

Portland Rain

by Mike V.

Evil twin self running scared
Run riot, go-go-go
Can't stop the merry go round
I'm spinning faster and faster
Flung to the edge of pain and insanity
Praying for a reprieve
Hoping to get off the street soon
Find some true shelter
Find a home
Some love
New friends
A new me again
Awaits in the wings
For a new slate
Somehow reveal the mystery
I'm tired of living in fear
And feeling the weight of being nothing once more
Because right now
More of nothing is all I can see

Fragrance of Life

by Michone Nettles

As the fragrance of life lingers through the air,
thick with thoughts and prayers of unanswered questions
questions, keep coming.
the questions answers fly out doors of our creation.
songs are sung with voices that shatter mirrors and janky outhouses
that smell of boo boo from last year.
Keep it pushin.

Untitled and Undated

by Ron Sanford

My earliest memory I can't remember!
I would like to try psychotherapy tho
In order to trigger it back into my mind
but I doubt if it would be worth all of the time
to retrogress back to a day I could never relive.

JUNE 5TH & 6TH
5th Annual

PITCH A TENT

Friday 9am: Meet @ R2D2
SW 4th & Burnside
&
Set up Tents Along
Parade Route



Friday 11am-11pm: speakers, music, food, etc.
The city allows people to pitch up tents for pleasure, but they won't allow people to pitch a tent to survive.

Pitch a Tent is a public campout designed to raise awareness about the criminalization of homelessness in Portland and across the nation and the creative solutions that can be implemented immediately to address this human rights crisis.

Saturday 10am-2pm
Parade

SW 4TH & WASHINGTON

*FOOD * FUN * MUSIC * GAMES*

*RIGHT 2 REST * RIGHT 2 SURVIVE*

Changing the World Through My Mind

by Leo Rhodes

A shot is blown over the ship's bow
The pendulum starts swinging
Changing the tide
An arduous battle
Watching
Waiting
Anticipating
As the pendulum swings
Both sides dug in
Both sides not wanting to give in
Both sides knowing they're right
The pendulum swings
A boxing match with words
With a left, then a right, bobbing and weaving
The pros and cons slung, left and right
Bobbing and weaving their point across
A caucus is called
Regrouping, strategizing
After a period of time the match continues
The pendulum swings