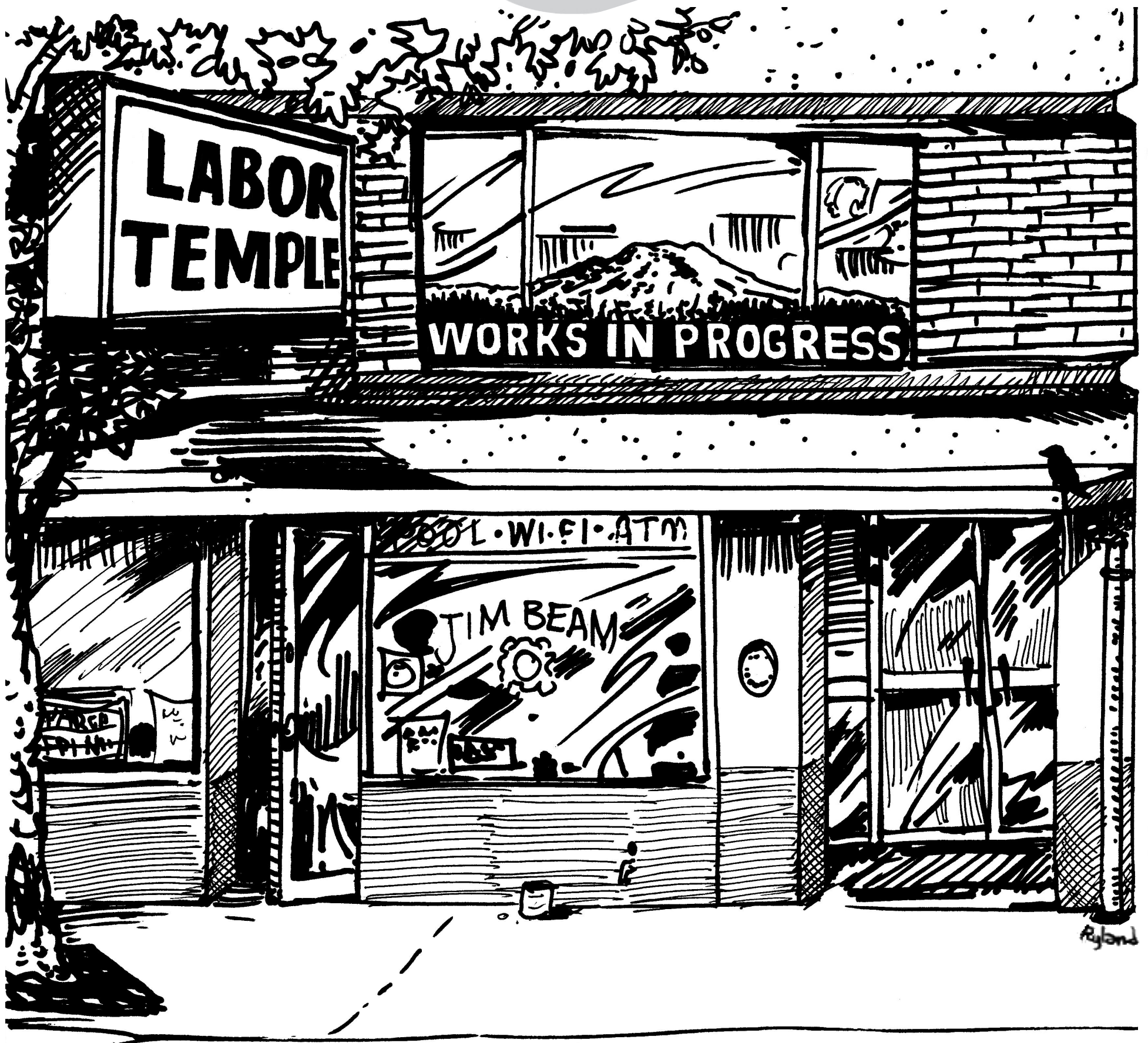


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## Supreme Court allows employers to discriminate against employees by denying contraception coverage

WASHINGTON - June 30 - The U.S. Supreme Court today ruled in favor of closely-held corporations that sought an exemption to a federal law requiring employers to provide insurance coverage for contraception. The owners of the plaintiff companies – Hobby Lobby, an Oklahoma-based craft supply store chain, and Conestoga Wood Specialties, a Pennsylvania furniture company – cited religious objections to contraception as a reason not to comply with the law.

The American Civil Liberties Union, religious organizations, other civil rights and women's health groups, business leaders, and members of Congress filed friend-of-the-court briefs arguing that the companies' owners cannot impose their personal religious beliefs on employees to withhold coverage for health services with which they disagree.

"This is a deeply troubling decision. For the first time, the highest court in the country has said that business owners can use their religious beliefs to deny their employees a benefit that they are guaranteed by law," said Louise Melling, deputy legal director of the ACLU. "Religious freedom is a fundamental right, but that freedom does not include the right to impose beliefs on others. In its ruling today, the Court simply got it wrong."

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) conserves America's original civic values working in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in the United States by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

## Religious liberty, critical health coverage for 4.9 million Latinas in danger

WASHINGTON - June 30 - Following the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that some employers will be allowed to deny insurance coverage for the full range of safe, effective contraceptive methods, Jessica González-Rojas, executive director of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH), released the following statement in response:

"We are deeply disappointed in today's decision, which deals a serious blow to Latina health and religious liberty. It is terribly concerning that this decision opens the door for bosses to interfere with the personal healthcare decisions of their employees.

"Like the vast majority of women, Latinas need and support affordable

contraception. No boss should be making personal healthcare decisions for their employees, and denying coverage for contraception effectively denies women this important healthcare. In fact, the overwhelming majority of Latinas, including Catholic and other Latinas of faith, use and support contraception to help plan and prevent pregnancy. We've been fighting hard to dismantle the barriers Latinas face in accessing quality, affordable healthcare, and allowing employers to interfere undeniably takes us backward.

"This fight is not over. Latinas have been fighting for a long time for our human right to healthcare, and we're going to keep fighting until that right is a reality for every woman, regardless of where she lives or works, her income, or her immigration status."

The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH) is the only national reproductive justice organization dedicated to building Latina power to advance health, dignity, and justice for the 26 million Latinas, their families, and communities in the United States through leadership development, community mobilization, policy advocacy, and strategic communications.

## Sixty years after Brown v. Board, segregation ensures that schools are not only separate, but sharply unequal

June 11, 2014 - Minority students are more likely both to be in heavily minority schools at kindergarten entry and to have peers from low-income families, a new Economic Policy Institute (EPI) and Broader, Bolder Approach to Education (BBA) report finds. Further, the more heavily minority the school makeup, the less prepared for school students are on average in the fall, and the smaller their relative gains by spring.

In Segregation and Peers' Characteristics in the 2010-2011 Kindergarten Class: 60 Years After Brown Versus Board, Emma García, EPI economist, and Elaine Weiss, national coordinator of the Broader Bolder Approach to Education, examine how segregated schools are by both race and income. They contrast the racial and socioeconomic status (SES) composition of our nation's kindergarten classes with what they would look like if they represented the characteristics of the U.S. student body overall, explore differences in students' other characteristics based on the racial makeup of their own classes, and analyze how their relative academic performance changes over that first year (as measured by their place on the distribution in math, reading, and approaches to learning at entry in the fall and again in the spring) by level of segregation in the school.

"Though we made significant progress closing race-based gaps during the 1970s and 1980s, we have since reversed those gains, and students are segregated by both race and income as early as kindergarten," said García. "The segregation that so many of our children experience at school entry and, assuming it continues similarly, throughout their education, impedes their odds of success, and appears to pose particular disadvantages for black and Hispanic children."

Minority students are not only much more likely than their white counterparts to be in heavily minority schools, but also to be surrounded by peers from low-income families. Three-fifths (60.5 percent) of white kindergartners are in classrooms in which only about 12 percent of their classmates are poor. Among black and Hispanic students, nearly as great a share (56.5 percent and 55.2 percent, respectively) are in classrooms in which nearly half of their peers are poor, while less than 5 percent of white children are in such heavily poor classrooms.

While the family characteristics of white children vary relatively little depending on the type of classroom they are in (unless that classroom is very heavily minority), family characteristics of black and Hispanic children vary substantially by their type of school. In extremely heavily minority schools, mothers of all racial groups are less educated than their average counterparts. Hispanic mothers are only half as likely to have at least a bachelor's degree than the average Hispanic mother (2.5 percent versus 5.6 percent). Even in these schools, mothers of white children are no less likely to have bachelor's degree, although these white moms are slightly more likely than average white moms to have no more than a high school diploma. These numbers reflect added disadvantage for minority students in two respects. First, the large proportion who attend heavily minority schools are disproportionately poor and their moms less educated. Second, the very few minority children in heavily white schools have a constellation of socioeconomic advantages that are extremely rare among their families.

Academic performance varies greatly, depending on the school's level of segregation; the more heavily minority the school makeup, the less prepared students are on average in the fall, and the smaller their relative gains by spring. White, black, and Asian kindergarten students with better-than-average performance in the fall assessment are all clustered in schools with proportions of minority students between 10 and 50 percent. In contrast, the white students with the weakest school readiness skills attend the most heavily minority schools. Among Hispanic kindergartners, too, the highest-performing are in schools with a very low proportion of minority students, while Hispanic students in schools with 50 percent minority students or more start off less prepared than the average Hispanic student.

Finally, the authors' findings appear to support more sophisticated analyses' suggestions that income segregation underlies many apparent negative consequences of racial segregation. They recommend further research to determine whether this segregation persists through children's later years and, more critical, the degree to which the patterns they find regarding the interactions among race, social class, and peer and school characteristics have independent impacts on children's development.

