

'SUNSHINE' DAVIS REMEMBERED

Longtime Eugene resident and man-about-town Curtis "Sunshine" William Hubbard Davis died of a heart attack Aug. 31 at the age of 76. A celebration of his life will be at 4 pm Sunday, Sept. 14 at Peterson Barn Community Center in Eugene.



He was well known at Saturday Market where he was friends with many of the vendors and regulars, and he also spent a lot of time on the UO campus, attending lectures and other activities open to the public.

Davis lived in the neighborhood of 29th and High and often rode his bicycle around town. His hobbies included chess, photography, tinkering with cars and bikes, and his homemade "Universal Game of Cooperation," a non-competitive game using handballs and paddles.

His extended family in Junction City says he was a devoted friend, father and grandfather.

Davis was born in Hooks, Texas, and lived in Texas, California, Massachusetts and the Oregon Coast before moving to Eugene in 1988. He co-owned and operated Sunshine Cleaners and Laundromat here from 1988 to 1993, when he retired. — TJJ

CREATIVE RESISTANCE BREWING IN CANCÚN

CANCÚN — Thousands of people have arrived in Cancún, Mexico, to mobilize in opposition to the World Trade Organization (WTO), which will open its fifth ministerial meeting here on Wednesday, Sept 10.

The anti-WTO activists in Cancún include youth from Mexico and abroad, representatives from more than 100 non-governmental organizations, and farmers from across Latin America. They claim that the WTO's policies benefit transnational corporations while degrading labor rights, public health and the environment.

Starhawk, a writer and veteran activist from the San Francisco Bay Area, has been

in Cancún for several weeks assisting with the preparations for anti-WTO activists.

"We believe that if there's enough opposition on the street, if we can basically cause enough disturbance to delay the meetings, that that's going to have an impact that will be amplified and reverberate inside the WTO," she said, "and that this ministerial will fail. And if this ministerial fails, that's a huge blow to the whole system of corporate globalization."

The opposition events will come in many forms, from forums and teach-ins to marches and direct actions against the ministerial. A group of students from Mexico City is making giant puppets of Mayan deities, claiming that the gods are angry about destructive WTO policies. Other activists are demonstrating naked on the beach, spelling out "No WTO" with their bodies.

Last weekend, environmental organizations and government representatives from around the world met at the Global Biodiversity Forum to discuss the effects of free trade on biological diversity, community sustainability, and intellectual property rights. This week's planned activities include a peasants' forum, a women's forum, a farmers' solidarity march, and a sustainable trade symposium.

On Sunday night, a Big Noise Productions showed an emotionally evocative film entitled *The Fourth World War* at a public park in downtown Cancún. More than 500 people attended the showing, many of them locals. The film centered on popular resistance movements worldwide, tying together recent civil mobilizations from around the world. At the film's conclusion, a band from Seattle called the Infernal Noise Brigade marched around the plaza in silver and orange costumes, playing rhythmic music and singing. Afterward, a group of indigenous people from Chiapas known as Nuestra Voz talked about their long history of broken promises from the government.

Though local media in Cancún have primed the population for violent protests, many residents support the anti-WTO activists.

"I respect their ideas," said Mario Hernández, owner of Mario's Bar in downtown Cancún. "I can understand that they are struggling for the benefit of a lot of people and that's something that we can not do

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

THIS WEEK: A SNEAK PREVIEW OF AN UPCOMING BUSH CAMPAIGN AD!

THE AXIS OF INNUENDO: TERROR AND THE DEMOCRATS!

THE OVERWHELMING SUCCESSSES OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN HAVE CONVINCED THE TERRORISTS THAT GEORGE W. BUSH MEANS BUSINESS!

NOT TO MENTION THE STEADFAST DETERMINATION WITH WHICH HE HAS PURSUED TAX CUTS FOR HIS COUNTRY'S WEALTHIEST CITIZENS!

HOW CAN WE EVEN HOPE TO PREVAIL AGAINST A MAN OF SUCH STEELY RESOLVE?

HOWEVER--IF WE DON'T STAY THE COURSE, THE EVILDOERS WILL SEE US AS UNCERTAIN AND INDECISIVE!

THE AMERICANS MAY ELECT A DEMOCRAT IN 2004!

THEN THE PATHETIC FOOLS WILL BE AT OUR MERCY!

IN FACT--AS THIS DRAMATIZATION CONCLUSIVELY DEMONSTRATES-- IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE TERRORISTS ARE EVEN CONTRIBUTING TO DEMOCRATIC COFFERS!

ANOTHER GENEROUS DONATION FROM AL QAEDA, SIR!

EX-CELLENT! LARGE, UN-MARKED BILLS, AS USUAL?

D.N.S. "We hate America!"

LEGAL DISCLAIMER: ACTUAL CONSPIRACY BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AND THOSE WHO SEEK TO DESTROY OUR VERY WAY OF LIFE HAS NOT YET BEEN PROVEN.

