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Is The Portland Police Bureau Out of Control?

AMA Coalition Wants Justice

BY ALLIANCE STAFF

There has been much talk about reform, but our police department continues to shoot first and ask questions later, if at all. The Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) Coalition for Justice and Police Reform has expressed grave concerns about the continuing officer-involved shootings which have taken place all too frequently in recent months. The Coalition agrees with the statements by Chief Mike Reese that the number of shootings is "unacceptable" and that "even one is too many."

The AMA Coalition wants the department to strictly observe existing policies which call for the use of the least force necessary. These church leaders and community organizers feel that appropriate training could provide officers with de-escalation tools when confronting people with mental illness. The AMA continues to urge the Bureau and Police Commissioner/Mayor Adams to implement the list of recommendations they submitted in June and September of 2010.

As yet, the Mayor and the department seem incapable of responding to the issues raised by the long string of shootings: Jose Mejia Poot (2001), Kendra James (2003), James Jahar Perez (2004), the beating death of James Chasse Jr. (2006), and the shootings Aaron Campbell, Jack Collins and Keaton Otis.

The crux of the issue is policy and training around the use of deadly force. The AMA Coalition has attempted to remind the Chief and Mayor about recommenda-

tions by the Police Assessment Resource Center (PARC) made in 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2009, and the Office of Independent Review in 2010. Reform is long overdue.

The AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform is working toward these five goals:

1. A federal investigation by the Justice Department to include criminal and civil rights violations, as well as a fed

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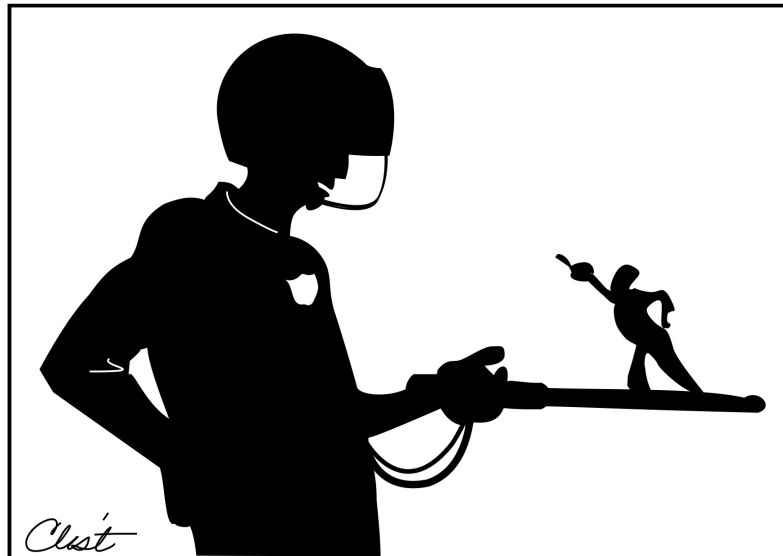


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Living History: Joe Cotter Murals

By ELIZABETH RATHBUN

Muralist Joe Cotter has produced over 20 years of outstanding work with a diverse display of murals in and around Portland. His partner, artist Kolieha Bush, collaborated with him on a number of murals. Last fall they completed the Buckman Community

mural.

Modeled after frescos, murals are colorful paintings exhibited directly on a wall, ceiling, or permanent surface. Murals represent an artist's rendering of diverse events like snapshots in time. Cotter's neighborhood murals are publically accessible to a wide audience so that people can enjoy the outdoor art. However, Cotter and Bush have contributed work to many interior murals as well, such as those at McMenamins Crystal Ballroom and one in the Portland Building.

Murals provide a vital historic record.



They capture the personalities of intriguing neighborhood characters, notable local landmarks and architecturally remarkable buildings. Many, like the most recent Buckman mural, call attention to different trends like sustainability and solar power. Joe Cotter spoke with many people

at the community center, walked the neighborhood and "got a lot of community feedback while painting it." He said it wasn't difficult to find interesting people and buildings in the Buckman area.

When asked about his favorites or how

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We have made some improvements in this issue and included more content, but we want feedback! **The Portland Alliance**, wants to hear from you! Please fill out the survey on the back cover and mail it to: **The Portland Alliance, PO Box 14162 / Portland, OR, 97293-0162.** Or, you can fax the completed survey to us at (503) 327-8949. Thank You!

A Few Words

The State of the Union is... a bit rough!

These are difficult times. Many felt that President Obama's words were comforting. Others felt a bit put off by his surrender of the debate to the right wing spin machine and his embrace of the Bush agenda: the "right" to attack anywhere, anytime, for any reason. Insanity.

It is too easy to criticize Barack Obama. Some claim that Barack has "fallen" from grace with the American people because he is being "centrist." Nothing could be further from the truth. Obama ran as a progressive and has governed like a right-wing Republican. This is why his presidency has effectively been a failure.

Waging endless war and surrender to transnational cartels who care little or nothing about working Americans is a foolish and dangerous platform. A war-based economy is no way to secure the peace or build bridges to a better tomorrow. Instead of exporting arms we should be promoting liberty and self-determination through education, training, support, and peaceful coexistence.

We win no hearts and minds when we misuse our military to attack, invade, and occupy other nations. And we lose credibility and create enemies when we wage economic wars of choice.

There may be some merit in the argument that Barack is in over his head. He is relying on people who have demonstrably failed. Rather than installing a more pragmatic peacekeeper, he has left a

Republican war-horse, with a history of duplicity, in charge of our armed forces.

After Obama won the presidency in November 2008, he rejected recommendations that he clean house by installing his own team. Instead he listened to conservative Democrats and kept Gates. This mistake, if not corrected, may preclude the possibility of a second term.

According to Bob Woodward, in his book "Obama's Wars," Bush's old team made sure Obama was given no option other than escalating troop levels in Afghanistan. It remains unclear today, why we are wasting troops and resources in an unwinnable corporate occupation of



Picture by Peter C. Little

that nation.

In addition to ever-increasing entanglements overseas, Obama is floundering at home. He surrendered his commitment to single payer and embraced the insurance lobby. Guantanamo is still open, habeas corpus is still suspended, wiretapping continues, and extraordinary rendition for torture, rape, and murder remains legal.

I know that my dad, who fought in World War II and understood the need for peace, must be spinning in his grave at this wholesale surrender of our values.

But that Obama sure can talk the talk...

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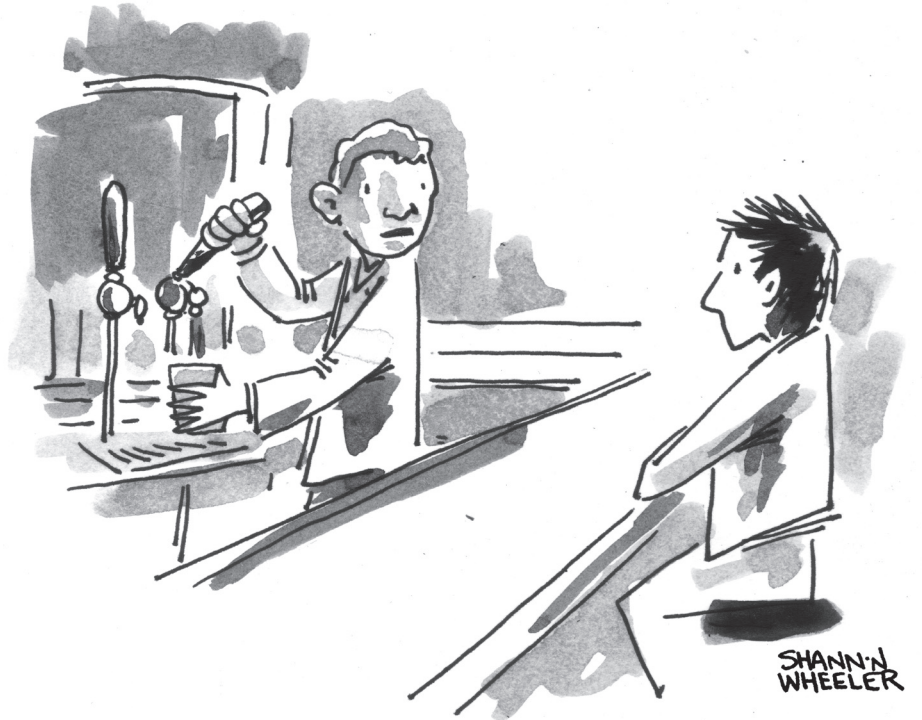
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"I'm thinking of repealing my 'don't-ask-don't-tell' policy on hating Obama."

Cartoon by Shannon Wheeler



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Letter From Dave Mazza

Letter to the Editor (from a former editor)

I want to express my gratitude to volunteers at the Portland Alliance who have been working tirelessly to pull the newspaper back from the brink of extinction. The Alliance is not just a venerable Portland institution. It is a vital force in our independent media community.

During the seven years I was privileged to serve as editor, *The Portland Alliance* was a leading voice in challenging suppression of the anti-globalization movement, galvanizing resistance to the War on Terror at home and abroad, defending workers rights, and attacking this city's long history of police misconduct. Then, as now, those achievements were not the work of the editor or any other single individual, but rather the collective energy of the dozens of committed

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Portland Alliance Community Meetings:

Standing Editorial Committee Collective

Saturday, February 12 at 7pm

Laughing Horse Books,
12 NE 10th Ave.
(20, 12, & 19 Bus)

Writers Workshop Collective

Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30pm

6935 SW Merry Lane, Beaverton
(Bus Line 56)

NAAME/TBA Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 21, at 7pm

Laughing Horse Books: 12 NE 10th Ave.
(12.19, & 20 Bus lines)

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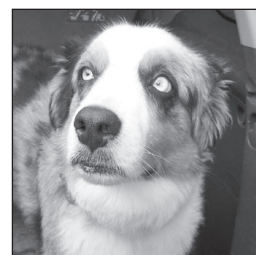
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volunteers who wrote the stories, took the photographs, laid out the pages, distributed the copies around the city and performed the hundreds of other gratifying and thankless tasks necessary to run a newspaper.

The Portland Alliance's success, of course, also depended on another source of collective support: the community

members who became subscribers, donors, advertisers and advocates for keeping a publication that speaks truth to power alive and carrying on the fight. The difficulties of the past few years have raised doubts in many community members' minds about continuing to support the Alliance. That is understandable.

But times of crisis call for taking risks, especially in light of the consequences of not taking action. The loss of the Alliance will be more than the closing of a newspaper. It will be more than a weakening of an already struggling independent media community. It will mean thousands of community members losing their voice on the issues that are essential to them: their right to live in a peaceful world, their right to be free of police harassment, and their right to challenge their political leaders.

So I encourage everyone who has supported the Alliance in the past to do so once again. I also encourage those who value the newspaper but never subscribed

to show your support at this critical time.

There are so many struggles ahead in which the Alliance can play an important role and will do so with your support.

Sincerely,
Dave Mazza, Former Editor (2000-2007)

Dear Dave,

Your support means a lot to us. Thanks for your kudos and help. It is very difficult to live up to your legacy as editor, but we shall try to do our best.

best regards,
Standing Editorial Committee

KBOO Controversy

Dear Editor;

Kathy Bushman is right about the loyalty virus affecting even progressive media. Church loyalty betrays the faithful by hiding and denying the predation committed by some clergy.

Police bureau loyalty leads some officers to break the law and "gloss over infractions." So it is with the local progressive radio station.

From the outside, and from the point of view of national and international involvement in supporting peace, justice and human rights, KBOO seems wonderful in its support of grassroots questioning of governmental authority.

But things are different inside KBOO offices. As a 20-yr member of KBOO it upset me to see the station's leadership act in disrespect of members.

Criticize the management and you get banned from working for the station on the say-so of staff, -- without recourse to adequate grievance procedures and without the right of appeal to members.

KBOO is set up as a membership organization -- only the members elect directors and only the members approve the bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. KBOO Foundation is a membership non-profit, which requires that leaders be loyal not only to themselves, but to the foundation and its members.

So I ran and was elected as a KBOO Director in 2009. I ran on an anti-banning platform; my view is that while banning for theft and sexual harassment is proper, a member should ultimately be able to appeal to her/his fellow members before a ban is put in place. But managers at KBOO have allowed allegations of improper staff and managerial behavior to go unchallenged, because the manager is supposed to make the final decision on internal grievances.