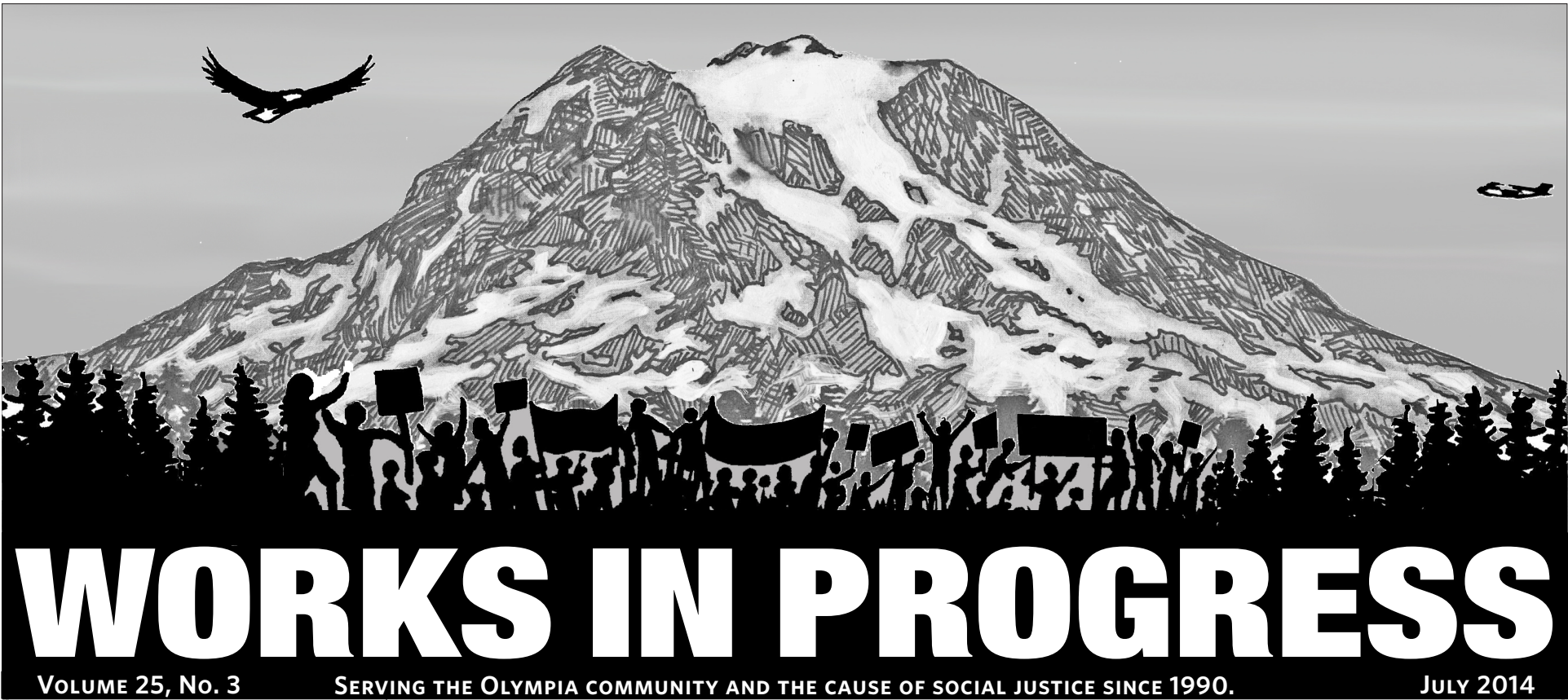
"Instead of addressing ongoing school segregation, current policies not only dismiss segregation's impacts but in some cases perpetuate and compound them," said Weiss. "Factors such as families' backgrounds and resources, peer effects, and school resources must all be considered when ensuring that future education policies are better aligned and more comprehensive."

—EPI



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## On the Menu Today

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—Lennée Reid

## Brazil's poor: Let them eat soccer

### Brazil hosts 2014 soccer World Cup while the FIFA scores big profits

Sam Markham

#### South Africa 2010 & Brazil 2014: Past and Present

The day before the start of the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, Sepp Blatter, the president of FIFA (soccer's international governing body) gave a speech to the 64th FIFA Congress assembled in São Paulo. Many Brazilians simmered with anger over allegations of corruption and the \$11.5 billion of public money spent on building stadiums and infrastructure to meet FIFA's exacting requirements for hosting the tournament. Brazil ranks only behind South Africa (host of the 2010 World Cup) for the worst income inequality in the world and many in the country are furious over the government's prioritizing of an international soccer tournament over

investing in the health care, education, and social services of its own citizens. Massive protests over the billions spent on the World Cup erupted throughout Brazil in June 2013 when it hosted soccer's Confederations Cup. Brazil's national team won the Confederations Cup and thus helped to defuse some of

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the anger that manifested during this so-called "Brazilian Spring." During the subsequent year, FIFA seemed most concerned about whether the stadiums in Brazil would be ready in time for the tournament. Two weeks prior to the World Cup kickoff,

hundreds of indigenous protestors clashed with police in Brasilia while activist groups such as the Homeless Workers Movement spotlighted the marginalization and displacement of the poor. Brazilian NGO Moradores do Rua estimates that 1% of the country's population (approximately 1.8 million people) is homeless. The head of FIFA was also speaking in São Paulo, a city in the midst of a five-day transit strike that was wreaking havoc on the 4 million

people who use the metro every day. Brazilians' lack of enthusiasm about hosting the tournament, the ongoing protests, and the efflorescence of anti-FIFA graffiti in Rio and São Paulo all pointed to widespread disenchantment just days before the first ball would be kicked.

According to an *Associated Press* poll conducted before the tournament, 75 percent of Brazilians believe that corruption was endemic in the construction projects undertaken for the World Cup. How else to account for cost overruns on stadiums like the

► **WORLD CUP** continued on page 8.

## The hard work of revolutionary poetry

### Notes on the Old Growth Poetry Collective's Summer Lovin' project

Emily Lardner

*"The way we live now is not poetic. We live prose, we breathe prose, and we drink, alas, prose. There is prose that does us no great harm...But to live continually in the natter of ill-written and ill-spoken prose is to become deaf to what language can do."*  
William Logan

It's true, I think. Ill-written and ill-spoken prose can dull our sense of what language can do. The same can be said for poetry, though. Form alone does not create an exemption from critical review.

The important question for me about both prose and poetry is—what does it do? As Terry Eagleton puts it in *Marxism and Literary Criticism*, literature makes certain values, ideas and feelings available to us. Those

values, ideas and feelings constitute the ideologies by which we experience society. Understanding ideologies is necessary to understanding both the present and the past—and such understanding, Eagleton writes, leads to our liberation. The question to be asked of all literature then is, what ideologies does it make available to us, and on what

### Old Growth Poetry Collective's work is revolutionary in their effort to extend the realm of poetry—not only in terms of topics but also in terms of who produces poetry.

terms?  
The Old Growth Poetry Collective (OGPC) is sponsoring Summer Lovin': A Poetry Open Mic series at Café Love in downtown Olympia on Thursday

evenings. Sign-ups start at 6:30, readings at 7, followed by a feature poet from Seattle, Portland or Spokane. The first one happened on June 19. I attended.

By the time the reading started, about twenty people were present. Members of OGPC managed the door, the sign-up sheet, and then acted as M.C. for the event.

Between readings, a member of the collective announced their weekly poetry playshops—not workshops, "because we all have too much work to do anyway." Poetry playshops are held behind Media Island International in the KOWA studio on Sundays from 2-4. As the OGPN Facebook page puts it, "we're getting together, for free, open to the public, to play with language!"

OGPC describes their work as revolutionary. On their Facebook page they describe themselves like this:

*Hailing from the foliage laced cultural and political hotbed of Cascadia, the Old Growth Poetry Collective has been a word wind of revolutionary poetics since performance poetry hit the*

*scene in Olympia, Washington. Since its founding at The Evergreen State College in 2011, the collective has brought poetry to new venues and a new audiences,*

► **SUMMER LOVIN'**, continued on page 10.



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Dear Works In Progress  
Just a note to let  
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Contrast the Benghazi attacks with the events in Lebanon in 1983. In March of

To the Quinault Nation, to the organizations in Washington State and to the communities of Anacortes, Seattle, Grays Harbor, Chehalis, Centralia, Vancouver, Spokane and others who are creating actions on July 6 with the objective of expressing solidarity with the people of Lac

## Mary Hath Spokane

*Submitted by the Tacoma Veterans for  
Peace, VFP Chapter 134.*

—CEPR

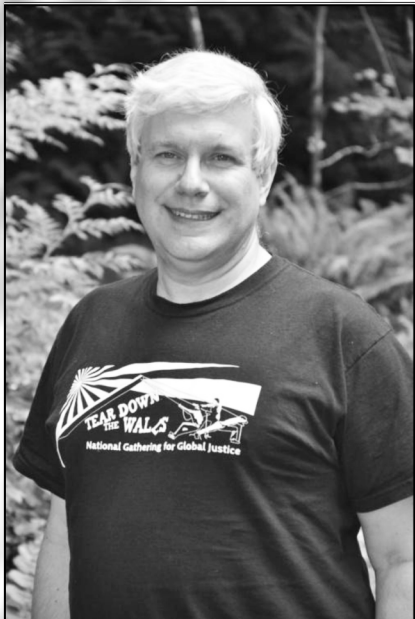
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# YWCA of Olympia seeks women of achievement

Annual effort honors South Sound women making positive impacts in the community

(OLYMPIA, Wash.) – The YWCA of Olympia is pleased to announce that nominations for their annual Women of Achievement Celebration are now being accepted. Past honorees have included Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Karen Fraser, Governor Christine Gregoire, Olympia City Councilperson and Vivala owner, Cheryl Selby, and Olympia Federal Savings President & CEO, Lori Drummond.

The YWCA of Olympia will once again honor women throughout the South Sound who have inspired and shaped the community. Nominees will be considered based on: 1) professional achievement, 2) peer recognition, 3) personal growth, 4) demonstration and inspirational involvement in the community, and 5) how she models her life in line with the YWCA of Olympia mission: *The YWCA of Olympia strives to empower women and eliminate racism*

*through education, advocacy, service and leadership opportunities.*

This year a special category is dedicated to those women who are dedicated to the elimination of racism and promotion of racial justice. The YWCA's commitment to racial justice is one of the common threads that unites YWCAs across the country. Beginning in the mid-1800s, the YWCA

works towards racial justice in the South Sound.

**Nominations are due to the YWCA of Olympia by 5:00pm on Friday, July 25.**

This year nominations will be accepted via online application in an easy-to-use format but other forms of the nomination application (Word, PDF) can be obtained by calling the YWCA at 352-0593 or sending an email to [ywca@ywcaofolympia.org](mailto:ywca@ywcaofolympia.org).

Honorees will be formally announced to the community in August. The Women of Achievement Gala will take place on Thursday, November 6 from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm at the Red Lion Hotel Forest Ballroom. The event is open to the public and tickets will be available by contacting the YWCA of Olympia at 352-0593 or online at [www.ywcaofolympia.org](http://www.ywcaofolympia.org).

"Thank you" to WSECU and Lucky Eagle for serving as our Sustaining Sponsors.

