

“Occupy” spreads in Oregon *Keny-Guyer sworn in as Or. Representative*

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and the general public lacks power in our existing system. And our role is to work to change those systems of inequality.”

In her view, says Koch, with the Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, the tea party is swinging politics too far to the right, and the Occupy Together movement plans to nudge them back to the left.

The Oregon Tea Party issued a statement Tuesday critical of the Occupy Portland group for not getting a permit, and of the Portland mayor for allowing the demonstration. It says Portland police broke up a tea party rally in April but are letting this one continue.

Barbara Byrd, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon AFL-

CIO, has been at the Portland protest and says the demonstrations won't last forever — but the energy they're generating just might, “The stuff in the street may go away, but the relationships people are building, what they're learning about the issues, the way they're learning to focus their anger — that'll stick. And we'll be building on that to try to get some practical solutions in place to this mess that we're in.”

Protesters aren't just angry with Wall Street, Byrd says, but with big business in Oregon as well.

In addition to the Portland event, Occupy Together protests are taking place in Ashland, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, La Grande, Newport and Salem.

Fresh off a job where she helped rebuild Vernonia schools, Alissa Keny-Guyer was sworn in, October 4, as the newest member of the Oregon House of Representatives with a commitment to investing in education, public health, and a revitalized economy. Keny-Guyer replaces State Rep. Ben Cannon, who left the District 46 seat in Portland to take a job as education policy advisor for Governor John Kitzhaber.

“After spending two years managing a coalition of business, community, public sector and philanthropic leaders to rebuild one local school district devastated by floods, I'm ready to work with my colleagues in the legislature — and those we represent — to help all of Ore-

gon rebuild from the global economic recession,” said Keny-Guyer (D-Portland).

A resident of her district for the past 17 years, Rep. Keny-Guyer has a career closing disparities and promoting opportunities for under-served communities. She launched the Outreach Program for the Portland Saturday Academy, increasing math and science skills of minority students. She is the former director of the Hanna Andersson Childrens Foundation, and is currently a member of the Northwest Health Foundation and the Portland Childrens Levy. Most recently Rep. Keny-Guyer was the program manager for Oregon Solutions, which coordinated the rebuilding of Vernonia's K-12 schools,

stimulating sustainable economic development for the region.

“Representative Keny-Guyer comes with immense experience working with diverse groups advocating for those who often do not have a voice. Her ability to reach consensus and achieve results will serve her district and Oregon well,” said Co-Speaker Roblan (D-Coos Bay).

Keny-Guyer and her husband, Neal, have three children, ages 14-20.

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Obituary

MARK ALAN DREXEL



Mark Alan Drexel, 56, Rainier, died October 9, 2011. A memorial mass was celebrated October 18 at St. Edward Catholic Church in North Plains, with Bishop Kenneth Steiner, celebrant.

Mr. Drexel was born September 2, 1955, in Glendale, California, to Henry Joseph Drexel, Jr., and Elsie Agnes (Hudec) Drexel. He was raised in San Mateo, Calif., Honolulu, Hawaii, and Beaverton.

In 1998, he married Anita M. Ellefson. They made their home in Hillsboro, before mov-

ing to Rainier in 2000. He owned and operated High Performance Auto Engines Company in Hillsboro for 15 years and then was a woodworker for 12 years. For the past three years, he had worked for Columbia County Flood Relief in Vernonia.

He enjoyed airbrush painting, remodeling, Nascar racing, and volunteering in dog rescue efforts.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Reed Copey of Bellingham, Washington, and Mark Alan Drexel, II of Rainier; two daughters, Shauna Marie Brooks, and Elizabeth D. Nicholson, both of Oregon City; his parents of North Plains, two sisters, Diana Marie Strom of Danville, Calif., and Judy Ann Jones of Vancouver, Wash; one granddaughter, nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Building Fund, c/o St. Edward Parish in North Plains.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

CAROL JEANNE GAMROTH

Carol Jeanne Gamroth, 61,

Vernonia, died September 28, 2011.

Mrs. Gamroth was born November 6, 1949, in Ephrata, Washington. She moved to Vernonia around 1976, lived here for many years, then moved back in 1997.

She enjoyed wrestling and had many friends.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel Wilmot of Smithfield, Utah, and Johnny Wilmot of Norfolk, Virginia; and seven grandchildren.

MAXINE E. GORHAM

Maxine Elizabeth Gorham, 85, Forest Grove, died October 4, 2011. A funeral service was held October 7 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Cornelius. Vault interment took place at Valley Memorial Park in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Gorham was born January 4, 1926, in Hillsboro, to Richard and Edna (Heinrich) Kerkman. She graduated from Hillsboro Union High School in 1944.

She married Everett Lee following World War II. They divorced in 1965. She married Fay Clark, who later died. In 1988, she married Spencer

Gorham. They made their home in Hillsboro before moving to Forest Grove. She worked in the business office at both St. Vincent Hospital and Tuality Community Hospital before retiring.

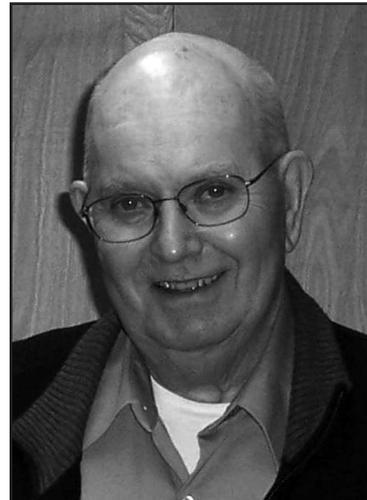
She enjoyed playing golf, playing piano and organ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and a brother, Don Kerkman.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis Lee of Forest Grove, and Larry Lee of Banks; two step-sons, Mike Gorham of Woodville, and Greg Gorham of Goleta, California; and 10 grandchildren.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NORMAN WALTER SPIDAL



Norman Walter Spidal, 75, Forest Grove, died October 13, 2011. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 22, at 11:00 a.m., at Mt. Olive

Lutheran Church in Forest Grove, followed by interment at Forest View Cemetery in Forest Grove.

Mr. Spidal was born April 1, 1936, in Gaston, to Jacob Karal and Anna A. (Rupprecht) Spidal. He was raised in Gaston, graduating from Gaston High School in 1954. He attended Concordia College for a year. He served in the U.S. Navy.

In 1958, he married Raedene V. Cannon. They made their home in Gaston before moving to Dilley in 1961. He worked for Tektronix for 30 years, then for Merix until he retired in 1998.

He enjoyed gardening and camping.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, John A., Edward, and Robert; and four sisters, Frieda Anderson, Martha Hall, Elsie Oley, and Ella Knight.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, John and Andy, both of Springfield; one daughter, Michelle Spidal of Forest Grove; three brothers, Donald G. of Gaston, Theodore J. of Banks, and David A. of East Otis, Massachusetts; one sister, Mable Winslow of Portland; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Forest Grove.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home of Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

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