



OCCUPY EUGENE

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WHAT IS OCCUPY EUGENE DOING THESE DAYS?

BY LARRY LEVERONE

OE members get this question from a broad spectrum of people in the Eugene-Springfield community almost every day. Hopefully, our media programs, our website, and our public presence in various downtown locations help answer this question. You can find us at city council meetings, at events held by our allies, at neighborhood association meetings, in our open committee meetings, in our open public General Assemblies, at the old Federal Building, at OEV, and at our Medical tent. The Eugene Weekly, the Register Guard, and local TV stations regularly report on our work. But the question keeps on coming. So, for now, here is our answer in a nutshell:

We are providing medical services to the needy. We are building a strong community coalition to help the homeless on our streets and in our community. We are vigorously assisting troubled homeown-

ers who are facing foreclosure. We are working hard at making our downtown less exclusive. We are supporting efforts to abolish corporate personhood and to create a better healthcare system for all. We rally to condemn incidents of hate. We work with schools to teach our children about environmental concerns. We are convincing our citizens to move their assets out of banks and into local credit unions. We hold our meetings and make our proposals transparently and openly and work under a consensus model. We are communicating with the public through a monthly column in the Eugene Weekly. We are keeping the public informed on the pressing issues of our day through our newsletter and our personal conversations. Finally, through our actions, we are constantly living the truth and striving to be the change we wish to see in the world.

YES, IN MY BACKYARD!!

BY JEAN STACEY

Opportunity Village is Eugene's newest cutting edge means of carving a new piece into the local housing puzzle that is both pragmatic and compassionate. Increased homelessness and decreased taxes have left both Eugene and the rest of the country in a quagmire that demands that we think outside of the box. We can no longer suggest that the homeless "get a job" for there are no jobs to get. We can no longer tell them to "go away" for there is no legal place to go, especially to sleep.

Whether those who are unhoused remain downtown near services and food,

or withdraw to the parks, there is no legal place for them to sleep. The excellent low income and subsidized housing agencies have waiting lists that are years long. The Eugene Mission is the largest drop-in center and has recently eliminated many of its religious requirements but still remains unable to accommodate those with disabilities, allow families to live together, or accept pets. This lack of sufficient resources has caused enormous problems both for those who are houseless and for the rest of the community. Police, courts, and jail cells are jammed with those who commit

DAVE LIPPMAN WITH WILD BILL BAILOUT, BARD OF THE BANKERS, COMING FOR OCCUPY BENEFIT

BY MAJESKA SEESE-GREEN

Mark your calendar for Friday, August 3, when satirical songster Dave Lippman and his arch-nemesis Wild Bill Bailout, Bard of the Bankers, will perform in a benefit for Occupy Eugene and our Occupy vs Occu-Buy with vet-up and Wild Bill Bailout firing scare and market bear.

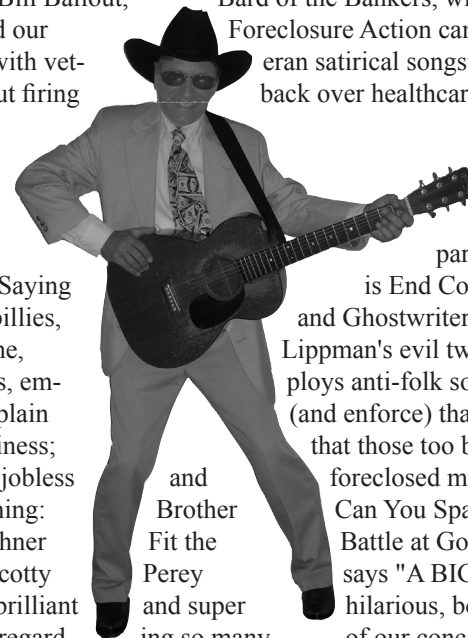
Lippman, the 99% the complacent, takes windbags, de-distorts worn-out songs with tune titles: All We Are Saying Wal-Mart, Alberta Tarbillies,

On the other extreme, the Bard of the Bankers, em-collapse anthems to explain ica is none of your business; big to jail; and that the jobless boats. Mandatory listening: Pepper Spray, and Geithner

Occupy Eugene's Scotty Lippman... that guy is brilliant extremely informative regard-

Lippman's tour in this area, coordinated by A Community Together-Lane County (ACT), includes a performance in Cottage Grove on August 4 at Axe and Fiddle. For more information and to book performances in Lane County, contact ACT coordinator Majeska Seese-Green at majeska@efn.org or ACT at 541-337-1643.

The show at Cozmic (199 W. 8th Ave.) begins at 8:30pm (after the OE General Assembly). Admission is \$7-10 sliding scale. Visit <http://davelippman.com> for audio and video samples of the show.



Foreclosure Action campaign at Cozmic. It's eran satirical songster Dave Lippman fired back over healthcare, warfare, climate

troubadour, ignites the air out of the history, and updates parody and thrust. Some is End Corporate Crime, I Hate and Ghostwriters of the Law.

Lippman's evil twin Wild Bill Bailout, ploys anti-folk songs and pro-financial (and enforce) that the business of America that those too big to fail are also too foreclosed must bail out their own Can You Spare a Diamond, Sgt. Battle at Goldman Sachs.

says "A BIG thumbs-up for Dave hilarious, both entertaining and of our concerns and issues."

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victimless crimes, including the crime of sleeping. Tax-supported emergency rooms, hospital beds, and psychiatric wards are overrun with people whose illnesses are caused by living in the elements and by denial of early stage health care. Conflict arises between civil rights activists and the downtowners who are now coming to terms with the pragmatic realization that many of

the homeless would also prefer not to be there, but that in order for the homeless to "go away," they must have someplace to go.

Opportunity Village is a new project of a now-forming 501c3 non-profit that has arisen out of the recommendations of the Opportunity Eugene Task Force on Homelessness to provide a place "to be," a See Backyard, p. 6

HOMEOWNERS FIND SOLIDARITY WITH OCCUPY MOVEMENT

BY NICOLE MEDEMA

"The banks know that knowledge is power and they have most of the knowledge because they have legions of attorneys and the small, unorganized person out there by themselves is powerless. However, all these smaller people are starting to talk, get to know each other, and share their experiences."



PHOTO BY NICOLE MEDEMA

That is how one homeowner began his introduction at the Homeowner Assistance meeting on June 7, hosted by Occupy Eugene's Foreclosure Actions Committee (FAC) every Wednesday at 5pm. The homeowner, who preferred not to be named, told us that he was laid off seven years ago—"I did my part with 568 others to optimize shareholder value"—that he is the head of a family of four, and is anticipating the enactment of Oregon Senate Bill 1552 to help him find out who possesses the title of his house.

His story is not uncommon throughout the United States, where hard-working, qualified people lost their jobs unexpectedly with the fall of the economy. It is what happened to Phillis Winters, who was laid off from her job at a law firm in September of 2009, after working there a year and a half and buying a home just four months earlier. She is an educated woman who has 44 years experience as a legal assistant and paralegal. She cannot find work because of her over-qualification and age in a dismal job market.

While unemployment benefits were still available to her, she used them to pay her mortgage. She also subscribed to a refinancing program set into place by President Obama, which lowered her payment by 30%, until being cut off one year later. Now, she makes as much of an income as she can by selling at the flea market.

"I have never in my life been in this predicament," she said at the meeting. "I worked my entire life. Anytime I wanted a vacation or something I just worked extra—made the money. Now I don't know if it bothers me more that I can't get a job or that I am losing my home."

Winters says that she receives a minimum of six phone calls a day from collectors. She also receives visits from process servers—"in six days I had three coming and pounding on the doors and ringing the doorbell." She did not answer them.

Another homeowner, Janet (last name omitted), may face foreclosure for an extra fee tacked onto her mortgage. See Homeowners, p. 6

OCCUPY OREGON COUNTRY FAIR

BY LAUREN ASPROOTH

Occupy Eugene is proud to announce that it has been accepted to be part of the Peace and Justice booth in Community Village this year at Oregon Country Fair July 13, 14, 15.

Since 1976 Community Village has been bringing together Eugene's most vibrant environmental, social justice, peace, and spiritual groups to promote and network for progressive social change. Occupy Eugene is excited to have the chance to be a part of this

tradition and collaborate with one of our biggest supporters, Oregon Country Fair.

John McCahill and Lauren Asprooth will be the Occupy booth representatives. The Occupy Eugene Foreclosure Actions Committee will be holding a workshop on how to successfully save your home from foreclosure.

Welcome to the fifth issue of Occupy Eugene's newsletter. We hope you enjoy our articles and find a place to join Occupy Eugene in our efforts to bring about our vision. You can find our complete vision statement at <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/vision-statement/>. If you are looking for a way to get involved please go to <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/volunteer/>

A NEW DECLARATION

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We hold these truths to be self-evident:

That the real, physical world is the source of our own lives, and the lives of others. A weakened planet is less capable of supporting life, human or otherwise.

Thus the health of the real world is primary, more important than any social or economic system, because all social or economic systems are dependent upon a living planet.

It is self-evident that to value a social system that harms the planet's capacity to support life over life itself is to be out of touch with physical reality.

That any way of life based on the use of nonrenewable resources is by definition not sustainable.

That any way of life based on the hyper-exploitation of renewable resources is by definition not sustainable: if, for example, fewer salmon return every year, eventually there will be none. This means that for a way of life to be sustainable, it must not harm native communities: native prairies, native forests, native fisheries, and so on.

That the real world is interdependent, such that harm done to rivers harms those humans and nonhumans whose lives depend on these rivers, harms forests and prairies and wetlands surrounding these rivers, harms the oceans into which these rivers flow. Harm done to mountains harms the rivers flowing through them. Harm done to oceans harms everyone directly or indirectly connected to them.