So I was elected. There was an initial pretense that I was not qualified to be a director, but I took my seat and was then removed without cause by a board vote.

I've sued KBOO to be reinstated for the rest of my elected term; I've not sued for

damages. I've sued simply because under KBOO bylaws, only the members may remove a director by a super-majority vote at a specially called member meeting. Director removal by members may be sought and approved for any reason or no reason; I would have had no ability to sue for reinstatement had the members supported my removal.

...In Michael Papadopoulos Ph.D. vs KBOO Foundation, I claim to have been validly elected for a 3-year term to the KBOO Board, that I am qualified to be a director under KBOO Bylaws, and that I was removed from that position illegally by a Board which lacks authority to remove a director without cause.

KBOO answers that there is no evidence for me to claim to be a PH.D. that I was not qualified to be a director, and that they believed they could remove me as director as a precaution against possible loss of their license to broadcast.

We go to trial in March.

Michael Papadopoulos
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Dear Michael,

I am glad we were able to print this portion of your note. I shared this with

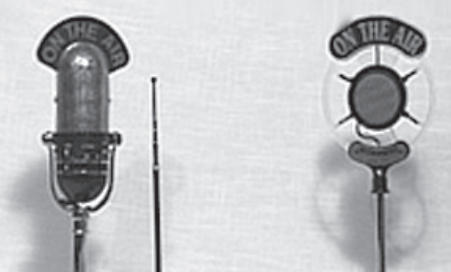
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The Military-Industrial-Academic complex: Fifty years later

By HARRY TARG

This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is not new in the American experience.

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes...." (Dwight D. Eisenhower, January 17, 1961, farewell address).

We have become so drugged by politicians that we often fail to reflect on the power of their words. Seeing books on library shelves with titles like "Speeches of Great Americans" calls up in our minds Readers Digest, the History Channel, Sunday morning sermons, and all the hyperbole that passes for political discourse in the 21st century. Every once in a while though, a politician says something that is rich with theoretical insight and inspiration and begs for action.

When President Eisenhower gave his final address to the nation on January 17, 1961, 50 years ago, he warned of "the acquisition of unwarranted influence" of a military/industrial complex. He originally included the word "academic" but later eliminated it, for reasons of length. He was alerting Americans to the breadth and scope of military power over the world and American society.

The President's words constituted a shocking

challenge to the soon-to-be Kennedy era defense intellectuals who criticized the outgoing president's reluctance to spend more than the \$40 billion he invested on the military. Even Eisenhower's direct orders to subordinates to overthrow Iran's Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh

skeptical public, the United States used "low intensity conflict," that is, covert operatives, to train anti-government reactionaries to fight against regimes out of favor in places such as Nicaragua, Angola, Ethiopia, and Afghanistan. And then to mollify domestic critics, the U.S.

university became a research arm of the complex. Students were taught about the virtues of military "readiness," the threat of "communism," the problem of how "human nature" leads to perpetual war, and, more recently, the endless danger of "terrorism." Virtually every large corporation, producing such products as toothpaste, toys, breakfast cereal, medications, automobiles, electronics, or energy, is steeped in military contracts. The public airwaves, the Internet, movies, and sports are laced with war, violence, killing, and competition. As Eisenhower put it: "Our toil, resources, and livelihood are all involved: so is the very structure of our society."

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in 1953 and Guatemala's President Jacob Arbenz in 1954 and his declaration of the Middle East as a free-world sanctuary was not interventionist enough for the 1960s theorists and practitioners of "modernization," "development," and "democracy."

Although Eisenhower warned us about the military/industrial complex he could not foresee the dramatic impacts of America's drive toward empire on foreign policy and public life.

He only dimly saw the changes that would occur in the techniques of empire. The expansion of the use of CIA money and American intelligence and military forces engineered the creation of brutal military coups. Military advisors revamped armies and repressive police forces in countries threatened by revolutionary change. In the 1980s in the face of an increasingly

initiated the privatization and outsourcing of the military as an adjunct to the more than 700 U.S. military bases in more than 40 countries that exist today. Most recently, high tech weapons, including unmanned but armed aerial vehicles, are used to kill people without endangering U.S. soldiers. Technological advances and the globalization of U.S. violence continue.

Eisenhower was unalterably opposed to the militarization of the U.S. economy. While he was willing to allot \$40 billion in 1950s currency, he resisted the demands from Beltway liberals and defense contractors to double military spending. By the 1960s, half of the federal budget began to go to the military and one in ten workers derived wages from defense contracts. And that continues, but with less public criticism.

Finally, Eisenhower spoke to the militarization of American culture. The

What another great American, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said in reference to the military/industrial complex and the Vietnam War seven years after President Eisenhower's dramatic statement still holds today:

"Somehow this madness must cease. We must stop now. I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak for the poor of America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home and death and corruption in Vietnam. I speak as a citizen of the world, for the world as it stands aghast at the path we have taken" (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., April 4, 1967).

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Harry Targ writes historical analysis and is the author of several books.

Organizing with the Unemployed. A Mass Mobilization in April!

By GREG MARGOLIS

On November 29, 2010 and again on January 10, 2011, Portland Jobs with Justice and the Sunnyside Employment Self-Help Group called on members of Congress to extend unemployment benefits indefinitely, protect and strengthen safety net programs and promptly initiate the massive public works program needed to fix the economy, repair our infrastructure and do as much as possible in a green and sustainable manner.

At the November press conference, a specific demand was made to extend benefits to the millions of unemployed who have not yet reached the 99 week limit. Although that extension was passed by congress, it was only after an agreement was made to extend the Bush tax cuts to the top 2% of income earners at a cost to taxpayers of \$800 billion. In the meantime there is an ever-increasing number of "99ers," those who have reached the limit of benefits and no longer have an income. According to Laurie King of JWJ, "Although there are more '99ers' every day, in April of 2011 there will be a major influx of folks losing their benefits, 23,000 in Oregon alone." (see picture at right provided by Chris at JWJ)

According to George Slanina of Sunnyside, "Congress has ignored the plight of over 26 million working class Americans who through no fault of their own are either unemployed or

underemployed. With less than 1 job available for every 5 job seekers, there is a moral imperative to provide an income to all Americans affected by this economic crisis, a crisis that has been caused by Wall Street's corruption and their refusal to invest in American jobs despite over a trillion dollar bail-out."



Dean Baker of the Center for Economic Policy and Research, in standard economic models, defense spending is a direct drain on the economy, reducing efficiency, slowing growth, and costing jobs. These models project that the increase in defense spending since 2000 will cost the economy close to two million jobs in the long run. And when our veterans return to civilian society they not only carry the burdens of the physical and emotional scars of war, they find their communities cannot provide them with a family wage job. For this reason, we have scheduled a mass march and rally on March 19, 2011, to shine a light on the need to end these occupations and reinvest in the lives of working class Americans."

Ms. King commented, "We support this move to action on the issue of how our foreign policy hurts our economy and we agree that it will take a massive citizen protest to create economic justice. This is why JWJ and many of their coalition members will be at the March 19 rally and we hope to continue

the momentum with a massive rally in April to demand that congress extend unemployment benefits to the 99ers and create a massive public works program just as was done during the depression." Dave King added, "Climate change is accelerating at a dizzying speed and we have an opportunity to invest in huge job creating programs that will begin to fix the environmental and economic problems simultaneously."

Finally, Ted Pyle of the Sunnyside group said, "One of our mottos is that a jobless recovery is like a foodless meal. We have to start putting people back to work with family wage jobs and stop allowing huge corporate interests to run the people's economy into the ground."

Greg Margolis is a PDX organizer, member of JWJ steering committee, and a volunteer with The Portland Alliance.

"We have scheduled a mass march and rally on Saturday, March 19, 2011."

The military budget and especially America's Middle East policies are also significant to these issues. "The occupations in the Middle East have a tremendous negative impact on our economy. Over 1.2 trillion taxpayer dollars have been spent on these illegal wars," says Dan Handelman of Peace and Justice Works. "According to

Judicial Homicide: The Death Count Rises

OPEN LETTER to Judge Hart: Do not kill in our name!

“Capital punishment is the most premeditated of murders.” -Albert Camus, French philosopher

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re: “Do not kill in our name”

January 19, 2011

We at Peace and Justice Works in Portland are writing to urge you not to sentence Bruce and Joshua Turnidge to death.

As an organization committed to non-violent solutions to local, national and international issues, we do not in any way support what they have done. We understand the outrage and grief of the affected families and law enforce-

ment agencies who lost loved ones.

However, we are among many who oppose the use of the death penalty, and ask you “do not kill in our name.” Our organization specifically works to oppose state-sanctioned violence, be it wars in foreign lands, police brutality at home, or the use of capital punishment.

We are furthermore dismayed at the District Attorney’s reported statements that the Turnidges deserve the death penalty because of their political beliefs: “The only sentence that will silence Bruce Turnidge’s beliefs and his mind is a sentence of death,” said Deputy District Attorney Katie Suver (Oregonian, December 22).

While we may disagree with many

people’s political beliefs in this country, it certainly sends a chilling message that if the government decides they do not like those beliefs, they can put you to death. Being “racist,” may be repugnant, and being “anti-

government and anti-authority” may be disquieting to some, but none of these ideas are illegal. Building bombs which kill people is illegal, and rightfully so.

We support our friends with Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty who

are urging Oregon to do away with capital punishment, as has recently been done in New Mexico and Illinois.

Certainly alternative punishments such as life imprisonment without parole are available to you, Judge Hart. To condemn people to death for taking another life

only perpetuates the cycle of violence you hope to end. The death penalty is certainly not a deterrent, as the shooting of Rainier Police Chief Ralph Painter came just days after the jury’s recommendation for the Turnidge’s death sentence.

Nobody “deserves” to die.

Please consider our thoughts on this matter when you make your final sentencing decision on January 24.

Sincerely,
Dan Handelman (Secretary/Board Member), Regina Hannon (Board member), Yvonne Simmons (Board member), & Barb Greene (member) for the membership of Peace and Justice Works.

~The Portland Alliance firmly opposes the execution of prisoners. The death penalty not only results in the murder of innocents, this barbaric practice also undermines the moral authority of the law
Standing Editorial Collective Committee

“To condemn people to death for taking another life only perpetuates the cycle of violence you hope to end.”

“My Name is Rachel Corrie” Play Reaches Wide Audience

Portland Turns out to see Controversial Corrie Play

JEAN FITZGERALD AND ANNE McLAUGHLIN

In fall 2010, Portland saw its first full-run production of the play *My Name Is Rachel Corrie*, produced by an ad hoc trio of women who worked passionately and tenaciously to make it happen. The cast and crew have now been invited to perform the play in Amman Jordan in the summer of 2011, in support of a Gaza hospital benefit.

The play tells the story of Rachel Corrie, a young Olympia woman who left her studies at Evergreen State College to go to Gaza and work there to prevent the demolition of Palestinians’ homes. Less than two months into her mission, Rachel was crushed by an armored Caterpillar bulldozer operated by members of the Israel Defense Force. Her death

Rachel was crushed by an armored Caterpillar bulldozer operated by members of the Israel Defense Force.

occurred on March 16, 2003, three days before the US invasion of Iraq.

The play is taken from Rachel’s writings, edited by actor Alan Rickman and writer Katherine Viner. It has been performed in London, New York and many other cities, often faced with local protestors objecting to its raising issues of Israeli Occupation. Some productions have been canceled or relocated due to controversy and threats to the long-term funding of nonprofit production companies.

How did the play come to be staged in



Portland? In April 2009, Portlander Jean Fitzgerald watched Amy Goodman, interviewing Rachel’s parents, commemorating what would have been Rachel’s 30th birthday, and Jean was

determined to see this play performed in Portland. She recruited fellow WILPF (Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom) member Anne McLaughlin. A few months later, as they contacted local theaters looking for support, one company connected them with Bibi Walton, a theater veteran tenaciously interested in the same play. The production company ‘Three Good Friends’ was born.

Three Good Friends set to work contacting theaters and raising money, soon deciding to produce the play themselves rather than at a local theater. They obtained endorsements from WILPF and other peace and justice organizations. They invited churches, synagogues, student groups, etc., to take part in discussion and dialogue following each performance.

