

No way to circumvent the rent  
Utilities put a dent—check to check every dollar spent  
Punching in punching out wondering where the day went  
Got pride and clout but clouded by doubt  
Cuz I'm not sure if the skill will pay the bill  
I ain't trying to transcend to upper tax bracket  
Cop a mil' just trying to spit something real that the proletariat will feel  
Nor I'm trill—no ice or grill, coke deal or blood spill  
Just a hungry cat trying to get a next meal  
Scribe the mundane not the vain  
Strain to explain why numbing hooks and odes to asses sway the masses  
but substantive shit don't mobilize the lower classes  
Watered down pop-rap is where the trash is  
I bring the ruckus to these A and R fascists.  
I bring Prometheus heat to the beat of the street  
Food for thought for those who relate  
like getting fired from a shitty job for being late  
or the broke-ass kid deferring college for a later date  
the overworked single mother struggling to put food on the plate  
The disillusioned young man pushing weight or the Latina fighting workplace  
sexism and hate  
Elites aim to legislate our fate  
so poverty and ethnicity they try to equate  
so this is a message for the realists the illest  
the deal is my diction don't perpetuate BET MTV fiction  
Call it back-pack or nerd rap  
Call it counter-culture revolutionary rap  
Call it whatever just know it's the voice of the disenfranchised brown and black  
The yellow, the red and poor whites  
The working poor who will never see limelights  
I'm jus a poet who fights to record beyond the commercial sound bytes

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#### Last minute tidbits

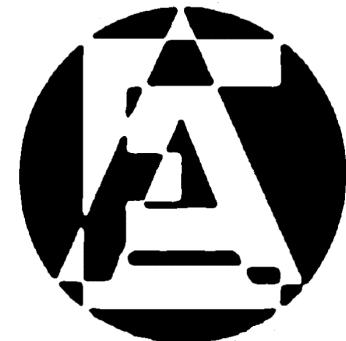
SE Food not Lawns is looking for experienced gardeners to help with gardening projects and reclaim the commons. Contact: [sefoodnotlawns@gmail.com](mailto:sefoodnotlawns@gmail.com)  
Blackrose Books is looking for volunteers [blackrosecollective@lists.riseup.net](mailto:blackrosecollective@lists.riseup.net)  
Portland Books to Prisoners needs place to store books

#### Upcoming shows Brian thinks are going to be good:

**July 27th** at Samurai Duck(no jk! That's the name of the venue) 980 SE Oak st.  
**Squalora, Machine Gun Congress, Pistol Whipped Prophets, Pirate Radio**  
**\*\*\*July, 30** at The Ranch(corner of NE 15th and Emerson), **Adelit@s, Abject and The Americans (san diego)** **Machine Gun Congress -Drunken Boat -Best Friends -**  
\$5 for the touring bands \*\*\*

**August, 1** at Plan B 1305 SE 8th St, **Squalora, The Americans, and the abject**  
**August, 2 Benefit for Books to Prisoners** at ash st. saloon 225 sw ash w/ **Adelit@s, melee nova, the taxpayers, council crest \$5**

# Contagious



# Liberation!

July/Aug 08 Issue

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Erik Sørensen/WOF 2008

### What is the Portland Revolutionary Assembly::

The PRA is an assembly of Portland community groups and collectives, which started in Spring 07 and meets quarterly, to create better cohesion, collaboration, and solidarity between anti-capitalist and anti-authoritarian groups in the Portland area. Currently the assembly is around 25 groups with varying participation, and we are open to new collectives and groups joining. If you would like more information, contact: [pdx-mutualaid@riseup.net](mailto:pdx-mutualaid@riseup.net)

Disclaimer:: This is published by a working group started out of the Spring 08 PRA to work on creating a radical publication for events, writings, poetry, and art. Early on, we realized the idea of trying to reach consensus about everything printed in here would be tedious, which is why we have this disclaimer: The words and art expressed in this paper do not necessarily represent all the collectives in the Assembly but was created out of collectives in assembly.

