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- A new film ***For the Next 7 Generations: 13 Indigenous Grandmothers Weaving A World That Works*** will be shown at 7 pm Friday, Oct. 16, at Unity of the Valley, 3912 Dillard Road, Eugene, followed by dessert, tea and discussion. The documentary covers the travels of the medicine women around the world, and includes our local indigenous elder, Agnes Baker Pilgrim, or "Grandma Aggie." The film showing is a fundraiser for the Grandmothers' upcoming trip to Arizona to meet with Grandma Mona.

- An **Afghanistan peace rally** is being planned for noon, Oct. 17, at the old Federal Building. 7th and Pearl. The theme of the rally is "Stop the Killing: War Will Not Bring Peace in Afghanistan." The list of speakers includes Mayor Kitty Piercy, professor Anita Weiss, the Rev. Dan Bryant, Jim Schmidt of Veterans for Peace and Marion Malcolm of CALC. Samba Ja will close the event and lead a peace march around downtown. Contact CALC at 485-1755 for more information or to volunteer.

- A **town hall meeting** about domestic violence with Mayor Kitty Piercy and Commissioners Rob Handy and Pete Sorenson is planned for 6:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Harris Hall (8th & Oak), followed by a candlelight vigil with Womenspace.

- 1000 Friends of Oregon is organizing meetings to discuss strategies to provide **better transportation choices**, lower household transportation costs and ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The first for Eugene and Springfield is at 6 pm Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Springfield Public Library. Speaking will be Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy and 1000 Friends of Oregon's policy director and task force member Mary Kyle McCurdy. Next for the Salem areas is at 6 pm Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Salem Central Library's Anderson Room. RSVP to Tara Sulzen with 1000 Friends at tara@friends.org or call (503) 497-1000 ext. 153.

- A big, free **Artists for Climate Action event** is being planned for 3 to 5 pm Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Hult Center Lobby in Eugene,

in conjunction with the global 350 Project (www.350.org). Dozens of local musicians and other artists are involved. Brian McWhorter (bjm@uoregon.edu) and Paul Bodin (pbodin@uoregon.edu) are the producers. See story next week.

- The **Partnership for Safety and Justice (PSJ)** is engaged in a campaign to encourage the city of Eugene to remove the question "Have you ever been convicted of a felony" off of the front page of the city application for employment. "Having the 'the question' on the front page of applications for employment deters ex-offenders from even considering to apply," according to Paul Solomon, president of PSJ. A public meeting is planned at 5:30 pm Monday, Oct. 26, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 166 E. 13th Ave., Eugene.

- Local Dems are preparing for their annual **Democratic Party of Lane County Gala Auction** from 5 to 8 pm Saturday, Nov. 7, at Mallard Hall, 725 W. 1st Ave., in Eugene. Gourmet food, entertainment, and DNC consultant Dan Carol as keynote speaker. Only 200 seats are available. See www.dplc.org for details and reservations.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Our news story last week, "Taser Review," misspelled the name of Kate Wilkinson, a member of the police Civilian Review Board.

ON THE WEB THIS WEEK

- **More letters to the editor** and a longer version of Roy Keene's story on getting away to Hawaii.

- **On the blog:** Comments on last week's fetish cover and story are being collected. Camilla posts a video of environmental version of *Star Wars*. Suzi blogs about UO journalism instructor Melissa Hart's new book, *Gringa: A Contradictory Girlhood*. And much more.

Happening people

BY PAUL NEEVEL

SUE SUPRIANO

Raised in rural northern Illinois, Sue Supriano went to a one-room school through third grade, rode the bus to Dundee schools until age 16, then graduated from Dana Hall prep school in Massachusetts. She started college at Michigan, spent three years away in Paris, returned for a political science degree from the University of Chicago, and moved to Berkeley. "I became active in the civil rights movement," she says. "I jumped into SNCC and CORE." By the mid-'60s, Supriano was a community organizer in the free-speech, anti-Vietnam War, and women's movements. "I worked all the time," she says. "It was great! I didn't give speeches. I went to meetings, made flyers, and handed them out." In the early '80s, Supriano began recording interviews for KPFA, Pacifica Radio. "I became hooked on radio activism," she says, "bringing the voices of ordinary people, and the activists, onto the airwaves to be heard by folks all over." Since she moved to Eugene in 2005, Supriano's radio interview series Steppin' out of Babylon has featured such topics as peak oil, climate change, environmental pollution and militarism. Subscribe to podcasts or check out the archive of more than 250 shows at www.suesupriano.com



- **EWEB's surplus property** along the Willamette River generated lively talk at City Club Oct. 9 and some provocative ideas were kicked around by Brian Obie, Kari Westlund and Otto Poticia. These are community members and not EWEB staff, commissioners or even members of the EWEB Citizen Advisory Team. Why community members? The talk coincides with the beginning of a broader public input process that featured recent tours of the property and a public gathering to look at possibilities.