Megan Kate Ward signed on as the

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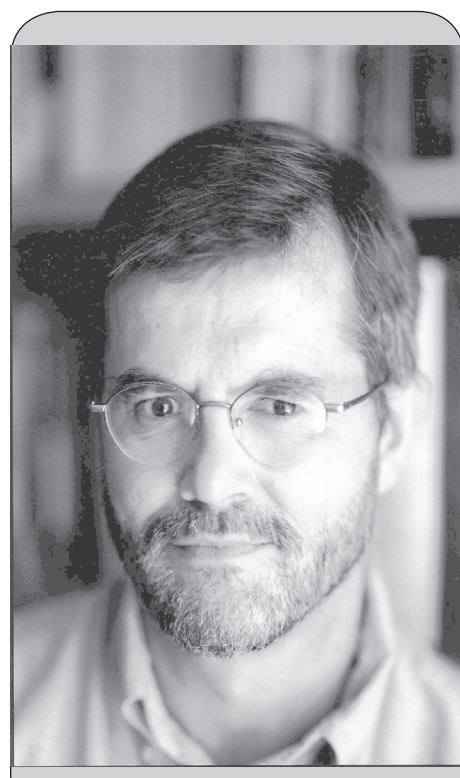
Mental Health Madness In Oregon!

By Marcia Meyers

Our society has been inundated with “mental health” drugs since the 1950’s. But if these drugs are working, why is it that every day, 850 adults and 250 children are diagnosed as mentally ill and added to the government disability rolls? And why are more and younger children, especially children of color, being diagnosed and medicated as mental ill?

In his newest book, *Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America*, Robert Whitaker, best selling author and acclaimed mental health journalist, draws on 50 years of scientific and medical research literature and on in-person interviews with patients to answer these questions.

While it is generally accepted that psychiatry has made great progress in diagnosing and treating mental disorders in recent years, in reality, mental illness is taking an ever-greater toll on our society. The number of people on govern-



Robert Whitaker, author

ment disability due to a mental illness has tripled during the past twenty years and the number of disabled mentally ill children has risen 35-fold during this period. “Study after study shows that overall medicated patients fare worse than those who were not medicated,” says Whitaker, “Yet the psychiatric community and pharmaceutical companies have systematically kept these results hidden from the public.”

Whitaker’s book is causing a stir across America and especially here in Oregon as our state and local mental health care has been under both financial and public pressure for some time. Because *Anatomy of an Epidemic* is based on medical and scientific research it has provided a solid foundation for both state administrators and mental health reform advocates to work together to begin to create a more effective and more humane mental health care system.

In February Whitaker will be making his third trip to Portland since last August

as he sees in Oregon the potential for national leadership in mental health care reform. His book and his personal advocacy has given both state administrators and community mental health supporters a strong foundation on which to make much needed changes in our mental health system. The common ground that is developing between policy makers and mental health peer support organizations is reflected in the members of the panel, “Rethinking Psychiatry: Moving Mental Health Forward” that Whitaker will be heading up at 7:00 pm on February 10 at the First Unitarian Church in Portland.

Hailing from Boston, Whitaker will be accompanied on this visit by Chris Gordon, Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Director of Mental Health from Harvard who will also be presenting on the panel along with Beckie Child; Director of the Mental Health America of Oregon, Cindi Fisher; Movement of

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PDX Police Bureau: Lethal & Unaccountable

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- eral audit of patterns and practices of the Portland Police Bureau.
2. Strengthening the Independent Police Review Division and the Citizen Review Committee (with the goal of adding power to compel testimony.)
 3. A full review of the Bureau's excessive force and deadly force policies and training with diverse citizen participation for the purpose of making recommendations to change policies and training.
 4. The Oregon State Legislature narrowing the language of the State statute for deadly force used by police officers.
 5. Establishing a special prosecutor for police excessive force and deadly force cases.

There were six officer-involved shootings in 2010 and three so far in 2011. Since January 2010, five people have been killed by police bullets—Aaron Campbell, Jack Collins, Keaton Otis, Darryl Dwayne Ferguson, and 60-year-old Thomas Higginbotham, the most recent casualty.

Court records and statements from family members indicate most of those men, including Marcus Lagozzino, wounded by police on December 27, had some form of mental health issues. But when Sam Adams, Mike Reese, or former Mayor Potter blame the mentally ill or our mental health system for these shootings, they are blaming the victim. We must focus on who keeps firing the weapons.

A variety of tactics can be used to stop these killings. Rather than resorting to gunplay, officers can take cover, establish more distance, or use myriad alternatives (nets, police batons, mace, tazers, etc.) There is demonstrable evidence that our police are too willing to use lethal force too soon. We can no longer afford to ignore the growing list of casualties.

The Mental Health Association of Portland wants the community to know that the film, *Alien Boy: The Death and Life of James Chasse*, is nearly ready for release. This feature-length documentary examines the life and death of James Chasse and provides a vital community resource for evaluating our response to this tragedy. Offer support at this link:

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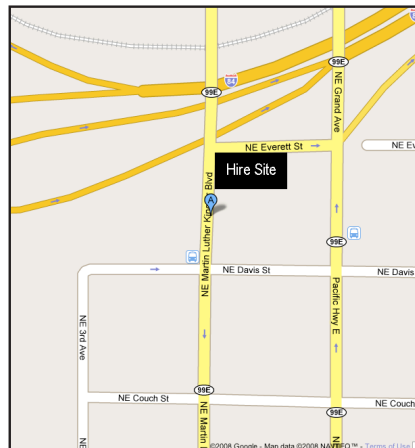
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Muralists Preserve Essential Moments in Art

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Murals Can Bring a Community Together

many he has completed, Cotter struggles, "I really have no idea how many there are," he says. He points out Buckman is the one that has the most time in it. He would like people to know about the others in Estacada and around Portland.

The modern muralist movement began in Mexico during the revolution and spread to North America in the 1940s. In the US, it was fueled by a desire for sociopolitical change during the Depression and led to left-leaning impressionist art. Murals may express opposition to government policies, like the famous ones in Northern Ireland, but there are other themes.

In fact, Cotter's first mural was political. He completed it with Bill Garnett, at the Riverway Inn, for the Portland Central

enhance neighborhoods subjected to the Big Pipe project construction. Portland Mural Defense was awarded \$21,550 for Cotter to paint the mural in SE Portland's Buckman neighborhood.

In the last five years, public murals have become less restricted in Portland. Cotter started painting them in 1988. Things changed in 1998 when many limitations were removed. A lawsuit with Clear Channel alleged that murals were given an unfair advantage over billboards, so they were incorporated into the sign code in 1998. When this happened we lost investment in public art. "We weren't painting any murals then," Cotter said, "only interior ones at McMenamins."

In 2005, Portland made murals a part of the public arts program administered by the Regional Arts and Culture Council. Joe Cotter later advocated for an ordinance change, so they wouldn't have to be publicly acquired. There are more options now, grants and matching funds so that artists can participate through



Joe working on the Buckman mural last year (All three pictures by Peter C. Little)

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American Solidarity Committee (PCASC) in 1988. It was called 'Struggle and Hope.' It had a Southern Mexico war theme contrasted with people growing food. Although he says, "It depends on the mural and the group what the message is," many of his murals have a social theme. He participated in the Albina Mural Project and painted a mural at a clinic for low income people. That mural is now gone.

Mostly Cotter's murals follow a realistic approach. He researches the people and places in his mural by talking to residents to get 'historical perspective' from many sources.

Murals can bring a community together when people learn the different themes and histories behind the work. This creates a dialogue because viewpoints vary and provide an ongoing conversation. Not only does it add aesthetic value to the neighborhood, a mural has a dramatic impact on residents' attitudes and social awareness of people and places.

"You want something that strikes people's attention. It could be an unusual design or subject matter, it could be color, or a combination of all those kinds of things. But, you want something that people will find interesting," Cotter said.

Leading Mexican muralists include Diego Rivera, Jose Orozco, and David Siqueiros who worked in the United States. During the Great Depression, the government began to sponsor artists in Works Project Administration (WPA) projects. In a similar fashion, the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services set aside funds to

the public arts program or the Original Art Murals Permits Program as long as installation criteria are met.

Cotter says that since murals became a part of the public art program, "The number of new murals has really gone up." He added that he knows of at least twenty.

The recently completed Buckman mural embellishes the wall of the Plaid Pantry. Cotter interviewed residents for several months and entwined their histories throughout his colorful mural. Interesting landmarks and buildings from the present and past were offset in contrasting color and sepia tones. First the trees and buildings were done and later more people were added.

His murals can be seen at a variety of locations including McMenamins' Edgefield, St. John's, and the Crystal Ballroom. Others are scattered throughout Portland neighborhoods. The mural at the Musicians' Union Building on NE 20th between Burnside and Sandy and the Buckman Community mural at the Plaid Pantry on SE 12th and Morrison are featured in the picture on this page.

In Estacada, where Cotter resides with his longtime partner, Koliha Bush, there are 16 murals completed with the Artback Artists Cooperative. These have become a civic attraction. "Our goal is to complete a mural each year with a different lead artist each time," Cotter said. He also belongs to an artist's co-op, called the Spiral Gallery in Estacada. The website Artbackmurals.com has



A larger perspective on the Musician's Union Building Mural



This is a detail from the Buckman Neighborhood Mural (also on front cover)

photos and map locations so that people can easily find the murals in Estacada. Cotter's artwork at McMenamins locations including murals and Koliha Bush's work can be found on the website McMenamins.com. Bush's recent mural, finished last spring, "The Roots of Natural

Medicine," is located at the Northwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in the academic building.

Next Month: To be continued, with additional photos from interior murals at the Portland Building & McMenamins

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VIEWPOINTS & COMMENTARY

Seek the Truth

BY YUGEN FARDAN RASHAD



Broader exposure to nutrition leads to healthier communities

It's great more conversation across the airwaves and public discourse in America is focused on the plight of the poor. Can this nation feed and employ poor people? Does it have the will? Are we okay with the poor also being the unhealthiest? Is Tri-county re-mapping leaving this segment of population out, again?

Living in sub-standard housing from check to check, in the grip of coping with addiction, and making unhealthy nutrition choices, is the story of many individuals and families below the poverty line. For generations reaching out to the poor seldom amounted to pulling them up.

During the late fifties and sixties my own family survived under these circumstances. We lived on government assistance: block cheese, powdered milk and eggs. To cope with not having enough to provide for family, my mother resorted to alcohol, and consorted with friends with similar status and frustration. This made my childhood and siblings' lives turbulent. When youth are exposed to risk factors like alcohol, consumption of food with low nutritional value, and a front row seat for watching a parent self-medicate, they grow into teenagers and young

Lack of health care precipitates poor mental health

adults ill-equipped and often unable to cope. Children are resilient, yet severely impacted by these exposures.

Today, this story is oft repeated by teenage, young adult single mothers. The innocent are not protected. Generational roll over of turbulent upbringing coupled with unhealthy coping and environmental risk factors is why problems are systemic. There are some things to be done in the environment to support better outcomes.

Science indicates correlation between what we eat, how we behave, and the quality of life we lead. Folks able to afford healthy food have better outcomes, live longer, and often have better relationships. Where people live (built environment) and the amount of money they can spend on healthy food matters.

When life becomes too overwhelming poor people often self-medicate to cope. Limited dollars are spent on tobacco, alcohol and fast food. Nicotine, caffeine, and foods with high caloric content top the list for poor people seeking to cope. The corner grocer has a living neon sign and reminder that cigarettes, junk food, and alcohol are but a stone's throw away. The easy access to unhealthy food choices these stores provide, builds an environment which contributes to fast food becoming a cottage industry. Marketing campaigns target folks of low socioeconomic status with catchy, repeatable phrases and slogans easy to remember. It is not surprising urban dwellers have

the worst health outcomes and addiction to low quality foods. The body can only tease remnants of nutrition.

Data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate populations with

Neighborhood leaders can develop relationships with farming communities!

high mortality rates and health disparities are often the biggest consumers of the aforementioned items over a life span. All in the name of coping with stress.

