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Event: Weekly peace rally and march mark Halloween by calling for an end to the horror in Iraq and Afghanistan. Date: Friday, October 31, 2008 Time: 5:00 PM Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill & Broadway, downtown, Portland	Contacts: Portland Peaceful Response Coalition (503) 344-5078 pprc@riseup.net www.pprc-news.org
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"We promise not to turn away any flesh-eating zombies who might be out campaigning for the McCain-Palin ticket, but we'd prefer to see some trick-or-treaters for peace at the rally today," said William Seaman, a volunteer with PPRC. "And even if there are some decomposing corpses risen from hell by the bigoted Republican campaign smears, that's not nearly as scary as what continues in the nightmare wars started by the Bush Administration, wars likely to continue if the GOP ghouls aren't smashed at the polls this coming Tuesday."

When asked what kind of costume he'd be wearing at this evening's peace march, Seaman promised that he would not be coming as "Joe the Plumber" but would more likely choose a character from the recent McCain-Palin attacks on Obama. "Why not Robin Hood, that infamous socialist?," suggested Seaman.

"People forget that Robin Hood was not really stealing from the rich, but rather taking back what the rich had stolen from the working poor, from the peasants and serfs, and that's definitely the kind of remedy we need for the wholesale plundering that's been done to our country through last three decades," said Seaman. "What we get instead is a massive transfer of wealth from the working people of the world into the corporate coffers of the oil companies, the pharmaceutical industries, and the war-profiteers at Lockheed, Halliburton, Blackwater and the rest."

The Friday rally and march for peace is also marking its seventh year of weekly actions at Pioneer Courthouse Square. "We've been out here each week for seven

years, but we remain hopeful that this one will be the last, this year will be the year the troops are brought home and the country is set on a new direction," said Seaman, "and that's nothing to be frightened about."

The weekly rally gathers each Friday at 5:00 PM at the southwest corner of Pioneer Courthouse Square, and SW Yamhill & Broadway in downtown Portland. To find out more about the Friday rally and the other work of the Portland Peaceful Response Coalition, call (503) 334-5078.

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