The big issues at City Club: Should EWEB's surplus riverfront property be kept in public ownership with developers leasing parcels instead of buying them? Would public ownership discourage private development and mean less cash for EWEB, which needs the sale to finance its new facilities? Who would pay to keep the property in public ownership? Would the burden fall to city taxpayers or EWEB ratepayers?

What about open space, the millrace, Emerald Canal plans and restoring the old mill pond? How do we connect the property to the rest of downtown, the Riverfront Research Park, the UO and government buildings? Will the problematic rail tracks someday become an asset with light rail? Will developing the property help or hurt central downtown? Should the master plan be expanded to include surrounding areas and the riverfront all the way to Glenwood? At what point should public input end and the architects be left alone to do their work? And should Eugene have a development commission similar to Portland's in order to facilitate major redevelopment projects such as the EWEB site? No one at the meeting voiced confidence in city planning and development staff taking on such projects.

We are pleased to see some long-term thinking in this process. As Brian Obie says, "It's not all about the river; it's about the next 150 years." But we predict collisions between visions and reality. Poticia pointed out that this property, as it stands, is fraught with challenges to redevelopment, including ground pollution. "The site is not saleable," he says.

- With two-thirds of Eugeneans voting for independent police oversight, you'd think it would be easy for the mayor and City Council to find people to appoint to the **Civilian Review Board** who support the concept. But our elected officials have pulled a fast one on the voters, appointing a seeming majority to the oversight panel who apparently don't believe in police oversight. To add to the insult, the mayor and council have also hired a police auditor who's on record stating that he won't publicly disagree with the police. Huh? Isn't that his job? It looks like the mayor and council have defied voters and cynically installed the auditor and review board system they want: a quiet system that doesn't believe in assertive police oversight or auditing.

The council should only appoint or reappoint people to the review board and auditor positions who are strong supporters of human rights, civil liberties and independent police oversight and auditing. Eugeneans did not vote to maintain the status quo.

- Barack Obama winning the Nobel Peace Prize should give a boost to Lane County efforts to fund the national **Nobel Peace Monument** project being planned for Alton Baker Park. Historian John Attig spoke about the Nobel Peace Prize at the Eugene Public Library last week, the day before Obama was named the winner. One more American will now grace the monument's spiral walk. More volunteers, letters of support and financial contributions are needed to make this national monument happen. Call Attig at 686-1027 or email jnhattig@efn.org

- We're wondering why Eugene is so eager to move its employees out of what is described as a desperately dangerous **earthquake-prone City Hall** and seems to take no leadership in moving our kids out of rickety schools. Different governance, we know, but we're all in the same quake zone.

- It's long past time that the 4J School Board consider an inconvenient truth. The district's school choice system of privileged parents driving all over town to drop off kids at **traffic jams at elite schools** has a big impact on safety, neighborhood livability and global warming. The district should get with the sustainability program and reform its choice system and design its schools and school policies with the goal of reducing driving and increasing walking and biking to school.

- Now that the cold, wet season has hit and the forest fires of summer are slowly smoldering out, what's going to happen to the forests that burned? Will the **Forest Service use the Tumblebug fire** that burned almost 15,000 acres near Oakridge as an excuse for some post-fire salvage logging and risk the protests that sprung up around Warner Creek and southern Oregon's Biscuit fire? Or will the USFS concentrate on restoration, thinning and less controversial forest practices?

- Some of us were sorry to see Boston drop out of the play-offs for the provincial reason that we like to watch and cheer for **Jacoby Ellsbury**, Red Sox centerfielder who hails from Madras and played brilliantly for OSU. An Oregonian of Navajo descent, Ellsbury batted 301 this season and never gave up in center field. He'll bring us back to Boston in 2010.

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