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“The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who during times of great moral crisis maintained their neutrality.” — Dante Alighieri



Sebastian Sandoval (They/Them) stands next to their car damaged by projectiles at the Montrose July 4 Parade.

Montrose Pride Attacked at Fourth of July Parade

Photos and Words By Aiden McVay

Homophobic slurs, spitting, hurling projectiles, and destruction of property is not normally what you expect at a Fourth of July event but it's what happened during Montrose Colorado's Fourth of July Parade.

"I went around the corner, and I heard that first pop and I looked around. That's when I passed a kid. He spit on and, in my car, and his parents were right there watching him. And I go about maybe 75

feet from that and that's when I heard the second pop, and I was like oh my gosh it's happening to my car. Oh, I'm gonna die out here in the parade, how embarrassing," said Sebastian Sandoval (they, them). Sandoval drove one of the cars in the Montrose Pride's July 4 parade float. "That's when I hear it, 'faggot... You guys don't belong here,'" said Sandoval.

The pops Sandoval heard were

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unidentified objects thrown or shot by slingshots hard enough to crack their car's front windshield, chip the driver's side window, and dent the rear driver's side panel.

The support Montrose Pride did receive was seemingly outweighed by the bigotry. "We heard a couple of claps, you know, from people that were supportive, but it was drowned out by all the disgust and hate that we were all receiving," Sandoval said.

Sandoval wasn't the only one who had derogatory remarks hurled at them. Witnesses saw a teenager in the procession targeted with f-slur being yelled at him.

Melissa McChristian (she, they) witnessed a younger boy, approximately 12-14 years old, flipping off her group in the procession. There were also leaflets designed to look like fake \$100 bills, with the words "Stop Being Gay" printed on the inside of them being tossed at the Montrose Pride parade participants.

Not everything was negative, according to Evelyn Greenman-Baird (she/her), organizer of Montrose Pride. "I will say, though, that we did experience a lot of positivity... literally folks that were in the crowd that were just cheering enthusiastically for us." Greenman-Baird said. Greenman-Baird also witnessed people deliberately stop clapping for the Montrose Pride float, she heard someone shout "All lives matter!" as they passed, and a few people questioned why a "gay pride float" was there

at a Fourth of July event.

The incident took place less than a month after Montrose Pride hosted their widely popular first public Pride event on June 8.

Greenman-Baird wants the message to be positive, she stated, "that this was a successful event. Yeah, there was hate and there was bigotry ... But I really believe that this event overall was a powerfully successful event." She added "The whole city could see our existence and see our authenticity, and see how much we were loved and supported by other members of the community." She continued,

"That's really what I'm hoping people kind of hold on to. There is still hate and negativity and nasty things in our community. But it's really changing."

For many, the positivity was overshadowed by the bigotry that was displayed and continues to be displayed online.

On July 12, the Montrose Daily Press published an article on Facebook where the comments were just as prejudiced.

Bryon Carey commented on MDP's post, "That's what they deserve." In another comment, "Why can't they be what they are without feeling like they need to flaunt their sickness."

JD Cougar commented, "Mental illness at its finest."

There were a few kind comments like that from Chad Jukes, "I don't know about you, but I fought for this country. I ended up losing a leg defending the rights of the amazing humans who were on the Montrose Pride float. I'm honestly disgust-



Leaflets thrown at Montrose Pride's parade participants.

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cording to ABC News. "It's not Democrats we're up against, he said. "My biggest blockers are uniparty Republicans," he said. Uniparty Republicans are horrible people."

During his talk Lindell referred to the COVID-19 coronavirus as the "China virus," a racist term often used by Trump that has led to discrimination and violence against Asian-Americans. And, like Trump, Lindell referred to many people, including Republican Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, as "crooked." Raffensperger angered Trump and his followers when he

refused to overturn the 2020 election results in Georgia.