*For more information about the Women of Achievement Celebration Gala, contact Cherie Reeves Sperr, Special Events & Communications Director at 352-0593 or [crsperr@ywcaofolympia.org](mailto:crsperr@ywcaofolympia.org).*

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was one of the first institutions to defy accepted societal opinions on race. Eliminating racism is one of the two central principles of the YWCA mission, along with the empowerment of women. And, at the core of the YWCA's work is the recognition that not all women, or all people, are treated equally. For this reason, the YWCA of Olympia seeks to honor a South Sound woman who

## Queer Rock Camp Showcase at the Olympia Film Society

6:30 pm doors / 7 pm show

**Admission is free for those under 21 and \$10-25 for those over. Tickets are available online at Rainy Day or at the door.**

Come join us for the culminating celebration of Queer Rock Camp 2014! Queer Rock Camp empowers youth and builds community through music. We support the fluidity of gender and sexuality, and see music as a way to amplify resilience and self-expression.

In one week, campers ages 12-21 learn new instruments, form bands, write original songs and participate in a variety of radical workshops.

Don't miss your chance to witness these youth performing their original songs and get an inside look at what happens at this groundbreaking program. 14 camper bands, raffle prizes, infor table, slideshow and more. Presented by the Stonewall Youth.

—Olympia Film Society

A great program coming to the Olympia Timberland Library.

## Queer Rock Camp Library Show

Thursday, July 10, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

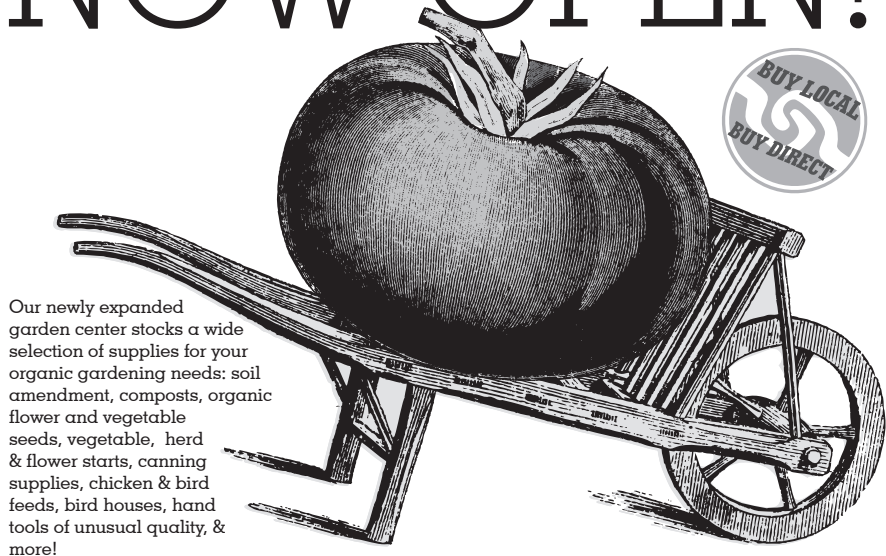
Listen to Queer Rock Camp (QRC) performers at the library. Through instrument instruction, band practice, and workshops, QRC aims to empower youth by building confidence, fostering and strengthening peer alliances and dismantling gender binaries. QRC is a music camp based in Olympia for queer, gender-variant, and gender non-conforming youth and their allies. This program will occur after regular library hours and no other services will be available.

Participants:

- A Chance of Rain (sad sweet songs by Ened),
- Tender Forever ,
- Agatha (a queer punk band from Seattle/Olympia WA)
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**POWER Outage: Presentation of our Rural Outreach Project**  
**Monday, July 7, 5:30pm - 8:00pm**  
**Darby's Cafe**  
**211 5th Ave SE, Olympia**

In April POWER was awarded a grant for two months of outreach in south rural county in the towns of Yelm, Rochester, Tenino, and Rainier. We talked with social service recipients and providers about access to services and what is needed in order provide or increase access to services.

The evening will begin with a potluck. Bring a dish if you can, and share dinner with us. Child care will be provided by the Olympia Child Care Collective at the POWER office.

**No Oil by Rail: Olympia WA**  
**Tuesday, July 8, All day**  
**Washington State Capital**  
**Olympia, Washington**

Rise with Lac-Megantic to send the message: *Keep oil off the rails and in the ground!* Join the residents in Lac-Megantic, grass-roots activists across North America, ForestEthics, 350.org, Oil Change International and the Sierra Club.

Lac-Megantic is a grim reminder: Big Oil will stop at nothing to extract, transport, and burn every drop of oil in the ground. No matter the risk, no matter the cost to public health, safety, and the climate. We say NO MORE. No more exploding trains, no more tar sands, no more reckless endangerment of our communities and climate!

**Justice for Janitors at Tacoma City Hall**  
**Tuesday, July 8, 4:15pm**  
**747 Market St, Tacoma**

SMS janitors are overwhelmingly part time, receive poverty wages, and have no sick days nor health or dental insurance.

Meanwhile, high ranking public administrators, such as City Manager T.C. Broadnax and Public Utilities Director William Gaines, take home annual salaries upwards of \$200 and 300 thousand a year, plus luxurious retirement plans, travel allowances, housing allowances (20k just for buying a home in the city), five star health-care plans, nearly a month's worth of sick days, general expenses, and (in the case of Broadnax) \$160,000 in severance pay.

Our public institutions should be raising the bar for all workers - not selling out to the lowest poverty wage bidder!

Coalition partners: Pierce County Jobs with Justice, Pierce County Labor Council, SEIU 6; Justice for Janitors. Endorsed by 15 Now Tacoma.

**QRC + MISSOULA + SUMMER = Robin Cutler (OLY), Pancakes (Missoula), Freaky Pup & Artistic Crisis (Bellingham)**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 8 pm - 11 pm**  
**KOWA 106.5 Low-Power FM**  
**816 Adams St SE, Olympia**

We are all really excited as our friends A Band Called Pancakes (feat. Mikki of Missoula's Needlecraft) will be in town during Queer Rock Camp. This is not an official QRC show but some really awesome friends from Bellingham in town for the QRC and who are super-stoked to be here alongside one of our favorite songwriters in Olympia, Robin Cutler.

Come for a warm night of emerging talent and powerful songcrafters! The show will be broadcast on 106.5 KOWA-FM and streaming online at <http://www.kowalp.org/> for those who can't make it! Bring a few bucks for our touring friends!

**Roots and Wings: Participatory workshop exploring intergenerational collaboration activism**  
**Thursday, July 17, 6 pm - 8 pm**  
**First Christian Church**  
**701 Franklin St SE, Olympia**

Stonewall Youth is hosting a fun and critical discussion on collaboration and activism across generations. This is a participatory workshop open to the public where we will collectively explore how our experiences have shaped our own roles in activism.

This event is a fundraiser, but donations are optional and everyone is welcome.

And of course, we'll provide the snacks.

**(Events continue on the next page.)**

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### CHALK IT OUT Olympia: Solidarity with the LV Sunset Five

Friday, July 18, 5 pm  
Olympia City Hall

Join us on July 18 and say, “Chalk washes off, injustice never will.”

July 18 is the one year anniversary of the Las Vegas Metro Police harassment of five Sunset Activist Collective members with unwarranted charges of “graffiti” and “Conspiracy to place graffiti” with children’s washable sidewalk chalk. Even though the charges--which are not crimes--were dropped, it caused many to become afraid to exercise their freedom of speech.

The LV Sunset 5 were letting people know it isn’t right for the police murder to people and get away with it. The Metro police charged the activists because they wanted to silence the dissent.

The Sunset 5 want people everywhere to not be afraid to let people in their community know about the crimes their police commit in this completely peaceful manner of protest. Nationally, we want police to know that chalk is protected and that, even if it is made illegal, we will do it anyway.

In Olympia we will be chalking our dissent of the Olympia Police Department and city council. They have a lot of insidious anti-homeless ordinances and disgusting gentrification schemes that the community has a lot to say about.

Come out and show solidarity and tell the OPD and Oly City Council what you think!

Take back the streets! Get chalk on your hands and feet!

### Olympia REALLY Free Market

Sunday, July 27, 1 pm - 4 pm  
Sylvester Park  
Capital & Legion Way, Olympia

Free music, food, comedy. We’re setting up the Really free market, a free gift economy in action, in which you bring things you don’t want and take away things you do.

### Olympia Dance Convergence

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### Home care workers vow to stand up for good jobs and quality home care in wake of Harris v. Quinn ruling

Caregivers to work with states and consumers to ensure a strong voice for care

WASHINGTON (SEIU) - June 30 - Home care workers and consumers are ready to stand up for quality home care in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Harris v. Quinn today.

"No court case is going to stand in the way of home care workers coming together to have a strong voice for good jobs and quality home care," said SEIU President Mary Kay Henry. "At a time when wages remain stagnant and income inequality is out of control, joining together in a union is the only proven way home care workers have of improving their lives and the lives of the people they care for."

The ruling places at risk a system of consumer-directed home care in Illinois that has proven successful in raising wages, providing affordable health care benefits, and increasing training. The number of elderly Americans will increase dramatically in the coming years. States need to build a stable, qualified workforce to meet the growing need for home care--and having a strong union for home care workers is the only approach that has proven effective.

"I count on my home care provider for so much--I wouldn't be able to work or get through the day without her," said Rahnee Patrick, a home care consumer and advocate from ACCESS Living in Chicago. "I'm worried that I could lose her if her wages and benefits don't keep up with the cost of living."

The case was brought by the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, an extreme anti-worker group whose funders include billionaires like Charles Koch and the Walton family. It is the latest in a decades-long attack on the rights of working people to join together to improve their jobs and the quality of services they provide.

"They are trying to divide us and limit our power, but we won't stop standing together for our families and our consumers" said Flora Johnson, a home care provider from Chicago. "Before we formed our union, I made less than \$6 an hour, but by uniting we are set to make

\$13 an hour by the end of the year. I know from experience that we are stronger together."

"For our parents and grandparents to get the care they need to live at home, workers need a strong voice in a union," Henry said. "I know that Flora Johnson other SEIU members are determined to keep up the fight to end poverty wages and ensure quality care."

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—Service Employees International Union

### American Federation of Teachers on Harris v. Quinn

WASHINGTON - June 30 - Statement from American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten on the Harris v. Quinn decision. Today's Harris v. Quinn decision upholds the right of public sector unions to represent public employees, including their right to collectively bargain, but the Supreme Court refused to extend the right for a union to collect fair share fees for that purpose from Illinois home healthcare workers who are not members.