Bruce S. McEwen is a leading researcher on allostasis and allostatic load and his findings show it's important to understand this process when the body is constantly under some kind of stress, either physical or a perceived threat. The body seeks balance (allostasis). But when a person constantly worries over safety, bills, living conditions, and discrimination, without relief, this can trigger a physiological response that stays on (allostatic load). The response is flight or fight. The body responds by stimulating the endocrine glands to release hormones, including epinephrine and norepinephrine, that trigger the fight or flight response.

According to researchers people of low SES are more prone to excessive conditions of response than those of higher

SES. This means coping might look like self-medicating, i. e. smoking, consuming excessive amounts of caffeine, drinking alcohol, or eating fast foods. Digestion is negatively impacted by unhealthy food. The temporary fix provided by self-medicating and fast food creates a vicious cycle which keeps the individual at risk for preventable disease and illness.

One can reduce the risk of making unhealthy choices by ensuring the availability of healthy options where people work, play, study, and worship. Let's start with the corner convenience store. Organizers might work with store owners to join buyers clubs for special price breaks to obtain fresh fruits and vegetables. Strategies can coordinate advertising health food options within the store and take down tobacco ads. Organizations can provide incentives to purchase refrigeration units for fruits and veggies. Neighborhood leaders can develop relationships with farming communities or identify distribution channels affordable for the convenience store. |

There is no silver bullet for reducing health risk faced by populations living on the edges. But as a communities move forward incrementally, we can get to a different place and a healthier space for families and individuals today and tomorrow.

Yugen Fardan Rashad is a local writer and organizer who cares about civic engagement and community building.

Become a Citizen Activist

ELIZABETH RATHBUN

MANY PEOPLE FEEL COMPLETELY DETACHED FROM THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND EVEN WONDER WHETHER A VOTE REALLY MATTERS.

Often we feel uninformed about the candidates and the issues are confusing. The mainstream news media fail to explain details and often focus on controversy. Knowing just where to start and keep up with political issues is time-consuming. Some wonder, "Is it even possible to make an impact on government?" Yes! Start at the local level by meeting legislators who represent you at the state legislature. The bills they sponsor directly affect you. You

"The mainstream news media fail to explain details and often focus only on controversy."

could listen to committee meetings and testify about a bill that matters.

Learn who your legislators are. Find out what committee your legislator is on and subscribe to the committee agenda. The committee will have one or more meetings and watching those will make you aware of whether you want to 'weigh in' on the process by submitting a letter to the committee about the bill. You can also testify in person about a bill by preparing a letter and however many copies it requires in the agenda with a brief testimony about your reasons to support or oppose the bill.

A Few Tips about Testifying

Read the tips about testifying on the legislative website. Research the issue well before you arrive, read background information like press releases from the bill sponsor and other studies or relevant documents. Be prepared to explain your position. Arrive several minutes early and sign up to testify.

If there are several people signing up, take a seat and wait to be called. Sometimes they start with people who have traveled a long distance.

When you do get to speak, do not read your letter to the committee. This is tedious and wastes valuable time that prevents others from testifying. They already have a copy of your letter.

After identifying yourself, state if you are representing an organization, state whether you support or oppose the bill and summarize the major points of your position. Be brief and try to finish in a few minutes (2-to-3) so others can testify. Don't be inconsiderate, ramble, or interrupt.

Tell them thank you for the time and ask if they have questions.

Answer by addressing the person who is asking you as 'Madam Chair Jones' or 'Co-Chair Smith' first, then give your answer. This makes it easier for people to follow what is going on.

Then continue to follow the bill, follow up, and follow through.

Rachel Corrie Play!

director and enlisted the help of other theater tech professionals. The group secured a space in the eastside industrial district and christened it The Stark Street Theater. Twenty-five actors auditioned and Megan chose two wonderful young women to portray Rachel together – Amanda

"I hope ... through this production people will see ...we all need to be a Rachel Corrie,"

Jensen, a Portland nurse and actor, and Madeleine Rogers, a junior at Portland's Grant High School. Others pitched in with publicity, graphic art, carpentry and many other contributions to make the production a success, including the very generous Northwest Classical Theater Company as a fiscal agent. The producers attribute much of the successful run to Megan's talented directing.

The Portland production opened September 24, and ran for 22 performances in six weeks, seen by about 700 people, with many full houses.

Audience members stayed for post-show discussions after nearly every

performance. Rabbi Joey Wolf of Congregation Havurah Shalom led a lively one after one Sunday matinee.

The company's invitation to Amman, Jordan is for four benefit performances to raise funds to build a rehabilitation ward for children of war at Al Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza, The Rachel Corrie Wing.

Rachel was a talented writer and an extraordinary young woman. Through her desire to transform others' suffering, she is a role model for young people everywhere.

Megan was inspired by Rachel's story: "I hope that through this production people will see that we all need to be a 'Rachel Corrie,' someone who fights to improve the lives of those around us, no matter the cost; I want it to wake people up, inspire them to question what they know about the world and go seeking the answers for themselves."

The cast, crew and producers hope that the Amman trip does come about, and that their work will have a direct benefit for the children of Gaza.

Jean Fitzgerald & Anne McLaughlin are long-time activists, Portland WILPF members, and have frequently worked with the Portland Alliance.

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Engineering (NW RAGE) is a non-violent, grassroots community organization dedicated to promoting a responsible, sustainable and just use of agriculture and science. We work to prevent the intrusion of genetic engineering into our food, bodies and ecosystems, through education, agitation, community-building, advocacy and action. Get activated: meetings are every 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at 3347 SE Belmont St., Portland. Contact us: POB 15289 Portland, OR. 97293. Phone: 503-756-4369 www.nwrage.org or contact us by e-mail: info@nwrage.org.

NW Vegetarian Education and

Empowerment Group: Northwest VEG is active in the Portland and Vancouver area. The mission is to educate and empower people to make vegetarian choices for a healthy, sustainable and compassionate world. Reducing consumption of animal products leads to better health, reduced impact on the forests and streams, and kinder treatment of animals. The group holds potlucks with educational programs every month, alternating between the west side and the east side of the Portland area. In addition, the group organizes dine-outs, and coordinates several other events throughout the year. Volunteers are always appreciated. Visit our Web site at: www.nwveg.org, send e-mail to: info@nwveg.org, or leave message at: (503) 746-8344.

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. OTI is dedicated to promoting the success of women in the building, construction, mechanical and utility trades through education, leadership and mentorship. Founded in 1989, OTI offers 3 core programs and services: Trades Offer Girls Options (TO GO) encourages middle- and high school-aged girls to learn about options for trades careers; Pathways to Success recruits, trains, places and retains women in trades careers through its free Trades and Apprenticeship Career Class, a state-certified pre-apprenticeship program; and Tradeswomen Organized for Outreach, Leadership, and Support (TOOLS) supports and builds leadership with women already in the trades and provides technical assistance to help employers, apprenticeship programs and government agencies achieve a diverse trades work force. OTI is a membership based organization and holds quarterly networking and support meetings for members.

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Elders Reading Group, Laughing Horse Books, 12 NE 10th Ave, off E Burnside. We are reading Naomi Klein's *The Shock Doctrine*, 1-2 p.m. every Monday. More info: 503-236-2893.

Books to Prisoners weekly mailing, 5-8 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays in garage at end of driveway at 1112 NE Morton, between Ainsworth & Dekum, east of MLK Blvd. These books are sent to prisoners across the country. We are always in need of new or used dictionaries and thesauruses. www.pdxbookstoprisoners.org.

R.E.P. (Renewable Energy Policies) Action Project, 1st University Church, SW 12th and Main, 7 p.m., every 1st & 3rd Monday, FREE. This group supports and promotes adoption of a REPs policy in Oregon that creates good social and environmental outcomes for reasonable costs. We are talking about ordinary people being able to generate clean renewable energy to sell at above normal cost, back to the utilities (PGE, etc)! Call Judy at 503-232-1911 for more info www.afd-pdx.org.

Basic war tax resistance & redirection, Laughing Horse Books, 12 NE 10th, 7-8 p.m., every 3rd Monday of the month. What is war tax resistance & redirection? What are some ways to participate? An informal workshop, no charge, materials provided. More info at 503-238-0605. Sponsored by War Resisters League. FREE.

The Unemployed Workers Progressive Summer Film Fest, was last held at PSU, in 2009, and we are currently looking for a new venue. If you are interested in helping to organize a new event and brainstorm about jobs issues, global social justice issues, and other issues that effect all of us, please contact PSU Progressive Student Union. We plan to work with Portland Jobs With Justice, PSU Model UN, PSU MEChA, and at least a dozen other campus groups. To get involved, contact LewChurch@gmail.com

Weekly book study group, David Korten's "Agenda for a New Economy: From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth, Why Wall Street Can't be Fixed and How to Replace It." 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. 1st U. Church, Buchan Bldg, enter through gate on SW 12th & Salmon. Currently experiencing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, is giving us an incredible opportunity to change our economic story. To register call First Church 503-228-6389 or, for more info, call Marcia @ 503-665-3957.

Books to OREGON prisoners weekly mailing. 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays, 6315 NE Rodney, between MLK & Holman Blvd. Different group from Books to Prisoners. More info at: bookstooregonprisoners@gmail.com.

Anarchist Discussion Group, Black Rose Collective Books, 4038 N. Mississippi, 7-9 p.m., every 1st & 3rd Tuesday. A self-led, free-form group. Bring cookies.

NW RAGE Public Meeting and GE Free Video Night, 3347 SE Belmont (ring bell #5 and we'll come open the door for you), doors open at 6:30, film starts at 7 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month. Watch films relating to genetic engineering and discuss how you can help promote a safe and sustainable food supply. All films are free though donations to support our work are greatly appreciated. Call 503-239-6841 for more info.

Washington Co. Peace Vigil, SW 5th & Hall, next to Beaverton Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Bring a sign or use one of ours.

Book Studies: David Korten's Agenda for a New Economy: From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth. Reflections Book Store/The Talking Drum, 446 NE Killingsworth St., 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. FREE. Contact Marcia at 503-665-3957 or visit www.realwealthpdx.com.

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee monthly meeting, Liberty Hall, 311 N Ivy St., off N. Vancouver, 7 p.m. every third Wednesday. PCASC is a grassroots organizing group that educates and mobilizes community members, workers and students around struggles for human rights and social justice throughout the Americas. More info at 503-236-7916 or info@pcasc.net.

Ongoing Impeachment-Accountability Rally, 729 NE Oregon St., outside of Congressman Blumenauer's office, every Thursday, noon to 2 p.m.

WILPF Women in Black: Peace in the Middle East vigil. Noon at Terry Shrunken Plaza, in front of City Hall, every Friday.

Portland Peaceful Response Weekly Friday Rally & Protest March, 5 p.m. Fridays, Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Broadway & Yamhill. Info at: www.pprc-news.org.

Feminist Film Society, 6:30 p.m., In Other Words Women's Books and Resources, 8 B NE Killingsworth St., every third Friday. The FFS watches a variety of movies and discuss them with feminism in mind. Screening starts at 7, with discussion to follow. \$1-5 donation, but no one is turned away. Come find your feminist with the FFS Crew! More info at <http://www.inotherwords.org>

A Growing Concern, a Call-in Community TV Program, LIVE, every Friday on Cable channel 11, 7-8 p.m. Repeats: Sundays, channel 23, 10 p.m., and Thursdays, channel 22, 7 p.m. A Growing Concern features guests speaking on a wide range of political, environmental and social justice issues, as well as video of local events, etc. Hosted by local activist Jim Lockhart, since 1998. www.PhilosopherSeed.org

Book Studies: David Korten's Agenda for a New Economy: From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth. Peoples Co-op, 3029 SE 21st Ave, 9-11 a.m. Saturdays. FREE. Contact Marcia at 503-665-3957 or visit www.realwealthpdx.com.

Oak Grove Peace vigil. Noon on Sundays, corner of SE McLaughlin & Oak Grove Blvd., Milwaukee.

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Portland 9/11 Truth Alliance weekly meeting, Laughing Horse Books, NE 10th Ave just North of Burnside, 7 pm. Exciting news from NYC about a new independent and impartial 9/11 Commission on the ballot. <http://www.nyccan.org>. Every other week the group presents a film or a special guest speaker. More info at 503-701-3481.

