

Marshmallow Apocalypse: A Poem

by Phillip "Jeremy" Houseknecht

Giant marshmallows cloud the sky,
orbiting the ozone up so high.
Down they burn through the atmosphere,
drowning and boiling the sinners down here.
Who among us would like some more,
Piping-hot cocoa or chocolate s'more?

Crossing Paths

by Lori Lematta

Sometimes I go on ghost walks, pretending I still have my spirited dog prancing ahead of me. Doing this, one lonely evening, I spotted a woman I knew from my old shelter days; Fran. Her presence was seismic as she ranted through the neighborhood, shoving her shopping cart luggage over the cracks in the sidewalk. She fixated on my figure before her, preparing to explode into her newest dissatisfaction with the world, when she halted with recognition. Fran's manner shifted, and she smiled with her small lips overlapping her dentureless gums. As I approached, her arms opened wide and I succumbed to a bony hug. We shared a moment of silent camaraderie followed by three words she spoke to me:
"Where is Susie?"
I told her.
Tears melted her frenzied eyes and she moved quietly onward.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON Homeless Shelter Properties, Improvements and Providers

Responses due: July 18, 2016
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
No: 4000004977

Multnomah County, in cooperation with A Home for Everyone and the Joint Office of Homeless Services, seeks responses from individuals, organizations, and firms that are interested in providing information regarding properties that may be suitable for use as shelter for people experiencing homelessness, are interested in providing donated professional and construction services needed to improve properties for use as shelter, and/or are interested in operating shelter for people experiencing homelessness. By "shelter we mean safe, sanitary, warm, lawful, and appropriately managed overnight sleeping accommodations that are intended for limited durations stays.

RFI AVAILABILITY

A copy of the RFI is available for download at the Purchasing website:

<https://multco.us/purchasing> or can be picked up at the Multnomah County Purchasing bid desk, 501 SE Hawthorn Blvd, Suite 125, Portland, OR 97214. Phone (503) 988-5111, Fax (503) 988-3252.

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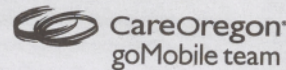
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526 SE Grand Ave

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