"While the court upheld the importance of collective bargaining and unions to families and communities, let's be clear that working people, who have aspired to the middle class and tried to make a better life for their families, have taken it on the chin for years. Stagnating wages, loss of pensions and lack of upward mobility have defined the economic distress they have experienced. Today's decision makes it worse.

"The Roberts court has consistently ruled in favor of corporate interests, while diminishing the rights of labor. This court has built a record of weakening the rights of both voters and working

families; no one should be surprised by this decision.

"America's workers have gone through the crucible of tough times and adversity—that's why they formed America's labor movement. Workers did not start off with their rights being protected by government. We had to—and still must—organize ourselves, our families and others to secure good jobs, great public schools, prosperous communities and opportunity for all. While disappointed in the court's decision, the American Federation of Teachers will do what we have always done: redouble our efforts to empower and engage our members around the issues they care about and the work they do, and to serve as a strong voice for our communities, our democracy and opportunity for all."

—American Federation of Teachers

### Harris v. Quinn an assault on wages, middle class

(June 30) The extreme views of today’s Supreme Court aimed at home care workers aren’t just bad for unions – they’re bad for all workers and the middle class. But the attacks on the freedom of workers to come together are nothing new. They are part of an onslaught from anti-worker organizations hostile to raising wages or improving benefits for millions of people. These attacks are a direct cause of an economy in which middle class families can’t get a break because their wages have stagnated and their incomes have declined.

Home care is one of the fastest growing industries. Its workers do backbreaking, thankless work, often for low wages. By forming a union these workers are helping to combat income inequality and the rise of low wage jobs, ensuring that these are good jobs with good benefits.

Make no mistake: the fate of workers cannot and will not be decided by one Supreme Court decision. The Court upheld the right of public employees to have strong unions and workers will vigorously build on that foundation.

—AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka

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# Lac Mégantic, Quebec: One Year Later

The rail road and oil companies killed forty-seven people in Lac Mégantic, Quebec, one year ago when their oil train full of volatile North Dakota Bakken crude derailed and exploded in the middle of the city. No oil company or rail road has offered to rebuild the downtown or clean up the spill.

It is this same volatile Bakken shale oil, on the same dangerous rail cars, in the same mile long unit trains that Warren Buffett’s BNSF is hauling right now through our cities, along our rivers, next to our sounds and across our rural areas.

Elected Commssioners at the Port of Vancouver, the Port of Centralia and the Port of Grays Harbor are all complicit in welcoming more of these “bomb” trains and placing us all in harm’s way, while communities organize resistance and city councils in Vancouver, Spokane, Seattle, Edmonds, Bellingham and other cities plead for a halt to this imminent danger.

State Transportation officials sit silent in the face of Warren Buffett’s billions as the Department of Ecology ponders spill response and Governor Inslee considers a moratorium and orders another study due October 1st.

Sunday, July 6, 2014, is the one year anniversary of the Lac Mégantic massacre. Let’s remember these people and their families from noon to 1:00 pm.



Lac Mégantic, Quebec: July 6, 2013

*No more oil trains. No more death. An injury to one is an injury to all. Tous Ensemble, Tous Ensemble.*

## The 47 People Who Were Killed In Lac Mégantic, July 6, 2013

**Alyssa Charest Bégnoche**,4, died with her mother in their apartment near the track  
**Bianka Charest Bégnoche**,9, died with her mother in their apartment near the track  
**Talitha Coumi Bégnoche**, 30, mother of Alyssa and Bianka, died in their apartment.  
**Élodie Turcotte**, 18, studying to be beautician. First job as waitress in Music-Cafe.  
**Frédéric Boutin**, 19, Lived in apartment near the Musi-Cafe.  
**Jo-Annie Lapointe**, 20, waitress at Musi-Cafe, planning to move to Sherbrooke.  
**Marie-Sémie Alliance**, 22, leaves behind 18 month old daughter. Died with Jimmy Sirois.  
**Marianne Poulin**, 23, partner with Kevin Roy. Died in their apartment.  
**Kathy Clusiaux**, 24, trained massage therapist. Home to visit family. Died in apartment.  
**Andrée-Anne Sévigny**, 26, working as she studied to be a nurse.  
**Maxime Dubois**, 27, died in Musi-Cafe, four days after partner delivered their first child, Anais.  
**David Lacroix-Beaudoin**, 27, home from Lausanne to celebrate with his buddies. Died in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Geneviève Breton**, 28, aspiring singer recording first album. Died in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Eric Pepin**, 28, a construction worker, perished with friends at the Musi-Cafe.  
**Mélissa Roy**, 29, worked in local door factory. Died at the Musi-Cafe.  
**Kevin Roy**, 29, partner with Marianne Poulin, died in downtown apartment.  
**Joanie Turmel**, 29, .artist, graphic designer. Married to Gaetan Bouchard with two children.  
**Mathieu Pelletier**, 29, high school math teacher, hockey star and new father. Died in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Jimmy Sirois**, 30, died in Musi-Cafe with his partner, Marie-Semie Alliance.  
**Jean-Guy Veilleux**, 32, studied at Polyvalente Montignac. Died in his apartment near track.  
**Michel Junior Guertin**, 33, father of two worked at door factory. Died in M-C with David Martin.  
**Gaétan Lafontaine**, 33, businessman, rushed into the Musi-Cafe to save his wife, Joanie. Perished.  
**Karine Lafontaine**, 35,married to Gaetan’s brother, Pascal with two children. Perished in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Yannick Bouchard**, 36, died in his home near the train tracks.

**Marie-Noelle Faucher**, 36, worked at local excavation company, leaves two children. Died in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Karine Champagne**, 36, celebrating a birthday in the Musi-Cafe. Leaves behind two sons.  
**David Martin**, 36, worked at the local door factory, died in the Musi-Cafe with his friend Michel Guertin.  
**Stéphane Bolduc**, 37, welder and car salesman, celebrating his birthday in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Natachat Gaudreau**, 41, worked for Statistics Canada, mother of two teenagers, died at the Musi-Cafe.  
**Guy Bolduc**, 43, popular folk singer, leaves behind wife and two children. Died in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Stéphane Lapierre**, 45, father of two teenagers, worked at Fromagerie La Chaudiere. Died in his home.  
**Diane Bizier**, 46, assembly line worker, leaves behind 17 year old daughter & 19 year old son.  
**Martin Rodrigue**, 48, a stonemason, was working the sound system in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Lucie Vadnais**, 49, worked at a local day care center. Died in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Sylvie Charron**, 50, worker at senior residence, leaves a daughter and granddaughter.  
**Yves Boulet**, 51, a musician and union official. Died in the Musi-Cafe.  
**Jean-Pierre Roy**, 52, father of three. Died in Musi-Cafe.  
**Denise Dubois**, 57, an accomplished musican, dancer and chef. Died in her home.  
**Réal Custeau**, 57, lived in an apartment downtown near the train tracks.  
**Henriette Latulippe**, 61, a manicurist with a downtown salon. Died in apartment near the Musi-Cafe.  
**Roger Paquet**, 61, worked at Energex wood-pellet factory. Died at home near tracks.  
**Marie-France Boulet**, 62, lived behind her lingerie shop close to the Musi-Cafe.  
**Richard Veilleux**, 63, friend of Marie’s and grandfather of four.  
**Jacques Giroux**, 65, self-employed renovator recently retired. Lived above the Musi-Cafe.  
**Louissette Poirier**, 76, Leaves behind three children, four grandchildren. Died in her home.  
**Willfried Ratsch**, 77, long time partner of Louissette Poirier. Died with her in their home.  
**Éliane Parenteau**, 93, widow, former owner of the local IGA supermarket, lived near track.

*Prepared by Dan Leahy, 6/18/14, for the one year commemoration efforts in Washington State.*



Neither a kingdom or a horse!

# The tortuous marketing of the Spanish monarchy

Enrique Quintero

## The last waltz of Francisco Franco

On June 19, after 39 years as a monarch, Juan Carlos I of Spain abdicated the crown in favor of his son Felipe VI. Juan Carlos became king thanks to the agency of fascist dictator Francisco Franco who in 1969, six years before his death, nominated him as his successor and future king of Spain. After publicly declaring loyalty to Franco's right wing party, Movimiento Nacional, the young king and the aging fascist lived a political romance marked by the mutual exchange of compliments and synchronized political statements staged to delineate the legitimation and continuity of 36 years of Franco's regime. Juan Carlos became Franco's heir and the crown became the new symbol by which Spanish fascism would survive.

But in the words of French anarchist poet Leo Ferré while Franco represented death, the Spanish people represented life. After the demise of the Generalísimo in 1975 (General of Generals according to Franco own self-representation) it was clear that the majority of Spaniards were not willing to accept and comply with the specter of fascism. A huge counter-culture and political progressive movement known as "La Movida" made its appearance throughout the nation, transgressing and contesting the cultural values of Franquismo and demanding free political and cultural expression. For the Spanish dominants classes and the new monarchy it was clear that if the capitalist social structure molded by four decades of Franquismo was to persevere, certain political concessions were necessary.

As result of the popular opposition, a Constitutional Monarchy was established in 1978 which had a dual effect. In the political sphere, it opened spaces for the democratization of the state and made possible the democratic participation of political parties and forces repressed and excluded during Franco's dictatorship. Conversely, in the economic sphere, it secured the reproduction and growth of the existing

capitalist mode of production. The monarchy under this new model was to play a key role in the preservation of the system.

## The last waltz of Juan Carlos I

Unless you suffer from an overdose of social naiveté, it would be disingenuous to interpret this month's abdication of Juan Carlos I in favor of his son Felipe VI as a simple act of royal protocol immaculately conceived above politics and class interests, or as "a final gift to a grateful Spain" as Charles Powell writes on the London-based *Financial Times*.

A better understanding of the abdication is possible if we see Juan Carlos and his family not exclusively as a royal family, but as a capitalist family whose economic interests are closely intertwined with Spanish and European industrial and financial capital. As family members of the royalty, the family is interested in the survival of the monarchy and therefore willing to play the role of promoters of national unity to smooth the functioning of a system Juan Carlos was a key player in creating. He is also one of its main economic and political beneficiaries.

