

**CURBSIDE**

A collection of views from people on the streets

**Right 2 Dream Too**

While Occupy Portland simmers in front of the Justice Center in Southwest Portland, a smaller, quieter residential occupation organized by Right to Survive and Right to Dream Too has set up on a vacant lot on the corner of NW Fourth Avenue and Burnside. The group has a one-year, donated lease on the lot and plans to use it as a safe space for people to sleep. Street Roots asked the individuals in that space: What personally drew you to be here today?

"I've been homeless for the past three weeks, and I kind of stumbled across this and inquired what was going on here. I thought what a great, wonderful idea for this area that they opened it up for the homeless. I'm going to access the facilities here, the resources they have available here, which I think is a wonderful spot, very conveniently located, just a great idea."

— M.J.

"We see it as being something positive and coming off of the street and someplace safe, structured a little bit and getting away from under the bridge and businesses doorways and stuff like that."

— Josh Watson

"Because Portland has found it fit to make it a safe environment and a drug-free environment for us to lay our heads down instead of running the streets, and I think it's appropriate for this place to be here to create a safe environment... A lot of times you don't want to be running the streets and when you're trying to kick using or something, you only continue that vicious circle because there's nowhere to go and rest your head. If you had a place to go rest your head, you wouldn't have to go running around. And this place is perfect because sometimes you just want to go lay down. I've been plenty of times where I don't want to use and I just walk around and I'm tired and exhausted and in order to keep going I have to use to keep going because I



have to stay alert. And this place I can just come here and lay down and get up and regroup in the morning."

— Andrew

"Right now I am homeless and I need a place to actually go if I'm not in the Mission or something so I can rest and or find a sanctuary or somewhere that I won't get kicked out by the cops or harassed or for just relaxing somewhere, there's nowhere in Portland to be. Everywhere we go we seem to get pushed along. It's very insecure to be homeless around here and a lot of us, we just don't know where to go. We're wandering around every 15 minutes having to move, and it makes for great insecurity"

— Adam

"I'm actually broke down, my car's in the shop; upper remodel, upper-engine rebuild, it was \$2,200 and I'm stranded here for about two weeks. This timing, this thing worked out perfect because we were sleeping on the streets and parks and we spent the last of the money on a couple motels and everything else was getting our car fixed."

— Mike from Bennington, VT, who is moving to Seattle after the town flooded earlier this year.

"Nowhere else to go."

— Eric

Compiled by Cole Merkel

**Sigh for the Drunkard**  
**A plea to help heal Alcoholism**

by B. Harmony

Wayward and weary sorrow  
Drowned in fermented binding  
Torn tragedy of longing unended  
Harness the vestment to distilled tiding.  
Moments bleak in fruitless trapping  
Lingering dreams inebriated farewell  
For never finding fruition tapping.

Could not such from searing water  
Sip the cup forged of a different maker  
To arouse the senses with nectarous rains  
That drizzle the vineyard with adorning  
Sweetness of the constellations  
Plucked from the vine and caressed  
In humanity with no further ado  
To knead barley swayed stocks  
Sumptuous songs and their earthen roux  
The melancholy of sweating brows onto the seasons toil.  
Onward approaching resolution to mysterious imbibing turmoil.

Had those but hearts to feel, vision to see, and a will to listen  
Thus free such fellow beings from husks of their lamentation  
That their woes of hidden requiem would falter and rescind  
To the grand orchestra the symphonic presence  
of life's fascination.



This woman works —

— So does Street Roots

**PUZZLES**

By Cole Merkel

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**Crossword**

Across

1. Having to do with a region of south and central Italy during Roman times
8. Flavorless
13. Lifted, syn.
14. A tea-ball, for one
16. Covering a specific distance
17. Punishment
18. Pardon for political prisoners
19. Defeat by bold confrontation
20. Cry out
21. "\_\_\_ alive!"
22. East Asian legume
23. Fine thread
25. Worn on an angel's head
27. Anger
28. Quacks, syn.
31. Make sense, with "up"
32. Welsh baked dish
33. \_\_\_-relief
36. Events across multiple media at once
40. And so forth...
41. Illegal drug
42. Indian mountain range
44. \_\_\_ Carte
45. The Wizard of Oz man who wanted a heart
46. Mine entrance
47. Bond's favorite drink
49. Wrestle
52. Omar \_\_\_\_, player for Florida Marlins
53. Halo
54. Sound systems
55. \_\_\_ Blue, Californian R & B entertainer
56. Hot spot
57. Communications with God

Down

2. Christ's native language

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3. Burly and testosterone-driven
4. Mediterranean plant genus
5. The River Thames at Oxford
6. Camping gear
7. Irritable or anxious
8. Open grasslands
9. Book part
10. Incomplete organ development
11. Wire holding up a tennis court divider
12. Not tearful
14. Perishable, syn.
15. German
16. CEO of Exxon during Valdez spill
24. Blows it
25. Agreements, accords
26. Depleted
29. Attacked
30. Alone
33. Smiling with optimism
34. Capital of Georgia
35. Ate very fast
37. Like Marilyn Monroe or Dolly Parton
38. Pollywog, syn.
39. Jerry or Ben
43. Ladder
45. Points at the dinner table
48. Container weight
49. Sharp breath
50. Essen basin
51. Length x width, for a rectangle

**Sudoku**

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The objective of Sudoku is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers, from 1 to 9. Every row, column and square must include all digits, 1 through 9, in any order.

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