That you cannot argue with physics. If you burn carbon-based fuels, this carbon will go into the air, and have effects in the real world.

That creating and releasing poisons into the world will poison humans and nonhumans.

That no one, no matter how rich or powerful, should be allowed to create poisons for which there is no antidote.

That no one, no matter how rich or powerful, should be allowed to create messes that cannot be cleaned up.

That no one, no matter how rich or powerful, should be allowed to destroy places humans or nonhumans need to survive.

That no one, no matter how rich or powerful, should be allowed to drive human cultures or nonhuman species extinct.

That reality trumps all belief systems: what you believe is not nearly so important as what is real.

That on a finite planet you cannot have an economy based on or requiring growth. At least you cannot have one and expect to either have a planet or a future.

That the current way of life is not sustainable, and will collapse. The only real questions are what will be left of the world after that collapse, and how bad things will be for the humans and nonhumans who come after. We hold it as self-evident that we should do all that we can to make sure that as much of the real, physical world remains intact until the collapse of the current system, and that humans and nonhumans should be as prepared as possible for this collapse.

That the health of local economies are more important than the health of a global economy.

That a global economy should not be allowed to harm local economies or land bases.

That corporations are not living beings. They are certainly not human beings.

That corporations do not in any real sense exist. They are legal fictions. Limited liability corporations are institutions created explicitly to separate humans from the effects of their actions—making them, by definition, inhuman and inhumane. To the degree that we desire to live in a human and humane world—and, really, to the degree that we wish to survive—limited liability corporations need to be eliminated.

That the health of human and nonhuman communities is more important than the profits of corporations.

We hold it as self-evident, as the Declaration of Independence states, “That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends [Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness], it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it. . . .” Further, we hold it as self-evident that it would be more precise to say that it is not the Right of the People, nor even their responsibility, but instead something more like breathing—something that if we fail to do we die.

If we as a People fail to rid our communities of destructive institutions, those institutions will destroy our communities. And if we in our communities cannot provide meaningful and nondestructive ways for people to gain food, clothing, and shelter then we must recognize it's not just specific destructive institutions but the entire economic system that is pushing the natural world past breaking points. Capitalism is killing the planet. Industrial civilization is killing the planet.

Once we've recognized the destructiveness of capitalism and industrial civilization—both of which are based on systematically converting a living planet into dead commodities—we've no choice, unless we wish to sign our own and our children's death warrants, but to fight for all we're worth and in every way we can to overturn it.

OCCUPY EUGENE AND ALLIES EVENTS

Occupy/Tea Party Evening Community Conversations Dates, times and locations TBA.

Five-day Occupy National Gathering ends on July 4 in Philadelphia. see <http://occupycaravan.webs.com/> or <http://www.occupynationalgathering.com/#/what-is-national-gathering/> for more details.

Day of Occupy Triangle Lake and Pitchfork Rebellion Saturday, July 7, at noon in the FSP*.

Second Tuesday's Civil Conversations “Exclusion Zone and Public Spaces”. Tuesday, July 10, 5:30-7pm at Café Yumm, 730 East Broadway. From Heather Marek, Civil Liberties Defense Center.

Occupy Eugene at the Peace and Justice Booth in Community Village at Oregon Country Fair July 13-15 in Veneta, OR. Please see <http://www.oregoncountryfair.org/> for details.

Wild Bill Bailout, Bard Of The Bankers, Coming For Occupy Benefit Friday, August 3, 8:30pm at CP*. Visit <http://davelippman.com>

MRG Foundation's annual summer party: Peace & Pie in the Park! Sunday, August 12, 1-4pm at ABP*, Shelters 1 & 2.

Second Tuesday's Civil Conversations “Separation of Church and State”. Tuesday, August 14th, 5:30-7pm at CY*. By Dan Bryant, Senior Minister, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Eugene.

Second Tuesday's Civil Conversations “Patriot Act & NDAA”. Tuesday, September 11, 5:30-7pm. By Gregory J. Hazarabedian, Executive Director, Public Defender Services of Lane County, Inc .

*Key to abbreviations:

ABP = Alton Baker Park

BOA = Bank of America, Pearl St. at 11th,

CALC = Community Alliance of Lane County, 458 Blair St.,

CP = Cozmic Pizza, 199 W. 8th,

CTV = CTV studio, behind Sheldon High School.

CY = Café Yumm, 730 E. Broadway,

EMU = University of Oregon EMU, University at 13th,

FED = (Old) Federal Building, Pearl St. at 7th,

FSP = Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza, Oak St. at 8th,

GM = Growers Market, 454 Willamette St.,

PB = Park Blocks, Park and Oak Streets.

ONGOING OCCUPY EUGENE EVENTS

Occupying the Heart and Mind Silent Interfaith Meditation/Prayer Sundays, 2:25-3:35pm at FED*.

General Assemblies Tuesdays, 7pm at OEV* and Fridays, 6pm at FSP*.

Free Medical Clinic Sundays, 1-6pm at PB*.

Free Medical Clinic at OEV Tuesdays, 5-7pm.

Kesey Square Revival Fridays, starting around 12:30pm.

Occupy the Federal Courthouse Daily at FED*.

Foreclosure Actions Committee Thursdays, 6-8pm at GM*.

Foreclosure Assistance for Homeowners Wednesdays, 5pm at GM*.

Bank of America Protests Fridays, 4:30-6pm at BOA*.

Homeless Solutions Mondays, 10:15am to noon at CALC.

Education Alliance Mondays, 4-6pm at the Ben Linder Room, EMU

Media Group Sundays, 12-4pm at CTV*. Potluck on first and third Thursdays at 7pm, location TBA via website.

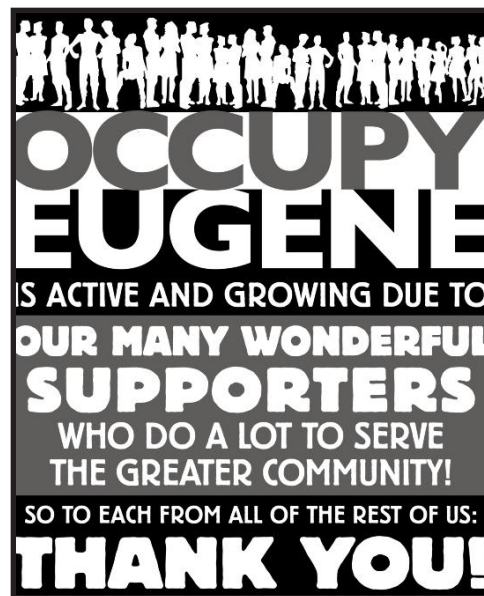
Newsletter Group Tuesdays, 1-3 pm at GM*.

Welcoming Committee Wednesdays at 2 p.m at OEV*

Please look at the calendars below for more current information:

Occupy Eugene events: www.occupyeugenemedia.org/calendar/

Occupy Portland events: <http://occupyportlandcalendar.org/>



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We are a nonviolent, non-partisan, social-political movement for accountability and responsibility in government. We stand in solidarity with Occupy Movements around the globe and all people who will no longer sit back and watch corporate and special interests run their government, and spoil the living Earth.

For we, the people, are the government. It is time to turn away from a culture of war and domination, and create a living economy which operates in harmony with our living planet.

We must begin by opening our hearts to those the present system would discard and push into the shadows, because we believe that, in our United States, it's we the people who are sovereign-not global corporations.

We have come together to create a community that expresses our common needs, to organize, network, and participate in solutions and to remind one another that, as a society, we have unfinished business in our pursuit of social and economic justice.

Note: This excerpt has been approved by the OE General Assembly. For the complete Occupy Eugene Vision Statement click on “INFO” on our website.

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MEDICAL PLUS: VOLUNTEERS EXPAND SERVICES

By SUE SIERRALUPE

The brave volunteers at Occupy Eugene Medical Clinic (OEMC) have opened the doors even wider to serve the citizens of Lane County because as healthcare professionals we have seen patients truly suffer from neglect. Our society does its best to isolate its members under the guise of rugged individuality, which begets a malfunctioning, unhealthy country. This is seen most clearly in the poorest of the poor. To counteract this neglect, OEMC has been expanding its services to those in need of free care.

Our expanded services now include haircuts, body work, and dental care in addition to medical care. But OEMC offers more than caring for the body. On the bright side, it doesn't take much to alleviate some suffering in our lives. Often a nudge alone will do it.

That's what Medical Plus is: a nudge. There are some times when all we do at OEMC is listen. That's all. Other times, I have offered to give a patient a good old-fashioned mom-style hug. I have not had anyone say no yet. Let me tell you that many of our patients hold on to that hug as if their very lives depend on it. I, personally, believe that it does.

In May, the talented Benjamin Hunt joined our Medical Plus team. He started by cutting hair and taking a collection of shorn ponytails to send to an organization that fashions them into free wigs for cancer patients. That event, which took place in freezing rain, was a hit. Now Benjamin

cuts hair for free every other week. People appreciate the boost to their self-confidence offered by the care that Benjamin puts into every trim. Recently two volunteers, Barbara S. and Syrena joined Benjamin. He appreciates the help.

Another loyal OEMC volunteer, Barbara F-B, started Bodywork Day. The amount of back pain that we treat in the clinic is staggering. Barbara teamed up with another talented bodywork specialist one Sunday a month sharing their Rieki and massage therapist skills. Without help from our Bodywork team, OEMC's treatment for sciatic pain was limited to suggested stretches and prescription drugs. Medical staff need this help as much as our patients.

Medical Plus is just getting started. We have another new volunteer who joins us when she can. Marilyn is a dental hygienist who sets up a portable dental chair and offers exams, basic cleaning, and fluoride treatment. We also had an Occupy Dental Clinic which made possible by to our alliance with St. Vincent de Paul. I can not even begin to tell you the asset this service is to our community.