Submissions:: Accepting submissions, our deadline is the 23rd of month though that's for bigger pieces. [pdx-mutualaid@riseup.net](mailto:pdx-mutualaid@riseup.net)

Notes from the editors:: This is our fourth month of printing a radical resource guide which we hope will only become better and more stable in time. Much thanks to the submissions and support from everybody! In the last month, we have made new connections, heard new visions, what's not working/what is, and looking forward to new collaborations. In some of the dialogue with new allies, different ways of looking at things have emerged and shown us paths unknown before. One goal we have is to make smaller groups more assessable, and turn away from recreating the wheel and competition. Collectively we need to get our act together, work together, work out problems, and get moving in a positive direction. Listen more and give more than you take.

In Solidarity, Brian, Contagious Liberation street team

### **Regular Meetings and Events**

—**Cascadia Rising Tide Open meeting**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month 6pm at Red & Black Café 400 SE 12th Ave.

—**Occupied PDX**(squatting/radical housing group) every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 3 pm Black Rose Books 4038 N. Mississippi Ave.

—**The Mad Space Between the Stars**, A radical mental health discussion group. All are Welcome. Creating a generation of pill popping neurotics is not a way forward. Encouraging self awareness and assertiveness is. Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 7pm. Garfield House(corner of Garfield/shaver,second house on the left heading north)

—**Anarchist Discussion Group**, every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. at 7pm at Black Rose.

—**A Call For Trans-Formation**(radical tranny, genderfucker & allies group) every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 7 pm at Black Rose.

—**Prisoner Letter Writing** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 3 pm at Blackrose Books

—**Cascadia EF! organizing** meetings every Sun. at 7:30 at 5529 N. Vancouver

—**Monkey wrench Cafe**(Benefit for Cascadia EF!) 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month from 7-10pm 5529 N. Vancouver

—**Radical Health Collective**, 3pm every other Friday at Black Rose

—**Really Really Free Market**, noon-4pm, 1st Saturday of the month in Peninsula Park.

—**NoPo CopStop**(copwatch group in North Portland), is trying to do weekly patrols if interested in patrols or training, contact: [nopocopstop@gmail.com](mailto:nopocopstop@gmail.com)

The corporation does a great job of manufacturing and distributing goods, it excels at making money, but it almost never does these things *to the benefit of society*. Quite the contrary, it pollutes the rivers and streams, it pays the lowest wages possible, it spends billions of dollars a year influencing the political decisions that directly affect us, usually negatively. It profits off of war, it profits more off of environmental destruction, it profits off of your labor and your misery, it profits when your health fails you, it profits by creating things that are of detriment to society. So, it has a powerful incentive to harm society. See, this is inherent in the design and legal mandates of the corporate entity, it is inherent in our entire economic system. We must do away with the corporation. We must design something with little incentive to do harm and a lot of incentive to do good.

Who is standing in our way? The whole government and the wealthiest institutions of all time and an array of militaries, that's who. But don't be disheartened friends, because they are shaking in their boots. They are very scared. It's hard to believe, I know, but it is true. They are scared because it doesn't take very much practical thought to understand that their entire rule is illegitimate. They are also scared because historically, when shit gets tough for people, there is always a backlash. Shit is getting tough for people now. For those of us who are aware of what is going on, we are in a unique position to see either of two scenarios play out.

The first scenario is apocalyptic. There is harsh and brutal repression. There is a massive shortage of essential goods. Only the very rich will be able to buy them (like water). The rich will be heavily guarded, armed and fortified. The rest of us will be looking into a future that gets bleaker with each passing day.

But there is a second scenario. Humanity wakes up from the opium dens of the dominant ideology, they look around and see what is about to happen to them. Understanding the full enormity of their situation they begin to prepare for both the worst and the best. They begin to work together, rallying around the cry, "Another world is not only possible, it is coming!" They see what they need for survival: food sovereignty, water sovereignty, permanently sustainable agricultural practices, an economy that administers the creation and distribution of resources without corporations, one that values environmental harmony as a prerequisite for life and liberty.

We decide, today, in this moment, what our future will be. We must take responsibility for that future. It will either be more of the same, misery and monotony, oppression and subservience, and humanity making tragic mistakes that destroy the things which support life. Or it will be the maturation of the human race, the liberation of our potential and the consummation of our dreams.