Toward the end of his talk, Lindell referenced a Bible verse that urged people to "put on God's armor to stand firm against the devil, evil rulers, and authorities."

The Orchard Mesa Baptist Church agreed to host the event after organizers were turned away by three other venues, said Greg Kuhn, who opened the event with a welcome and prayer. The event was promoted on Facebook by a local far-right group Stand for the Constitution.

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Harris) is just the same. Joe Biden promised, and continues to promise, that he will make this country a better place for the little guy, for the working person. He says over and over again that he's going to stop Trump from ruining this country. But from where I'm standing, this country is already well on its way to ruin, and Joe Biden hasn't done a damn thing to stop it. He presents himself as the opposite of Donald Trump, and in a sense that's true; Joe Biden is the opposite of Donald Trump the same way that the head of a quarter is the opposite of its tail.

Both candidates are the elite of the elite. Both seem to think that your tax dollars are best spent funding endless foreign wars that this country has no business being involved in. And

both have made it clear that your interests and the interests of your family will always take second place to the interests of the wealthy and powerful elites, who do nothing for this country but drain it of its wealth and resources, which they have done absolutely nothing to produce. But that doesn't stop them from acting like the products of the hard work of the American people belong to them.

If people like Donald Trump, Joe Biden, Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos disappeared overnight, life would go on as if nothing had happened. But what do you think would happen if, overnight, every single honest, hard working American decided they didn't want to go to work? Do you think the Trumps, Bidens and Musks of the world would be able to manage without us?

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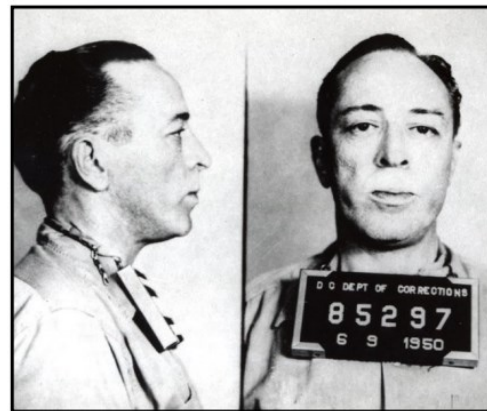
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ed that anyone would take issue with their presence in the parade.”

The hateful comments and threats continued weeks after the incident. While investigating the incident, this reporter received personal messages from Tye Hess, “Why don’t you just try and be happy and stop fucking with people [,] clearly the town doesn’t agree with it. Who the hell are you?”

On another public Facebook post, Tye Hess continued his tirade: “Your opening statement says this is your town? It may be but it’s ours as well. None of us

being investigated as a bias-motivated crime have not been answered at the time of publication.

A person commits a bias-motivated crime in Colorado when they “Knowingly causes bodily injury to another person” or “By words or conduct, knowingly places another person in fear of imminent lawless action directed at that person or that person’s property” or “Knowingly causes damage to or destruction of the property of another person,” “with the intent to intimidate or harass another person, in whole or in part, because of that person’s actual or perceived

***“We will not be silenced, and we will not let hate win... Love is love, and we ain’t going nowhere.” -
—Sebastian Sandoval***

others who live or have lived in Montrose have opinions just like you. This seems as if you are a small few trying to force your beliefs on other [sic].”

Multiple reports of the alleged harassment/assault/disorderly conduct were made to the Montrose Police Department about the incident that occurred on July 4, 2024.

The MPD released this statement: “incidents like this affect us all and are very concerning for our entire community.” Adding, “the Montrose Police Department encourages anyone who witnessed this incident or has information related to this incident to contact the Montrose Police Department at 970-252-5200 or WestCo Dispatch at 970-249-9110.”

There is a case number, and it is actively being investigated. A source close to the MPD said that the police have the license plate numbers of some of the alleged assailants.

What is unclear at this point, is whether this incident is being investigated as a ‘bias-motivated crime,’ or not.

