

to Supreme Court decisions and political pressures, and provide an overview about who the detainees are and what is going to happen to them.

Lessley says changes that have been made in the holding facility at Guantánamo since the 2008 elections are complicated.

A lot of detainees "are being cleared for release by federal judges or by the Defense Department. The ones who have been cleared for release in many cases are being treated better than they had been before," Lessley says.

He says the government has moved some of the detainees into "state -of-the-art concrete cinder block interrogation facilities instead of the little huts they used to be in." But he says, "I don't know whether that's an improvement in their conditions or not."

Lessley says he finds very surprising that anybody believes there is any valuable intelligence to be gained after the prisoners have been kept captive for such a long period of time. He also has doubts about how many people held captive are still being interrogated, saying few were likely still being questioned. "You'd think that if they had information to give, they'd have given it by now. It's just hard to imagine they've got anything to say they haven't said already, and that's assuming that any of them had any information to begin with."

The event will also feature salsa and Cuban music from Jessie Marquez and jazz from Three on the Tree, a raffle and a silent and live auction to raise funding for the CLDC. For \$10 you'll get two raffle tickets and pizza. For more information, contact Kristy Hammond at 687-9780 or go to [www.cldc.org](http://www.cldc.org) — *Shaun O'Dell*

## HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AT UO

The UO will present a speech held by two Holocaust survivors next Tuesday. Eva and Leslie Aigner will speak about their experiences at the Auschwitz concentration camp in what is becoming an increasingly rare opportunity to hear the accounts of Holocaust survivors as they grow older.

Hungarian Jews Eva and Leslie Aigner will speak about the horrors of living under Nazi oppression, living in the Budapest ghetto and ultimately surviving Auschwitz. The speech is being promoted and organized by the university's department of German and Scandinavian.

Current director of the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies, Dr. Daniel Falk said, "it is extremely important to have survivors tell their stories in their own words. It is one of the best antidotes to history becoming a sterile account of the past. I hope that students and community members take advantage of this opportunity to hear first-hand testimony."

The Holocaust survivor speeches will be from noon to 1:20 pm Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the UO's Living Learning Center South Building, room 101 at 15th and Agate. The event is free and open to the public. — *Mark Arellano*



## ACTIVIST ALERT

- A roundtable on "Gender and Superheroes" is planned from 3 to 5 pm Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Browsing Room of Knight Library on the UO campus. Panelists include Rebecca Wanzo, associate professor of Women's Studies and English, Ohio State University; Jocelyn Hollander, associate professor, UO Department of Sociology; and Mara Williams, graduate student, UO School of Journalism and Communication.

- The **Willamette Farm and Food Coalition** annual harvest fundraising event this year from 5 to 8 pm Sunday, Oct. 25, at Davis' Restaurant (see Calendar). A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to the David Minor Memorial Fund. The fund with WFFC has given grants to Huerto de la Familia, FOOD for Lane County Gardens Program, Victory Gardens for All, and the That's My Farmer Low-Income Fund. More information at [www.lanefood.org/davidminor.php](http://www.lanefood.org/davidminor.php)

- The **Partnership for Safety and Justice** (PSJ) has been engaged in a successful 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. The group is hosting a public meeting and celebration at 5:30 pm Monday, Oct. 26, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 166 E. 13th Ave., Eugene.

- The **Pitchfork Rebellion** will be having mock trials on Halloween, at 1 pm at old Federal Building, 211 E. 7th. The rally will focus on the BLM's plan to increase the use of pesticide sprays, according to Day Owen, of the Pitchfork Rebellion. Costumes are encouraged.

- **Cohousing** is the topic of a presentation/slide show by architect and author Charles Durrett from 5:45 to 7:15 pm Wednesday, Oct. 28, at UO Lillis Hall, Room 182. Free and open to the public, sponsored by UO's School of Architecture.

## CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

- The artist's name was omitted from the painting shown on the front page of our Calendar last week. The painting "Outlaws Celebration" on exhibit at Maude Kerns Art Center is by Anthony Dean Hensley.