## State of the System - Tim S.

Listen:

We have come to *the* point in human history, a crossroads. What we do now is of extreme importance. We have choices to make, my friends, choices whose weight will ultimately be borne by every one of us. There are a lot of people out there who say not to worry, that they will make these choices for you, and that everything will be alright. They ask very little of you. They don't think you fit to make decisions for yourselves, especially these decisions, decisions of the greatest significance.

We have to decide that we deserve a place at the table when it comes to these decisions. We have to not only decide it, but demand it as rigorously as we possibly can. What is decided will affect our livelihoods and our very right to be fully human. Yes, we cannot let them decide for us. It is obvious that they haven't decided very well for us in the past, isn't it?

Now we know that human action is the number one cause of ecological devastation. The forests are gone. Prime agricultural land has turned to desert. Soil integrity can no longer sustain life without a strong dependency on petroleum-based fertilizers. Entire species are being wiped out and the small supply of freshwater that we have left is continuing to be filled with toxins. After all of this, we hear that climate change is upon us. Parts of the globe will become uninhabitable, that droughts and diminishing returns on the quickly disappearing reserves of petroleum threaten to reduce agricultural output and induce an even greater famine.

And even if we aren't starving in droves, will we have fresh water? And when concerned citizens throw themselves selflessly into the pursuit of solutions that could possibly save us and our life-support systems, we are told that *they aren't economically viable!* For whom? Why not? This is a matter of life and death, is it not?

And how is it that history has brought humankind all of this progress, and now we tell ourselves that our collective knowledge is comparable to God's, yet we persist in believing something this absurd, that economic viability is more sacred than life or liberty or well-being or happiness or justice or basic social and ecological harmony? Money is not a god but a tool. Now it is the central religion of our society, power follows its movements, but it must be reduced to what it truly is, a tool to be used to improve life.

We need to reject their claims that they can decide what is best for us. We know that they cannot. Their interests lie in creating a global economic structure that is conducive to their ability to make enormous amounts of money in as little time as possible. For the record, making money in the current system of things is pretty much synonymous with expropriating wealth. So they have these trade agreements and global institutions established to administer the rapid expropriation of the planet's wealth. And it all sounds very good to them.

At the same time, there is a dire consequence of their actions to the average person and to the planet. And it is so necessary that we fight to be able to make our own decisions about all of this. There are many of us already fighting. We are a "movement of movements" and the common thread that we all share is an anti-corporate and anti-authoritarian outlook. The idea is that the corporation, as a unit intended to administer the manufacturing and distribution of essential goods and services *to the benefit of society*, has failed miserably in its function.

## Food not Bombs Schedule(all servings at 5:30pm)

Monday: Peninsula park rose garden, located at n. albina and ainsworth.

Tuesday: Col. Summers Park, SE 18th & Taylor

Tuesday Raw FNB: North Park Blocks by Elephant Statue

Wednesday: Outer SE 63<sup>rd</sup> and Foster 5:30pm

Thursday: Irving Park (NE 7th & Fremont)

Friday: Colonel Summers Park - SE 17th & Taylor

Saturday: North Park Blocks for Summer

## Portland Books to Prisoners mailing nights

happen on Mondays & Wednesdays 5-8pm at: 1112 NE Morton, between Dekum and Ainsworth, Books To Oregon Prisoners(BTOP) having WEEKLY mailing at 6513 NE Rodney (at Holman) [bookstooregonprisoners@gmail.com](mailto:bookstooregonprisoners@gmail.com)



## The Illegals -- Hans Rolo

From the break of dawn,

the workload is heavy and long but my people are strong  
Nativists want us gone so they use us as political pawns.  
Don't let down your guard—whether got a green-card or  
not—racists come at you hard

In the name of national defense they wanna put up a fence that just doesn't make any  
sense cuz if they really want to talk dollars and cents that bullshit is a pretense  
for contractors like Boeing to keep the cash flowing—that shit is dense let's look at  
the issues through another lens.

Politicians shout for deportations and raids

Saying immigrants abuse social services like financial aid---muthafuck that!

Most people on welfare are white—that's a fact

We carry the economy on our backs

And the social security funds will never be given back those in the billions go straight  
to the war in Iraq

Telling us to go back when we've been here before the Chinese built the railroad tracks  
or the Reconstruction and Blacks

As a matter of fact, we've been here before Cortez's plan of attack.