Historically, Juan Carlos' abdication takes place amid a severe and prolonged economic crisis that originated in 2008 as a consequence of financial mismanagements and real estate loan speculations, followed by harsh austerity measures imposed on the population (who as usual was not involved in the economic mishandling). Currently the unemployment rate is 23.93% (second only to Greece), Youth unemployment (those under 25 years of age) reached a record 56.1%, and according to the Spanish National Statistics Institute, the rate of "very long term unemployment" has increased by more than 500% since 2007.

Conversely, according to estimations by the University of Brussels, Juan Carlos has accumulated a known personal fortune of 1,600 million euros or 2,560 million U.S. dollars. This figure does not include all investments through third parties and real state properties or "perks" such as the 10 million euros (13.6 million U.S dollars) worth Yacht, which according to The Guardian (UK) was given to the king by a group of businessmen of the Balearic Islands "as token of appreciation for promoting tourism in the area". A dark cloud of unanswered questions regarding the magnitude, legality, and sources of his fortune shadows the monarch.

The Latin American information network Telesur recently published a

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Ni reino ni caballo!

# El tortuoso marketing de la monarquía Española

Enrique Quintero

## El Ultimo Valse de Francisco Franco

El 19 de junio, después de 39 años como monarca, Juan Carlos I de España abdicó la corona a favor de su hijo Felipe VI. Juan Carlos se convirtió en rey gracias a la intervención del dictador fascista Francisco Franco quien en 1969, seis años antes de su muerte, lo nomino como su sucesor y futuro rey de España. Luego de declarar públicamente su lealtad al partido derechista de Franco, Movimiento Nacional, el joven rey y el viejo dictador vivieron un romance político por alabanzas mutuas y sincronizadas declaraciones políticas orquestadas a delinear la legitimación y continuidad de 36 años de franquismo. Juan Carlos se convirtió en el heredero de franco y la corona en el nuevo símbolo por el cual el fascismo español habría de sobrevivir.

Pero en las palabras del poeta anarquista francés Leo Ferré si Franco represento la muerte, el pueblo español representa la vida. Después del fallecimiento del Generalísimo (General de Generales según la propia auto representación de Franco) fue claro que la mayoría de españoles no estaban dispuestos a seguir sometidos al espectro del fascismo. Un inmenso movimiento progresista contra-cultural y político conocido como "La Movida" hizo su aparición a lo largo de la nación, transgrediendo y desafiando los valores culturales del franquismo y demandando libertad de expresión política y cultural. Para las clases dominantes españolas fue claro que si el modelo económico capitalista moldeado por cuatro décadas de franquismo habría de continuar, eran necesarias ciertas concesiones.

Como resultado de la oposición popular, se estableció una monarquía constitucional en 1978 la cual tuvo un doble efecto. En la esfera política abrió espacios para la democratización del estado, e hizo posible la participación democrática de partidos y fuerzas políticas que fueron reprimidos e excluidos durante la dictadura de Franco. A la inversa, en la esfera económica, aseguró la reproducción y crecimiento del modelo capitalista existente. La monarquía bajo este modelo habrá de jugar in rol clave en la preservación del sistema.

## El Ultimo Valse de Juan Carlos I

A menos que alguien sufra de un agudo caso sobredosis en ingenuidad social, habría poca sinceridad en interpretar la claudicación de Juan Carlos I a favor de su hijo Felipe VI como un simple acto de protocolo real, concebido inmaculadamente por encima de la política y de intereses de clase. Peor aun, como "el regalo final a una España

agradecida" como señala Charles Powell en el "*Finalcial Times*" de Londres.

Un entender mas acertado de la claudicación es posible si vemos a Juan Carlos y su familia, no exclusivamente como una familia real, pero ante todo como una familia capitalista cuyos intereses económicos están directamente entrelazados con capitales Españoles y europeos. Como familia miembro de la realeza, la familia esta interesada en la sobrevivencia de la monarquía, y por lo tanto deseosos de jugar el rol de promotores de la unidad nacional para garantizar el buen funcionamiento de un sistema el cual Juan Carlos no solo ayudo a crearlo, pero al mismo tiempo es uno de sus principales beneficiarios.

Históricamente, la abdicación de Juan Carlos tiene lugar en medio de una prolongada y aguda crisis económica

originada en el 2008 como consecuencia del mal manejo financiero bancario y de prestamos especulativos en bienes raíces. Seguido por duras medidas de austeridad en la población (la misma que como siempre, no tuvo ninguna participación en el mal manejo financiero). En la actualidad el índice de desempleo es del 23.93% (segundo solo a Grecia), el desempleo entre la juventud (aquellos menores de 25 años) alcanzó un record del 56.1%, y según el Instituto Nacional Español de Estadísticas, el índice de "desempleo

por largo tiempo" se ha incrementado en mas de 500% desde el 2007.

A la inversa, según los cálculos de la Universidad de Bruselas, Juan Carlos ha acumulado una fortuna personal estimada en 1.600 millones de euros, o 2.560 millones de dólares. Esta cifra no incluye todas las inversiones a través de terceros o intermediarios, bienes raíces, y "beneficios extra", como un yate valorado en 10 millones de euros (13.6 millones de dólares) que según "The Guadian" fue regalado al rey por hombres de negocios de las islas Baleares como "muestra de gratitud por promover el turismo en el área". Un nubarrón oscuro lleno de preguntas sin respuesta con respecto a la magnitud, legalidad, y origen de esta fortuna cubre la sombra del monarca.

La red de información latino-americana Telesur produjo recientemente un reportaje que estima que el equivalente de 10.5 millones de U.S dólares por año del presupuesto publico del pueblo español, es asignado para gastos de representación de Juan Carlos, su esposa Sofía, su hijo Felipe, su hija Elena, y la esposa de Felipe, Letizia. El rey, según Telesur no paga por servicios de agua, luz, o gas en ninguna de sus residencias; estos gastos son cubiertos por las oficinas del Patrimonio Nacional Español. El ministerio de Defensa y el del Interior cubren los gastos de transporte y seguridad. Existen además mas de 372 personas como personal de planta al servicio del Palacio Real.

La continua y progresiva deterioración de la figura política del rey fue acelerada dos años atrás, cuando en una entrevista publica el declaró que no podía dormir por las noches preocupado por los desempleados de su país. Irónicamente, sus verdaderos sentimientos fueron

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report estimating that the equivalent of 10.5 million U.S. dollars per year of Spanish tax payers money are assigned to cover the expenses of Juan Carlos, his wife Sofia, his son Felipe, his daughter Elena, and Felipe's wife Letizia. The King, according to Telesur, does not pay electricity or gas in any of his residencies; the Spanish National Patrimony offices cover the expenses. The Secretary of Defense and the Interior cover security and transport expenses and there are more than 372 staff members working for him in the Royal Palace

The continuous and progressive deterioration of the King was accelerated two years ago, when in a public interview he stated he was not able to sleep at night worried about the unemployed people of his country. Ironically, his true feelings were revealed when it leaked that shortly after his statement he went on a secret and extremely expensive elephant hunting safari in Botswana, southern Africa – yes! He went to kill elephants! – Had he not have to be treated by a hip injury sustained during the safari, his unique treatment for insomnia would have remained undiscovered.

The unemployment, the austerity measures, and the scandals surrounding the king and other members of his family resulted in growing popular discontent demanding the king’s resignation and the call for a national referendum to abolish the monarchy. It is within this context, in a last minute effort to oxygenate a crumbling institution that Juan Carlos abdicates in favor of his son Felipe.

**Felipe VI first steps on a slippery ballroom dancing**

Almost two and a half centuries ago Tomas Paine, coursetier, journalist, political philosopher, founding father, and radical advocate of civil republicanism, wrote “Common Sense” a pamphlet of acerbic criticism questioning among other things the legitimacy of the Monarchy and hereditary succession. For him, *“To the evil of monarchy we have added that of hereditary succession; and as the first is a degradation and lessening of ourselves, so the second, claimed as a matter of right, is an insult and imposition on posterity. For all men being originally equals, no one by birth could have a right to set up his own family in perpetual preference to all others for ever.”*

But if the coronation of Felipe VI was the latest insult to the Spanish people, the imposition on posterity of the new monarch appears to have weak political beginnings. Prior to, and after his coronation, hundreds of thousands of people marched through the nation stressing three crucial demands:

- A referendum that allows people to decide between monarchy and republic
- The creation of a new constitution to consolidate the republic and grant full democratic rights to all the population and national groups (i.e. Catalonia, Basque Country, and Galicia) that integrate the Spanish state.
- Put the economy on the hands of working people of Spain.

The content of this demands, along with the multitudinous rallies that reminded and surpassed in magnitude those of the “Indignados Movement” of 2011, reflect not only a rejection of the monarchy and the current economic crisis, but an important political shift to the left among the Spanish voters. According to SocialistWorker.org, in last month elections for the European Parliament left-wing parties did their best. *“Izquierda Unida (United Left, or IU), a coalition that includes the Spanish Communist Party, gained six members of European Parliament. Several other left-wing coalitions from different nationalities within Spain such as the Basque Country, Catalonia or Valencia, improved their results or sent*

► **España**, viene de la página 6.

revelados accidentalmente, cuando se supo que poco después de sus declaraciones el viaja a Botswana en África del Sur, para participar en un secreto y extremadamente costoso safari para cazar elefantes – Si! El fue a matar elefantes!- Si no hubiera sido por una emergencia medica durante el safari, su singular tratamiento para el insomnio hubiera permanecido sin descubrirse.

El desempleo, las medidas de austeridad, y los escándalos que rodean al rey y a otros miembros de su familia, desembocaron en un creciente descontento popular que demandaba la renuncia del rey y un llamado a un referéndum nacional para abolir la monarquía. Es en este contexto, en un esfuerzo de ultimo minuto para oxigenar una institución en crisis, que Juan Carlos abdica a favor de su hijo Felipe.