- Lane Regional Air Protection Agency's approval of **Seneca's biomass permit** is a potential death sentence for people who suffer from serious pulmonary disease. It's absurd to think the 210,000 tons of greenhouse gases that will be released each year will not have an adverse impact on the health of all of us, young and old. Included in those gases will be toxins known to not only exacerbate but *cause* lung and cardiovascular diseases. Bottom line: The permit will increase air pollution in our valley year around at a time when we need to be reducing air pollution. Is LRAPA really an acronym for Lane Regional Assuring Profits Agency?

- Good for **Rick Brissenden** for being outspoken in favor of accountability on the Civilian Review Board. Brissenden, a municipal court judge, is one of the few people on the CRB who actually believes in strong civilian oversight of the Eugene Police Department. The City Council meets Monday and will vote on board and commission appointments, including four candidates for the CRB. If the board does not reconfirm Brissenden and Kate Wilkinson, one more wedge will be driven between the residents of Eugene and city government. The mayor and council have stacked our supposedly independent and objective CRB with people who are unquestioning advocates for the status quo. That's not at all what the voters had in mind. We need *more* competent, eloquent and thoughtful people like Brissenden on the CRB, and fewer back-slapping, winking, cop buddies. To see extended video interviews with Brissenden and Wilkinson, Google "Picture Eugene CRB."

- We've confirmed rumors at press time that **at least one of two Asian international students at the UO was Tasered** by Eugene police Sept. 22 when the students were mistakenly reported to be trespassers in a rental unit they had leased near campus. The two young men were reportedly in sleeping bags when police entered the apartment, and did not understand the police officer's questioning. A complaint has been filed with the police auditor, according to Auditor Mark Gissiner.

- "Public option" seemed to be the two words that inspired the most applause all through the **Oregon Democratic Summit** in Sunriver Oct. 16-18. Sen. Wyden, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, called the health care fight "a continuation of our long march against injustice." The bill out of his committee, he said, "falls far short of what is needed. ... Public option and private option need to be available to all Americans." Merkley said, "We need a robust public option that creates competition on the president's desk by Christmas." Oregon Democrats will need to keep applauding loudly for "public option" to keep it in the game.

- **Jim Klonoski** would have loved every minute of the summit of the Oregon Democratic Party Oct. 16-18 at Sunriver. Three of his sons, Jake, Nick and Zack, did him proud speaking and accepting the first Klonoski award for civic engagement, given to them for their leadership in persuading the Legislature to bring back the dollar check-off for political parties. Called the Check for Democracy, this is a bipartisan law that will let Oregonians give \$3 to the party of their choice, starting with 2010 tax returns. Professor Klonoski, chair of the Oregon D's from 1974 to '84, started the dollar check-off in 1977, bringing in \$160,000 the first year, but that first bill sun-setted. Then, as now, the check-off money that comes in shores up the infrastructure of the parties. This time, no sunset provision was included in the bill. When all that revenue came to the Democrats in 1977, Jim joked, "Hey, now we can act like Republicans." He was a much-loved political science professor at UO, called a "liberal curmudgeon" by former student Jefferson Smith, who is now a member of the Oregon House and the creator of the Oregon Bus Project. Smith spoke at the summit keynote dinner and is himself a tribute to his UO professor's philosophy of civic engagement, as were the dozens of eager, impressive young people at the political gathering. Jim Klonoski died earlier this year.

- A crowd of 1,400 showed up at the Fairgrounds for the annual **Business Expo and After Hours** event Oct. 15. For those of us who don't get out from behind our desks much, it was a bit of a shock to plunge into this buzzing entrepreneurial hive. The enthusiasm of the crowd was remarkable, particularly in a recession. Not a grumpy person in the room. If we look at the Chamber event as an orchestrated art form, it was a well-cast professional production, a little light on dramatic effect. Once a year is enough. It will take us that long to eat up all the mints and other sweet swag we collected from the 160 exhibitor booths. And what do you do with a fluorescent green tote bag and matching water bottle?

- Everyone's welcome to join us at our **Best of Eugene Awards Show** that begins at 7:30 pm Saturday, Oct. 24, at the McDonald Theatre. Tickets are \$10 at EW or through TicketsWest, and benefit White Bird Clinic. Saturday's show is our answer to the Oscars, complete with celebrities and entertainment, including the finalists in our **Next Big Thing** music contest. See our ad this week on page 14.