

**MEMORIES OF YEARS GONE  
- AND THE HERE AND NOW**

*“The fog was hunching in again, but the voices cut though clearly, giving credence to the old theory that sound was always alive, and always moving in perpetual concentric circles, and that, depending on where you stood and how receptive you were, you might just hear words of another time spoken again.”-Herman Raucher(Summer of '42). Beverly Ware Shutt and the writer remember these days with fondness: high school, the beaches of Southern California, and the War.*

*This was a long time ago and out of deference I shall not mention ages, but you math scholars can probably figure it out. We graduated June of '42(me) and June '43(her). And we had one date, memorable, most likely in 1940 when we were both, about 15 and we were 'ceremoniously' kicked out of the LA Paladium for -- being too young. Subsequently, Beverly went steady with a big, husky Tab Hunter type, a new Marine, Earl Case, a classmate, and I left to go into the Army. We have never seen each other again, though now via a University High School alumni directory we have been in touch by email. And though we have both left California she lives in Seal Rock, Oregon where fog and an occasional crash of breakers, an ocean view is near.*

*“Don, I remember Jose Jimenez on the old Steve Allen show prior to Paar, Carson, etal and he would indicate a desire to 'rocket to the Moon' and he was not concerned if the crew was democratic or republican. I got mad at Nixon over his treatment of Helen Gahagen Douglas in their debates. I did not like George Bush, the son, and really do not care for Sarah Palin; I guess from Republicanism I have turned to liberalism and the Democrats; I voted for Obama as I saw great potential.”  
Let me tell you why:*

*“As a liberal, I am more free, less beholden to others, more tolerant in other views; I cite the changing body of the Constituion(with legal scholars)more open than the Founding Fathers: support same-sex marriage*

*if they are responsible, but really prefer a man-woman thing. I believe in a woman's right to choose and could be a fiscal conservative, yet be more liberal on political and war issues while stringent on family values or the other way around. I had a warm feeling towards FDR as I (and you) endured the Great Depression. I voted for John Kerry and remember as he strode to the podium and saluted and accepted his call to duty. And he was in Vietnam and not dodging like George Bush who had 'daddy help'. Kerry looked Presidential, Bush less so."*

*"Beverly, I was a strong backer of George Bush and we learned that both he and Kerry debated well, but Bush noted that Kerry would relinquish military sovereignty to the UN, and often voted against support for the first Gulf War, and earlier for the Nuclear Freeze to aid an aggressive rebirth of Russian hegemony. Kerry was like Tom Dewey who ran against a sitting President Harry Truman, often, like a chameleon, a feather in the wind adopting the desires of each audience. Both Kerry and Dewey were arrogant Easterners, who seemingly demeaned Bush and Truman respectively, leaving the commoner to resent them and vote the other way."*

*"Beverly, with Obama the evidence indicates the following: an ideologue a product of colonial hatred of his father, influenced by revolutionary thoughts of Saul Alinsky, Student weathermen, 'Liberation Theology' of his pastor, and all others whose continual hatred of the White majority reflects a need for reparations, wealth redistribution, and the cultural transformation of the United States from that City on the Hill to a more equal and 'progressive society' where Socialism rings the bell and capitalism becomes moribund. And perhaps the greatest danger is the encroaching militant Islamism that will absorb us, like Nevil Shute predicted, that it may be 'better Red than Dead', an Orwell drama which may be played out in a Kabuki theater of Islam puppets dancing the macabre death of Western values and Christian morality and example"*

*"Don you and I believe in God. We shall prevail. And we must bring others with us, like Barack Obama."*