Attempts reached out to Chief Deputy Cox, of the Montrose Police Department, to find out whether or not this is

race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation”

Multiple people witnessed these alleged hate crimes that were committed in broad daylight, in front of dozens of people, and in some cases committed by minors in front of their parents.

As of July 22, 2024, the case had not been referred to the Montrose’s District Attorney’s Office.

Much more needs to be done! LGBTQ+ people are just as much a part of the community as anyone else, and deserve to be safe and protected as we all do.

“The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the good people,” Martin Luther King Jr. once said. His words remind us that we cannot sit idly by, we must take a stand. Speak out, join advocacy groups, and do not remain silent. Now is the time for bravery. As Sebastian Sandoval said, “We will not be silenced, and we will not let hate win... Love is love, and we ain’t going nowhere.”

Who Represents the American People?

By Nikoli Weir

Who benefits from a second Trump term? Certainly not the working people, nor the small business owners who he so often appeals to with intoxicating praise. The small farmers don’t benefit either, despite the fact that Trump has many strongholds in rural areas. Trump talks big about supporting the common people, but when push comes to shove, he always sides with big business

interests against the interests (and the rights) of the vast majority of the American people.

Whether it be by supporting the unconstitutional and tyrannical confiscation of firearms from law abiding citizens (“red flag” laws) or by cutting taxes for the wealthy elites and pushing them onto the hardworking American people, Trump has proven by words and by deeds who he’s really loyal to.

Trump wants you to think that your enemy is the immigrant worker, or the single mother on welfare, or the gay couple that lives across the street from you. But these

people aren’t your enemy. Your enemy isn’t your gay neighbor. Your enemy isn’t your co-worker from Mexico. Your enemy isn’t the homeless man begging for change on the side of the road. Your enemies, your real enemies, are the people like Trump; the wealthy elites, the tech mega-corporations, the career politicians who pretend to be outsiders, the financial brokers in New York City and Los Angeles. These are the people

who are ruining this country.

These are the people who want you to think that your enemy is your fellow American, and they spend billions of dollars on news shows, internet articles and political

campaigns to try and convince you of this.

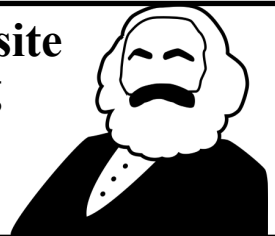
But don’t get it twisted; Joe Biden (whose legacy will in all important ways be continued by Kamala



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guilty last year of a misdemeanor charge of obstruction of government operations.

Lindell has been a major financial supporter of Peters, who faces more serious charges at a trial set to start in late July, regarding a security breach in the elections office she was overseeing at the time. She faces 10 criminal charges (seven felonies and three misdemeanors) for her actions in that case.

Before Oltmann and Lindell spoke, Olathe resident Barb Hulet, who helped organize the event, told the audience: "We need all of you that may be called as a juror in this county to support Tina Peters," she said. Oltmann has alluded to political violence on several occasions and he did so again at Friday evening's event at the church.

"I'm really mad," Oltmann told the audience. "I want to lash out; I'm at that place where I want to hurt somebody. I know I shouldn't. But we're tired. We're living in a place of institutional slavery."

"Prior to 2020 I wanted nothing to do with politics. No one accused me of extreme for anything. Then 2020 happened. I lost friends. I watched the COVID vaccine take away people I loved. Our problem is not just with the machines, it's (having to negotiate with people we know are evil.)"

Claims that the machine tabulators are less secure and less accurate than hand counting votes has been debunked.

Oltmann acknowledged that he angered people when he said that Biden

should be charged with treason and face the punishment – including death.

"I've got news for you," he said. "They're going to steal the election in November."

"Let's go get our guns; we have to have a target. The time is coming when good people will have to do bad things to bad people. There's a sacrifice to be made."

Oltmann said he would be willing to be executed to get rid of the mail-in ballot. "I'm sorry if being real with you is painful," he said.