Y'all the illegals that came on the Mayflower

Minute-men say they wanna enforce but don't add anything new to the discourse So I  
direct my anger full-force at the INS

Causing nothing but stress—families broken up over nativist rhetoric that spoken up  
Devising the free-flow of capitalism but the borders they don't open up

Mexico raped by NAFTA so they come up

To work the fields, for pennies, from dawn to sun-down

On my people, racists trying to get a one-up

So I put my gun up with a lyrical 4 pound sound that unload intellectual round after  
round on those denigrating the struggles of the Brown.

## New I-69 Action Alert: 15 Protesters Being Held in Jail!

Just on the heels of our last alert about the struggle against I-69, protesters have once again taken direct action to SHUT DOWN the Gohmann Asphalt facility in Haubstadt, IN! This is the same yard where a lockdown took place on June 25, leading the company to file a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) against the one protester who was arrested that day.

Unfortunately, 15 people are now being held in jail indefinitely -- When asked how long the activists would be held, sheriffs at the jail said "at this point, forever."

On the morning of July 14, five I-69 opponents locked themselves together in a circle at the yard's gate, demanding that Gohmann A&C (primary contractor with the Indiana Department of Transportation for the construction of the first 1.77 miles of Section 1 of I-69) drop all work on the highway and abandon the SLAPP. Fifteen people were arrested. All are engaged in jail solidarity -- refusing to give their names or to cooperate with the booking process.

Call the Gibson County Jail at 812-385-3496 to demand the release of all 15!!!  
The battle against I-69 is just getting started. As one person involved in the fight says:

"We see the start of construction as great opportunity, one for us to respond in intensified struggle. It takes a long time to build a road, especially when there's only enough money for the first two miles. We're looking at a fight for at least the next several years, one in which we make it a long hard road for them."

For more info about the July 14 action:

<http://stopi69.wordpress.com/2008/07/15/i-69-protesters-shut-down-asphalt-yard-again/>

For more info about the SLAPP and the first Gohmann lockdown:

<http://www.rootforce.org/2008/07/13/i-69-resistance-and-repression-escalate-as-groundbreaking-looms/>

Update on the struggle ("where we've been, where we're going and what we need")

<http://news.infoshop.org/article.php?story> 080714142203434

Remember: even if you can't travel to Indiana, you can certainly take action on the July 28 National Day of Mobilization. There are many corporations involved with the planning and construction of I-69 in Southern Indiana, Texas, and other states where construction has not started yet (Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana) -- and they have offices EVERYWHERE.

## Columbia River Crossing, a big bridge to nowhere

The Columbia River Crossing project seeks to build a new bridge over the Columbia river between Oregon and Washington at Interstate 5 that could be 12 lanes if lobbyists and industry get their way. The CRC is part of the "Corridors of the Future" along with I-69, which are infrastructure projects to allow greater flow of goods in support of free trade from south to the north. \*cont on next page\*

## West Coast Convergence for Climate Action: July 28 - August 4, Eugene, OR <http://www.climateconvergence.org/west/>

The past year has no doubt seen a tipping point in attitudes towards climate change in the US. All of the presidential candidates are talking about it, banks are touting their "Carbon Principles", college campuses are claiming to be carbon neutral. And yet emissions are still rising and the climate crisis escalates.

They promise us alternative fuels and instead we get bread lines and food riots around the world. They promise us clean energy and give us "clean" coal and nukes instead. They call for regulations on greenhouse gases, then fight tooth and nail against even the weakest, most inadequate climate legislation that is proposed. They tell us the markets will take care of it, and then try to privatize the very air we breathe.

It has become abundantly clear that the governments and corporations of the world will not solve the climate crisis, they are after all, part of the problem. Instead it is up to us to build a powerful grassroots movement to create the world we want. Fortunately, this movement is growing.

Building off the success of last years two Convergences for Climate Action in the US, we are excited to announce there will be 3 action packed gatherings this year. The climate convergences are gathering places for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to take direct action against the root causes of climate change while working to build a just and sustainable world. This year the US convergences will take place alongside several similar gatherings in the UK, Germany, Australia, and beyond.

