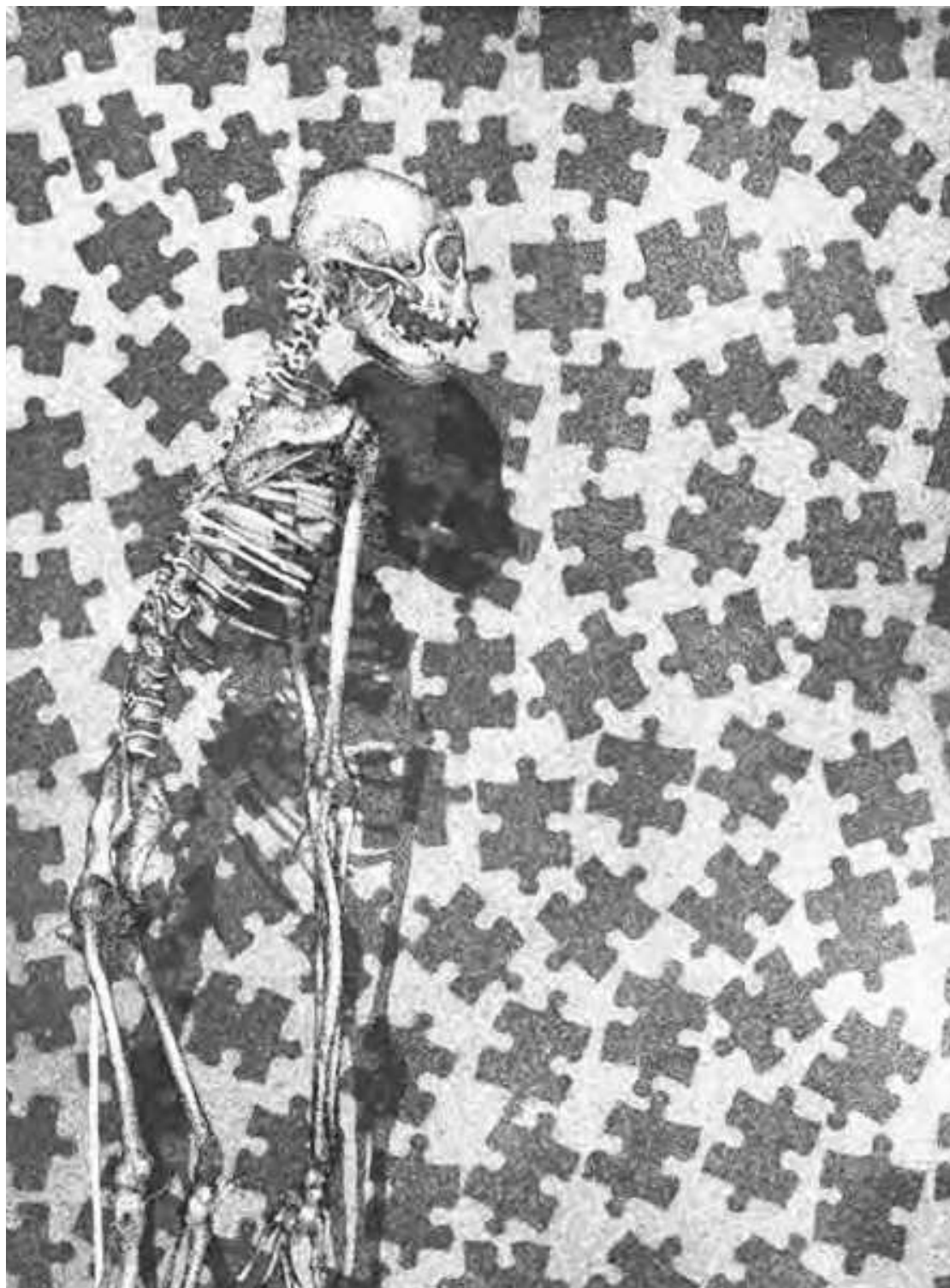
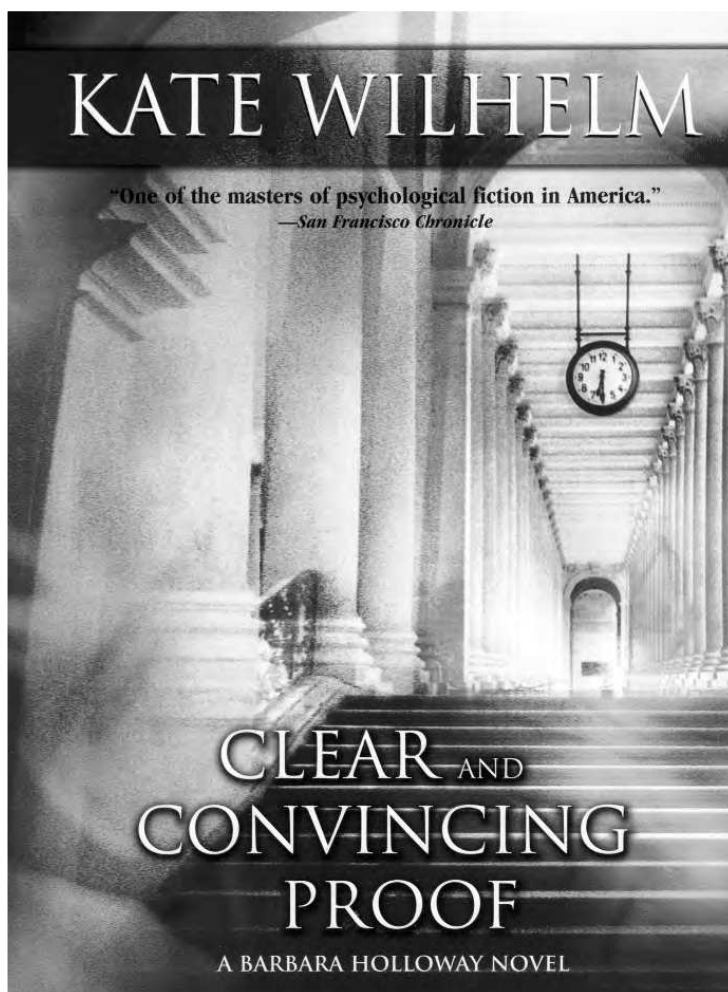