OEMC is also actively involved in

shaping the future of healthcare. Through the efforts of Dr. Leigh and Jerry, our volunteer pharmacist, we have a student training program happening during the clinic. We invited pharmacy students, medical students, and nursing students to participate in the clinic so that they can learn, firsthand, the specific concerns of the medically indigent. This experience helps the upcoming members of Oregon's healthcare team to better serve all patients, no matter how invisible.

With the support of our fellow Occupiers, we are just beginning to realize our dream of reforming healthcare from the inside out. We are currently circulating a petition to establish a single payer system of healthcare management. Come by to add your signature while you are in the area. This is an easy way to support one of our projects, designed to unite our community. It's a lot of work—but the hugs make it easier.

Occupy Eugene Medical Clinic is open every Sunday at the downtown Eugene Park Blocks at 8th and Oak, from 1-6pm.

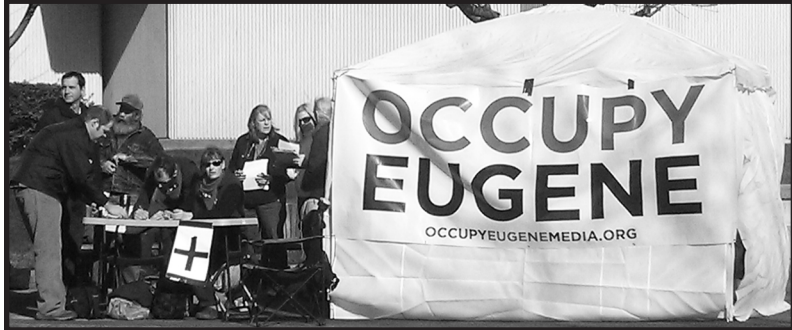


PHOTO BY LARRY LEVERONE

MAKING HEALTH CARE A REALITY FOR ALL OF OREGON

By RUTH DUEMLER

In every other industrial country, health care is a human right. People in these countries would consider homelessness and over 60% of our foreclosures because of health costs, inhumane. Why don't we Americans think it is inhumane? Is there a growing call for health care as a human right? Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) now has approximately 100,000 members in over 40 organizations working to obtain health and dental care for everyone in Oregon. Should we wait many years until we have national legislation or should we do as over 20 states are attempting, to have it pass sooner in Oregon?

A new initiative drive is taking place in New York and we hear other states will follow. Many of us have been in this fight for single payer for many years and we have seen a huge change in our population's views that health care is a human right that is desperately needed now.

In Vermont, the single-payer campaign spent years convincing their legislators to pass a bill for health care as a human right. In May of 2011, Vermont Gov. Peter

Shumlin finally signed such a bill into law. Some new members of HCAO believe Oregon should follow Vermont's lead on this issue. Others, myself included, believe that our legislators receive too much campaign money from the insurance industry to ever leave them out of the picture.

Recently, California legislators who had previously given support withdrew it because of large donations delivered for their campaigns. I can easily see this happening in Oregon. With over 100,000 members it would be easy to obtain the necessary 87,000 signatures needed for an initiative on the 2014 ballot. After that, the next chance would not be until 2016. What are your thoughts? What effect will the Supreme Court's decision have on The Affordable Care Act? Will that improve the chances for Single Payer or Medicare for All? Come to our next local meeting at EWEB on August 1 at 7pm and join the discussion!

For more information call Ruth Duemler at (541-484-6145).

GORILLA HAIR SALON

By BEN HUNT

I've been cutting hair at the Occupy Medical Tent for several weeks now. I lovingly call it my Gorilla Hair Salon. When I first began, I had no idea what to expect. Some of my first clients were Occupy folks but a few of our street kids also came by. They needed everything from haircuts to beard trims. I noticed that many of my clients were very guarded at first, but it did not take long for them to loosen up. I've been given the gift of meeting some wonderful souls. One young man told me how he helped set up the Occupy Wall Street Library at Zuccotti Park and of the subsequent heartbreak he experienced watching it be destroyed by the NYPD.

Another young man comes every week just to have me comb out the tangles in his long hair. I remember mentioning to Sue some reservations about his taking time away from someone who needs a haircut. Sue said, "I think he just needs some of our loving attention." Thanks Sue for the spiritual jolt. We can play a greater role than simply barbers.

One day a young man came by for a haircut. His story and his beautiful attitude

really touched both Sue and me. He stayed and helped us take down the tent and load the cars. His loving attitude reminded me of my grandson, Tanner. Perhaps that is why when I went home that evening I experienced a complete meltdown. I grieved for our children whom we are throwing away. I grieved for a country that is dying.



PHOTO BY CARLA NEWBRE
Ben Hunt cuts Art Bollman's hair at the Gorilla Hair Salon.

I will never be the same.

As I meet more homeless at the Gorilla Hair Salon, I can see more and more clearly how horribly we have been treating our homeless population. The arresting and exclusion of these people is a hate crime.

I am a gay man. I know what hate feels like. The personal

stories homeless people tell me sound like what I have experienced. We not only need to house the homeless, we need to change our attitudes toward the homeless. For some, it will be stretching the envelope. I have looked at street people with disdain and fear in times past. My new experience has taught me that a good way to shift my paradigm is to immerse myself within the problems I see. I am very thankful for each day I get to spend with the wonderful people at the Med Tent and with my street people.

LINKS TO ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Occupy Eugene Monthly Column "Mic Check!" in the Eugene Weekly: <http://www.eugeneweekly.com/article/building-democracy>

Occupy Eugene Foreclosure Action Committee Website: occupy-your-home.com

Vaclav Havel's quote about hope: <http://shareasimage.com/quote/hope-is-a-state-of-mind-not-of-the-world-2>

Occupy Eugene Medical Dental Van: <http://www.herbalistmanifesto.com/herbs/?p=203>

Big Banks: <http://truth-out.org/news/item/9658-how-big-banks-run-the-world-at-your-expense>

Bank Bailouts: <http://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/11895-sanders-releases-explosive-bailout-list>

Occupy National Gathering: <http://www.occupynationalgathering.com/#!/what-is-national-gathering/>

Homeless Bill of Rights: <http://www.motherjones.com/mojo/2012/06/rhode-island-homeless-bill-rights>

Click here for some fantastic pics and videos of the rally for women's voices—and vaginas—and please share with friends over Facebook, Twitter or something else: <http://kos.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=v61Osl6SiraMGWF2NX%2FxoYblzhzMHK%2B>

You Tube links to Plaedo's Poetry at the Oregon Statewide Assembly: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4Wr5LhwpA>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnwjH3UiDrQ>

Reflections on a Revolution: <http://roarmag.org/>

Take the Square, a map of the Global Revolution: <http://takethesquare.net/>

Occupy Together, Occupy networking and directory: <http://occupytogether.org/>

Library of Occupy-aligned software, tools, and projects: <http://occupy.net/>

Occupy wiki farm: <http://occupymediawiki.org/>

"First-person news from the occupy movement": <http://occupiedstories.com/>

Collaborative curation of Occupy-related media: <http://99percentmedia.org/>

To facilitate communication across committees, GAs, and the Occupy movement: <http://interoccupy.org/>

"The question is not "Can you make a difference?" You already do make a difference. It's just a matter of what kind of difference you want to make during your life on this planet." —Julia Butterfly Hill

OCCUPY EUGENE COMMITTEES

The Occupy movement here in Eugene exists due to the devotion of dozens of activists. They are a group of people united by their sensitivity to injustice and their resolve to oppose it. The heart of the decision-making process lies in the twice weekly General Assemblies. The creative process happens during various encounters among participants, mainly at committee meetings. We have numerous committees and working groups. Committees are

like boats, used when there is necessity and left behind when necessity changes. Thus, groups have taken form as well as dispersed during the movement's existence. Thanks to these mini think tanks, the movement has activity, creation, and fruition. Below you will find summaries of various active committees. You can also go to <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/committees/> to find a complete list and learn more. May you be inspired.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

By JANA THRIFT

The Occupy Eugene Welcoming Committee is working toward better ways for people to feel welcomed into the movement. For several months, we have organized staff at our Occupy Eugene V location at 7th and Polk, with a schedule to sign up for a shift on our website at <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/volunteer>. We appreciate the building so generously donated these past months and have been happily helping to make the best possible use of it. We meet at OEV Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and are planning future potlucks.

The Welcoming Committee hosted the Communica-



tion Education Series, with three weeks of workshops to increase our capacity for effective communication. Topics included Open Heart communication skills, paraphrasing strategies, and understanding consensus. We videotaped all three and have them available at the Facebook group page, Occupy Eugene Video.

It is our goal to help people feel welcome in OE, with progressively easier ways to take action. We are working on this goal with a three-part plan. Part one is to improve how OE operates internally. We want to help OE be appealing from the inside out. We meet weekly to brainstorm

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

By VICKIE NELSON

Like most organizations, Occupy Eugene needs money.

OE activists share many big goals and moving towards them costs money. In addition to regular monthly bills, we print this newsletter; buy materials for our wonderful T-shirt, ribbon, and bandana makers; co-sponsor events with our allies; and engage in countless other activities that require an outlay of funds.

Since early April the Fundraising Committee, reorganized by Cary Thompson, has been at work bringing in money to keep OE moving forward. Fundraising volunteers are currently tabling at the Free Speech Plaza on most Saturdays, offering Occupy bandanas and ribbons, as well as copies of the newsletter for donation.

The Fundraising Committee has other ideas, too. They would like to sponsor concerts, movies, and possibly write some grants.

