

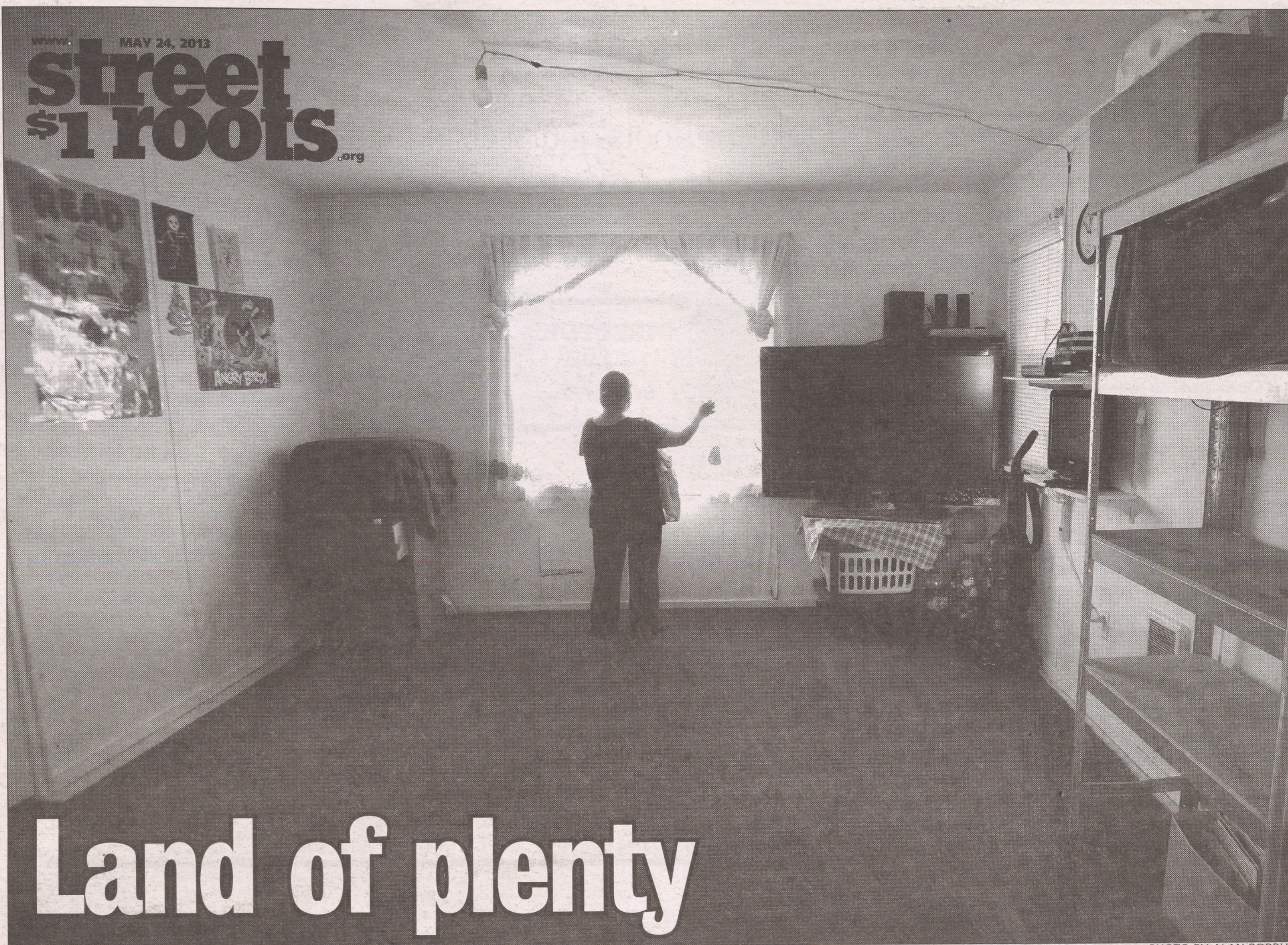


PHOTO BY ALAN BORRUD

Angelica Perez, holding her infant daughter Brittany, stands in the studio apartment she and her partner Fidel Cervantes share with their four children. This room serves as the family room, storage and bedroom for the entire family.

Land of plenty

A pictorial on immigrant farmworkers and housing in rural Oregon



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A conversation with Roberto Jimenez about the challenges and opportunities in housing for Oregon farmworkers.

Oregon is a bountiful state. We produce 220 crops and livestock commodities, a greater variety than any state except Florida and California. The value of these crops and commodities totalled more than \$5 billion in 2011, a record high.

As consumers, we can shop row upon row of premium produce, meats and other products, most of us with little thought about who makes that possible — the roughly 90,000 migrant and seasonal farmworkers who work in Oregon each year.

For them, Oregon's agricultural industry presents a much different experience. Farmworkers, nearly all of them immigrants, receive minimal pay for labor-intensive work, suffer food insecurity and hunger, and most

are without health insurance and have limited access to health care providers.

Topping the list of needs, however, is housing. Only a small fraction of the state's farmworkers live on state-registered farmworker camps. The Farmworker Housing Development Corporation, a nonprofit based in Woodburn, is working to fill the enormous deficit, building community-based properties to provide stable, supportive housing for this vital labor force.

In this edition, Street Roots presents the first of a two-part photo series by photographer Alan Borrud illustrating the FHDC housing community of Oregon farmworkers.

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