

# LAW & JUSTICE

## Glimpse into Schizophrenia

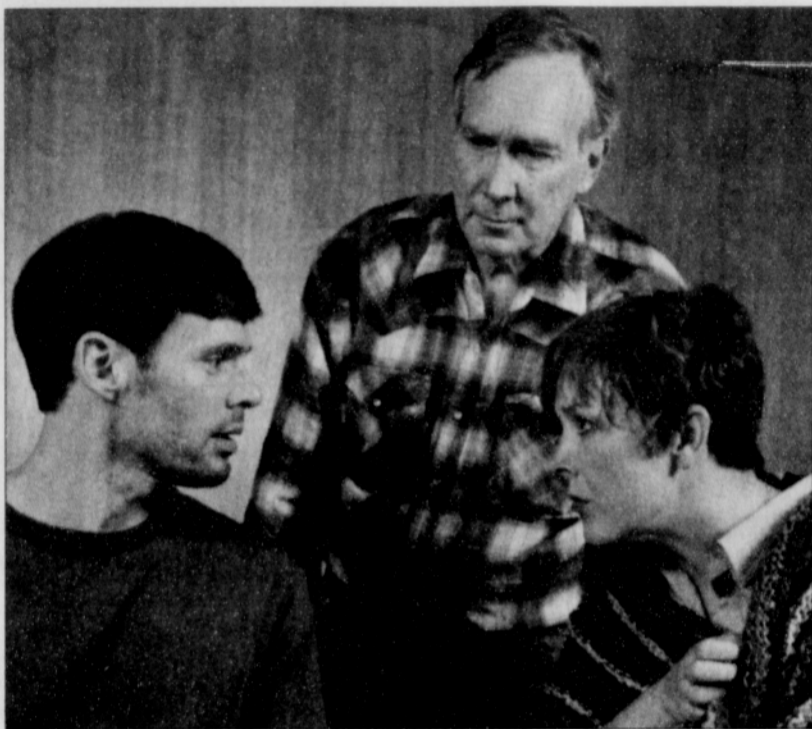
Although schizophrenia is a mental illness that affects nearly one percent of all Americans, it remains a malady that is grievously misunderstood by the public.

"Found Lives," new theatrical piece designed to enhance the public's understanding of the illness, will premier later this week, providing the public with a rare and stark portrait of the inner mental workings of people with schizophrenia.

New Moon Productions writers Michael Wehrli and Kristina Armetta teamed up with OHSU psychiatrist William H. Wilson to create a theatrical piece that examines the daily struggles and triumphs people with the mental illness.

Every word in the production is drawn from Internet blogs written by people with the malady over a period of years by people with schizophrenia and their family members.

The production premieres 7:30 p.m. on October 16 at the Artists Repertory Theatre, 1516 Southwest Alder Street. Tickets are \$25, and proceeds go to supporting the National Alliance on Mental Illness.



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## Indirect Justice for Oregon Vets

Oregon soldiers sickened while serving in Iraq might have gotten some justice last week when the U.S. Senate passed an amendment to its Defense Appropriations bill that stripped federal funding for military contractor Kellogg, Brown and Root Services.

The amendment, spearheaded by Minnesota Democrat Al Franken, was prompted from reports from former KBR employee Jamie Leigh Jones who alleges she was gang-raped by co-workers while in Iraq, and later threatened with retaliation if she reported it.

Jones was barred from taking legal action against the

former Haliburton subsidiary because of a clause in her contract with the company that prohibited her from taking legal action.

Last May, the Legislature passed a bill that gave \$20,000 to Oregon Army National Guard soldiers who were exposed to toxic chemicals while guarding an Iraqi water treatment plant being repaired by KBR workers. The soldiers have experienced debilitating illnesses since then.

The Senate amendment, which passed with bi-partisan support, also prohibits the Department of Defense from doing business with any companies that have similar clauses in their employees contracts.

## Man Allegedly Sent Noose

Last week Daniel Lee Jones of Portland, Ore., was indicted for allegedly mailing a hangman's noose to the Lima, Ohio chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Prior to mailing the noose, Jones, 32, was the regional director of a white supremacist group, according to the Justice Department.

Before being indicted Jones sent hate flyers to residents of Lima. Jason Upthegrove, the president of the local NAACP, spoke out against the flyers and called for equal police services for the African Americans. He was allegedly sent a noose to Upthegrove's home for the



Daniel Lee Jones

purpose of intimidating him. "A noose is an unmistakable symbol of hatred and violence in our nation, conjuring up images of a despicable period in our history. Mailing a noose to an individual who advocates for racial equality sends a clear threat of violence," said Thomas E. Perez, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

If found guilty of mailing a threatening communication, Jones faces a maximum punishment of five years in prison and a potential fine of up to \$250,000.

He faces a maximum punishment of one year in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000 for interfering with federally-protected activities.

## Fake AMBER Alert Calls 'Wolf'

Oregon State Police are looking into fake Amber Alerts received by news departments and individuals last week.

The Amber Alert system sends out alerts to radio, television, highway advisory signs, and e-mails to wireless subscribers when a child is abducted.

The alert reported that a 3-year-old boy was abducted by a male in a Mitsubishi Eclipse with a license plate number that law enforcement discovered doesn't even exist.

OSP Lt. Molly Cotter said that the incident is very concerning since hoax alerts could undermine the entire system if people stop taking them

seriously.

"Amber Alerts from unknown sources could lead to a delayed response from the public and jeopardizes the integrity of the entire Amber Alert plan," she said.

Cotter said Amber Alert and validity can be confirmed online at oregonamberalerts.com.

## Watch Out for Tsunami Scams

The Better Business Bureau is warning people interested in helping victims of the recent tsunamis to look out for hucksters that will leave them all wet.

The bureau is reporting that people looking for information on the floods have been tricked into downloading viruses on their com-

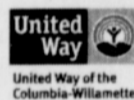
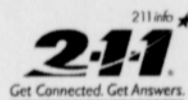
puters. People looking to spread malicious viruses put up legitimate-looking websites that were optimized to ensure they would appear in a Google search.

Once the victim is on the website a pop-up window appears telling that their computer is at risk of a virus, and needs to immediately

download anti-virus software.

The BBB advises people to watch out for false charities looking to take advantage of people wanting to financially help tsunami victims.

It recommends checking out its list of approved charities at: [www.bbb.org/charity](http://www.bbb.org/charity)



### STRUGGLING WITH HOUSE PAYMENTS? YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

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