"I don't like people; but I like you people," he told the group, before adding that he starts the day with prayer. "Every morning I have to make the decision to keep fighting. Prayer is the first thing that I go to."

What we have to do every day is pray, and stand up," he said. "The battlefield is no longer overseas. The fight is in our country."

When asked who he supports running for office in Colorado, Oltmann replied, "Lauren Boebert – she's a known commodity. She has an A-plus score when it comes to conservative values." He added he would be putting together a list of other endorsements during one of his upcoming programs.

Following Oltmann's speech, Lindell spoke where he attacked so-called "uniparty" Republicans – "a term that disparagingly links supposedly apostate Republicans to Democrats across the aisle," ac-

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MyPillow Guy, Mike Lidell at the Orchard Mesa Baptist Church on July 12. Photo by Sharon Sullivan Courtesy of Colorado Times Recorder.

Gas-Lighting as Epidemic

By Jacob Richards

W e as a nation are sick. It is not another pandemic. This sickness is not a virus, it's a mental condition that affects all of us. We as a nation have a pathological tendency to blame the victims and the powerless and to rally around and protect the powerful. Blaming the victims, is not a natural response. It is something foisted upon us— injected into every level of society—for the benefit large corporations, white supremacists, the mega-wealthy and warmongers.

We are being played, and the cure is to sus through the propaganda and fallacies of reason that dominate our political and social discourse, and then stand with the powerless, and not with their/our abusers.

Most of us are most familiar with victim blaming on the personal level. We hear these tired tropes trotted out against victims of rape, bullying, domestic violence, and police violence. "They had it coming?" "They were asking for it?" "Why did/didn't they fight back?" "They were high/drank." "Why did/didn't they run?" "Just comply." "Look at what they were wearing."

Zooming out we see similarly poor thinking on issues like homelessness,

poverty, pollution, recycling, welfare, immigration, and even natural disasters, etc.

We are being gas-lighted every-day on every level by every institution in this society.

A common refrain I hear from

working class white folks here, in Western Colorado, is that immigrants lower wages. My response is always "I didn't know that immigrants were in control of the payroll." Who is really lowering wages? Your racist boss who is literally paying immigrants less, or the immigrants themselves?

Few of us barely question why it is expected that we give businesses a two-week notice, but they never

return that courtesy.

We blame the homeless for being unsheltered, and the poor for being penniless. Yet never the business owners paying sub-living wages, or the slumlords for raising rents. We are told to fret over 'welfare queens,' without recognizing that the only ones putting zero's in their bank accounts are Wal-Mart and Kroger.

Corporations use these same tactics to shift blame from themselves to individual citizens. Businessmen and economist like to call this externalization. Externalizing costs and liabilities away from the corporation and on to us the general public.

In 1971, the Keep America Beautiful, an industry group of polluters, in an



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effort to push back against multiple state and local measures banning single use beverage containers, launched one of the most famous commercials of all time. Known as the “People start pollution. People can stop it” campaign. It showed a Native American in a birch-bark canoe paddling through the increasingly polluted waters of industrial America. As he comes a shore, he encounters a mega-highway. A careless slob tosses a bag of trash from his car. The trash coming to rest at the Native American's feet. It ends with a close up, as a single tear rolling down his cheek, and the Orwellian slogan, “People start pollution. People can stop it.”

This led to a widespread blaming of pollution not on who really produces it, but on consumers. Even mainstream environmentalist get trapped in this box-canyon. We will never curb our consumption of raw materials from the earth by recycling; just like we are not going to stop global warming by buying Tesala's, even if you have the class privilege to do so. Paper straws not going to solve plastic pollution in our oceans when half of all waste in the ocean is commercial fishing equipment.