To keep their efforts going, Fundraising needs energetic volunteers. If you can give a few hours once or twice a month to help table, or if you have other fundraising projects you would like to propose and work on, please get in touch with Cary Thompson at cdthompson58@gmail.com

Fundraising reminds you: Donations are always welcome! Use the WePay button on the OE website; mail a check made out to "Occupy Eugene" to P. O. Box 744, Eugene OR 97440; or stop by the Oregon Community Credit Union to make a deposit to our account.

improvements and bring our ideas to the appropriate committees or General Assembly. Part two is to help OE find better ways to welcome the community. We're working on an online database for volunteer organization and better ease when looking for information on our website. In conjunction with several other committees, we are also beginning to plan a door to door canvassing effort. Part three includes helping OE organize better intake and communication with the public and new volunteers on a personal level. We are working with committees to have more easily accessible information about what they do and how they operate.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

By VICKIE NELSON

The Finance committee pays Occupy Eugene's monthly bills, responds to financial requests, and keeps a watchful eye on the money OE is raising and spending.

Jan Wostmann, who has been with the Finance Committee since October, sat down with me recently to talk about the ins and outs of Finance, most of whose members have been working together since the beginning (or near it) and who, he says, get along well and almost always agree on how to respond to requests for funds.

Like every organization, OE has its standing bills: rent (Growers Market), utilities (EWEB at OEV), and internet (OEV). The bills are the easy part of Finance's work. Occupy Eugene's GA has consented to renting the office at Growers and paying for these services, so there's no need for any discussion. The bills come in and Finance pays them.

The harder part of Finance's work is responding to requests by individuals or committees. These requests can range from the obviously useful and necessary (a cartridge for our printer) to the more fanciful and maybe not that useful—at least to OE as a whole. This is where the hard decision-making happens.

There are two important steps in getting any item or service paid for by OE.

1) People who want OE to pay for something must first get a committee to support their project. The committee must then consent on the request and record the decision in their minutes. If the members of Finance have questions about a financial request, they

check the requesting committee's minutes to see what the requesting committee actually agreed to.

2) The requester must then fill out a Financial Request Form that covers the basics of what the service or item is, how much it costs, who is requesting it, and the contact information. (To find this form, go to OE's Website, and chose "Forms" from the top menu.) It's a simple form and takes only a couple minutes to complete—but it's essential.

In cases where the Financial Committee has turned down requests, the reason is almost always that the person making the request has not followed the two steps listed above.

Since the camp at Washington-Jefferson closed, OE's expenses have gone down, Jan says, but more importantly so has our income. Although we used to hold regular fundraisers, we have not had any since February. The financial cushion we had is disappearing. The Fundraising table at Free Speech Plaza and T-shirts bring in some money, as does the newsletter, but there have been no large donations since the Open House in March.

If you are interested in the details of OE's financial situation, check out the spreadsheet Finance maintains on all donations and disbursements: <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/finance/>

The Finance Committee meets 6-7pm on Sundays and 5:30-6:30pm on Thursdays at the New Day Café.

FORECLOSURE ACTIONS COMMITTEE

By LEE DEVEAU

If you heard that major banking institutions like Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Chase, and others were stealing homes by forging signatures on documents, lying to homeowners, and cheating counties out of millions of dollars in mortgage recording fees each year, you'd think this was the plot of a Hollywood movie.

Unfortunately, it is not, because all of the above is happening right here in Lane County. Houses are illegally foreclosed and people evicted from their homes because banks brazenly think they are above the law. They lie, cheat, and steal to kick people out of their homes.

That's going to stop if Occupy Eugene Foreclosure Action Committee has anything to say about it. Our mission is to keep people in their homes and fight back against the robber-baron banks.

Foreclosure Actions Committee meets twice each week. Our Wednesday meeting is Homeowners Assistance. In that meeting we work as a support group for homeowners who are facing foreclosure or have been foreclosed upon. It is a time for sharing stories, resources, and discussing strategies. In this meeting, we navigate the complexities of the foreclosure process and the nightmare of bank paperwork. We assist with researching who has

title to the home. When finding evidence of fraud, we challenge the legality of the foreclosure. We have also attended foreclosure auctions at the Lane County Courthouse in support of homeowners.

Our Thursday meeting is for business and planning actions. One recent action was at the downtown branch of Wells Fargo Bank where we held a memorial and vigil for Norman Rousseau. Rousseau took his own life two days before he was to be evicted from his home in California. Other actions have included pushing the passage of SB 1552, which will take effect in July 2012; testifying before the Lane County Commissioners to get them to sue MERS for unpaid fees; petitioning the Oregon State Attorney General John Kroger and Governor John Kitzhaber to declare a moratorium on foreclosure; and contributing to news articles in the Eugene Weekly. Several of our members regularly protest on Fridays from 4pm to 5:30pm at the 11th Ave Bank of America.

Currently, we are working on developing a new campaign, "Our Homes Over Wall Street." The foundation of this campaign is the belief that housing is a human right. We want to work both to keep people in their homes and to move families without homes into homes without families.

We are inspired by the work of Max Rameau and with him, we see the ultimate result of our work as a transformation of our relationship to land ownership. The slogan for our campaign is "We're Not Leaving" and we think that this will resonate across the community, mobilizing more people to take a stand and assert that all of us have a basic human right to be housed.

A major component of the campaign will be outreach. We will be tabling at the Saturday Market, advertising our Homeowners Assistance support group, putting on educational events, developing campaign materials, and doing creative actions such as street theater. Some of us will be performing a skit at the Country Fair and we're looking into a table at the Whiteaker Block Party. We are also starting to actively network with others within the Occupy Movement and outside groups working on similar issues in order to share skills, develop strategy, and plan direct actions.

What we need now is for more Occupiers and good beings in general to come and work and play with us. Together we can change the system. Please see our committee website at occupy-your-home.com.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

By VICKIE NELSON

Occupy Eugene's Communications Committee, or Comm Comm, works on all forms of communication, both internal and external.

One of our main responsibilities is to make sure people know when, where, and why actions and events are happening, including everything from regularly scheduled committee meetings to special events, such as the Occupation Communications Education Series held in June. We also strive to set the record straight when local media misrepresent Occupy Eugene's actions and intentions or miss important points on any situation we are interested in.

No one person on Comm Comm does everything. We have specialists who take photographs, make post-

ers, produce videos, and manage the website, forums, and listservs. Other members make web posts, create Facebook pages, hold press conferences, write press releases, update the calendar, and send out messages from our Twitter account.

We welcome new members who can help us with a variety of tasks. We need people who can:

Write web posts and put them on the Occupy Eugene website.

Make calendar posts and keep the calendar up to date.

Write and edit press releases and send them out to local media.

Write Action Alerts for Eugene Weekly.

We will hold training sessions to help new members learn the ropes, including the software they need to use to perform any of the tasks listed above. We will also provide support, editing, and any other technical help needed.

If you want to plug into Occupy Eugene and put your talents into helping Occupy Eugene shape our message, get in touch. Come to our regular weekly meeting on Fridays from 1:30-3pm at Growers Market, 454 Willamette. You can also write to us at oec_communications@lists.riseup.net.

"We who engage in nonviolent direct action are not the creators of tension. We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive." —Martin Luther King Jr.

NEWSLETTER WORKING GROUP

By LARRY LEVERONE

A group of as many as eight Occupiers meet every Wednesday at 11am at Growers Market for two hours to work on the planning, production, publishing and funding of the monthly newsletter, the Eugene Occupier. Some of us have been at it since the month of February. Our efforts have resulted in the publication of five newsletters. Our first issue, six pages in length, was published in March 2012. Our June newsletter consisted of ten pages and about 700 were distributed.

Each member of the team contributes ideas for articles and other content (e.g. poetry, links, and graphics) and chases down potential contributors. We identify in each request the topic of interest, the length of the article, a target date for submission and also make a request for a related photo. We review Occupy



PHOTO BY MICHAEL GANNON
The Newsletter Working Group (l to r) Ralph Bitter, Jessica Lambright, Katia Siskron, Larry Leverone, Vickie Nelson, Nicole Medema, Jerry Brule. Not pictured, Chase May.

Eugene and ally websites for ongoing and upcoming events for the calendar section of the newsletter and links to additional articles of interest.

Prior to our weekly meetings, each team member uses Google Docs to review and edit articles submitted by members of Occupy Eugene or our allies. There are always two documents being worked on at any given time, the current month's draft and an outline of the following month's planned edition.

When we have a set of edited articles in place, we dedicate meeting time to decide on the lead article(s) and then place the newsletter draft up on Crabgrass for a few days for Occupy Eugene members to comment on and to star (identify approval.) We each review the comments and make necessary changes to our Google Docs draft. After receiving approval, our newsletter layout person works for several days to do the final layout incorporating photos and graphics. He produces a .pdf version of the newsletter.

Typically two members of the newsletter team make a formal written funding proposal to the Finance Committee and to the General Assembly. We have lowered our cost

per newsletter from over sixty-cents in March to about thirty cents in June, allowing us to increase the number distributed. In the most recent two months we did not use all of the funds approved by the General Assembly.

Once the .pdf is finalized, we make a master of all pages and head to the printer for about five hours printing, collating, and folding hundreds of newsletters. We also load the .pdf of our most recent newsletter onto the Occupy Eugene website, post a blogpost announcing it on the homepage, and send out an email to a number of distribution lists announcing its availability.

Each member of the team gets a set of newsletters to distribute. When we hand a newsletter to a member of the Eugene community we try to have a conversation about Occupy Eugene. Several Occupy Eugene activists help us to deliver the newsletters and ask for donations.

Our needs are many. We need writers, photographers, editors, graphic artists, composers, folks to help distribute, and funding. Any feedback or interest in The Eugene Occupier should be sent to newsletter@occupyeugenemedia.org.