**Felipe VI y Sus Primeros Pasos en Una Resbalosa Pista de Baile**

Casi hace dos siglos y medio Tomas Paine, coursetier, periodista, filosofo político, padre fundador de los EEUU, y radical defensor de un republicanismo civil, escribió “Common Sense” (Sentido Común) , un folleto de critica mordaz que cuestiona entre otras cosas, la legitimidad de la monarquía y la sucesión hereditaria. Para el, *“Al mal de la monarquía le hemos añadido el de la sucesión hereditaria; y del mismo modo que el primero es una degradación y envilecimiento de nosotros mismos, así el segundo, que se reclama como derecho, es un insulto y una imposición a*

*representatives to European Parliament for first time”.*

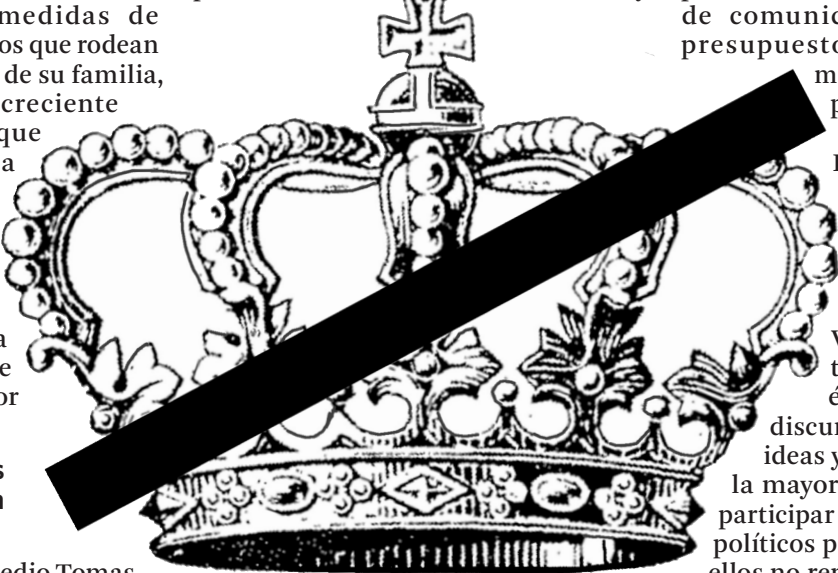
But the biggest surprise, according to the same source, came from PODEMOS (“we can” in Spanish), a newly born party, with less than a 100 days of political life, no coverage by mainstream media, and a tiny budget, won 1.2 million votes, 7.5 percentage points and 5 members of the European parliament. Podemos, although clearly rooted on Marxist leftist ideology (Many of its founders worked did political work in Venezuela during Chavez) had based its success on a “putting forward a common sense discourse” of ideas and values shared by the majority of the population, and “engaging in debates with political opponents to expose why they don’t embody those values.” Podemos clearly appears to be the political and social continuation of the Indignados movement of 2011, and a well-defined departure from the two dominant political parties in Spain, the PP and the PSOE, both responsible for the mismanagement of current economic crisis.

Meanwhile, Felipe VI in his acceptance discourse promised to reinvigorate the monarchy and return the public trust on the monarchy by declaring that public life should be guided by moral and ethical principles. The idea of structural inequality, parasitic privilege and anti-democratic nature imbedded in the monarchy obviously doesn’t seem to strike him as amoral or unethical. In Shakespeare’s play, *King Richard III*, defeated in battle and desperately trying to save his life screams *“A horse! A horse! My Kingdom for a horse!”* Hopefully the Spanish people will provide neither a kingdom or a horse to the heirs of Francisco Franco.

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*la posteridad. Porque todos los hombres siendo iguales desde sus inicios, ninguno por nacimiento puede tener derecho a colocar a su familia en estado de preferencia perpetua frente a otros para siempre.”*

Pero si la coronación de Felipe VI fue el ultimo de los insultos al pueblo español, la imposición en la posteridad del nuevo monarca adolece de débiles inicios políticos. Con anterioridad, y



luego de la coronación, cientos de miles de personas marcharon en toda España exigiendo tres demandas cruciales:

- Un referéndum que permita al pueblo decidir entre monarquía y republica.
- La creación de una nueva constitución que consolide la republica y conceda plenos derechos democráticos a toda la población y grupos nacionales (i.e Catalonia, País Vasco, y Galicia) que integran el estado nacional.

- Poner la economía bajo control popular.
- El contenido de estas demandas, junto a las manifestaciones multitudinarias que recordaban, pero que superaban en magnitud a aquellas del “Movimiento de los Indignados” del 2011, reflejan no solo un rechazo a la monarquía y la crisis económica actual; pero un giro político importante hacia la izquierda del electorado español. Según SocialistWorker.org, en las elecciones del pasado mes para el Parlamento Europeo los partidos de izquierda fueron los ganadores. *“Izquierda Unida, una coalición que incluye el Partido Comunista Español, gana seis miembros del Parlamento Europeo. Varios otras*

## NARAL reacts to the Supreme Court decision on Hobby Lobby

WASHINGTON - June 30 - "Today's decision from five male justices is a direct attack on women and our fundamental rights. This ruling goes out of its way to declare that discrimination against women isn't discrimination.

"Allowing bosses this much control over the health-care decisions of their employees is a slippery slope with no end. Every American could potentially be affected by this far-reaching and shocking decision that allows bosses to reach beyond the boardroom and into their employees' bedrooms. The majority claims that its ruling is limited, but that logic doesn't hold up. Today it's birth control; tomorrow it could be any personal medical decision, from

*coaliciones de izquierda de diferentes nacionalidades en España, tales como el País Vasco, Cataluña y Valencia, mejoraron sus resultados o enviaron representantes al Parlamento Europeo por primera vez”*

Pero la mayor sorpresa, de acuerdo a la misma fuente, fue PODEMOS. Un partido recientemente formado con menos de 100 días de vida política, sin cobertura en los medios de comunicación oficiales, y un presupuesto reducido, gana 1.2 millones de votos, 7.5 puntos porcentuales y 5 miembros del Parlamento Europeo. Podemos, aunque claramente influenciado por la ideología marxista (muchos de sus fundadores hicieron trabajo político en Venezuela de Chávez) tiene como base de su éxito “el presentar un discurso de sentido común” de ideas y valores compartidos por la mayoría de la población, y en “participar en debates con oponentes políticos para desenmascarar como ellos no representan dichos valores”.

Podemos aparece claramente como la continuación socio-política de los Indignados del 2011, y marca una radical ruptura con los dos partidos dominantes en España, el PP y el PSOE. Los dos responsables de la actual crisis.

Mientras tanto, Felipe VI en su discurso de aceptación prometió revigorar la monarquía y un retorno de la confianza publica hacia la misma, declarando que la vida publica debe ser guiada por principios éticos y morales. La idea de desigualdad estructural, privilegios parasitarios y naturaleza anti democrática de la monarquía, obviamente no le parecen ni amoral ni anti ético.

En la obra de Shakespeare, el Rey Richard III, derrotado en batalla y desesperadamente tratando de salvar su vida grita *“Un Caballo! Un Caballo! Mi Reino por un caballo!”* Contamos que el pueblo español no proveerá ni reino ni caballo a los herederos de Francisco Franco.

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starting a family to getting life-saving vaccinations or blood transfusions.

"Ninety-nine percent of women use birth control at some point in our lives, and none of those stories made it into the arguments. It's outrageous that these five male justices chose to single out birth control for special discrimination.

"NARAL's message has always been clear: bosses who want control over their employees' personal medical decisions are offensive, out of touch, and out of bounds, and so is this ruling. We call upon Congress to right this wrong, and we will work tirelessly with our allies and member activists to make sure that the people who would stand between a woman and her doctor are held accountable."

—Ilyse Hogue, President

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are only in the 80s. Soccer associations around the world (especially in Europe) are furious with this proposal as it would interfere with domestic league schedules as well as create a host of logistical and contractual nightmares. Aside from the 14 members of the Executive Committee who voted for Qatar, the rest of the world was mystified as to why FIFA had blundered into such an unpromising situation. The stench from the Qatar decision was overwhelming given FIFA's long history of corruption. Mohammed bin Hammam, a Qatari billionaire who was the president of the Asian Football Confederation (one of FIFA's six regional confederations) from 2002 to 2011, has been accused of spending \$5 million to bribe soccer officials and advance the Qatari World Cup bid. In 2011, Sepp Blatter appointed US attorney, Michael Garcia to conduct an ethics investigation into the bidding process for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups after allegations of shadowy backroom dealings became unrelenting. According to a profile in *The Independent*, Garcia "served as a counter-terrorism prosecutor for President George Bush, and steered the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency between 2003 and 2005. In 2011, he was tipped to lead the Federal Bureau of Investigation, before President Barack Obama extended the term of Robert Mueller." Garcia's findings on FIFA are due to be released in mid-July.

Regardless of whether Garcia's report concludes that Qatar won the right to host the 2022 World Cup through unethical means, the true scandal is not one of corruption but of a grotesque disregard for human life. While the World Cup in Qatar is eight years away, over 1,000 migrant workers, primarily from India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, have already died on infrastructure and stadium projects connected with the tournament. By contrast, nine Brazilian construction workers died over the course of preparations for this summer's World Cup and two died before the 2010 World Cup. Migrant workers who come from South Asia to Qatar work under extremely dangerous conditions and live in cramped, squalid accommodations. While some of these migrants have committed suicide the majority of deaths were caused by cardiac arrest stemming from dehydration and overwork in the scorching heat of the desert. The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) estimates that

at least 4,000 migrant workers will die in Qatar before the first match of the 2022 World Cup if labor conditions are not drastically changed. While the impoverished migrant laborers

the depths of its moral bankruptcy. While FIFA's Theo Zwanziger described the situation in Qatar as "absolutely unacceptable," he went on to say: "This feudal system existed before the World



Black and white representation by Vince Ryland of Brazilian artist Paulo Ito's mural on the doors of a schoolhouse in São Paulo, 2014.

of Qatar constitute more than half of the population of the emirate they are enslaved by the kafala system that governs relations between workers and employers. Under kafala, employers have complete authority over their workers and can decide, among other things, whether and when someone can leave the country. Workers regularly have their passports confiscated, are paid less than they were initially promised, go unpaid for months, and are forced to work 11 hours a day, six days a week. As they are not paid regularly, both workers in Qatar and families in their sending nations often go into debt to feed themselves and stay financially afloat.

Confronted with reports of the working conditions and deaths of migrant workers FIFA has revealed

Cup. What do you expect of a football organization? FIFA is not the lawmaker in Qatar." Zwanziger's words blithely disregard that FIFA forced the host nations of the last two World Cups to change laws that impeded the profit making of their sponsors. But more importantly, he disavows the ethical responsibilities and repercussions of giving the World Cup to Qatar. Indeed, by pretending to have no sway over the politics of sovereign nations FIFA ignores its own past. In 1961 it expelled apartheid South Africa from FIFA and did not readmit the country until 1991 after the release of Nelson Mandela. As the International Trade Union Confederation has argued, "If FIFA demand Qatar abolish kafala and respect fundamental international rights, it will happen." Unfortunately,

the gap between the reality in Qatar and FIFA's rhetoric about social responsibility has become breathtaking. FIFA's Mission & Statutes declare: "The world is a place rich in natural beauty and cultural diversity, but also one where many are still deprived of their basic rights. FIFA now has an even greater responsibility to reach out and touch the world, using football as a symbol of hope and integration."