WHAT'S happening



Ram Dass, the ex-Harvard professor from the '60s who turned on a generation to meditation appears Aug. 2 at the high school gym in Central Point, off Hwy. 99 north of Medford. Author of the classic *Be Here Now*, Dass is considered one of America's most influential spiritual teachers. See Aug. 2 On the Road Calendar.



Author **Kate Wilhelm** will be meeting the public and signing copies of her latest legal thriller, *Clear and Convincing Proof*, at Tsunami Books. The book features her popular character, lawyer Barbara Holloway, and is set in Eugene. Wilhelm and her late husband, Damon Knight, for many years opened their house to aspiring science fiction writers from Eugene and Springfield. See Saturday Calendar.

First Friday Artwalk is a free guided tour of downtown art galleries and visual arts attractions. This week's walk begins at 5:30 pm with work by Leslie Hansen, Ken Scott and Robert Ellert at Imagination Gallery. Then at 5:50 it's drawings by Clint Brown at Jacobs Gallery. At 6:10 pm the walk moves to White Lotus Gallery for etchings by Barry Cleavin. Then at 6:30 the walk features "Carpe Diem, The Silk Road of Traditions," a collection of silk and wool rugs. At 6:50 the walk features "Dance as Art!" by New Zone artists at the New Zone Art Collective, in conjunction with a dance performance at 7:30 pm at the Tango Center, 194 W. Broadway. Last stop is "Visions of Oregon," oil and watercolor landscapes by Claudia Gray at Circle of Hands: Inner Circle Gallery. Here's *Monkey Puzzle*, by Barry Cleavin at White Lotus Gallery. See Friday Calendar.

"This is Our Cry, This is Our Prayer, Peace in the World" Commemoration remembers the victims of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, at Alton Baker Park. A 6 pm potluck kicks-off the event, and at dusk floating peace candles will be lit on the duck pond. Former director of **Oregon PeaceWorks** **Michael Carrigan** and others will speak, and there will be songs and poetry. See Wednesday Calendar and Viewpoint this week.

The **Oregon Festival of American Music's 12th Annual Summer Music Festival**. "Easy to Remember: The Great American Songbook," features a 10-day celebration of the great composers and lyricists of the golden age of American popular song. Beginning Aug. 7 with *Puttin' On The Ritz*, the opening concert features John Pizzarelli, Ken Peplowski, Dick Hymen and many others. "Easy to Remember" takes place at the Shedd and Silva Concert Halls. See Thursday, Aug. 7 Calendar.