5	2:53	7:6	8:44	0:1	9:07	0:8
6 Thur	•	3:02	7:2	3:18	7:7	9:10	0:5	9:42	0:6
7 Fri	•	3:43	6:8	3:45	7:8	9:39	0:9	10:20	0:5
8 Sat	•	4:30	6:3	4:17	7:8	10:11	1:5	11:05	0:5
9 SUN	•	5:28	5:9	4:57	7:7	10:51	2:0	.....	.....
10 Mon	•	6:41	5:5	5:49	7:6	0:02	0:5	11:44	2:6
11 Tues	•	8:05	5:4	6:57	7:5	1:16	0:4	12:56	3:0
12 Wed	•	9:20	5:7	8:16	7:6	2:36	0:2	2:21	3:1
13 Thur	•	10:23	6:2	9:32	7:9	3:48	-0:3	3:40	2:7
14 Fri	•	11:15	6:8	10:39	8:3	4:48	-0:8	4:46	2:1
15 Sat	•	12:01	7:4	11:38	8:6	5:40	-1:2	5:44	1:4
16 SUN	•	.....	.....	12:43	7:9	6:27	-1:3	6:37	0:6
17 Mon	•	0:34	8:8	1:23	8:3	7:10	-1:2	7:28	0:0
18 Tues	•	1:27	8:7	2:01	8:6	7:52	-0:9	8:17	-0:5
19 Wed	•	2:19	8:4	2:39	8:8	8:32	-0:4	9:06	-0:7
20 Thur	•	3:11	7:9	3:17	8:8	9:13	0:2	9:55	-0:7
21 Fri	•	4:04	7:4	3:56	8:5	9:54	0:9	10:46	-0:6
22 Sat	•	5:02	6:7	4:37	8:1	10:38	1:7	11:42	-0:2
23 SUN	•	6:05	6:2	5:25	7:6	11:29	2:4	.....	.....
24 Mon	•	7:16	5:9	6:23	7:1	0:44	0:1	12:31	2:9
25 Tues	•	8:29	6:0	7:34	6:8	1:54	0:4	1:44	3:1
26 Wed	•	9:34	6:2	8:47	6:7	3:02	0:4	2:58	3:0
27 Thur	•	10:27	6:6	9:51	6:9	4:02	0:2	4:02	2:6
28 Fri	•	11:10	7:0	10:45	7:2	4:51	0:1	4:56	2:1
29 Sat	•	11:47	7:3	11:31	7:4	5:32	0:0	5:41	1:6
30 SUN	•	.....	.....	12:20	7:6	6:08	0:0	6:22	1:1

A.M. TIDES LITE TYPE \* BIGGER THE DOT, BETTER THE FISHING! P.M. TIDES BOLD TYPE DAYLIGHT TIME

## BASEBALL

Baseball  
Yes, it is wrong to be upset that the Cubs are in second place in September, but there you have it. No, the Cubs winning the World Series was not really mentioned in Revelations as a sign of the "end times". By the next time you read the baseball column in the Edge we will all either be ... what or what? If you find a car unoccupied after the Rapture can you keep it? If the Cubs beat the Mariners that's one thing, if they beat the Yankee's that's another, and if they tie the Red Sox, well then we have serious problems. But it is the Texas Taliban first. Go Cubbies!!!



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