



**MILLION MOMS MARCH, PICNIC ON MOM'S DAY**

"Celebrating Youth and the Promise of Peace" is the theme speakers and musicians will embrace this Sunday when Eugene participates in the national Million Mom's March for Mother's Day. Beginning at 2:30 pm, moms, kids — even dads and friends — will gather at the EWEB Plaza fountain then march — or rather, stroll — to gather at the Owen Rose Garden for a picnic and music.

The march is intended to speak out against gun violence. In Washington, D.C., more than a million people are expected to gather the same day under the theme, "Halt the Assault." The Assault Weapons Ban is up in September, and the NRA is currently lobbying hard to keep it from being reinstated.

The Eugene march focuses on honoring youth and youth groups who work for peace. Mayoral candidate Kitty Piercy will be among the speakers addressing those gathered at EWEB. After 3 pm, the march begins toward the Owen Rose Garden for a picnic and more music, led by bagpiper Wylie McKinnon and special grand marshalls.

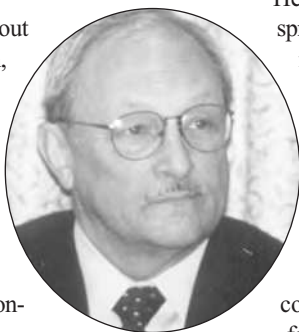
A free van shuttle will take picnickers from the Rose Garden back to EWEB. The event is free, but those wishing to donate to the Million Mom March to offset local costs and support the national agenda may send a check to Million Mom March of Lane County, 30 East Broadway, Box 13, Eugene 97401. — AS

**DEVELOPERS FUND MEISNER, SLOCUM, DENNER**

Eugene Councilor Scott Meisner has claimed to support the environment in his campaign for re-election. But Meisner's Oregon League of Conservation Voters record

of only 10 percent pro-environment votes has earned him campaign cash from developers.

Meisner's leading campaign contributor is the local Giustina family of loggers, land and real estate speculators and developers. In two other key council races, the state's leading pro-sprawl lobbying group — the Homebuilder Association PAC's "Oregonians for Affordable Housing" — has made major donations to Maurie Denner and Tom Slocum.



Tom Slocum

Here's a look at how pro-sprawl and anti-environmental interests are backing their slate of candidates for the Eugene City Council with big bucks, according to reports of contributions made by April 1:

**Scott Meisner,**

Ward 7, reported \$4,256 in contributions. The Giustina family gave Meisner \$1,250 through their various companies. The Duncan & Brown real estate analysis firm gave \$500. The Eugene Firefighters union gave \$500. Republican Mayor Jim Torrey and the Ulum Group, a conservative lobbying and PR firm, each gave \$100.

**Tom Slocum,** Ward 1, reported \$3,240 in donations.

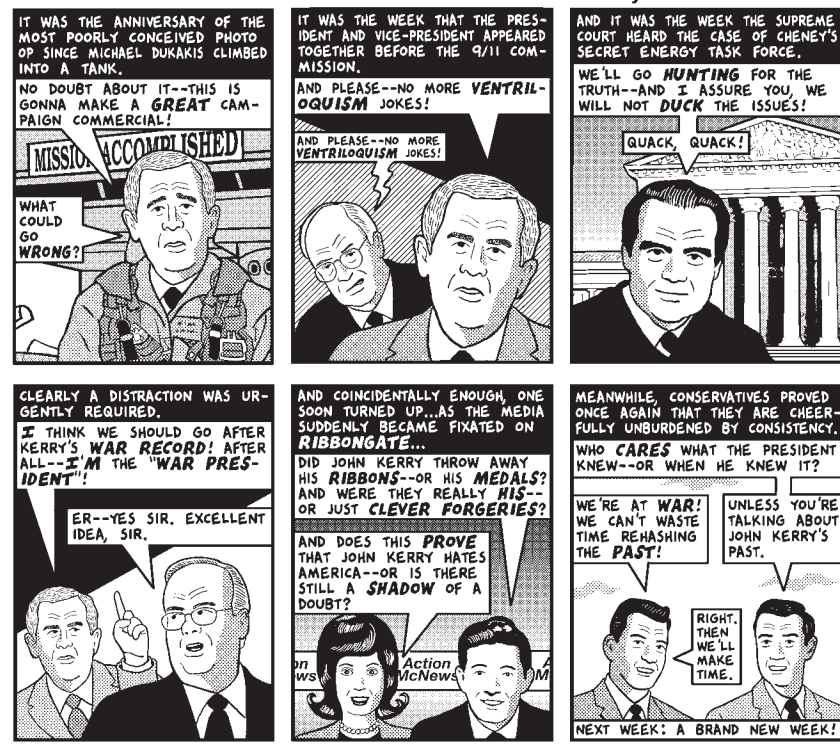
An association of commercial investment real estate agents (CID) gave \$700. Real Estate broker Ward Beck gave \$250 and brokers Robert Nelson, John Pennington, Bill Baxter, Artie Gilad, Mike Miller, and Kenneth Kime gave \$100 each. The Homebuilders PAC gave \$500, contractor Don McCrae gave \$200 and contractor Fred Wittkop gave \$500.