The government even finds ways to blame the victims of natural disasters for being in the way of nature. In 2006, the media was ripe with talking heads asking things like “Why did they chose to stay?” or even worse, “New Orleans is below sea-level, what to you expect?” No effort was made in NOLA to evacuate the 100,000 or so persons that did not have personal transport. From FEMA to CNN this narrative came to dominate and let George W. Bush's administration off the hook for its deadly incompetence in the storms wake.

Again in 2018, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, Trump's first statement, on Twitter, stated “Puerto Rico, which was already suffering from broken infrastructure & massive debt, is in deep trouble. It's old electrical grid, which was in terrible shape...” Blaming Puerto Rico, for its own colonization and exploitation. It helps shift focus, blame, and liability away from those who are actually the perpetrators.

It has gotten so endemic that we

even blame inanimate objects. Liberals blames guns for the actions of gun owners, and the reactionary right shot up their Bud-light with said guns. Cause somehow their beer “went gay.”

We blame voters for voting their conscious, but we don't blame the two corporate parties for not representing us.

The few people that seem to question these diseased lines of thinking—activists, dissidents, revolutionaries and dreamers, are almost always the ones that get gas-lit the most. “If you don't like 'murica, you can leave.” “You heat your home with fossil fuels, so you can complain.” “Oh, you're a socialist, how did you buy your food at City Market.” “Why don't you go live in Gaza.” “Did George Soros pay you to hold that sign?”

When our schools, media, corporations and government all use the same victim blaming rhetoric employed by wife-beaters, racist, and rapist. It has reached epidemic levels, and needs to be addressed. We can't afford to be treatment avoidant.

Only when we actively see through these deceptions can we begin to take back our world. Until then we will be trapped in a co-morbid cycle of gas-lighting and victim blaming that has infected and sickened our politics, our society, and planet.



Courtesy of justseeds.org

Calls for Violence & Jury Nullification at Election Fraud Conspiracy Event in Grand Junction

*Editors' Note: this piece originally appeared in the non-profit news site **Colorado Times Recorder**. Check them out! <https://coloradotimesrecorder.com/>*

Sharon Sullivan's fearless coverage of Mesa County's far-right is unmatched. The tweet below illustrates how much they don't like being placed in the spotlight. Thank you Sharon.

By Sharon Sullivan

MyPillow founder and election denier Mike Lindell was a surprise guest at a movie screening of Let My People Go, held July 12, at Orchard Mesa Baptist Church in Grand Junction. The film stars David Clem-

resident Joe Oltmann – founder of the right-wing activist group FEC (Faith, education and commerce) United, and host of the “Conservative Daily” podcast spoke after the film screening.

Approximately 50 people came out despite triple-digit temperatures to watch the two-and-a-half-hour movie, described by journalist James O'Rourke, as “a barely-coherent potpourri of conspiracies.” The film refers to Americans as being enslaved, and far-right activists as “abolitionists.” Biblical verses are cited throughout the film, and during the speeches that followed.

Notably absent from the event was former Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters, who is under home confinement and wearing an ankle monitor, after Mesa County



Joe Oltmann

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The would be assassin's friend, Antifa terrorist Sharon Sullivan, wrote this piece about me and Mike Lindell.

This leftist terrorist from Mesa Colorado supports the terroristic and radical evil of our nation that attacked President Trump. The same evil people that called to put President Trump in a bullseye. The same evil, demonic antifa people who have destroyed our nation and terrorized our communities.

ents, a former lawyer and fired New Mexico State University professor, who now makes a living as an election denier.

Both Lindell and Douglas County

District Attorney Dan Rubenstein filed a motion to lift a stay pending appeals to her conviction. Peters was found

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in Grand Junction he ran a progressive bookstore, founded the IWW local #35, and served on the early Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. Falconer was active with the local socialist, running for office numerous times. Falconer and his bookstore were essential in bringing renown socialist and labor organizer Eugene Debs to Grand Junction in 1908, aboard his "Red Special" train-tour. Falconer was also part of the 1909 Town Charter Convention that instituted ranked-choice voting, and allowing for municipal socialization of essential industries. Reforms that would earn Grand Junction the moniker of "freest city in the world," and paved the way for the election of a socialist mayor.