ONE THING'S FOR SURE--WHEN YOU STEP INTO THAT VOTING BOOTH A LITTLE OVER A YEAR FROM NOW, YOUR CHOICE SHOULD BE CRYSTAL CLEAR!

GEORGE W. BUSH
Republican

A. TERRORIST DUPE
Democrat

SO REMEMBER--IF YOU DON'T VOTE REPUBLICAN IN 2004-- --THEN THE TERRORISTS HAVE ALREADY WON!

HOW'D I DO, KARL?

VERY PERSUASIVE, SIR.

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE THAT THINKS YOU'RE STUPID ENOUGH TO RE-ELECT THIS GUY.

often. So at least I will respect them and support them as much as I can."

— Kera Abraham

9/11 ANNIVERSARY BRINGS LOCAL EVENTS

Several events are happening in Eugene on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

An interfaith service sponsored by Two Rivers Interfaith Ministries will begin at 7 pm at First Christian Church, 12th and Oak, in Eugene (see coverstory this week). And activists with the Justice Not War Coalition are gathering for a film series at 7 pm in Willamette 100 at the UO campus.

Prior to these gatherings will be a 5:30 pm rally at the Federal Building downtown for music, poetry and some "facilitated community drumming" with Jill Sager.

"Our intention with this (5:30) event is to create a forum for our diverse community members to express whatever they need to with signs, banners, fliers, etc.," says a statement from Justice Not War. "Mostly, we'll let the poets and musicians speak for us; we've heard a lot of speeches over the last

two years, and we'd like to use this occasion to engage a different way of communicating."

For more information on the early event, e-mail jnotwar@efn.org or call 343-8548.

The film series includes *Aftermath: Unanswered Questions from 9-11*, by Guerilla News Network, with nine experts addressing 11 key areas of inquiry, including the Bush administration's prior knowledge of the attacks, the failure of the military to follow well-established response procedures, connections and the impact of the USA PATRIOT and Homeland Security acts on our civil liberties.

Another film to be shown is *The Great Deception* by Vision TV of Canada, a national non-profit television station. The film is the creation of Barrie Zwicker, a commentator, journalist and teacher.

BUSTED MUSICIANS NEED LEGAL FUNDS

An August paramilitary police raid in Cheshire has left a popular area band with mounting legal bills and the possible confis-

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• What's on your kitchen table? That one-item election ballot buried among the bills and junk mail really needs to be punched and mailed this week. Measure 29 has gotten very little attention, and it's not a very sexy topic. What's it all about? Even with all the wrangling and hoopla over PERS "reform," the state is still stuck with a \$2.3 billion gap between what it has and what it will need to pay retired public employees. This measure would allow the state to sell bonds to raise money to invest to pay off the debt. It makes good financial sense and deserves a "yes" vote. Why bother to vote in this election? Oregon has more than its fair share of anti-government types who think teachers are overpaid and state employees are all lazy bums, and will vote "no" just out of spite.

- The City Council is eyeing zoning issues that will affect where McKenzie-Willamette/Triad builds its new hospital. A hearing was held Sept. 8 and the public record will remain open until Sept. 15. The best place for a new hospital is downtown, or nearby, and certainly west and south of the Willamette River. Let's build it where infrastructure already exists and where it is easily accessible in an emergency or disaster. We don't want both our major hospitals on the same side of the river. Send comments to steven.a.nystrom@ci.eugene.or.us or mail Eugene Planning & Development, 99 W. 10th, Eugene 97401.
- We hear the state LCDC is planning a meeting in Ontario Sept. 18-19 to talk about "taking care of" the problems associated with gravel mine denials and legislation limiting gravel mine locations. State plan-

ners have been in bed with the gravel industry for decades so we need to pay close attention to administrative rule changes that are contrary to the public interest.

• Bobbie Burns was right in that "the best laid schemes o'mice an' men, gang aft a-gley," but some of the *worst* laid schemes somehow stay on track. The West Eugene Parkway keeps wiggling its way through elections, transportation planning, LUBA and back again. Some huge planning and environmental issues remain, but will these issues be debated and resolved behind closed doors based on "new" and tweaked data? It wouldn't be the first time. Meanwhile, the R-G is still calling the WEP an \$88 million project, but the final cost is expected to be much higher. ODOT's mum on their latest estimates, but word on the street has the WEP's price tag pushing \$150 million.

• So here we are on the anniversary of 9/11 and Bush wants another \$87 billion to fight "terrorism" and "build democracy" in Iraq. We spend billions blowing up Iraq and Iraqis, and now we spend billions more repairing the damage, fighting an urban guerrilla war and building security systems while civil war looms. We need the U.N. to help us get out of this mess, but who can blame other nations for not wanting to rescue us from our idiotic and arrogant blundering? Meanwhile, Bush's pride carries a big price. Critics of the proposal say \$87 billion would cover health care for a year for every uninsured person in the U.S.

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