**Maurie Denner,** Ward 2, reported raising \$5,825.

The Homebuilders PAC and the Chamber gave \$750 each. Other big contributors include \$1,000 from Kay Toolson, CEO of Manaco Coach and a major Republican Party contributor, \$200 from Liberty Bank

**THIS MODERN WORLD**

by TOM TOMORROW



manager Mike Drennan, \$250 from Cascade Title Co. owner Tom McMahon and \$250 from J. Douglas McKay, lumber mill manager. — Alan Pittman

**HART WILLIAMS GETS LEFT OUT OF PAMPHLET**

The Voters' Pamphlet that arrived in the mail last week does not include a column of words or a photo of Oregon House District 8 candidate Hart Williams, and he's irked.

"Last Thursday friends began calling me to say: 'Hart! You're not in the Voters' Pamphlet!' I got mine in the mail, and sure enough, nothing," he says. "This was a 'Pearl Harbor' kind of emotional blow: The legs had been cut out from under my campaign."

Hart says he'd decided to save money in his "under \$2,000" run for office, and "didn't feel like paying the \$300 'graft' they demand for inclusion of one's mug shot. In the past, there would appear a blank space saying that the candidate had declined — which I'd counted on — but this time, no payee, no existence."

Hart says Oregon statutes (ORS 251.165) require that the secretary of state include all candidates, but he was told that he was included in the listings of candidates on Page 4.

To make up for the omission, Hart says he plans to "make a spectacle of myself in every possible manner" and "make as much noise as possible to try and overcome the new 'rule' that only political 'insiders' are interviewed for endorsements, are included in Voters'

Pamphlets, or are taken seriously by most of our local media."

Hart is running against Paul Holvey and Mitzi Colbath in the race and this week held a press conference attacking both opponents. His chief complaint is that Holvey's campaign is being heavily financed by money from Washington state. — TJT

**SMART GUY IN TOWN ON NORTHWEST TOUR**

How do we actualize true security in a world of war and terrorism? One person offering a new vision is Ira Shorr, national field director of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR). Shorr is on a Northwest tour and will be in Eugene speaking at 7 pm Tuesday, May 11 at Lawrence Hall, Room 177 at UO.

He is also known as a talented satirist, currently touring as "Senator Jess Trussme, from a state that cannot be named for security reasons and candidate for the White House in 2004 — running to the right of George Bush."

Shorr will also appear at noon May 12 in Albany at the First Christian Church, 432 Ferry St.; at 7 pm May 12 in Corvallis at the Oddfellows Hall, 223 SW 2nd; and at 7:30 pm May 13 in Salem at Cone Chapel on the WU campus.

Shorr is currently championing the House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution 392, calling for adoption of PSR's Sensible, Multilateral American Response to Terrorism (SMART) security platform. This resolution calls for congressional action to "strengthen



• If you've ever worked in a windowless office space under harsh fluorescent lights, you'll appreciate EW's gratitude toward artist **Dan Hitchcock**. Over a recent weekend, Hitchcock conducted a stunning transformation of our production room, covering the concrete workspace walls with a mural of blue skies, meadowland and dense forests. Says EW Art Director Kevin Dougherty, "Dan brought the great outdoors indoors." Many thanks to Hitchcock and his wife, Mae (also an artist and "scenery consultant" on this project). To see more of their work, visit [www.danandmaehitchcock.com](http://www.danandmaehitchcock.com)