MEDIA COMMITTEE: TELLING STORIES ABOUT OCCUPY

By JOE TYNDALL

Remember the early days of Occupy when Jana and others could be seen documenting everything? Turn over any rock and you found video cameras and live-streamers. Under the rallying cry "transparency," we showed the world that Occupy Eugene was proud to speak truth to power.

Eight months later, Occupy TV has produced 43 episodes of a one-hour talking heads show that broadcasts to 67,000 homes in Lane County over Comcast cable channel 29 on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Mondays at 8 p.m. Jana's OE5 training series also airs on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Reruns of all these shows occur frequently.

Occupy Radio recently added another half hour. We are on KWVA 88.1 FM every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. following Free Speech Radio News. We have 30 audio podcasts currently available for download in addition to hundreds of other video clips that Occupiers have posted on YouTube and other sites. DVDs of the TV shows are available and the long awaited update to the occupyeugenemedia.org web-

site promises a page with YouTube links to all the shows produced thus far.

In the waning days of our Washington-Jefferson encampment, the media group crawled from the muck and ooze and into the studio. Late December, we produced the first Occupy TV segment and the one and only episode of Occupy News with Serena hosting. The hope, which we still hold, was to create a weekly half-hour news program that would include an examination of national issues, news about Occupy Eugene and other Occupy movements, and a ten-minute interview with a local visionary. The premier interviewee was Chuck Gerard, manager of White Bird Clinic. Alas, our news program is no more. We could not rally the bodies needed to do the roughly 50 hours of producing required for each show. Serena, we love you.

The Media team includes a small but dynamic group of regulars: Getch, Jana, Joe, Mike, Graham and Matt. Our hopes are more modest now, but we are building. Several of us are learning to edit video and to do 3D animation. The goal is to

produce a series of visually stimulating animated shorts explaining the ins and outs of Occupy issues such as foreclosures, single-payer, climate change or homelessness. We plan to share these with our speakers and with Occupy media groups nationally.

The TV shows are produced at the CTV-29 studio at Sheldon High School. We have been using a set made from flats and faux ficus trees to fake a patio setting. Soon, we will smooth the walls and paint them green so we can use a special effect to eliminate the background and insert a more visually compelling "live set."

Several Occupiers can now switch cameras for the studio shows. A multi-camera field kit will soon be available. We are always seeking folks to learn to switch TV shows, record events, edit video or produce shows. Producing is the fine art of arrang-

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

By ART BOLLMANN

The Occupy Eugene Library has been an important part of Occupy Eugene in all of its incarnations. It was originally started in the park blocks, Occupy Eugene's first protest site, with the donation of seven books. New donations came in almost every day as the Occupy moved to three different sites, and it appears to have been the largest Occupy Library in the Pacific Northwest at the time of the camp's closing. After the closing of the protest site at Washington-Jefferson, the collection was housed at OEV, Occupy Eugene's warehouse headquarters, where it helped to make a living area. Fiction and literature, as well as a broad range of nonfiction, was the focus of that collection. We also opened a branch library with the Community Alliance of Lane County that focuses on politics, current events and history.

ing guests to appear for TV shows, radio or podcast. We are proud to have had several nationally known activists such as Bill Ayres, Michelle Shocked, Cindy Sheehan, Max Rameau and Andrew Bacevich on our shows. Getch has a budding and bright future as producer. If you have ideas for a show or want to get involved getting our message to a larger audience, contact joe@earsi.com.

ALLY: OCCUPY INTER-FAITH

By DEB MCGEE AND PATTY HINE

John Pitney asked the City Council and Mayor Piercy to "forgive him for preaching to them." However, preaching is what he does as a pastor at First United Methodist Church in Eugene. John spoke at the council chambers, on behalf of Occupy Inter-Faith Eugene.

John's "sermon" encouraged our city leadership to put the advisory question of corporate personhood to a vote in November, so that citizens can consider and discuss the notion that corporations are "persons." He spoke to a full house of citizens, including the Occupy Inter-Faith faithfuls:

A long time ago, the prophet Isaiah said: "It's extraordinarily sad when you join house to house and add field to field until there is no room and you dwell all alone in the midst of the land."

In the last 3,000 years, the consequences of a tiny number of people enriching themselves at the expense of the populace have changed very little. In the history of the world, our power has never been more corporatized and conglomerated and, as a people, we have never been more sad and lonely. If there's a difference today, it's that the consequences go well beyond our species and the impacts generations.

I do apologize for not starting my sermon with a joke. But here it is now: Every human being on the face of the earth is made in the image of God. The joke is that corporations are made in the image of God. And the joke is on us.

Mayor Piercy, members of the City Council, our citizens are tired. More and more of us spend our primal energy just to get food on the table and have little time to participate in this broader work. But ballots

make us take time to engage our conscience and our voice. It's one thing to pass a resolution, quite another to put the initiative into our homes where, as we educate ourselves we also have a chance to have conversations with our children whose generation will be most affected by how we live. So please, let's get this on the ballot.

Our immigrant foreparents came to this land from places where the image of God was the image of the King. It's time to speak up again to make ours a more perfect union.

Occupy Inter-faith has met monthly since December in response to Occupy Wall Street and the Arab Spring. We are 60 people from 15 faith communities, committed to joining with others to make the Beloved Community of justice and shalom, that economy of God's dreams visible here and now. We believe the Citizen's United decision results in huge amounts of money flowing into our political system, shaping policy that disenfranchises about everyone you can name.

We are putting our faith to work on three fronts: Health Care for All Oregon, Homeless Solutions & Foreclosures, and Corporations Are Not People. The longer we work, the more we all realize that the unconstitutional power we now allow corporations is the problem at the root of all the others.

In 2010, the Supreme Court decided with the "Citizens United" case, that corporations qualify as "persons" under the law and have a guaranteed right to free speech. The logic that follows (which may not seem logical to many) is that money spent by corporations equates to free speech. Now corporations may make unlimited donations

anonymously to campaigns. This obscenely huge influx of money to influence elections means that corporations, not people, play the biggest role in deciding who represents us and which policies are put in place. This is obviously not a government by and for the people, but by and for the 1%, the very wealthy, the very powerful, primarily big corporate interests. The results are easy enough to see: big corporations, without impunity, poison us and kill the planet for short-term profits in order to enrich the already extremely wealthy and powerful few.

Since we, the 99%, cannot outspend the "corporate persons," our best hope is to overwhelm this powerful, but small minority, with our voices (in protests, by voting, and any other way you can think of) to limit their power to determine policies and legislation.

This is a moral and social justice issue for people of faith.

We can see that serving the will of corporate "persons" most frequently violates the needs and well being of the "last, the lost, and the least."

We hope the city leaders support deeper conversations and understanding on this issue, and will allow The People to vote on this issue by putting this advisory question on November's ballot.

Occupy Inter-Faith Eugene is taking a summer break, but will be back in full swing this September. Join us! You do not need to be a "member" of any faith community. Just be a person motivated by the spiritual intention of loving your neighbors.

For more information, contact Patty Hine, Convener, at 541.343.5091 or zap_oregon@msn.com.

OCCUPY THE HEART

By NATHANIEL N-T

We may be the 99% of the US population, but as American Citizens, we are still among the wealthy elite of the planet. We are among the 1% with access to a college education, quality health care, clean drinking water and, as broken as our political system is, we still possess a great deal

more political freedom than our brothers and sisters of the less "developed" nations of the world, the people whom we directly oppress through our daily support of the very same corporations we decry. We buy shoes manufactured by abused children working in sweatshops in Asia. We use

cellphones and computers containing rare and toxic elements controlled by guerrilla forces in Central Africa, killing innocent civilians and endangered species in the crossfire. We eat bananas, sugar, chocolate, etc. grown on slave plantations throughout Latin America. We further desecrate and

pollute our own land, the land of our elders and our descendants, through "resource" extraction and the dumping of nuclear, chemical, and other toxic waste.

Collectively, we are responsible for the resource wars being fought across the globe, far beyond the ongoing conflicts in

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ALLY: HOUSING CRISIS IMPACTS GREATER COMMUNITY

By MICHELLE GLASS

Our office took a call this week from a sobbing mother of three. “We’re being evicted for the third time, and we’ve never made a late payment.” She is a hard working single mom, exhausted and distraught at the prospect of moving out of her rental and facing the costs and stress of moving her three children again.

Lisa’s story is becoming increasingly familiar as rental properties are foreclosed on and tenants are often the last to know. In fact, a new study shows that 8 million children are impacted by foreclosures nationwide, a third of them in rental situations. Eviction is not the only new challenge renters face in this housing market.

As homeowners become displaced, they compete with renters, raising demand and prices for rental homes. As rental prices rise, low-income folks who were barely scraping by find themselves unable to pay rent and are forced to become houseless—maybe moving in with friends or family, a shelter, or being forced onto the streets. This hurts our houseless community members as our limited “safety net” strains to

meet growing needs, leaving many without the basics to survive.

You may think that the foreclosure issue only impacts struggling homeowners. The painful reality is that foreclosures hurt homeowners, renters, and the houseless in a community-wide cycle of devastation. Actual foreclosures have displaced four million families nationwide.

In Oregon one in 73 families got a foreclosure notice in 2011 alone. Yet even homeowners who aren’t struggling to pay their mortgage are being impacted as their home values are driven down by the foreclosure crisis, the drastic drop in home values has left 31% of American homeowners owing more than their homes are worth.

The bottom line is that we are all in this together. Foreclosures harm everyone in our communities, from the wealthy to the houseless. We can, and must, take action together to stop them.

Organizing homeowners and community allies to fight back against foreclosures is already having a ripple effect in our communities.

Oregon homeowners are fighting back together, resulting in case law that benefit everyone. A 2011 landmark court ruling, the McCoy ruling, set powerful legal precedent resulting in 75% of pending foreclosures in the state being dropped.