February-April 2011 FRIDAY, FEB. 4th, 1-3 pm, Portland State University, Academic and

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Ethnomusicologist (<http://sustainabilitymusic.blogspot.com>)
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MONDAY, FEB. 7, 5:30 pm, JWJ
Steering Committee 6025 E. Burnside

TUESDAY, FEB. 8, 7:30-8:30,

Multnomah County Building, 501 SE
Hawthorne Blvd. Panel Discussion:
"Leveling the Playground:
Equity and Education"

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9, 5:30 pm,
JWJ Economic Crisis Committee
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Holocaust Resource Center, is bring-
ing genocide activist and scholar Carl
Wilkins to speak at Portland First
United Methodist Church, at 1838
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THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 7 pm, Robert
Whitaker - Author of Anatomy of an
Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric
Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise
of Mental Illness in America, First
Unitarian Church, 1211 SW Main.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16th, 11:55 am
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Blumenauer to stop wars and occupa-
tions.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16th, 4 pm,
Portland State University, Cramer Hall
room 271. Lecture: "Mapping Eastern
Oregon Wind Energy Development
on BLM Land"

FRIDAY, FEB. 18th, 1-3 pm, Portland
State University, Academic and
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660 Lecture, Social Sustainability
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Catalyzes Awareness and Action"
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FRIDAY, FEB. 25th, 1-3 pm, Portland
State University, Academic and
Student Recreation Center room

660 Celebration, Presentation,
Reception, Social Sustainability
Colloquium Series: "Laying the
Groundwork for a Sustainable
Neighborhood: A Celebration of
Groundwork Portland"
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please contact Marion Sharp, sharpml@pdx.edu or 503-725-4876

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 7:15 am
9th Annual Faith Labor Breakfast:
Reclaiming the American Dream for
the Common Good, St. Philip Neri
Parish, 2408 SE 16th. The breakfast
celebrates and builds on the long
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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, Economic Crisis
Rally on State Furlough Day, details
TBA

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, Time and
location TBA, Peace March and Rally:
"Eight Years in Iraq, Nine Years in
Afghanistan: How's the War Economy
Working for You?"

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, Time &
Location TBA. Fundraiser for The
Portland Alliance. Silent Auction,
Speakers, Music, Dinner, and
Dancing. More information:
editor@theportlandalliance.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, PCASC Annual
Brunch. Details: brenda@pcasc.net

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Death Penalty The death penalty does not prevent crime and should be abolished. Oregon has penalties that provide alternatives to state killing. The death penalty is costly. Innocent people are sentenced to death and sometimes executed. These killings are disproportionately the poor and minorities. OADP promotes research, education, and discussion of issues relating to the death penalty. For information on the death penalty in Oregon and nationally, and to find out about meetings and events go to www.oadp.org. e-mail info@oadp.org or write to P.O. Box 361, Portland, OR 97207.

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Green Party: Turn Green and join the fastest growing political party in Oregon, the United States, and the entire world. Oregon's Pacific Green Party offers the best hope of our lifetimes to break the corporate-controlled Republicratic duopoly and create a loud, clear, and unapologetically progressive voice in government. Help us build that peaceful, just and ecologically wise society your heart desires. In Portland call 503-772-3164 or visit www.PacificGreens.org. We need you as much as you need us.

Peace and Justice Works /

Portland Copwatch Peace and Justice Works (PJW) has been actively educating and demonstrating for peace since 1992. PJW promotes non-violent conflict resolution on local, national and international levels. Iraq Affinity Group, addressing the U.S. invasion and occupation, meets monthly, usually second Tuesdays. Portland Copwatch, focusing on police accountability, usually meets first Mondays. Other issues include former Yugoslavia, School of the Americas. General meetings 3-4 time a year. Contact: PO Box 42456, Portland, OR 97242; 503-236-3065. Copwatch incident report line: 503-321-5120; e-mail: pjw@pjw.info, copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org; web: www.pjw.info.

Polyamory Circle is an informal gathering focusing on extended families, inclusive relationships and intentional community. Everyone is welcome to participate in our discussions. Meets 3rd Monday each month 7:30 pm. Call Larry 285-4848 for location+info.

Portland Central America

Solidarity Committee (PCASC) formed in 1979 and is the oldest Latin American solidarity organization in Oregon. We mobilize opposition to U.S. military and economic intervention in Latin America and Mexico, and support cross-border struggles for peace, justice and self-determination. In Oregon, PCASC advocates for workers and immigrant rights and educates the Portland community about the economic and political impact of U.S. policies upon Latin Americans, Mexicans and the U.S. through the Cross Border Labor Organizing Council (CBLOC). We build solidarity between workers in Portland and Latin America. 2249 E Burnside, Portland, OR 97214. 503-236-7916. e-mail: info@pcasc.net.

Portland Chapter of OWL

Mid-life and older women working locally and nationally to improve the status of ALL women as they grow older: income and health security, affordable housing, ending discrimination and violence against women. Open to all women desiring these goals. Don't wait for retirement, it may be too late. Come and join us, call 503-721-0848. National OWL. Website: www.owl-national.org.

Portland Community Media: PCM is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote broad participation in civic and cultural life by encouraging effective

use and understanding of community media. We teach affordable classes in digital television and multimedia production, and program daily for cable television channels 11, 21, 22, 23, 29 and CityNet 30. Check our website for more information! 2766 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97212; 503-288-1515; www.pcmv.org.

Psychologists for Social

Responsibility (www.psyr.org) is an organization whose mission is to use psychological knowledge and skills to promote peace with social justice at the community, national, and international levels. Portland-area psychologists and counselors have recently formed a PsySR affiliated group. Our goal is to address issues connecting poverty, mental health, and human rights. This group meets monthly to plan projects, develop resources, and discuss relevant issues. For more information and meeting times, please write samantha@pacificu.edu.

Portland Indymedia is a tool for the creation of radical, accurate, and passionate tellings of truth. As the local Independent Media Center of a global network, Portland Indymedia is a decentral



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Portland IWW: A democratic, self-organizing labor union committed to direct action and struggle to bring about a better world. We welcome all those who wish to organize with the rest of the working class for mutual aid and collective bargaining. Call 503-231-5488, e-mail branch@iwwpdx.org, or drop by our office in Liberty Hall, 311 N. Ivy.

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Progressive Student Unon: PSU- PSU coordinates Transit Riders Union and Tenant Rights Project, advocatnig

for low-income tenants and TriMet riders (www.trimetriders.org). On campus, we organize the Coke-Odwalla Boycott (www.killercoke.org) for labor rights in Colombia, human rights in Darfur, and for a National Bottle Bill/recycling legislation. Progressive Student Union was the founding publisher/editor of both PSU Rearguard (Iraq War I) and PSU Agitator (Iraq War II). We coordinated PSU campus Taco Bell Boycott, making PSU the 9th U.S. college to kick Taco Bell off campus (the national boycott was successfully settled with a pay raise for Florida farm workers). PSU-PSU is anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist. Contact info: 503-222-2974 or Progressive Student Union, PO Box 40011, Portland, Oregon 97240.

Radical Women: A socialist feminist multi-issue organization that trains women to be leaders in the struggle to replace capitalism with socialism in order to achieve full equality for everyone. Our leadership—as women of color, workers, unionists and lesbians—is pivotal. We believe in the power of the working class. Monthly meetings every second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. 819 N. Killingsworth, Portland, OR 97217. Phone: 503-240-4462, Fax: 503-240-4463, E-mail: rwpx@igc.org. Website: radicalwomen.org

Socialist Party of

Oregon: A progressive party working for across-the-board democracy — political, social and economic. For over 100 years we've advocated much of what's best in America. We support ballot access for all parties; campaign finance reform; civil rights (Socialists helped found the NAACP and the ACLU); a humane foreign policy; environmental and consumer protection; general welfare, not corporate welfare; tax fairness; people over profits (consumer coops and credit unions); Social Security ("first advocated" by the Socialist Party); universal health insurance (socialists in Saskatchewan launched Canada's single payer national health program). REGISTER, VOTE, VOLUNTEER SOCIALIST. For info write P.O. Box 5633, Portland, OR 97228, or phone 503-241-8217, 503-227-3970, 503-289-3511, or 503-636-4150; info at www.thesocialistparty.org.

Solidarity: A socialist-feminist organization standing for workers' democracy and international solidarity. We are revolutionary, in that we regard capitalism as both a human and environmental disaster — unredeemable by reformist politics. We are committed to a creative rethinking of socialism and are engaged in struggles against racism, sexism, and homophobia. Local members include environmental, child care, reproductive rights, labor, and KBOO activists. Call 503-234-2306.

The Sunrise Foundation

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Sustainable Business Network

of Portland We are a group of business people dedicated to creating a local, vibrant and sustainable business community here in Portland. Founded in 2003, we are a new and independent networking group working to promote and support each other and the local business community. We have a networking and educational breakfast meeting every other Tuesday morning at Old Wives Tales. We

have other events as well. Visit www.sbn-portland.org for our current schedule. We are also the force behind the "Think Local First" and "Keep the Green in Portland" campaigns. For more info or to join, visit www.ThinkLocalPortland.org Now unplug from that corporate supplier, go out and support your favorite LOCALLY OWNED business!

Technocracy, Inc. originated in 1918-1919 when Howard Scott formed a group of scientists, engineers, and economists. Technocracy is a social design for living engineered for the distribution of an abundance to all citizens from birth to death. For more information, call 503-283-9517 or visit the technocracy web- www.technocracyinc.org (continental site).

Voter Power Foundation

Marijuana is Safe and Effective Medicine. Voter Power holds weekly clinics helping people qualify for Oregon's Medical Marijuana Law (OMMA). Voter Power is a group of activists who have fought for and won: both on Measure 67 (Oregon Medical Marijuana Act) and Measure 57 which stopped the legislature's attempt to recriminalize simple marijuana possession in 1998. Get up, stand up, and act up today. We currently need volunteers to circulate the petition for OMMA2 creating licensed dispensaries in Oregon where medical marijuana may be safely purchased. Call 503-224-3051 or visit online at www.voterpower.org.

Veterans for Peace Ch. 72

Having defended this nation, we believe that national security comes only through peace and justice at home and abroad. Chapter activities include counter-recruiting in the schools, supporting land mine removal programs, and organizing, sponsoring, and participating in anti-war efforts. Our speakers offer their experiences so that others might better understand the true costs of war. We can help returned veterans come to terms with their experiences, because they are us. Veterans, and friends and family of veterans, are welcome to join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Friends Meeting House at 4312 SE Stark St. For more information call 503-282-5015, or see www.vfpchapter72.org, or see the website of our national office www.veteransforpeace.org.

War Resisters League PDX

Chapter: As conscientious objectors to war, we promote alternatives to militarism and military service. The Military & Draft Counseling Project provides draft counseling, counter-recruitment organizing, and civilian advocacy for military personnel and those considering enlistment. The Oregon Community for War Tax Resistance provides information and support for persons conscientiously refusing to pay for war, and we publicly redirect refused tax dollars to local service organizations. We also promote Peace Tax Fund legislation, through lobbying and public speaking, to provide a legal alternative for war tax objectors. 2000 NE 42nd Ave., Suite 224, Portland, OR 97213. 503-238-0605.

Women's International League for

Peace and Freedom The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has been working since 1915 to unite women in all countries who oppose war, exploitation, and oppression. The Portland WILPF branch holds public meetings addressing peace and justice related issues. The monthly newsletter can be received free upon request. 1034 SW 13th, Portland, OR 97205; portland.wilpf.org, wilfpdx@gmail.com.

Increase your visibility! For just \$85 per year your group can appear in these pages. Call 503-327-8377 or contact Terrie Rodello by email: tarodello@igc.org for details.

Progressive Arts and Culture!

By ELIZABETH RATHBUN

ART

Pearl District First Thursday Portland Galleries Walk, 6-9 pm on Feb. 3 and March 3. FirstThursdayPortland.com

Quintana Indigenous Art Gallery. 124 NW 9th Ave. between Couch and Davis. NW Native American Art; Exhibit of Fancy & Function Bags of Native America; Decorated Cornhusk or Leather Bags Combine usefulness with artistry, Jan. 6-Feb. 26.

In Honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

Oregon Historical Society. "Walls of Heritage, Walls of Pride: African American Murals." An exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society runs Nov. 16-Feb. 13. Based on a book of the same name, the exhibit will feature photos of murals all over the country with an emphasis on work by local artists.

