

Lane's Reading Together project, a program established eight years ago that engages students and faculty in reading and discussing shared texts, chose Ansary's memoir as one of their readings this year. "We try to chose a selection broad enough that different disciplines can use it," explained Reading Together coordinator Eileen Thompson.

Ansary explained that a common picture people have of Afghanistan is the stereotypical images. "Part of what I get across is that it's not like that. When you are there, it's just normal. The normalcy of that otherness is something I want people to understand," Ansary said.

The event is free and open to the public. For a full listing of Ansary's books and work visit: www.mirtamiansary.com

— Heather Cyrus

BIKE POLITICS

"Bicycling, once largely seen as a simple pleasure from childhood, has become a political act," wrote Jeff Mapes in his 2009 book *Pedaling Revolution: How Cyclists are Changing American Cities* (Oregon State University Press). The veteran *Oregonian* political reporter understands that one of the most important social movements of our time is essentially a political story. Mapes will be talking about the political power of the bike movement at 6:30 pm Thursday, May 19, at Cozmic Pizza, 8th & Charnelton. His talk is preceded by a 5:30 social hour and

presentation of the results of a bike rack design competition.

No revolution occurs without some gaining power and others losing it, and that means politics. The disastrous reign of the 20th century's car-centric, sprawl-inducing, oil (and therefore military)-dependent, climate deforming transportation model is being challenged by advocates for cleaner, healthier, and above all cheaper human powered transport that can replace the large percentage of short trips for which most Americans currently use cars. That political battle is being fought in city halls, state and national capitols, and — literally — on streets across America, including New York and Portland.

Every cyclist knows that it's easier to see more and to stay upright and balanced if you're moving, and in his book and journeys made since then, Mapes ventured far beyond his hometown Portland bikevana bubble to Boston, Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Seattle and other cities at the vanguard of the emerging revolution, finding progress in even the unlikeliest places, such as L.A.

Mapes is a bike commuter himself and his book is packed with salient facts gleaned from dozens of studies, books and interviews with a wide range of sources that refute the perceptions that more bikes means less safety, or that cyclists don't pay their fair share of road costs — perceptions purveyed by grandstanding politicians and right wing talk show hosts. His years of covering Salem politics helps Mapes give readers a solid

grasp of the bike revolution's political currents, in government and in the often-fragmented bicycle advocacy movement.

— Brett Campbell

RAFFLE BIKE STOLEN

A Fuji road bike being raffled locally to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) was stolen downtown the evening of May 5. Edana Paz of Springfield says the Fuji Finest 2.0 bike, worth about \$1,000, was secured by a cable lock to her car's Yakima rack, but taken from a parking lot at 15th and Willamette during the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration. The serial number on the bike is 1CF8A11686 and the theft has been reported to EPD.

Paz cycled with LLS's Team In Training to raise funds for the medical nonprofit in 2009, but says her efforts were interrupted with the diagnosis of lung cancer and subsequent surgery to remove the upper left lobe of her lung. She recuperated enough to complete a cross country bike ride in 2010 from Prineville to Bar Harbor, Maine, in 48 days. The bike being raffled off is the one she road.

"My hope is that we will locate the bicycle, no questions asked, in order that I can complete my training and my fundraising commitment to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society," she says. To view her website, visit <http://wkly.ws/12b> — Ted Taylor

(See a photo of the stolen bike online at eugeneweekly.com)

ENDORSEMENTS AT A GLANCE

Below are our endorsements for Eugene ballot measures and selected contested races. Find explanations for our endorsements in our May 5 issue. See also the Voters' Pamphlet. Ballots can be mailed in by May 12 or dropped off at white ballot boxes around town until 8 pm May 17.

LCC Director,
Position 6 at-large – **Rosie Pryor**

LCC Director,
Position 7 at-large – **Tony McCown**

Eugene 4J School Board,
Position 1 – **Alicia Hays**

Eugene 4J School Board,
Position 4 – **Craig A. Smith**

Eugene 4J School Board,
Position 7 – **Mary Walston**

Bethel School Board,
Position 4 – **Todd Lipkin**

Ballot Measure 20-182 –
Temporary income tax for schools – **YES**

Ballot Measure 20-183 –
4J bonds for school facilities – **YES**

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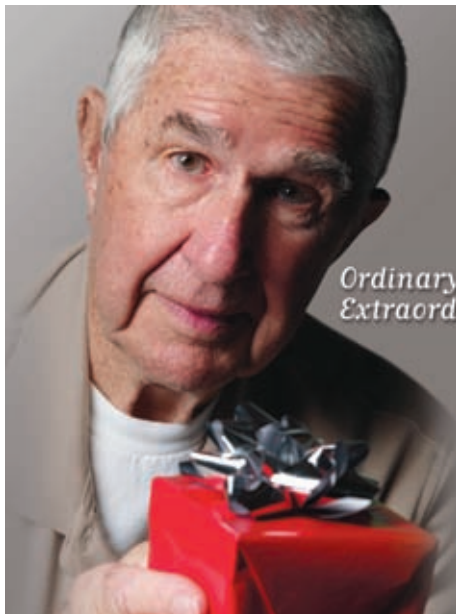
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