

Letters to the Editor



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America's manufacturing jobs, and I applaud the President for committing to ending these practices.

And I absolutely agree with President Obama that we're not going to be able to effectively meet these goals if we don't fix the broken rules in the U.S. Senate. I have been pushing for reform for over a year, and I will continue to push for reforms so the Senate can do the people's business.

Bottom line: we have a choice to make about what kind of country we want to live in. The President laid out a vision of a country that comes together to tackle big challenges and make sure that our economy works not for the one percent or 10 percent but for 100 percent of Americans.

I am proud to fight for that vision, and hope to work together with colleagues from both parties to get things done for the American people.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley
(Democrat, Oregon)
Washington, D.C.

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Nominations needed for Multnomah officers, committee chairs

Greetings from the Multnomah neighborhood! The Multnomah Neighborhood Association (MNA) is at a time of change in that we have had recent openings on both the MNA board as well as on some of our standing committees.

Board members Rob Gardner and Jessica Wade had to resign their positions on the board due to the birth of their first child and our Secretary Maria Cahill unfortunately needed to resign due to family commitments. All three will be missed and their service to the Multnomah neighborhood is greatly appreciated.

These board openings have hap-

pened mid-term, as the current terms for all board members were to expire in October 2012. As Chair, I am calling for a special MNA board election in February meant to elect new board members that will serve the nine-month remainder of their term until our next annual election in October 2012.

We currently have three board positions open (Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are open, although the board can have more than four members) and four committee chair positions are open (Land Use, Safety, Schools and SWNI).

Our board positions are elected by the MNA membership and the committee chairs are appointed by the board. All of these positions have a time commitment of three to five hours per month and provide a valuable service to our community.

If you live in the Multnomah neighborhood, I encourage you to

"put your name in the hat" for one of the available positions. To place your name in nomination for one of the open positions, please email me at mnachair@gmail.com or call me at 503-309-7985 and I'll put you on the ballot.

You can also place your name in nomination up to the actual vote at the February meeting. The special election will be held at the February MNA meeting on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00PM at the Multnomah Arts Center in room 30 so please plan to participate!

For less than a five hour per month time commitment, you would be truly helping your community and those that live within it. You can contact me at mnachair@gmail.com or at 503-309-7985 if you have questions about the positions or the process.

Moses Ross, Chair
Multnomah Neighborhood Association

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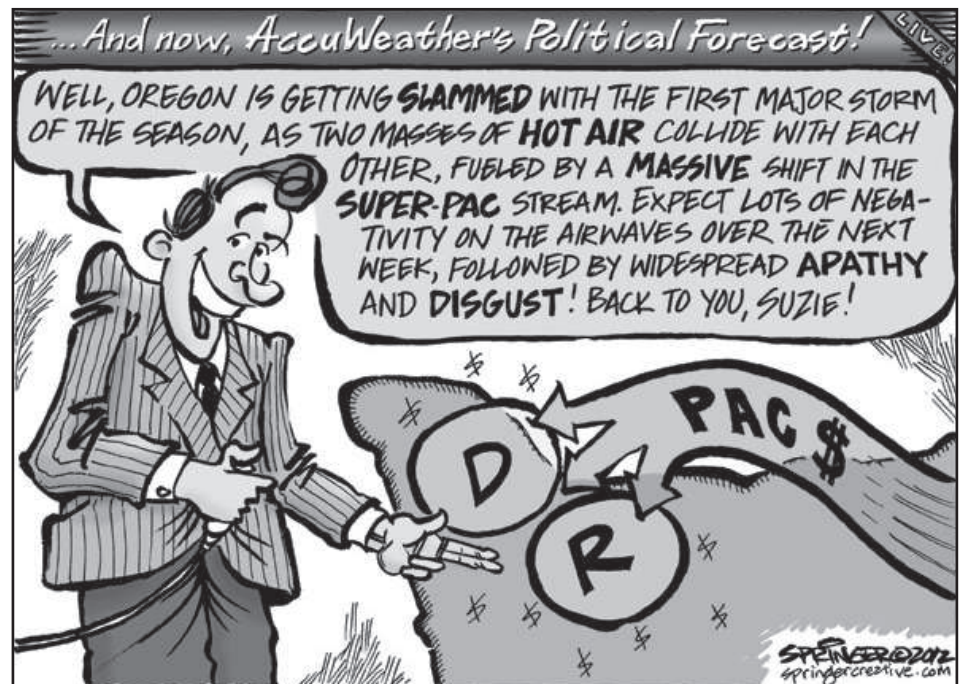
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For the next four weeks on SW Naito Parkway near downtown, a contractor for the **Portland Water Bureau** will be performing work at night, between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM. These work hours are to accommodate the daily traffic on the heavily used roadway.

Work days are Monday night through Friday morning. Construction started at SW Clay Street in January and will proceed southbound to SW Caruthers Street. Flaggers and traffic cones will direct motorists around the rolling work zone. Some lane closures and delays should be expected. Motorists are encouraged to find alternate routes to avoid this work zone.

The construction is part of the second phase of the Portland Water Bureau's Westside Header Project that will install a new 5,000-foot, 36-inch diameter steel water main to replace an existing critical but aging supply pipeline. Construction work on SW Naito Parkway began in September 2011. The entire project is slated for completion by spring 2012.

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