At the convergences there will be dozens of workshops and trainings, networking opportunities, and strategy sessions aimed at building a strong grassroots movement for climate justice. The convergences are spaces not only to fight climate change but to throw off the yoke of corporate control over our lives, working to build community controlled alternatives to Wall Street and Washington. The convergences will be models of the world we wish to live in, utilizing sustainable living skills and consensus based decision making by all participants.

The convergences are also an opportunity to hone your direct action skills and put them into, well, action. While creating sustainable alternatives is important, indeed necessary, we must also continue to confront those that are creating and profiting from the climate crisis. Each climate convergence will culminate in an exciting and empowering direct action taking on a different aspect of the climate crisis in each region.

So come on out for a fun filled week of networking, sharing skills, and strategizing. A list of likely workshops includes: Direct Action 101, Debunking False Solutions to the Climate Crisis, Permaculture, Grassroots Disaster Response, Blockades, Community Organizing, Supporting Immigrant Rights in the Face of Climate Change, Media Skills, Climate Justice/Just Transition, Homemade power generation, Anti-oppression, Puppetry/Street Theater, Fighting Tree Plantations in Latin America, Resisting the Coal Rush, Natural Building, Nukes Aren't the Answer, Primitive Living Skills, Consensus Decision Making, Know Your Rights, Carbon Trading and the Privatization of the Atmosphere, Ecosystem Defense and Restoration, and much more!!!

## **Free Activist Witch Camp 2008:** The Pentacle of the Great Turning

Radical Faeries Sanctuary, Wolf Creek, Oregon

Sunday, July 20th to Saturday, July 26th, 2008.

We who proudly call ourselves activists and witches invite you to join us this summer as we journey between the worlds of magic and action. Are you ready to turn the world in which you dwell into a world of which you dream? Do you dare to walk the Pentacle of the Great Turning, a pentacle found deep within the Earth, forged in the mists of fire and ice? Then take this journey with us. We begin with our Desires... a longing to move past the darkness of our times. Surrendering into the earth, we are able to step away from the frustrations that hold us back. Our healing Transformation is born of inspiration as we claim our power. We move forward together in Solidarity embracing our allies and our dreams. Our journey ends... and begins... as we Manifest our vision... casting the spell and writing the history of our future. We welcome all who dare to join us as we work the magic of this Pentacle of the Great Turning...

Website: [freewitchcamp.org](http://freewitchcamp.org) E-Mail: [andrew.paik@verizon.net](mailto:andrew.paik@verizon.net)

Mailing Address: Andy Paik 7765 W 91st ST Apt F-2105 Playa del Rey, CA 90293-8357 Telephone: 310-570-3662

For more information on reclaiming witchcraft please visit [portlandreclaiming.org](http://portlandreclaiming.org) i'm Talkaton. Can 30-days of conversation change the world? Find out now.

## **CommUnity Arts Garage skill-share studio**

The CommUnity Arts Garage skill-share studio is dedicated to collaborative creativity, accessible education and community participation. We offer a space for people to share knowledge and learn together in order to empower community members of all ages and experiences to embrace their role as teachers in a collaborative learning environment. We hope to provide a model of community-based cooperation as an alternative to the isolation and competition so often promoted by society in general. Our facilities include equipment to practice pottery, fabric arts and silversmithing as well as permaculture, natural building and more. Currently our structure stems from a small council of people with a common vision and we are exploring and defining other aspects of the structure. We hope that the space can be self-supporting with sliding-scale fees that include free events and classes to encourage participation of people from all walks of life. More info: [garagearts@yahoo.com](mailto:garagearts@yahoo.com)

Join the CommUnity Arts Garage for our grand opening block party extravaganza on Friday August 8th from 3-10pm. Located at 3969 NE Rodney Ave (off Shaver). There will be music, performers, hands-on creative projects, a bake sale and auction, plus SCRAP will be hosting an art opening! This will be an opportunity for community members to get involved in a studio dedicated to accessible education and collaborative creativity. More information can be found at [garagearts.blogspot.com](http://garagearts.blogspot.com).

