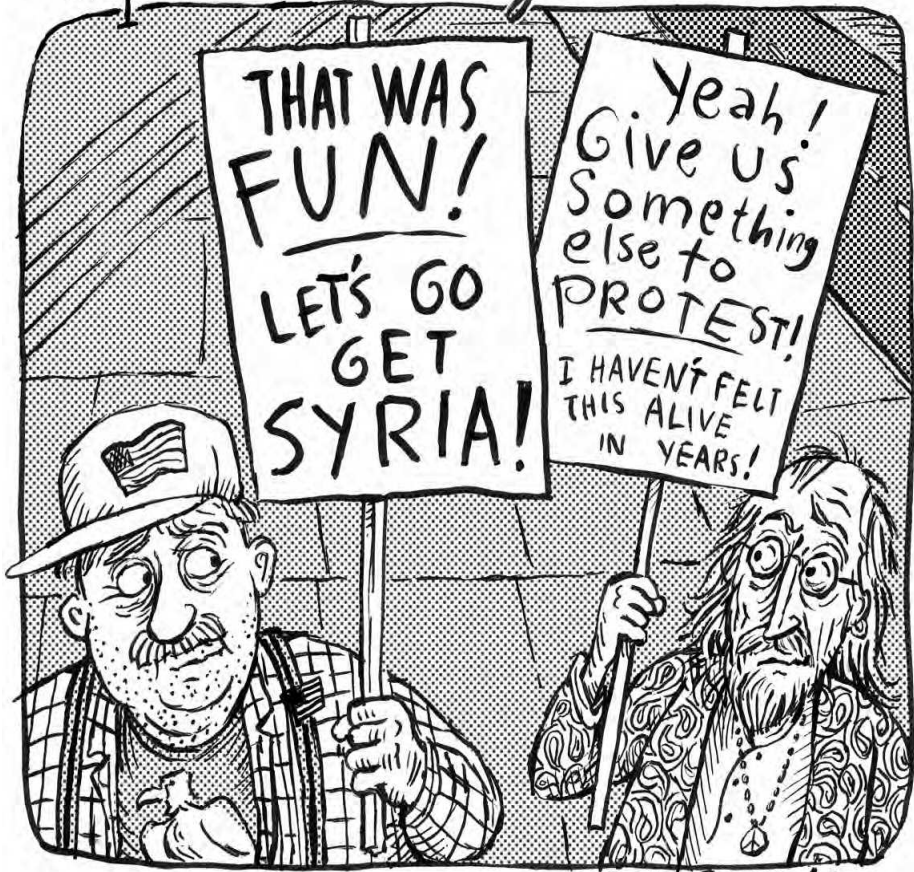


ON 7TH AND PEARL: "Together at Last"



Dan Pegoda

## SLANT

• GOP lawmakers and anti-government pundits have been blasting PERS as an extravagance draining state coffers, but relatively few state employees do well under the retirement system. Only about 9 percent of retirees since 1995 make more retired than working. But retirees with less than 20 years of service who retired after 1997 average only a third of what they made while working. Let's not blame PERS and state system retirees for our state budget woes.

• KLCC's Morning Edition host Jenny Newton has confirmed that she is leaving the public radio station after 15 years. She plans to go back to school at Lewis & Clark to take advantage of a new family education trust. She says her last day will be Aug. 20 "with a few week-long time-outs for the Country Fair and the glass bead business." Jenny's bright voice and wit enliven our moldy town more than she knows. Tune her in while you can at 89.7 FM.



• Rumsfeld is denying it, but *The New York Times* says Bush and Cheney are planning for long-term U.S. military presence in Iraq. We still have bases in Japan, Germany and elsewhere leftover from previous wars, but the best way to occupy, influence and "protect" other nations is not with troops and airplanes, but rather with diplomats, exchange students, aid workers and fair trade businesses.

• The Eugene Planning Commission meets this week (April 22) to talk about renaming a city street after MLK. King's legacy deserves renaming a roadway of prominence, such as Centennial Boulevard, which serves both Eugene and Springfield. Renaming Ferry Street Bridge would be a cheap compromise, and the new name would likely not stick.

• We're thinking ahead to November 2004, not so far away. Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and former Gov. Barbara Roberts are Oregon co-chairs for Howard Dean, Democratic presidential candidate and former governor of Vermont who has taken a lonely political stand against our policy of preemptive war. Some suggest a ticket of Dean and Dick Gephardt, outsider-insider, Vermont-Missouri, anti-war-pro-war. We're not so sure.

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