In the late 1970s, a group of several artists of color created murals and sculptures that hung outside for five years in the historically African-American Albina neighborhood for the Albina Mural Project. They worked to depict the history of black culture within and outside America, aiming to fill in the gaps left by silent history books.

Oregon History Museum, Persistence: Black Pioneers in Early Oregon.

Portland Art Museum Exhibit: Images of African American Identity and Community, Jan. 8-April 17. Prints, drawings & photos which affected 20th Century African-American identity.

Dancing

Belly dance Feb. 2 and every Wed: Blue Monk Tavern on Belmont, Belly dancing from 8-10 p.m. \$5 cover.

Feb. 13: Oregon Humane Society Fundraiser for No-Kill Shelter (Organized by Egyptian style dancer Wedad), Belly dancing begins 12:30 p.m. at Jantzen Beach Mall across from the Carousel.

Feb. 20: Benefit for Oberon, teacher and performer. Cassiopeia, Tiger

Lillies and students of Ruby and Karla; Kolbeh Restaurant, 11830 SW Kerr Parkway 4:30 pm in Lake Oswego, reservations (503) 245-1662, \$10.00 cover

Dancing: portlanddancing.com; Balkan, Irish, Ballroom, Tango, Salsa, Blues, Bangra and more.

Tango
See Portlandtango.com for additional information about teachers, milongas, practicas and information about the Valentango.

Tango Passion Music and Dance Concert, Sun. Feb. 13, 3-5 pm Old Church, Tango band with bass, percussion, piano and harmonica, Alex Krebs and partner dancing. \$20

Film

Hollywood Theatre (Film Action Oregon), 4122 N.E.Sandy. See Hollywoodtheatre.org for show times.

Feb. 3, Shepherds of Helmand, about OR National Guard deployed in 2008 to train a battalion of the Afghan

Garden Events

Chinese; lansugarden.org; Feb 3-17; Highlights: Chinese New Year, Music in the Teahouse, Bloom Walk, Art Exhibits, 10 to 5 daily winter hours.

Japanese
Art in the Garden Katsura Imperial Villa, the photographs of Ishimoto Yasuhiro, Feb. 1 through 20 at the Japanese Garden in Washington Park; Hina Matsuri Doll Festival: Feb. 25 to March 3. Winter garden hours: 10 to 4 Tues through Sun and 12-4 on Mondays.

Yard, Garden and Patio Show; Feb. 18-20, 10 to 7:30 p.m. Fri and Sat and 10 to 5 Sunday at the Oregon Convention Center. Ygshow.com; display gardens; edible garden, unusual and newly introduced plants, seminars and demonstrations.

Music

See the Portland Cultural Calendar (www.Hulahub.com)

Jazz and Blues
Clubs: barflymag.com; lists jazz and blues clubs in Portland area.

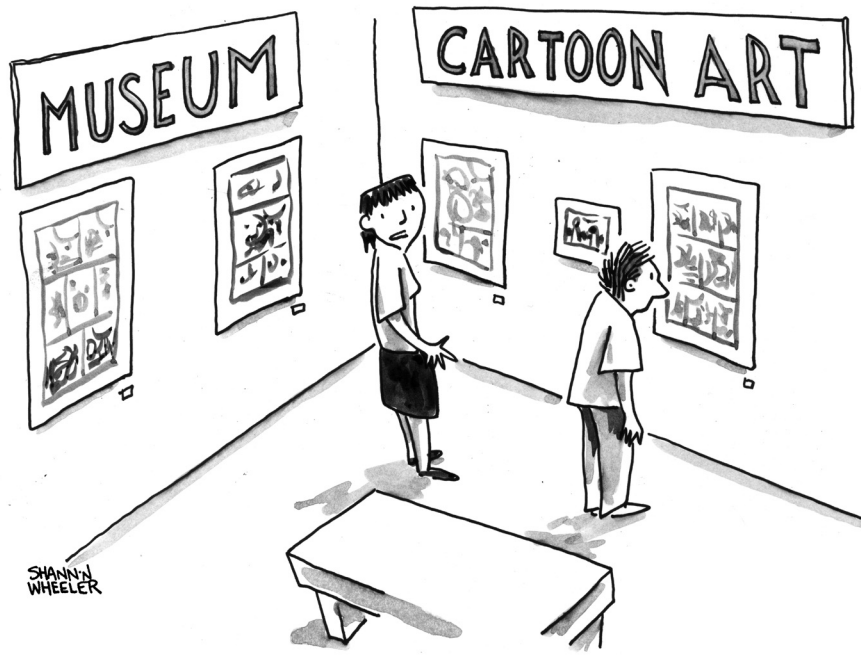
Jimmy Maks: Feb. 1 Kit Taylor, Feb. 5 Bobby Torres, Feb. 11 Jessie Marquez, Feb.12 Portland Soul All Stars, Feb.18 Michael A. Harrison. Mondays: Dan Balmer; Tues thru Thurs Mel Brown

Jazz Alley: Pete Escovedo, Latin Jazz Orquestra Feb. 17-19 at 7:30 and 9:30 and Feb. 20 at 9:30.

Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta. The Paperboys, Feb. 4, Leroy Bell, Feb. 5 and JT Nero Feb. 7.

If you have events, showings, shows, or ideas for this page.. contact Elizabeth Rathbun via editor@theportlandalliance.org

WikiLeaks: "Demystifying Diplomacy"



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Portland Valentango. Feb. 9 to 14. The top tango event attracting hundreds from across the US and Canada for: all levels of classes for singles and couples, nightly milongas with top DJs and musicians.

Mondays: Portland Police Athletic Association (PPAA), 618 S.E. Alder, Lesson 7:00 to 8:00, dancing to 12 p.m.

Wed: Norse Hall, 11th & Couch St.; Lesson 7:30-8:30, dancing to 12 p.m.

Thursday: Norse Hall, 11th&Couch St.; Lesson 7:30-8:30, dancing to 12 p.m.

Friday: Paradise Ballroom: 826 S.E. Belmont; Practica, 2 to 6 p.m.

Sunday: Viscount Studio at 724 E. Burnside; 1 to 5 p.m.

National army in counter-narcotics patrols in Helmand.

Feb. 4 – March 5. African Film Festival. See Africanfilmfestival.org/calendar, Located at the Hollywood theatre, McMenamins Kennedy School and PCC Cascade.

34th Portland International Film Festival; Feb. 10 to 26 (Schedule available Feb. 1 at <http://www.nwfilm.org/festivals/piff/> or <http://festivals.nwfilm.org/> Become a silver screen club member by registering online at the NWfilm.org website and receive advance tickets at a member price to avoid standing in ticket lines! Films are shown at the Portland Art Museum's Whitsell Auditorium, Regal Broadway Cinemas, Cinema 21 and the Newmark Theatre.

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BY GLEN ANDRESEN



Glen Adresen provides Gardening Classes and Presentations

What could be better than reading about gardening? Perhaps learning about gardening from an actual person - me. And what could be better than hearing these words in person? Well, maybe actually seeing those words in action (so to speak). I'll be busy offering up classes, seminars and presentations in the next several months, and that means you will have ample opportunities to hear me talk, and in many instances, to view my garden (and bees). All talks and classes are free unless otherwise noted. And this list is not yet complete, either. I'll keep you posted.

February 18, 12:30 p.m.: Is Backyard Beekeeping For You?; seminar at Yard, Garden & Patio Show, Oregon Convention Center (no admission cost)

February 22, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m.: Growing Fruit in Any Backyard; through city of Portland's Urban Growth Bounty classes (\$30); Beaumont Middle School. Register online at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=50648&a=276899>

February 26, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon: Blueberry and Grape Pruning, lecture and tour, beginning at Garden Fever (24th and Fremont) and ending at my NE garden; call 503-287-3200 to register (space is limited).

March 4, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Backyard Organic Beekeeping; (\$49) PCC Southeast Center (SE 82nd and Division); three-hour classroom lecture, then field trip on Saturday, March 5 to my NE apiary; register online at: [HYPERLINK http://www.pcc.edu/schedule/default.cfm?fa=dspCourse2&thisTerm=201101&crsCode=3BEEKEEP&topicCode=FLO&subtopicCode=&crnList=16690,16690](http://www.pcc.edu/schedule/default.cfm?fa=dspCourse2&thisTerm=201101&crsCode=3BEEKEEP&topicCode=FLO&subtopicCode=&crnList=16690,16690)

Picture by Peter C. Little



CLASSES, SEMINARS, & PRESENTATIONS

March 12, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Beginning Backyard Organic Beekeeping; (\$45); three-hour lecture, then 1-hour hands-on hive visit to my

NE apiary, beginning at Garden Fever (24th and Fremont); call 503-287-3200 to register. Includes two additional hive visits in June and August.

March 19, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon: Food Gardening Primer, class and tour, beginning at Garden Fever (24th and Fremont) and ending at my NE garden; call 503-287-3200 to register (space is limited).

March 26, 2:00 p.m.: Life's Sweeter With Honey Bees; seminar at Better Living Show, Portland Expo Center; no admission for seminars or show.

March 26, 3:00 p.m.: Vegetable Gardening Year-Round; seminar at Better Living Show, Portland Expo Center; no admission for seminars or show.

April 2, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.:

Beginning Backyard Organic Beekeeping; (\$45); through city of Portland's Urban Growth Bounty classes; three-hour class, then 1-hour hands-on hive visit to my NE apiary, beginning at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37th Avenue (across from Wilshire Park). Includes two additional hive visits in June and August.

Register online at: [HYPERLINK http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=50648&a=276902](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=50648&a=276902)

April 9, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Second-Year Beekeeping: What Do I Do Now?; (\$35); through city of Portland's Urban Growth Bounty classes; two-hour class, then 2-hour hands-on hive visit to my NE apiary, beginning at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37th Avenue (across from Wilshire Park). Register online at: [HYPERLINK http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=50648&a=276902](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=50648&a=276902)

April 23, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Second-Year Beekeeping: What Do I Do Now?; (\$35); two-hour class, then 2-hour hands-on hive visit to my NE apiary, beginning at Garden Fever (24th and Fremont); call 503-287-3200 to register.

April 24, 1:00 p.m.: Making and Using Compost; lecture at Joy Creek Nursery, Scappoose; [HYPERLINK www.joycreek.com](http://www.joycreek.com)

May 13, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Backyard Organic Beekeeping; (\$49) PCC Southeast Center (SE 82nd and Division); three-hour classroom lecture, then field trip on Saturday, May 14 to my NE apiary; register soon online.

June 11, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon: Planting for Fall and Winter Harvest, class and tour, beginning at Garden Fever (24th and Fremont) and ending at my NE garden; call 503-287-3200 to register (space is limited).

For more information, contact me at [HYPERLINK glen@pacifier.com](mailto:glen@pacifier.com). Hope to see you there.

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crossword OF DISSENT

by HOLLY PENCE

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Across

- _____ diem (Latin for "my fish has a dime?") (5)
- Prerogative or special advantage (9)
- Forceful type of "diplomacy" (7)
- Multi-colored warnings (6)
- Someone completely lacking in conscience (10)
- Stratagem (4)
- Beat about it to evade the point (4)
- "Swift-boating" (8)
- Exchanged a sentence for a lighter one--or none (8)
- "Halt!" in horse-talk (4)
- Much more compact than coffins (4)
- Interfered with, as justice (10)
- Unwanted sounds (6)
- Deadlock; blind alley (7)
- Not the author's real name (9)
- Russian emperors now in the dustbin of history (5)

Down

- First Roman emperor (8)
- Oft-lying wooden puppet (9)
- Is it good to win this one? (3,4)
- Unwell (3)
- Hearing protector (7)
- Short written pieces (6)
- _____ zone; off-limits area (2-2)
- Stuck (to) (7)
- Official demand to show up (7)
- Daily TV or radio packages of rumor (9)
- Ancestor (8)
- Restrict; keep in a certain area (7)
- Speak under oath (7)
- The truck I didn't fall off last week, you know (6)
- Ready, as fruit or a time (4)
- The last word (3)

Solution on page 20



POETRY PAGES

Subversive Verse

BY MARY OUGHT SIX

Survivors

As girls we were told about men who would hurt us
They would look sinister and come from nowhere
We would know to avoid them by their strangeness
They would be nothing like our fathers, brothers and friends

We would only have to run when they opened the car door
Not give them our phone number
Avoid the drink

What we didn't know
What no one told us
Was that we could be hurt
By men who bought us roses and rings
Who were delightful, who loved us
Who fathered our babies
The hurt would come unannounced from inside our homes
Strong blows and swift waves of it

And that we would have to work like reverse alchemists
To turn our rings into something more valuable

– Heidi Schmaltz

~Heidi Schmaltz is a native Oregonian who has written with the Portland Women Writers, the Portland Writers, and Chrysalis Women Writers at Clackamas Community College.