We are looking for performers and collaborators, donations of art, baked goods and services, and motivated people who want to help make this event a rockin' success! The Garage will be hosting an "Art-Luck" on Wednesday, July 23rd at 7pm to make items for the auction and we'd love for you to come and bring some materials to share! RSVP to [garagearts@yahoo.com](mailto:garagearts@yahoo.com) and give us an idea of what you plan on bringing.

**Background:** The CRC is an investment in public works intended to accommodate more driving. Specifically the CRC is designed to enable a 30% increase in individual car traffic.

The state of Oregon has stated a goal of reducing global warming pollution to at least 75% below 1990 levels. Transportation-caused global warming pollution is responsible for 40% of all regional global warming pollution. Given these facts, activists believe the money should instead be invested in reducing driving through public transit, carpooling, greater support for biking and other programs.

Additionally, the I-5 freeway has caused negative health impacts on low-income communities and communities of color along the freeway: increased driving will lead to further pollution. By contrast, research shows that land use and transportation plans that encourage less driving help prevent chronic diseases associated with obesity, such as diabetes and heart disease, and respiratory illness, including asthma.

Cascadia Rising Tide([cascadia@risingtidenorthamerica.org](mailto:cascadia@risingtidenorthamerica.org)) heading up organizing with help from Cascadia Root Force and others.

**Vegan Mac 'n Chez**

**INGREDIENTS:**

16 oz cooked macaroni	1 tsp Garlic Powder
2 C Soymilk	1/3 C Tamari
1 C Firm Tofu	1/2 T Yellow Mustard
1 C Oil	
9 T Nutritional Yeast	
1 tsp Paprika	

**1** In a blender/food processor, blend together soymilk and tofu until smooth. Turn onto low setting and slowly add all of the oil

**2** Add remaining ingredients and blend until smooth

**3** Mix soy cheese sauce and macaroni together in a large pot on medium low heat. Stir frequently until mac 'n chez is at desired thickness.

**4** Serve and Enjoy!

# Calendar of Events for July/Aug

**July 19, Sat.** 10Am – 4pm SABOR DE MAIZ: **introducción al arte, Day of bilingual arts workshops.** Presented by: MAIZ (Movimiento Artístico Intercultural del Zol) El Centro Milagro, 525 SE Stark Street, Portland. More information: 503-236-7253 or [colectivomaiz@gmail.com](mailto:colectivomaiz@gmail.com)

**July 20, Sunday** 1-3pm This is an open invitation to join Living Earth, Oregon Action, American Friends Service Committee, and PDX Peace Coalition at Irving Park(NE 7<sup>th</sup>/ Fremont), for **free ice cream and berries.**

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, Sun.** 5:45 – 8pm, **Ballot Initiative 19(Anti-ESL) Presentation Workshop**

Where: 309 NE Dekum St. (one block West of MLK Blvd.), Portland  
Between now and the November 2008 elections, Portland Allies Coming Together (PACT) will be giving 15 minute presentations at schools, colleges, social worker unions, and community organizations about Ballot Initiative 19. Sponsored by the infamous anti-union activist Bill Sizemore, Ballot Initiative 19 would severely limit immigrant and refugee students' access to English as a Second Language classes. This ballot initiative is clearly targeted at Oregon's immigrant community, and would have a devastating impact on students, teachers, and immigrant families. We need folks to get trained to give these important educational presentations!!! If you care about immigrants rights, and won't stand by as Oregon passes racist ballot measures, then sign up and get involved, we need you! Please RSVP to Amelia

([ameliacates@riseup.net](mailto:ameliacates@riseup.net)) if you plan on coming. Also, this is a potluck so please bring a dish to share.