By selecting two autocratic countries—Russia and Qatar—to host the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, FIFA has revealed its cynicism and preference for working with authoritarian governments. Speaking about the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, FIFA's Secretary General Jérôme Valcke said: "I will say something which is crazy, but less democracy is sometimes better for organizing a World Cup. ... When you have a very strong head of state who can decide, as maybe Putin can do in 2018 ... that is easier for us organizers than a country such as Germany... where you have to negotiate at different levels." Despite presenting itself as a quasi "United Nations of soccer," FIFA is a Realpolitik cesspool and crooked money machine that distances itself from accountability while selling the world its most popular sport.

Which gets us back to where we started (viz., Sepp Blatter's remarks to the 64th FIFA Congress on the eve of the 2014 World Cup). Gazing at the multiple turds floating in the FIFA punch bowl, what did the president say to the assembled delegates in São Paulo? "FIFA is shaping society. My vision for FIFA in this changing world is that we become one of today's pioneers of hope. We must carry the flame of honesty, responsibility and always of respect. If not, we will betray the spirit of this game we love." Soccer's international governing body is indeed shaping and has helped to shape society. By not supporting worker or human rights, by awarding the World Cup to autocratic regimes, and by making billions of tax-free dollars in nations with vast income inequality FIFA resembles a model corporation for the 1%. Blatter continued: "Football is about freedom, equality and respect. People have the right to want a better world for their children to grow up in." It's a shame that Dhun Kamari Damai and Saguna Rana Khawas, the widows of two Nepali migrant workers who died in Qatar in the past year couldn't be on hand to hear Blatter's soothing words. Ms. Khawas is a 19-year old widow with an 18-month-old son. As she said about her deceased husband in an ESPN documentary about Qatar: "I remembered all the good things he talked about in the past. I was concerned with our son and how to raise him. ... I received no financial aid [from the company that hired him], just the dead body and the last rites expenses. It's difficult. I look at my son

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## New paper finds no evidence that Latin America's economic growth rebound results from a "commodities boom"

Washington, D.C. - A new paper from the Center for Economic and Policy Research finds that Latin America's economic growth rebound in the 2000s does not appear to have resulted from a "commodities boom" as is often suggested, as there is no statistically significant relationship between the increase in the terms of trade for Latin American countries and their GDP growth. The paper "Latin American Growth in the 21st Century: The 'Commodities Boom' That Wasn't" by economists David Rosnick and Mark Weisbrot does find, however, a positive relationship between the terms-of-trade increase and an improvement in the current account balance, which may have allowed some countries to avoid balance of payments crises or constraints as their economies grew more rapidly.

"This paper indicates that the oft-cited 'commodities boom' explanation for Latin American growth in recent years is not what happened," CEPR Co-Director and the paper's co-author Mark Weisbrot said.

Following a two decade (1980 – 2000) period of an economic growth collapse that was unprecedented in the modern history, Latin America experienced an economic growth rebound. From 1980 – 2000 the region's per capita GDP grew by just 7.7 percent, or 0.4 percent annually, as compared to 91.5 percent growth, or an average annual rate of 3.3 percent, for the prior twenty years (1960-1980). In the 2000s, growth picked up to an average annual rate of 1.9 percent—not close to its pre-1980 average, but a huge improvement over the prior 20 years. A "commodities boom" explanation for this increase—frequently described in the media and by some in the economics profession—implies that the region's growth was stimulated by sizeable increases in the price of commodity exports.

The paper finds that though several large Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries have experienced sizeable improvements in their terms of trade, there is little evidence to suggest that these trade windfalls generally contributed to increased GDP growth. Terms-of-Trade windfalls can also be spent on increased imports that replace domestic demand. Also, improvements in LAC terms of trade are associated with improvements in current account balances.

"Improved terms of trade can help countries avoid current account imbalances, but their direct impact on economic growth has often been overstated," Weisbrot said. "Other factors, such as macro-economic policy choices, may have been more important." —CEPR

► **Old Growth**, cont. from page 1.  
*delivering emboldening critiques of the status-quo, gut-quaking humor, and visceral revelations on the meaning of self and society to Olympia and beyond. Questionable to some, objectionable to others, and downright dangerous to those that would seek to steal art from the masses, The Old Growth Poetry Collective gives voice to the vision and hearts of change agents across Cascadia.*

OGPC's work is revolutionary in their effort to extend the realm of poetry—not only in terms of topics but also in terms of who produces poetry. The open-mic sessions encourage people to read their own or others' poems, and the playshops are a nicely designed follow-up where the relationships between poets and audience shift—the audience is invited to join in the poetry making.

To be revolutionary, art has to help us see the ideologies in which we live. As Eagleton puts it, the power of art is that while it exists within these ideologies—the values, feelings, and ideas that shape our perceptions, it manages to distance itself from those ideologies. In doing so, art helps us perceive and feel the ideology from which it springs. Some of the poets at the reading on Thursday were doing that,

particularly in terms of describing issues of identity and injustice, moments of crisis within the system.

Producing truly dangerous art, in the way OGPC describes its work, is harder. For Eagleton, progressive art makes significant connections and offers

Questions of identity are important, but they exist in a much wider and more encompassing economic framework.

The challenge for a group like OGPC that identifies itself as revolutionary is to shape their art in such a way that it attracts people, encourages deeply critical thinking about dominant ideology, and moves them towards political commitments aimed at addressing economic injustice. With only two major political parties, the leap from radical poetry to political action is like jumping from the moat to inside the castle walls, where the centers of political power are guarded. If we can't get into the castle, we can't affect the dominant political discourse. But we can't get into the castle because we lack the power to do so. Can art mobilize enough people to 'storm the castle' and seize political power? The sheer improbability of making politics in the U.S. responsive to people's needs is potentially overwhelming to everyone who thinks about it, including revolutionary artists. Yet that is the task at hand.

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## Summer Lovin'

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Old Growth Poetry Collective is hosting a weekly poetry open-mic! Sign-ups start 6:30, poetry at 7. The mics open for eight or slots, anyone can sign up, followed by a weekly feature from Seattle, Portland, or Spokane. It's a \$3-\$7 sliding scale admission. Schedule of features for the Thursdays of Summer 2014:

**July**    **3 Robert Lashley**  
          **10 Rebecca Jennings**  
          **17 Elisa Catrina**  
          **24 Lauren Gilmore**  
          **31 Chris Leja**

**August**    **7 Michael Hodges**  
              **14 Imani Sims**  
              **21 Garfield Hilson**  
              **28 Tara Hardy**

Didn't have a poem to share at last Thursday's open-mic? Didn't go to the open-mic? Never fret! Come write with us! It's the KOWA studio behind Media Island International (816 Adams St SE, Olympia), Sundays from 2-4. Tell your friends!

## SHOWING AT THE OLYMPIA FILM SOCIETY

**We Are the Best**  
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*A raucous, refreshing look at female friendship. In Stockholm circa 1982, two seventh-graders are embarrassed by their dorky parents, bored to extinction by school, and mocked for their punk hairdos and shapeless, androgynous clothes. They find safety in their alienation when they grab a guitar and drums at a community center studio and launch into a caterwauling protest anthem against gym class. When a classical guitar nerd wanders in, their musical ability rises enough to consider performing publicly.*

—Minneapolis Star Tribune

**The Unknown Unknown**  
**July 18 through July 24**

*Morris' film is a fascinating study of a certain managerial mind-set and a wonderful companion to "The Fog of War," which put similar questions to Vietnam-era Defense Secretary Robert McNamara. While McNamara retrospectively judged some of his own wartime actions indefensible, Rumsfeld is immune to second-guessing.*

*Morris is admirably evenhanded, never demonizing his subject, but giving him enough rope to hang himself. Rumsfeld, cool and bemused, refuses to knot the noose.*

—Colin Covert, Star Tribuner

**Belle**  
**July 13 through July 17**

*Belle is based on the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, a mixed-race daughter of a well-born 18th-century sea captain, who had fathered the child with a slave and brought her back to be raised by her great-uncle Lord Mansfield, the enlightened, reformist lord chief justice who had then to worry about her marriage prospects while at the same time ruling on issues concerning slavery.*

*It's a very solid, watchable if conservative piece of work.*

—Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

**Lucky Them**  
**July 25 through July 31**

*Megan Griffiths' made-in-Seattle story of love and friendship, "Lucky Them," has that rare gift: It leaves its audiences warm and happy, as the best romantic comedies do. Local filmmaker Griffiths' previous effort, "Eden," was a well-crafted, harrowing tale of sex trafficking. Here, she steps in the opposite direction, crafting a low-key charmer that shows off her versatility as a storyteller. It shows off our city, too; cinematographer Ben Kutchins creates, in the lollipop nighttime neon of Capitol Hill, a post-grunge wonderland.*

—Moir Macdonald, Seattle Times

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► **World Cup**, cont. from page 9. and console myself.”

Faced with criticisms about Qatar and Brazil perhaps Blatter would respond with the Latin phrase: Per aspera ad astra (“Through adversity to the stars.”). Not content with global domination, FIFA’s president has ambitions for the organization that extend beyond Planet Earth. As he said in his speech: “We shall wonder if one day our game is played on another planet? Why not? Then we will have not only a World Cup we will have inter-planetary competitions. Why not?”

Postscript

“I think the whole country is caught up with the World Cup fever. You can feel the excitement in - here, in Rio de Janeiro, and throughout the country. There are thousands of fans from all over the world especially from Latin America, and it’s just a big party. You can see the streets are lined with the Brazilian national colors of green and yellow - flags everywhere. So it seems like the party atmosphere has taken over Brazil and has overshadowed any concerns about the protests. ... Obviously, [Brazilians] are not happy about all the money that was invested in the stadiums - billions of dollars, which they feel should have been invested in schools, hospitals

and just generally in services. But once the ball starts rolling on the pitch, seems like everybody forgot about that. The fact that they won the opening match against Croatia made things that much better. I’m sure if they had lost the match, maybe the atmosphere wouldn’t be so festive right now.” -Ricardo Zuniga (Associated Press, Latin America sports editor) interviewed on NPR, June 17, 2014

“Thiago Santos, 77, remembers the misery of Brazil’s defeat in the 1950 final at the Maracanã and the unease that many felt about supporting the 1970 team during the dictatorship. But he said moods change along with results. “We always live in a crisis, but the football comes along and we forget everything.” The Guardian, June 11, 2014.