Community members are also getting involved. There is a growing campaign in Oregon to call for audits of county mortgage records, a crucial first step toward recovering lost county revenues, stopping fraudulent foreclosures and building a case for foreclosure moratoriums.

As we expose big bank fraud and stop foreclosures statewide, the result is more families stay in their homes as we work for long-term solutions to the cycle of destruction caused by foreclosure in our communities.

Because someone was there to listen, offer support and connect her to resources in the community to help her family through the transition, Lisa now knows she is not alone.

Because homeowners are learning their rights and working together to stop the

foreclosures that displace families like Lisa and her children, fewer families will have to experience these painful disruptions. Together we are creating solutions at the community level to keep families in their homes, keep housing affordable, and take care of our community.

To join the fight against foreclosures in Oregon, register for our weekly Inter-Occupy conference call known as “Oregon Occupy Foreclosures” at www.InterOccupy.org

Michelle Glass is communications director for Project REconomy, an Oregon non-profit that has led the fight against foreclosures in Oregon since 2009. They offer resources to know your rights in a foreclosure, research and attorney referral to fight back, and action campaigns to change policy and protect Oregon communities.

To learn more, or to get resources to fight your foreclosure, go to www.ProjectReconomy.org

DOWNTOWN EXCLUSION LAW SLATED FOR DEBATE IN CITY COUNCIL

By ALLEY VALKYRIE

Eugene’s Downtown Public Safety Zone (DPSZ) ordinance, better known as the exclusion law, was first enacted in 2008 as a temporary measure intended to address safety concerns by allowing the City to exclude “chronic offenders” from a 20-block area of Downtown Eugene. The exclusion law has been controversial from its start.

Critics have pointed out that the law unfairly targets the homeless and the disenfranchised both in theory and in practice. To add to that, the law allows for someone to be excluded prior to conviction, which has raised legal concerns regarding the constitutionality of the ordinance. The Eugene Police Department has failed to provide meaningful and adequate data regarding the details of how the police use the exclusion law and for what offenses,

further adding to the controversy. Many in our community have argued that enforcement of the exclusion law not only violates the basic civil liberties of those affected, but is in direct conflict with our values as a community and with the City of Eugene’s designation as a “Human Rights City”.

Originally adopted as a two-year ordinance, the law was renewed for another two years in 2010, with a sunset date of April 2012. Earlier this year, the Police Department strongly recommended that the ordinance be made permanent, and the City Council seemed to be headed toward approving another two-year extension until strong opposition was raised by many groups and individuals, including several members of Occupy Eugene. Due to the hard work of these groups and activists in demonstrating how the exclusion law was being misused and in pointing out the potential for further abuse, the exclusion law was only ex-

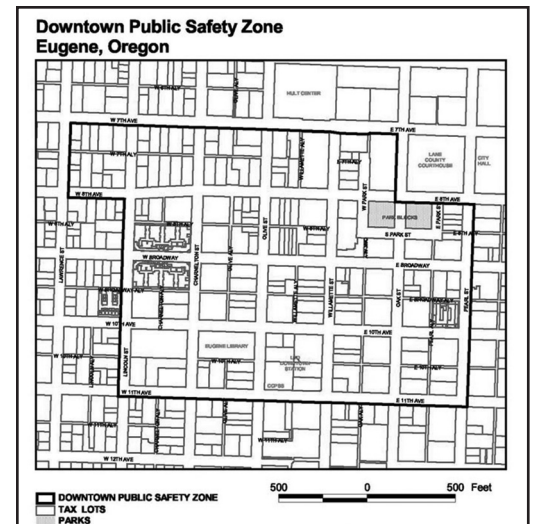
tended an additional seven months, and is now scheduled to sunset in November of 2012.

Due to the uncertainty of the future of the DPSZ ordinance, the police are seemingly more determined than ever to create the impression that downtown Eugene is unsafe and that the DPSZ ordinance is necessary to maintain order. The downtown bike patrol is being increased from six to nine police officers starting July 1, and vehicle patrol presence downtown has also been increased. Meanwhile, downtown activists associated with Occupy Eugene and the related Kesey Square Revival project have been closely monitoring police behavior, especially the various citations that are issued during interactions between the police and the homeless population.

Both anecdotal and statistical evidence point to a trend of the poor and homeless being routinely cited for minor infractions for which others who live and work downtown are not cited. In the spring of 2012, approximately half of all non-vehicle citations written downtown were issued to homeless and transients. Among the most common violations that individuals were cited for were jaywalking and violating park rules. Repeat violations of minor offenses inevitably place individuals in the “chronic offender” category that the police then use to justify issuing an exclusion order. Police have attempted to exclude the homeless for offenses as minor as leaning against a building or possessing a small amount of marijuana. There is still a lack of transparency as to how and why police issue an exclusion order, and the department has yet

to be forthcoming with relevant data concerning the DPSZ despite repeated requests from both outside and within city government.

The DPSZ ordinance is now back on the City Council agenda for more discussion. Work sessions are scheduled for July 25th and September 9th, a public hearing scheduled for September 17th, and a City Council vote on October 8. Hopefully, this time the combination of rational opposition and the EPD’s own lack of data showing the effectiveness of the DPSZ ordinance will convince the City Council to allow the ordinance to sunset for good.



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Her lender, Bank of America, demanded two years ago that she purchase flood insurance for her condominium apartment located on the 12th floor. “Our building has its own flood insurance,” she explained. “How can they [the bank] make me have \$250,000 worth of my own flood insurance when I only owe them \$84,000? That is fishy.”

Volunteer Fergus Mclean thought so too. “If the lender feels that the homeowner is not being responsible and taking care of the property,” he said, “they can step in and make sure the property is being taken care of but [in this case] they abused it.” Extra fees, another volunteer said, are the banks’ tactic for “really strangling the homeowner.”

Winters, too, has had to pay extra fees. She was charged a \$20 fee by Wells Fargo to pay for its staff to drive by her house to confirm that she was occupying it.

Since its inception in November, the

Homeowners Assistance group has seen about 16 homeowners come through its doors. They have an attorney who gives advice to those who want to take their cases to court as well as an expert to assist those who prefer the non-judicial route. The group of homeowners has stopped auctions using legal actions like restraining orders and has challenged robo-signed documents in court.

“If the banks got assistance with no penalties, and still got their bonuses, why can't the ‘lowest person on the totem pole’ get some assistance and understanding?” asked Winters in an email.

“I am going to fight for my home,” she stated. “I am not going to surrender it.”

For more information see the Foreclosure Actions Committee website: Occupy-your-home.org. Homeowners Assistance Meetings happen every Wednesday, 5 to 7 pm at 454 Willamette St.

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24/7 community that provides a legal place to sleep and live. It will not be a depressing blemish nor will it be dependent on hand-outs and tax dollars. To get started, it needs land from the city and donations from the community. But by growing its own food, creating its own cottage industries, building and living in its own micro-housing, and moderating its own safety and security, it will become self-managed and self-sufficient under the oversight of the new 501c3.

As a sustainable eco-social community, it will be a pride to any neighborhood by offering safe housing to those currently living downtown, in neighborhood alleys, carparks, and parks, and to the children without houses who are in our schools. Opportunity Village will give people a chance to once again take responsibility for their

own lives and transition from the Village back into the larger community with the self-confidence and tools necessary to succeed.

The first implementation of Opportunity Village will lead other neighborhoods to want the same resource in their community. Opportunity Village is a “Yes, In My Backyard” model for the future.

Occupy Eugene’s Homeless Solutions Support Committee (HSSC) has been a key group, along with many other allies in the community such as Occupy Inter-Faith and Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC) in the formation of Opportunity Village Eugene, the new nonprofit. For more information on how to be involved please email: op.village@gmail.com

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the Middle East, to maintain our consumer lifestyle at the expense of all others. Individually, however, it gets a bit more complicated. We are all conditioned by our parents, school teachers, government “representatives”, corporate media, etc. to accept this short-sighted and self-centered version of the American dream. Many of us work forty or more hours a week and all of us have complex and full personal lives. It is hard to make time to do the research to educate ourselves. We are too busy, or too overwhelmed, to learn about what’s happening in our own backyard, much less on the other side of the planet. Many of us think that we cannot afford to buy from our local crafters and food producers, organic farmers, or fair-trade brokers. Some of us don’t know where to go, or how to plug into the local economy. Others of us really are impoverished and it takes all the energy we have just to make it through the day. Some of us are so fraught with anxiety and depression that we feel compelled to medicate and wind up trapped in our addictions.

We are an extremely diverse collection of individual stories and circumstances, doing our best to get by through some very challenging times. We could all use a bit more Love and Compassion from our friends and neighbors. However, if we are going to survive as

a species (or evolve beyond our present circumstances), we are all going to need to make some drastic changes in the way that we relate to one another and the more-than-human world.

I’ve spent many years, as an activist, working within and outside of the system. I have seen a great deal of what does and does not work, the pros and cons of a wide variety of tactics. I’ve suffered my share of depression and rage at the fallibility of our social institutions and of my own ego. Yet, the one thing that I have discovered—which has never failed any individual, or movement, at any time—is the willingness to listen to the heart. Through meditation and/or contemplative practices we are able to deepen our connection to a source of strength and clarity, which is needed now more than ever. I’m not going to say anything about what you should or should not do. I’m simply offering the encouragement to create the time to occupy your own heart and mind, and listen deeply to the message arising from within. Do it for the wellbeing of us all. If you’d like to join us, we meet Sundays 2:25 to 3:35pm at the Federal Building on 7th Ave. and Pearl St.