**July 20 -26<sup>th</sup>**, Wolf Creek, Oregon, **Free Activist Witch Camp,**  
contact: [andrew.paik@verizon.net](mailto:andrew.paik@verizon.net)

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**, Friday, **Raise money for R&B Cooler, 7:30pm**, the Red and Black will be hosting a three course, fine dining, vegan dinner. We hope to raise funds for a beer cooler, automated dish-washer, and other such exciting amenities.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, 12 noon-5 pm, **Rally against WOPR** at Portland's Pioneer Square (701 SW 6th Ave.) take a stand with The Pitchfork Rebellion and other forest lovers for a rally in opposition to the Bureau of Land Management's WOPR plan to increase native and old growth forest logging by 700% and a free concert in celebration of the forests that give us life. [josh@forestcouncil.org](mailto:josh@forestcouncil.org)

**July 28 - Aug. 4, West Coast Convergence for Climate Action**, More info in zine

**Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**, 6pm, **In Other Words Literary Feast 2008** North Start Ballroom, 635 N. Killingsworth Court <http://www.inotherwords.org>

**Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> Fri.** 3-10pm **CommUnity Arts Garage grand opening** block party extravaganza. Located at 3969 NE Rodney Ave (off Shaver). More info on page 8

**Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1-8:30pm** **3rd Annual Youth Summit, Peace & Unity Fest.**  
126 Alberta Ave, contact: [info@travelingpillar.org](mailto:info@travelingpillar.org) more info:  
[www.youthsummit09.blogspot.com](http://www.youthsummit09.blogspot.com)

**Aug. 16-18<sup>th</sup> Northwest APOC Regional Gathering** Portland, OR, for more info.  
[northwestapoc@yahoo.com](mailto:northwestapoc@yahoo.com)

**Aug. 16,** 7pm, **Square Dance benefit for the Portland Grassroots media camp.** Dances called by Paul Silveria with music by Ebenezer. Beginners welcome! No partner needed, but bring your friend for an extra good time. Visit [pdxmedia.org](http://pdxmedia.org) and [www.squaredancepaul.com](http://www.squaredancepaul.com). at Liberty Hall, 311 N. Ivy St.

**Aug. 23 - 24,** 10am to 6pm, **8<sup>th</sup> annual Portland Zine Symposium!** , Smith Memorial Hall, Portland State University. presented by local zinesters, artists, and writers; attended by zine enthusiasts from all over! To bring together producers and fans of independent media and art. Ideas and skills are presented and developed through free workshops all weekend. write the Zine Symposium organizing group at [pzsorganizers@googlegroups.com](mailto:pzsorganizers@googlegroups.com)

**Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>,** Friday 7PM, **Media Camp Latino community outreach event.** Featuring Spanish language grassroots media including Films such as Granito de Arena and Un Poquito de Tanta Verdad. Aztec dancers. Folk musician Francisco Aguirre, and Spanish language Anarcho-Punk sensation Adelitas. at Marti Gras (around 140th and Stark, email [pdxmediacamp@gmail.com](mailto:pdxmediacamp@gmail.com) for exact address).

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – Sept 1, Summerfector**, the Defector epic punk fest <http://thedefector.com/>

**Sept. 12th-14th**, Portland Community College -Cascade Campus, **The Portland Grassroots Media Camp** is a weekend of hands-on skill shares, media workshops, presentations, discussions and gatherings aimed to empower people with tools and skills to express themselves. The camp is open to anyone, emphasizing the inclusion of those who are traditionally excluded from media representation, creation and production. Contact: [pdxmediacamp@gmail.com](mailto:pdxmediacamp@gmail.com) for more information.

## Northwest Anarchist/Anti-authoritarian People Of Color Regional Gathering Portland, OR, August 16-17th

Something big is in the air! Five years ago 150 Anarchist and anti-authoritarians people of color from all walks of life gathered in Detroit to begin the process of interconnecting struggle and passion towards building a new world empowered from below. Five years on, and many struggles later this movement is being rejuvenated by many old and new comrades internationally!

The one goal of the Northwest APOC Gathering is to build connections in our region and to begin conversations towards building a national anti-authoritarian / autonomous movement of people of color.

The Gathering will be split up into sessions lasting two hours each, with breaks in between. Facilitated discussions will include but are not limited to the following areas:

1. What is APOC? How do we define it? What should an APOC politic encompass?
2. What might an APOC organization look like? Strategy? Structure? Politics?
3. What workshops/discussions would we want to see happen at the 2009 National APOC Conference?

Questions, ideas, suggested pre-gathering readings, expansions of the

above questions, additional questions, etc... please get in touch!

Additionally if you can provide or need housing, need any special considerations, can help with facilitation, or can provide rideshares to the Gathering PLEASE GET IN TOUCH ASAP!

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