Falconer was in Denver in 1912 in a free-speech fight with the IWW. In 1914, he was in Ludlow during the Colorado Coal Strike. In 1915, he was in Salt Lake City trying to save Joe Hill from execution, and later spoke at his funeral. In 1920, he was writing for "The Toiler," declaring that all true socialists should leave the socialist party and join the communists. An act that would draw the attention of the House Un-American Activities Committee, a full decade before Junction's most famous communist, Dalton Trumbo, ran afoul of the same committee. In 1930, he toured Soviet Russia, and gave speeches upon his return about the success of the Soviets' 5 year plan.

Decades after Falconer had left the Grand Valley, Joe Moorhead's column in the Daily Sentinel reminisced:

"How well I remember George Falconer's little book shop on Main St. a score of years ago. It did not require his recent letter to the editor to recall to mind his gentle philosophy of protest, his thoughtful somewhat bookish mannerisms and his altogether lovable earnestness. I

hope for many years of peace and content for a man who could differ as widely and as sweetly as any I have known."

Falconer was a talented writer and was published widely. He wrote about the Colorado Coal Strike of 1913-1914, about the situation of organized labor in Mexico, about the Grand Junction 1909 Town Charter, and about his favorite poet, and fellow Scotsman Robert Burns.

In a January 27, 1939 letter to the Daily Sentinel, Falconer spoke to Burn's working-class appeal:

"A Scotch peasant life was rude and hard, but Burns became the poet of it and idealized the real, spiritualized the material. He saw the nobility that dwells under straw roofs, and was able to see that, despite poverty, hard

hands and human frailty, 'a man's a man for a' that'."

Falconer was never married; in many ways he was a man married to the revolution. Falconer in his 80s, was organizing donation drives for refugees during WWII. He lived his life as his mom had requested all those years ago in Edinburgh: standing "up for the poor man or woman."

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Falconer's Immigration Photo, Courtesy of the Ft. Collins UU's.

George Falconer: A Highlander and his Mother

By People's History of the Grand Valley

George Nichol Falconer was born 1863 in Edinburgh, Scotland. His mother "was a daughter of the Clan Fraser, a group of Highland cattle lifters in the extreme north of Scotland. Mother was proud of her people; they stole cattle from the rich and gave generously to the poor."

His father drank too much. Once while on a drunk, young Falconer's father struck his mother. Falconer "rushed him like a mad tiger—never again did he strike her."

Falconer remembered his mothers

Collins, Grand Junction and Denver. Nationally, he shaped the socialist movement, the early Communist Party USA, was a founding member of the short-lived "Anti-Blue Law" party, was an orator of note within the International Workers of the World (IWW), and he championed the Russian Revolution, being responsible for the distribution of "Ten Days the Shook the World," in Colorado. During the Palmer raids and the suppression of the first 'Red Scare' Falconer was carrying messag-



"John Otto and the Chamber of Commerce," 1908. Falconer is second from the left. Socialist leader S.B. Hutchinson (publisher of the Revolutionist in 1901-1904) is on horseback. John Otto is second from the right. Courtesy of the Fry Family.

words in a letter to the editor of the Pasadena Independent from the ripe age of 91, "Laddie when you grow up I want you to stand up for the poor man or woman."

Falconer lived his life by those words, leaving his mark on turn of the century Ft.

es between revolutionaries forced underground.

While in Ft. Collins, Falconer founded the public library and the Unity Church (now Unitarian Universalist). Here

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Today's Gender

*Alok Vaid-Menon said
"Having a body is perpetual drag
because I'm a soul first,
which means the rest is all dress up and play."*

If gender is a performance,
you get to be your own costume designer.

Today's gender:
Background character in a depressing sci-fi movie.