She has been published in the anthologies *VoiceCatcher 1 and 2*.

Heidi has an M.A. in Spanish from Portland State University and teaches Spanish locally at the college level.

PDX Poetry Events

All Ages and Uncensored Poetry Reading, hosted by Christopher Luna. This is an open mic held on the second Thursday of each month.

February 10th will feature Portland poet, Turiya Autry. Arrive at 6:45 for open mic sign up, reading begins at 7pm. This month's reading will be held at The Space in Vancouver. Visit Christopher Luna's blog for more details: christopherluna-poetry.blogspot.com

This monthly reading used to be held at Vancouver's own independent, community supporting bookstore **Cover To Cover** until a devastating fire occurred in October 2010. As Cover To Cover's owner and operator, Mel, works to bring this venue back into full operation, please support her by ordering your next book purchases through this website: covertocoverbooks.net. Any book that you would order from a popular online store like Amazon.com is also available through Mel at the same price! She's been a great supporter of NW authors and public events, so

Please see Poetry Events page 16

At Daybreak

Effigies are burning at daybreak,
hoisted high for the gathered
cameras' eyes, growing pale
as the signal scatters over nations
until here, so far from flame,
the images no longer weep.

Cities have many names,
spellings, ideologies,
so leave them all-
minarets toppled half-heaven,
sand-blached of color,
and those endless fields
of half-buried crosses,
decay pitying decay,
growing pale
in slaughtered hearts
hoisted high for antiquity's eyes-
"See, we've still yet to meet
a God other than our own."

Farewell, mornings awoken to shame.
Dreams have spilled over
into the streets,
reflected oblong
in broken shop windows
and lightless eyes-
Gaza, Tehran, Kabul.
Chased in dreams
down Escheresque alleys
and turning in panic
to see His face,
only half the blade withdrawn.

Veiled wives' gazes sweep up
from their feet
and pick up speed,
swallowing everything
like a house fire
once the doors have swung open.

Perhaps I'm thinking more of the hell-
fire

and protest that choked my mother-
she with no name
upon televised lips,
she who adopts these broad sufferings-
and how the razor of smaller casualties
differs at daybreak from politics-
how a single silent voice
rarely pierces our vein.

– John Sibley Williams
Revolution

How simple from higher elevations
to say the mountains genuflect-
with deep heart, heavy foot-
like a crushed body
upon a lake.

Today, as always, I am writing
about what happens below
from the safety
of one of America's many peaks.
And as the lake water begins
its imperceptible slide to ice,
the mountains wildly unshaven, frosted,
and steaming like a lit cigar,
these vague pine shapes again become objects
for surface debate
surface poetry
and conversation
that can be seen from all angles
without substance
or spines,
merely the illusion
of ascended thought,
a reflection
of something greater
than our ability to describe it,
and I am watching both
loose translations of the lake below
move through each other
like bodies
daring a flinch,
fists raised
never to fall.

– John Sibley Williams

~John is a poet and book publicist residing in Portland, OR. He has an MA in Writing and presently studies Book Publishing at Portland State University, where he serves as Acquisitions Manager of Ooligan Press and publicist for Three Muses Press.

His poetry was nominated for the 2009 Pushcart Prize, and his debut chapbook, *A Pure River*, will soon be published by The Last Automat Press.

Some of his over 100 previous or upcoming publications include: The Evansville Review, Ellipsis, Flint Hills Review, Euphony, Open Letters, Cadillac Cicatrix, Juked, The Journal, Hawaii Review, Cutthroat, The Furnace Review, Red Wheelbarrow, Aries, and River Oak Review.

Please see Poetry Pages page 6

Dandelions

You, who garden and weed us out.
 We come back to you and back again.
 Like some arch villain long hair,
 versus paramilitary skull sculpture specialist.
 What with your weed-be-gone,
 and fancy "I have a arrived" riding mowers.
 We mock your feverish efforts to zone us out.

We belong here,
 and bring you spores by the scores.
 Against your best blockade by lawn patrols,
 and beauty police.

We withstand your attack
 of our blooming island paradise,
 against your sea of insipid green grass.
 Shunned by the permanent-press set
 which occupies our neighborhoods,
 we hunker down to fertile battlegrounds,
 in hobosynthesis to the next squared off
 unit of virgin territory.

Greedy to pull at our roots
 like a Saturday Night Sin,
 Then, prideful, as if you had made
 our world a better place,
 you toss our suffocating blossoms
 into dank, impersonal, mulch bags.

Don't you know I can cop a super fine,
 thick, rich layer of compost at the city dump,
 where my cousins, sisters and brothers,
 lie patiently in exile.

We keep going and growing in number.
 Through sheer will and ingenuity,
 we persevere, expectant of your imminent arrival;
 this and only this keeps us hungry for the kill,
 our leaves razor sharp.

– Buddy Bee Anthony

~Dandelions is a poem that Buddy had published in Street Roots around five years ago. It is an ongoing work in progress that he began writing as a teenager. He has been pursuing a wider audience as a singer/songwriter since having lived on the Salish Kootenai reservation for two years and apprenticing with a tribal singer there. He moved to Portland nine years ago and continues to write songs and poetry.

Waiting

small whispers
 slide into the past
 I lie naked
 In the surf
 on an abandoned shore

fish think
 I'm a broken ship
 birds know
 I'm a crushed airplane

until you enter the frame
 I'll take my cues from them

given a thousand years
 You could get to me
 but who has time
 to remember that long

– A. Molotkov

Zooming Out

my own reflection
 in a frame of autumn leaves
 in a puddle
 in a park
 amidst miles
 amidst years
 amidst raindrops

– A. Molotkov

~A. Molotkov, the author of "Waiting," is a writer, composer, filmmaker, visual artist, and a co-founder of the Inflectionist poetry movement (Inflectionism.com). He is the author of several novels, short story and poetry collections and the winner of the 2008 E. M. Koepfel Short Fiction Award for his short story "Round Trip," which was nominated for a Pushcart. His poem "Say Me with a Dry Leaf" was shortlisted in the 2010 Aquillrelle poetry contest and his story "The Most Wonderful White Stockings" received an honorary mention in the Glimmer Train August 2010 contest. Other Molotkov's fiction and poetry has appeared in a variety of publications in print and online. In February 2010, he spearheaded a one-hour poetry and music performance "Love Outlives Us" presented by Show and Tell Gallery in Portland, OR This was repeated on KBOO in June.

Poetry Events:

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From the "Figures Of Speech" Blog: Patricia Smith Special Reading
 Figures of Speech, who hosts a regularly scheduled monthly reading, will be offering an additional event for February 2011. We are thrilled to be bringing poet Patricia Smith to Portland on Friday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. This special event is free to all, and will take place on the campus of Portland State University in the Smith Student Union, Rm. 328. The event will be approximately 90 minutes in length, and Ms. Smith's books will be available for purchase. There will be an opportunity to meet Ms. Smith at a book signing after her presentation.

Ms. Smith is one of those rare poets who is extraordinary both on the stage and on the page. You won't want to miss this opportunity. For many, experiencing Patricia live is a life-changing event.

Poetry Night at Paper Tiger

Every third Thursday of the month at 7pm there is a poetry reading at Paper Tiger Coffeehouse, 703 Grand Blvd in Vancouver, which is located about a mile east of I-5 between Mill Plain and Evergreen on Grand Blvd. There will, as always, also be an open mic. The readings run till about 10pm., and there are great beverages and fine pastries available.

On February 17 we will be featuring Jenny Pauer, an English teacher at Fort Vancouver H.S. and poet of great sensitivity and passion, who will be sharing her poems reflecting both the pathos and wonder we all experience.

On the third Thursday of March, the 17th, at 7pm we will be featuring Alex Birkett, a local visual artist and poet who uses deep imagery and humor to probe the meaning and absurdity of existence.

Mary's Rebel Sole



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Submissions: Poets may submit materials electronically to mary.otte@gmail.com or by regular mail to Mary Otte, Poetry Editor, The Portland Alliance, Box 14162, Portland, OR 97293-0162.

Norman Solomon May Run for Congress

OPINION One of the most inspiring political leaders in recent decades, Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.), famously declared: "I represent the democratic wing of the Democratic Party." Today we need progressives in Congress who will represent the progressive wing of the Progressive Caucus.

That's the largest caucus on Capitol Hill — but having 80 members on the roster won't do much good if many cave under pressure.

For 18 years, the North Bay has been represented in Congress by Rep. Lynn Woolsey. Her strong antiwar voice and very progressive voting record have endeared her to a lot of constituents. Now she's publicly saying that she may choose to retire instead of seeking reelection.

This week, after decades of working for progressive social change, I'm announcing a federal exploratory committee for Congress (www.NormanSolomonExploratory.com). If Rep. Woolsey doesn't run in 2012, I will.

Across the country, alarm is rising as corporate power escalates at the intersection of Wall Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. An egregious factor is the deference to such power from some elected officials who rely on a progressive base for votes but shrug off tangible accountability to that base.

Dysfunctional relationships between liberals in Congress and progressive social movements serve as enablers for endless war, massive giveaways to Wall Street, widening gaps between the rich and the rest of us, erosion of civil liberties, outrageous inaction on global

warming, and so much more.

Back in congressional districts, the only way to beat corporate Astroturf is with genuine grassroots activism — committed to creating a very different kind of future for the next generations.

"Progressives who are principled, determined, and methodical can prevail in a big way"

At a time when high unemployment is becoming more protracted in tandem with a gargantuan warfare state, we're in the midst of what Martin Luther King Jr. called "the madness of militarism."

So-called moderates are adept at fine-tuning rather than challenging a destructive status quo. But there's nothing moderate about helping to fuel the engines

of social inequity, eco-disaster and perpetual war.

Eight decades ago, much of the U.S. press was hostile to a new president named Franklin D. Roosevelt, and many of his political enemies called him a dangerous radical. But there was — and is — nothing unduly radical about supporting economic fairness and social justice.

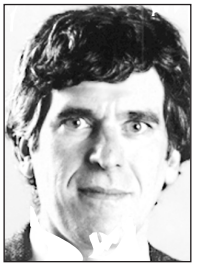
Before the end of his first term, FDR denounced "the economic royalists." He said: "They are unanimous in their hate for me — and I welcome their hatred." He did not say, "They hate me — and I want them to like me."

Today, big money and mega-media power are dominant; yet progressives who are principled, determined, and methodical can prevail in a big way. That's what happened last year when activists defeated PG&E's monopolistic Proposition 16 despite being outspent by more than 400 to 1. Living in the North Bay for more than a dozen years, I've often been moved by the extent of local progressive

passions. Antiwar, environmental, and

Media Beat

BY NORMAN SOLOMON



social justice outlooks are widespread — and deserve forthright representation in Congress.

Paul Wellstone was vitally correct when he said: "In the last analysis, politics is not predictions and politics is not observations. Politics is what we do. Politics is what we do, politics is what we create, by what we work for, by what we hope for, and what we dare to imagine."

Norman Solomon is national co-chair of the Healthcare Not Warfare campaign, launched by Progressive Democrats of America. His books include War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death. For more information go to www.NormanSolomonExploratory.com.



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More Letters From Our Readers!

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KBOO and one of the managers called the Alliance. I invited them to repond. The individual who called expressed interest and indicated a response would be forthcoming, but by press time we had not yet received a letter.

Tim Flanagan, associate editor

The January Police Interview

Dear Editor,

"UNCONSCIOUS BIAS"

In response to the interview with a retired police officer that appeared in the December 2010-January 2011 issue of the Portland Alliance, I would like to comment that police officers may not believe themselves to be racist, but the fact is that psychologists have shown that all of us (including people of color) have unconscious racial bias that society implants in our minds, beginning in early childhood.