Occupy the Democratic Party

BY JERRY BRULE

Occupy Eugene has numerous allies in the progressive community. We are working with We the People, and Move to Amend, to reverse corporate personhood as well as the Citizen's United decision. We are also working with Health Care for All Oregon, and the State Health Care Alliance, to work for Single Payer Health Care. There is the Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), the HELIOS Resource Network, the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network (ESSN), Women's Action for New Directions (WAND), and many others that join us in our actions and help in many ways. We call them allies because they share our vision and help us move toward our goals. So, why isn't the Democratic Party of Lane County (DPLC) considered an ally? Yes, Occupy Wall Street has declared that it will not become political; many activists in the movement think that both parties are equally corrupt, that the political system is totally broken and they refuse to take part in the political process.

But what is the purpose of the occupations, the protest marches, and everything else Occupy has been doing? The purpose is to get people's attention, and then to educate them, but to what end? What we hope is that if we educate the people they will go to the polls and vote to change the system. Do we really think that we can change the political system through protests alone? We call for revolution but we are dedicated to non-violence, so the only way to change the political system is from within.

It is true that most of the people in Occupy would probably prefer the Green Party to the Democrats, but that

would just be a spoiler vote similar to what happened when people voted for Ralph Nader. We ended up with 8 years of Bush, two wars and the destruction of the economy. To say that there is no difference between President Obama and the Democratic platform and Governor Romney and the Republican platform is absurd. There has never been a greater contrast. Once people are aware that the Republicans are the architects of everything that Occupy opposes, they should vote for the Democrats because that is the only game in town. People are afraid of Occupy being co-opted by the Democratic Party, but they have that backwards. Occupy should be co-opting the Democratic Party as the Tea Party took over the Republican Party. We should be finding Occupiers to run for every office in the land, and supporting them so they can change the political system. Yes, we are all disappointed in the President. He is far more conservative than we thought, and he sold out to the special interests, to Wall Street and to the warmongers, but he is still far better than the alternative.

Moreover, it is not fair to condemn the local Democratic Party for the failures of the National Party. The DPLC Party Platform is very progressive. They advocate all of the causes of Occupy and they go even further. They call for Single Payer Health Care, an end to Corporate Personhood, restoration of Glass Steagal, a fair and progressive tax system (including a financial transaction tax), support for education, protection of the environment, support for the Dream Act, and much more. Go to DPLC.org and click on the resources tab to see for yourself. During the great

depression President Roosevelt set up the Works Progress Administration (WPA) that gave millions of unemployed people jobs. The DPLC party platform advocates creating a similar program to hire unemployed Oregonians to restore our crumbling infrastructure.

We should be supporting the DPLC for its progressive stance and consider them our allies because they are already organized enough to achieve the things we want. They can marshal thousands of people to canvass neighborhoods, to knock on doors, to talk to people about the issues we care about, to get people to the polls, and thus bring about meaningful change. We should use them to help get the word out about our important issues.

It is highly unlikely that OE will consent to become political, or to adopt the DPLC as an ally, but individual activists in OE are free to exercise their democratic rights. While the national Democratic Party may only give lip service to the causes we care about, the opposition is actively opposed to everything we think is right. The Republicans and their billionaire backers are trying to buy the election and doing everything they can to keep people from going to the polls using misinformation, dirty tricks, and voter suppression laws. If you refuse to participate in the political system because it is broken, you will be doing the Republicans a favor by aiding the end of democracy in this country.

Remember the words of the Irish statesman and orator Edmund Burke: "All that is required for evil to flourish in the world is for good men to do nothing."

Go For a State Bank

BY DAVID IVAN PICCIONI

Getting a state bank like North Dakota's - the only state that is not in debt today - is one of the best things we can do for each other. Right now, even though all bills say "Federal Reserve Note" on them, the money that is in circulation at home and in most other countries abroad is borrowed first (at interest) from the world's biggest banks.

It sounds unbelievable, but it is true.

During civilization's history, many experiments were done. Rome, England and other empires flourished when the people had liquidity in the form of cheap (fiat) money. They crashed when they made gold and precious metals the standard and when they started borrowing from banks.

In America's history, too, we have gone back and forth between borrowing and emitting our moneys. When the bankers have the power they can cause inflation and depression at their own volition, and by doing so they can buy entire countries at pennies on the dollar. The government should not have the power to borrow (and put its citizens in debt), and it should be in charge of printing the money people need to do their commerce.

The way a state bank would work is: When someone goes to a community bank and asks for a loan but can only get a fraction of it, they can go to the state bank and it will furnish the rest. It is called participation lending, and it is something that would create jobs and keep taxes in our communities.

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Success Requires That We Invest in Each Other

BY GRAHAM LEWIS

To meet the immense challenge of overhauling our governmental system requires bold and sweeping initiative. If "People, Not Profits" is one of our mantras, why do some of our people feel attacked and/or disrespected, especially by other Occupiers? Sure, some disappointment is bound to happen when diverse, passionate people come together to take on a big challenge. A few individuals feel certain they know what's best for the whole and are inclined to be vocal. When ideas are summarily rejected, egos can get bruised. Some people go away hurt or angry. Is that avoidable? Absolutely.

The St. Paul Principles state that our work is to be "based on respect for a diversity of tactics and the plans of other

groups;" not that we all must agree. To triumph over the status quo, Occupy must somehow join with all other groups in the 99%—find common ground despite probable disagreement. How do we grow and demonstrate solidarity even when we disapprove of a specific course of action? Better yet, can we find a common denominator that we can all agree on?

We aspire to live and demonstrate the kind of democracy we want for the world. True solidarity occurs when everyone has a voice—even the meekest among us. This requires all of us learning to listen on a whole new level, not unlike panning for gold. Every vocal offering in a General Assembly is put forth as a contribution. If we look carefully, there is 'gold' some-

The Supreme Court Upholds Universal Health Care!

BY JERRY BRULE

On June 28 the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice Roberts, allowed most of the Affordable Care Act to stand. The consequences of the complicated ruling will no doubt be debated for months, but in essence the Court agreed that health care is a human right. The individual mandate was upheld and most of the essentials and the benefits of the law will still go into effect in 2014.

One of the subtle effects of the ruling is that the health care is considered to be funded by a tax rather than through the commerce clause. This shifts the emphasis a bit so that universal health care is treated more like Medicare than through the free market, although it still relies on private insurance companies.

The messy details still need to be worked out. There is an opt out portion of the law that allows individual states to opt out of the Affordable Care Act, as long as the state's plan still covers the same number of people, with the same benefits, and doesn't cost more. The only problem is that the opt-out provision doesn't go into effect

until 2017. President Obama said that he would like this option to be moved up so that state plans could go into effect in 2014, but the Congress needs to act to bring that about.

The Supreme Court ruling will probably provide more of an incentive for Congress to do this since the conservatives are still intent on overturning the Affordable Care Act. Individual states that are conservative will no doubt try to adopt market-based insurance plans similar to "Romneycare" in Massachusetts. There are at least 20 other states that will move more towards a Medicare for all model like Vermont. This will provide a fifty state experiment to determine which plan is the least expensive and most effective. That is what happened in Canada. The individual provinces had different health care plans but Saskatchewan had a single payer system that was much better, so the entire nation adopted that plan. Let's pressure our legislators to work for a simple, affordable, single payer for all, health care system.

where in every contribution. Our challenge is to listen for and speak to the gold while ignoring the sand!

For the 99% to keep growing stronger, we all may need to exercise new muscles. Nurturing is usually thought of as a feminine trait, but I believe it is necessary for our survival, let alone robust growth. If only a few people take on nurturing everyone else, they will burn out. This is why every one of us—even the gruffest and coarsest—needs to exercise and develop the "nurturing muscle." Remember when our dear brother asked us on Facebook to

mention one thing we appreciate about another Occupier? A massive transformation resulted like a breath of fresh air. You probably felt it, too. Isn't it time for another major measure of good will and encouragement? Can we all agree to—at least once every day—nurture or appreciate or embolden something positive we notice in another person? It may seem like a challenge to summon respect when we disagree, but since our democracy is at stake, let's all just do it!

Walkupy

BY PETER GROTTICELLI

Walkupy is an affinity group of Occupy that holds cross-country marches to reach out to people far away from the urban Occupy organizations. Our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/walkupy>, and website, www.walkupy.org, have updated lists of these marches, that occur simultaneously all over the world. The first march began on November 9, 2011 in Zuccotti Park, New York City. It reached Washington, D.C., two weeks later. The march continued to Atlanta, Chicago, and South Bend, Indiana, with members joining and dropping out along the way. Independent marches have been popping up in other cities throughout the world. There are marches of at least a few people occurring now in Canada and Germany.

I joined Walkupy in late December last year, in Raleigh, North Carolina. I marched from there to Atlanta, Georgia, then to Chicago, Illinois (for the NATO protests), and finally to South Bend, Indiana. We walked an



average of fifteen miles a day. Some days, we would get vehicle support for our packs and a place to stay. In other www.occupyeugenemedia.org

cases, we would carry our packs and camp at the day's end. Some weeks, many driving by us would gaze in disbelief at our big, merry, eclectic group of travelers, full of dirt and flowers, singing songs and nearly floating down the highway. Those weeks were full of parties at hippies' houses, nights of karaoke near Occupy Headquarters in the downtowns, and games of truth-or-dare by the campfires. Some weeks may not have been as awesome, but don't tell anybody.

Along the way, many occupiers and friends expressed the wish to be as free as we were, to be able to take off on an adventure for months at a time. I think that we can all have that kind of adventure without leaving home. We just have to get together with the other people in our hometowns who care about stuff, at Occupy or wherever, enjoy some love and music...and when there are a few hundred of us, we can Walkupy in the streets every day!