Today's gender:
Works at a bookshop with no discernable organization system
and also a resident cat.

Today's gender:
Gardening mom on a newly terraformed planet.

Today's gender:
If a poem by Edgar Allan Poe had a child with a thrift store.

Your soul is sunsets and the scent of lemon-rosemary scones,
your body contains atoms breathed out by Eleanor Roosevelt
and Amelia Earhart when they ditched a White House dinner
to fly a plane in evening gowns,
(true story),
and your clothes exist
only to make you happy,

so be the
background character,
bookshop owner
gardening mom,
poem-slash-thrift store
of your dreams.



Literally nothing is stopping you.

—Heather L Nicholson—

Local Politics

I turn away from those who know
what is right, no matter how
right they are. Or left.

—Danny Rosen—

Unseen

A greasy pile of
blankets and clothes
getting soaked by sprinklers
at dawn.

Middle of a new sidewalk,
businesses with perfect landscaping
manicured.

there is a poem
in that pile of rags.
A story
some mystery.

What late night doings
transpired here?
Where is the person
that belongs to these
off-castings?

Arrested maybe?
Flashing reds and blues
old warrants
testy cops.
"Do you have anything sharp
in your pockets?"
Tight handcuffs
unpaid fines
punishment for being poor.
Drunk tanks
and bad food.

Kidnapped?
Unlikely

Or did they collapse:
EMT's
chest compressions
narcans
hospital bed
coffin.

Maybe raptured?
Taken up
having walked the walk.
144 Thousand souls total
12 Thousand from each
of the 12 tribes of Israel
read revelations.
Would we even notice the rapture?

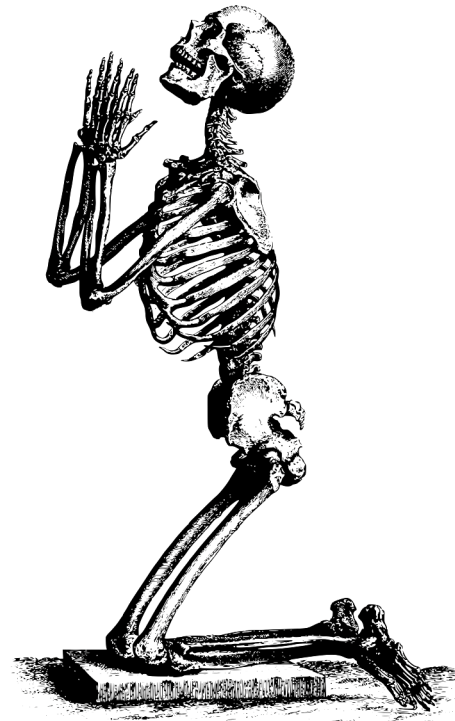
Not enough Christians
washing the feet
of the poor.
The rapture would not make
the 5pm news.

Maybe the burden
just became too much.
Buddha said
that all possessions are prisons.
An act of Liberation?
Too much to carry
too hard to clean.

We can rule out aliens.

A pile of dirty rags
the end of a story
a new chapter
a bad segue
or maybe a new beginning.

—Jacob Richards—



Building Alliances

"There's been too many ripoffs for too long"
-Leo Lyyoki (aka Navajo Sam)

If I had a hammer
& not the one that busted
in my hands as organizers are
busted for planting
trade union pegs
to stretch the corporate tent

A hammer that wouldn't
buckle under
to repeated blows

fierceless sun baking sidewalks
Tools pushed to their limits
Snapping under pressure

If I had a hammer
forged of the Mother's fury
yet tempered with love
for all her relations
two-legged four-legged
buried stone or spiraling seed

A hammer shaped to
the will of the people

Nothing could stop us
from driving a nail through
the heart of the beam
to begin the reconstruction

Building alliances
powerful as the wind
that rips a roof to shreds
or sweeps a prairie clean

—Art Goodtimes—