Police officers should take care in how

they do their jobs, since they have more power than most people. As with any bad habit, people need to make a conscious effort to try to change how they behave.

Over twenty years ago, when I was the acting chair for highly contentious political meetings, I tried to give preference to women and people of color when calling on people to speak.

For material on unconscious bias, see Shankar Vedantam's book, "The Hidden Brain" (published in 2010)."

Milton Takei

Dear Editor,

A couple of thoughts regarding the letter from Milton Takei.

Milton, I couldn't agree with you more. As human beings we all bring our own life experiences and "baggage" with us. It's incumbent upon police officers to

realize that fact and not allow personal bias to influence their work. Obviously, that can be a daunting task but for the professional officer working the streets, it's certainly a necessity. I no longer say all, but I do believe that most officers recognize this issue and work very hard at accomplishing that goal.

Also, Propaganda. In the original article I wasn't speaking for PPB. I was speaking for myself. I believe in what I said and how I feel about the role of law enforcement. I don't take offense at the propaganda remark. I just find it curious. A different philosophical outlook on life I guess.

Thanks, Bert Combs.

The State of the Union

Dear Editor,

One of the things that most inspired me about Barack Obama's presidential campaign was his promise to renegotiate NAFTA. Not only has he failed to live up to this promise, he is now pushing for the passage of free trade agreements negotiated by Bush. If I hadn't pinched myself during the his state of the union speech, I would have thought I was having a nightmare. He promised an increase in jobs with the passage of the Korean FTA, but failed to inform the American people that the federal government's own International Trade Commission, which has routinely over-estimated the benefits of potential trade deals, predicts that the FTA will increase

the U.S. trade deficit. In other words, more jobs will be lost than gained. I want desperately to believe in the President's message of hope and change, but his actions indicate he is far too heavily influenced by the same major corporate interests that created the economic crisis we are facing. The KFTA and other trade agreements are just another tool for the exploitation of workers and abuse of the environment here and in our partner countries. We must defeat these agreements.

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From El Hispanic News.

Dilma Rousseff Sworn in as Brazil's New President

7th of January, 2011

Dilma Rousseff, former Marxist rebel turned career technocrat, is Brazil's first woman president.

"I am going to consolidate the transformative work done by President Lula," said Rousseff, 63, during a 40-minute inaugural address. "He changed the way the government is run and led the people to trust in themselves." President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva left office with greater than an 80 percent approval rating.

HYPERLINK <http://www.elhispanicnews.com/2011/01/07/dilma-rousseff-sworn-in-as-brazils-new-president/>

From the Asian Reporter

Japanese Prisons Swell with Seniors

3rd of January, 2011 pages 3 and 4.

Japanese seniors became the fastest growing segment of the prison population when elder-shoplifting escalated as a result of the dismal economy. Senior shoplifters are single, financially troubled or without income. Once incarcerated, elderly inmates with no family face little hope of return to society. If released, they become repeat offenders who prefer the security of prison to the uncertainty of poverty. This pattern prevails in many countries, including the United States where inmates aged 55 and older grew

76 percent from 1999 to 2008. This trend reflects state mandates for harsher sentences without parole (mandatory minimum). State

budgets become strained from higher healthcare costs linked to geriatric inmates.

HYPERLINK <http://www.asianreporter.com/paper/2011-01-Jan%203-pp01-10.pdf>

From the Jewish Reporter

Anti-Israel Bus Ads nixed in Seattle

1st of Jan, 2011

Portland residents weighed in on Seattle bus advertising about 'Israeli war crimes.' The ads were scheduled to run on King Co's. downtown buses on the 2 year anniversary of Operation Cast Lead against Hamas in Gaza. Proposed ads feature a group of children looking at a demolished building under the heading "Israeli War Crimes: Your tax dollars at work." Officials decided the advertising presented a security risk and canceled it following numerous calls by Portland's Jewish Federation of Greater Portland Community Relations Committee and other Jewish groups.

HYPERLINK <http://www.jewishreview.org/wire/Anti-Israel-bus-ads-nixed-in->

Seattle

From Street Roots

The Time Doesn't Fit the Crime

7th of January, 2011, page 10

In the last five years, the percentage of inmates with severe mental illness has risen to 16 -to-30 percent of the jail population from 6-to-7 percent in the 80s and early 90s. In a first-

time effort to self-identified mentally ill homeless people, an outreach group found that those who lack access to housing and treatment services are vulnerable to getting caught in the criminal justice system. Many are arrested or cited under nuisance laws (sitting/lying, panhandling and loitering) and later jailed for violating bench warrants (failure to appear in court). This study was conducted by the Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP).

HYPERLINK http://streetroots.org/past_issues/index.shtml

From the Skanner

11th of January, 2011

Legal Precedents for Political Incitement Set in Portland

Two of the biggest civil cases in America against virulent conservative rhetoric – incidents that involved politically-motivated murders – were tried in

Portland courtrooms. White Supremacists were fined \$12.5 million for the fatal beating of a Portland resident and the \$17 million fine of The American Coalition of Life Activists, sued by Planned Parenthood. Private information was collected and posted to the Internet, including the home addresses of dozens of abortion providers – three of whose names were crossed off the website's list after they were fatally shot.

HYPERLINK <http://www.theskanner.com/article/2011/01/11/Legal-Precedents-for-Political-Incitement-Set-in-Portland>

Legislative Notes

by Elizabeth Rathbun

Beaverton Town Hall Meeting, 1/08/2011

At a town hall in Beaverton, Sen. Suzanne Bonamici, & Reps. Mitch Greenlick and Chris Harker discussed their bills. Bonamici is sponsoring a bill to support homeowners' rights during foreclosure and another to protect consumers who fall prey to duplicitous Free Trial offers...

...Mitch Greenlick Greenlick is working on a Universal Healthcare bill with Rep. Dembrow (No Portland) although he believes it will not pass in the current House with only 30 Democrats.

Harker is working on higher education, kicker reform and healthcare issues. He is exploring ways to attract physicians to rural areas and regulate health insurance rates required by the new federal healthcare mandate.



Cartoon by Clyde List

Mental Health Forum

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Mothers Standing - Up -Together: Taking Back Our Children (The M.O.M.S. Movement), Will Hall, Portland therapist and national leader in "peer recovery," Gina Nikkel, Director of the Oregon Association of Community Mental Health Programs.

Panel members will discuss the painful realities of modern psychiatric care and the need for change. The discussion will include a look at the peer movement that encourages people with mental health challenges to direct their own treatment. Whitaker plans to highlight alternatives like European programs that use psychiatric drugs in a selective, cautious manner, and produce very good results.

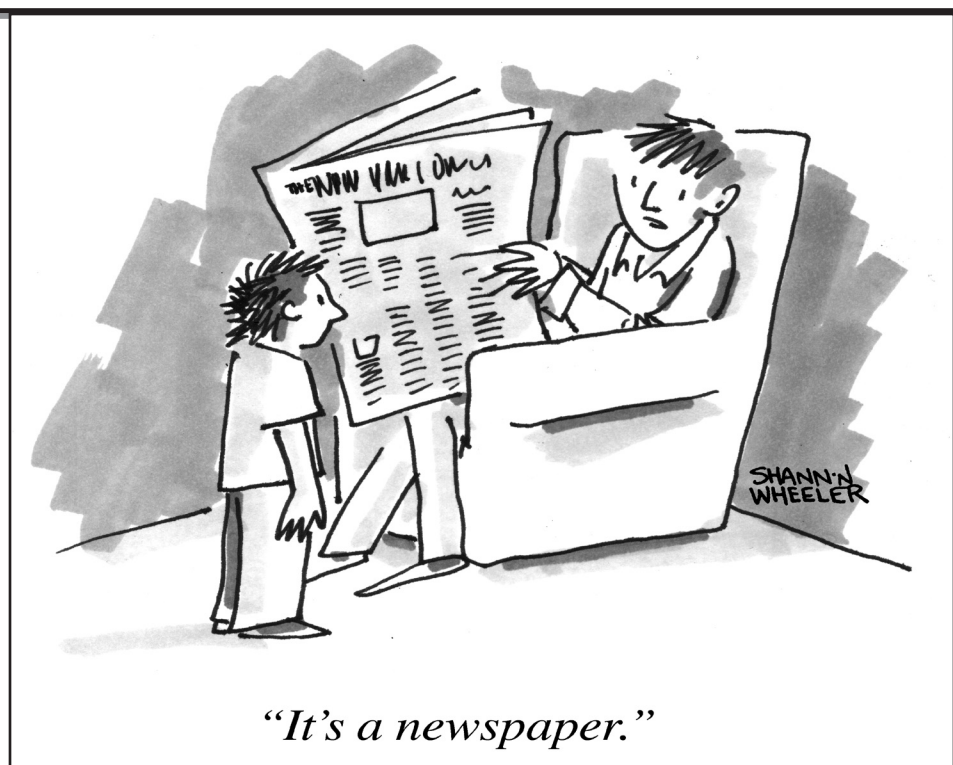
Following the community forum, on February 11 and 12, mental health experts and policy-makers from around the nation will meet in Portland. Inspired by Whitaker's research, the group plans to develop and propose protocols for the optimized usage of psychotropic medication in Oregon's mental health system. The gathering will work to significantly impact mental health care here in the Pacific Northwest and across the United States.

Both the February 10 panel presenta-

tion and the February 11 & 12 gatherings are part of an incredibly significant movement towards a more humane, caring and healing mental health care system - both here in Oregon and around the nation.

For more information visit www.realwealthpdx.org/rethinkingpsychiatry or call Marcia Meyers 503-665-3957

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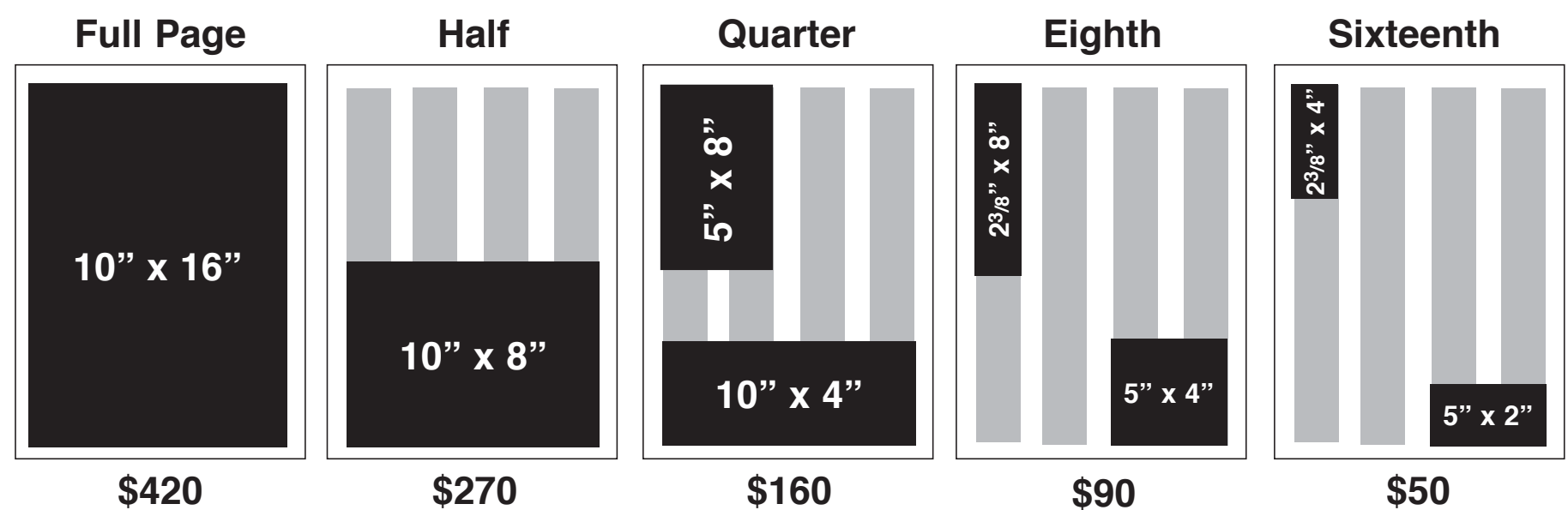
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