“Perhaps even more troubling is the false sense of unity that soccer victories produce. Graciela Daleo remembers celebrating with “the guy who had tortured you with electric drills” after Argentina’s Men’s World Cup victory in 1978.”

-Gabriel Kuhn in Soccer vs. the State: Tackling Football and Radical Politics Sam Markham is an archivist and artist who lives in New York City. He spent his childhood playing soccer in Spain and Germany and still loves the beautiful game despite the best efforts of FIFA.

Hires and quits were flat in April, while job openings rose

(June 10) The April Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) data released this morning by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed a labor market that is just holding steady. In her analysis, EPI economist Heidi Shierholz explains that if job opportunities were really ramping up, the rate of hires and quits would have risen, but neither of these measures has made any sustained improvement in the last half year. There are more than 10 percent fewer hires each month than there were before the recession began, and the rate of hires has in fact seen no sustained improvement since last August. Further, voluntary quits, while slowly improving, are

also nowhere near a full recovery. There are more than 15 percent fewer voluntary quits each month than there were before the recession began, and the quit rate has seen no sustained improvement since last October. Low voluntary quits indicate that there are a huge number of workers who are locked into jobs that they would leave if they could.

The total number of job openings in April was 4.5 million, up from 4.2 million in March. In April, there were 9.8 million job seekers (unemployment data are from the Current Population Survey), meaning that there were 2.2 times as many job seekers as job openings. —Economic Policy Institue

Iraq War veteran, artist, and author  
Sean Davis to appear at Last Word Books  
The author will be reading from his new book, The Wax Bullet War: Chronicles of a Soldier & Artist.

Portland, OR—Ooligan Press is excited to announce the publication of their newest title, The Wax Bullet War: Chronicles of a Soldier & Artist. This new memoir by Iraq War veteran Sean Davis cuts through politics and party lines to explore the ugliness of war and the restorative beauty of art. Follow Sean Davis as he discovers the oddities of a pop-up America in a hostile desert wasteland; loses his best friend in a violent ambush; returns, critically wounded, to confinement in a place that’s not his home; deals with the fallout of PTSD and the horror of what he experienced in that war zone; and, finally, as he rediscovers art and its power to heal.

Davis’s reading will take place at 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 3rd, 2014. The reading will be at Last Word Books (111 Cherry Street NE, Olympia, WA, 98501). This appearance is part of a national tour that has included stops in Utah, Idaho, Michigan, and Wisconsin, with many more locations in the Northwest still to come.

Sean Davis holds an MFA in writing from Pacific University, and is an adjunct writing teacher for colleges around the Portland area. He is a regular contributor to Nailed Magazine and The Good Men Project. He also works in theater: he has produced, acted, and written for the stage, and is currently working on The Canticle of the Black Madonna, a new opera featuring veterans which will premier in Portland this fall. His paintings currently hang in the Six Days Gallery in the Alberta Arts District in Portland. In addition to creative pursuits, Sean does volunteer work on outreach and support for homecoming veterans.

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For more information about The Wax Bullet War, Sean Davis, and Ooligan Press, visit the Ooligan Press website at <http://ooligan.pdx.edu>.

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Half a million people oppose Dow’s toxic herbicide mix

Washington, DC (July 2) - More than 500,000 people have submitted comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency urging it to reject an application to market a new toxic herbicide called Enlist Duo, a mix of 2,4-D and glyphosate.

Dow AgroSciences, a subsidiary of the Dow Chemical Company, is seeking a permit to sell Enlist Duo for use on genetically engineered corn and soybean crops. It would be the largest expansion in the approved use of a toxic defoliant in more than three decades.

A number of organizations – including Environmental Working Group, Food and Water Watch, Pesticide Action Network, Center for Food Safety, Just Label It, CREDO, SumOfUs, National Family Farm Coalition and Organic Consumers Association – have also submitted comments to EPA and encouraged their supporters to do the same.

Earlier this week, 35 doctors and scientists sent a letter calling out the agency for disregarding toxicity tests in its assessment of the new product. EPA’s public comment period ended on June 30.

Today, EWG released a new interactive map and analysis that shows that more than 5,600 schools across the country would be within 200 feet of crop fields that could be blanketed with Enlist Duo. Children in schools and daycare facilities closest to the fields would be at increased risk of exposure whenever spraying takes place.

In its comments, EWG pointed out several major flaws in the agency’s risk assessment for Enlist Duo, highlighting multiple serious scientific errors, including the failure to apply a key safety factor required by federal law when a chemical presents potential risks specific to children.

“The opposition to Enlist Duo makes it clear that people are outraged and do not want this toxic herbicide on the market,” said Mary Ellen Kustin, EWG Senior Policy Analyst. “Exposure to 2,4-D has been linked to some serious health problems including Parkinson’s disease, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and other thyroid issues. And now we know that hundreds of thousands of children across the country would be at risk of increased exposure if this product is approved.”

“The EPA must take a closer look at the dangers of Enlist Duo,” added Kustin. “More than 500,000 comments should be a wake-up call for the agency to keep this harmful weed killer away from our food and out of our environment.”

—Environmental Working Group

Civil Rights Act of 1964 shows the importance of local and grassroots efforts in precipitating large-scale change

July 2, 2014 - On the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which ended legal segregation of public accommodations and transportation, a new paper from the Economic Policy Institute’s Unfinished March project demonstrates the importance of local and grassroots efforts in precipitating large-scale national change. In Looking Back on the Fight for Equal Access to Public Accommodations, Alton Hornsby, Jr. presents a timeline and analysis of some of the pivotal demonstrations for the right to equal access to public accommodations preceding the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. These included the sit-in movement, the economic boycotts, and the transportation boycotts that began in the late 1940s and continued through the 1960s. Hornsby details how the disruption of everyday operations for

businesses across the country catalyzed national change and explains why the importance of local and grassroots efforts in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is instructive in the pursuit of the remaining unmet economic goals of the March on Washington. These include the demands for decent housing, adequate and integrated education, a federal jobs program for full employment, and a national minimum wage of over \$13 an hour in today’s dollars.

“As we reflect on the importance of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and what it accomplished, it is important to note the many years of local and grassroots actions and countless demonstrations that preceded it,” said Hornsby “That the guarantee of equal access to public accommodations did not occur overnight but instead was the culmination of a movement spanning generations and propelled by countless victories and defeats gives us hope as we strive to achieve the remaining and ever critical economic goals of the March on Washington.”

“The recent fast-food worker strikes have not only prompted more cities and states to put raising the minimum wages on their political agenda, but they have reminded us of the effectiveness of on-the-ground demonstrations,” said Valerie Wilson, director of EPI’s

Program on Race, Ethnicity, and the Economy. “The framers of March on Washington created a successful template that activists continue to draw from to raise public awareness of the need to raise the wages of all working families.”

This paper continues the Economic Policy Institute project The Unfinished March, which reviews America’s civil rights successes as well as the significant amount of civil rights work that remains to be done. Each report addresses a specific civil rights goal, the progress that has or has not been made, and, if necessary, the policy measures needed to fully realize the goal.

—EPI

State-by-state data on U.S. tax dollars that could be offshored via TPP ban on Buy American preferences

WASHINGTON - July 1 - A state-by-state analysis of how much money each state’s taxpayers contribute to U.S. federal government purchases that are now subject to Buy American policies that the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) would undermine. Public Citizen is organizing events in 20 states during the July 4th congressional recess to highlight how TPP would offshore

Americans tax dollars by forbidding the use of Buy American preferences, which ensure taxpayer funds are reinvested at home through government purchases from U.S. companies so as to create American jobs and spur innovation.

“For all the political divides now, there is remarkably unified support for Buy American, so when people hear TPP would ban Buy American preferences and ship our tax dollars offshore, they are understandably furious,” said Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch.

Under the TPP, the U.S. government would be required to grant all firms operating in any TPP country the same access as American firms to U.S. government procurement contracts over a set value. The TPP ban on preferential treatment for U.S. firms with respect to obtaining U.S. government contracts could result in the offshoring hundreds of millions in tax dollars now recycled into the U.S. economy under the Buy American procurement program, which started in 1933.

For the state of Washington, taxpayers contribute an estimated \$11.7 billion to the federal procurement with an average individual payment of \$2000-\$2490. The state by state data is available at <http://www.citizen.org/buy-american-taxes>.

—Public Citizen

Pastors for Peace 25th Friendshipment Caravan to Cuba

In ten different routes we will pass through more than 130 US and Canadian cities. We will travel in school buses, trucks, and cars to Cuba via Mexico with construction, medical and educational supplies gathered across the US and Canada as a collective challenge to the US blockade and travel ban on Cuba.

Join us as we pass through your community, or meet us in Texas on July 19 as we prepare to break the blockade by taking the aid into Mexico and on to Cuba.

This year, through an exciting educational cultural program, we will celebrate and honor the achievements of Cuba’s youth and the challenges they face in today’s revolutionary Cuba. We will learn about daily life in Cuba. Nine days will be spent in Cuba attending cultural events, and visiting social projects such as organic farms, elderly persons’ homes, and health centers, including



the Latin American School of Medicine. We will meet and learn from Cubans at every level about the problems caused by the blockade and the ways in which they have creatively responded to those difficulties.

While in Cuba, caravanistas will also be introduced to young scientists, doctors, teachers, social workers, artists, musicians and community activists who are increasingly at the forefront of developing their own society, and participating in the internationalist missions to assist the peoples of other countries.

We return to Texas via Mexico, proudly declaring our travel to Cuba as part of this non-violent civil protest.

July 7–August 4, 2014

- July 7-18 Drive through US and Canada
- July 19-22 Orientation in McAllen, TX
- July 23 Cross the border to Mexico
- July 24 Depart from Mexico
- July 25 Program in Cuba
- August 3 Return to Mexico
- August 4 Reverse challenge

*Pastors for Peace, whose mission is “to help forward the struggles of oppressed peoples for justice and self-determination,” reflects the dynamic leadership of the courageous and righteous.*

Reverend Lucius Walker

**Caravan in Olympia Wed., July 9, 6 pm at Media Island**

**816 Adams St SE**  
(across the street from the library)  
**(360) 352-8526**

*Potluck is followed by a presentation by a Pastors For Peace staff member, Manolo De Los Santos, and a discussion about current Cuba solidarity efforts.*