PLAEDO—OUR MORALE BUILDER

By LARRY LEVERONE

Occupy Eugene activist and frequent morale builder Plaedo has been involved in the local Occupy movement since its inception. When the Occupy Wall Street hit the media, it immediately caught his attention. He printed and distributed flyers that asked, "Why are you asking for petty change, when you could be asking for real change?"

He heard about the first Occupy Eugene General Assembly (GA) after it had happened and decided he must attend the second. When he missed the second meeting, he got physically ill. He took his illness as a message that he absolutely needed to participate. He made it to the third GA and joined the Morale committee. At the fourth GA he conducted his first morale moment.

When asked about how he maintains his intense enthusiasm, Plaedo shared a quote from Vaclav Havel about hope:

Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good.

"And," he adds, "it helps to have a healthy sense of humor. If you relish life, it fuels your ability to laugh."

He currently maintains a balance between the demands of the movement and the responsibilities of family life by sacrificing a certain amount of sleep and the luxury of "doing nothing." At first, he dedicated every waking moment to OE, causing his work, art, and family to suffer. He came to realize that intense self-discipline is a key to keeping things in balance.

Through his involvement with OE, he has learned to put more emphasis on cooperation versus competition, to tame his ego, and to better appreciate others' talents. "We require supportive networks which embrace our common dignity."

He believes wholeheartedly in non-violence and is personally committed to it. His study of Aikido taught him the importance of turning around or neutralizing an aggressive force. "I believe the systems of oppression and injustice do not change without being challenged," he says, "and I believe Aikido is a successful strategy to challenge these systems." He works hard at avoiding negative judgments of others, even the 1%.

On a more personal note, I asked Plaedo about the source of his poetry. "People, nature, life energies and experiences," he answered. "The artistic side of humans tends to be a mirror. Many things around us show glimpses of the way things could be." He believes art is not so much a statement of originality as it is the ability to harness the passions and inspirations that are already out there. His first poetry contribution was at the Occupy Oregon General Assembly (see YouTube link).

Plaedo believes that OE has had many successes already. One success is that Occupy has penetrated the collective consciousness of the media and the public so that they now understand the system could work a whole lot better. Most all of us, he says, who truly partake in



Occupy Eugene, have encountered life-changing experiences and have been awakened to new possibilities within ourselves.

He believes we must act and that "failure is not all that bad. . . . We live to fight and love again and if we learn from our failures we are more likely to succeed the next time."

Plaedo hopes over time to encourage more joyful activism including performance art and community resilience projects. He calls for more understanding between the left and right branches of activism and believes solutions will organically emerge because the root causes of concerns are the same. Solutions will evolve from the good ideas and the open minds of both wings. He warns, "We can't get too stubborn. We all need to pragmatically address

our many common problems."

Plaedo sees the Occupy movement as a preparation to utilize the next burst of energy within the populace by building a network of human connections that can lead us to the next steps involved in radical change to our system-- hopefully in direction to a truly sustainable world. He sincerely believes the mantra he so often shares: "The globe is our home, humanity is our family, and love is our religion."

Solidarity Action for Winnemem Wintu Women

By LISA MITCHELL-TREE

On the shore of the McCloud River, California, swollen by Spring's man-made reservoir fullness, the Winnemem Wintu People performed a War Dance. It was a drastic measure, they knew, but long and unproductive negotiations with the US Forest Service left them few options. They danced and sang their prayers in defense of their right to perform this year's Coming of Age Ceremony in peace and with dignity during the next full moon. They called for people to stand in solidarity with them because their right to practice sacred ceremony has been disqualified unfairly by the US Forest Service. People came from far and wide. It was a terrific moment of cooperation and coordinated effort.

I was called to go as a Legal Observer, trained by the National Lawyers Guild to be present during conflict and record incidents that may have legal ramifications for citizens. Oh, but the timing wasn't right for me; I had a long list of things to do, I didn't want to go to California, my back hurt ...

then I read the whole email ...

Balas Chonas is a coming of age ceremony for the Winnemem Wintu girls transitioning to womanhood. The ceremony has gone on before, even after generations of cultural genocide, even amidst contemporary intrusions, insult of drunken boaters and verbal and sexual harassment. This year it is to be performed on behalf of the tribe's future chief. Four hundred yards of the river's end needs to be temporarily closed in order for the four-day ceremony to take place in peace. Winnemem efforts to close this section of the river have endured six years of confounding procedures, unanswered phone calls and last minute stalling with the US Forest Service. A baptism, a Batmitzva, a call to prayer would expect unfettered access to a suitable holy place. This is Wintun territory; the US Forest Service could accommodate the tribe's request but has yet to do so.

The Winnemem Wintu People, a band of the Wintun, have been doing sacred

ceremony on these shores of the McCloud River for centuries, although their lands were taken and flooded by the Shasta Dam Project and they were displaced along with their Wintun relatives. Later, during the Reagan era, their "official" tribal status was removed and the bands of the Wintun disbursed. Nonetheless, the Winnemem People continue to blend traditional cultural values with a modern world while fanangling with US governmental bureaucracy to regain tribal recognition.

After reading the entire email, I was outraged. Sailboat races get more consideration. Floating plastic ducks down the McKenzie River get more consideration. My list would have to wait. I went to California, with my bright green Legal Observer hat in hand.

We arrived late at night during the last round of the first night's dance. In the morning, it was easy to jump in and find ways to help. It was clear that for the next few days we were there for one reason:

Marisa, the future chief of a Nations' tribe. She would soon have a rite of passage to endure and we were there to defend her. We worked together. We closed the river. We stood at the gate. We helped in the kitchen. We took pictures. We made friends. The US Forest Service, the US Coast Guard and the County Sheriff visited us often. Needless to say, they didn't like that we closed the river.

So who do we think we are anyway? We are Occupy Eugene, Civil Liberties Defense Center, Cascadia Forest Defenders, and University of Oregon Survival Center. We are Northern California Riverkeepers and Earth First. We are Tribal Indians from near and far. We are Occupy Oakland and American Indian Movement. We are American Friends Service Committee and the Coalition Against Environmental Racism. The list is incomplete, but I remember the faces of those four days and am grateful to have learned that solidarity is not ambiguous. It is vital.

WE ARE EVERYWHERE: HUMANKIND PROTESTS WORLDWIDE

By NICOLE MEDEMA

In Tunisia, a fruit vendor was repeatedly fined for selling his fruit without a permit. Unable to obtain a permit from the municipality, the 26-year-old, who supported his entire extended family, had no option but to continue his work. One day he was publicly humiliated by a female municipal inspector who slapped him in the face when he would not submit to her confiscation of his "illegal" fruit. He was beaten by her colleagues for resisting arrest, beaten at the municipal office when he demanded the return of his items, and denied audience at the governor's office. That day, he drenched himself in paint thinner and lit a match in front of the governor's gate. His death sparked national protests that overthrew the 23-year dictatorship and inspired international protests later known as the Arab Spring. Globally, we are still in a time of unrest because citizens will no longer bend to their elected and unelected officials. Below is a brief summary of just a few examples.

Greece

To save the strength of the euro, the leadership of the European Union demands that Greece buffer its economic collapse by accepting a neoliberal package of austerity measures and a bailout worth trillions of dollars. The package includes vast spending cuts to the public sector, including wages and education, and the sale of a portion of the national phone utility to Germany. Protests have been ongoing since May 2010 with even firefighters and policemen on the protesters' side. The country has been plagued

with outrage, poignantly marked by one 77-year-old man who committed suicide by shooting himself in front of the Parliament building in Athens, leaving a note that explained he wanted to die before having to scrounge in the garbage for food.

Spain

The unemployment rate overall of Spain is at 25 percent, with half of the population under 25 years of age unable to find work. In May 2011, young people began occupying the streets with tents to demonstrate their lack of a future. In general, protestors share a disdain for welfare cuts, Spanish politicians, the current two-party system in Spain, as well as capitalism and bankers. They firmly support what they call basic rights: home, work, culture, health and education. In June, protests staged by coal miners were marked by violent fighting between the miners and the Spanish National Guard.

Canada

For the last five months, students in Quebec have been marching to keep their tuition affordable. Provincial Premier Jean Charest announced major cuts to the education system that would raise tuition fees at Quebec universities by 82 percent, or \$1,700, over five years in order to rein in a budget deficit. When the Quebec cabinet recently passed Bill 78, prohibiting freedom of assembly without prior police approval and requiring an eight hours' notice before an event, 400,000 marched in an impromptu and illegal

protest in Montreal.

Chile

Far right President Sebastian Pinera has fallen in approval to 30% due to massive student protests beginning in 2011. In Chile, only 45% of high school students study in public schools and no new public university has been constructed since the era of dictator Augusto Pinochet. Public discontent points to the disparity between the quality of education of wealthy and non-wealthy pupils. Thousands of students have been taking to the streets to call for free and quality education. They are violently met by tanks armed with water cannons although most protests staged by students—who are historically known for their strong political activism—have been nonviolent.

Bahrain

Protestors of oil-rich Bahrain have been calling for an end to the monarchy of the country's ruling King Hamad. They have been met with violence on the streets and strong legal condemnation. The leader of a teacher's union was sentenced to 10 years in jail for publicly calling for the end of the monarchy. Nine doctors received jail sentences ranging from one month to five years for treating the wounded after a violent encounter between protestors and the military. They were allegedly charged with unethical behavior and supporting an overthrow of the monarchy

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Occupy Eugene asks for your financial support so that we can continue to build coalitions, pressure our elected leaders, and work together to end the inequality and injustices in our community and in our country. We welcome any level of support and hope that you will give an amount meaningful to you. Donations are always welcome! Use the WePay button on the OE website; mail a check written to "Occupy Eugene" to P. O. Box 744, Eugene OR 97440; or stop by the Oregon Community Credit Union to make a deposit to our account.

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