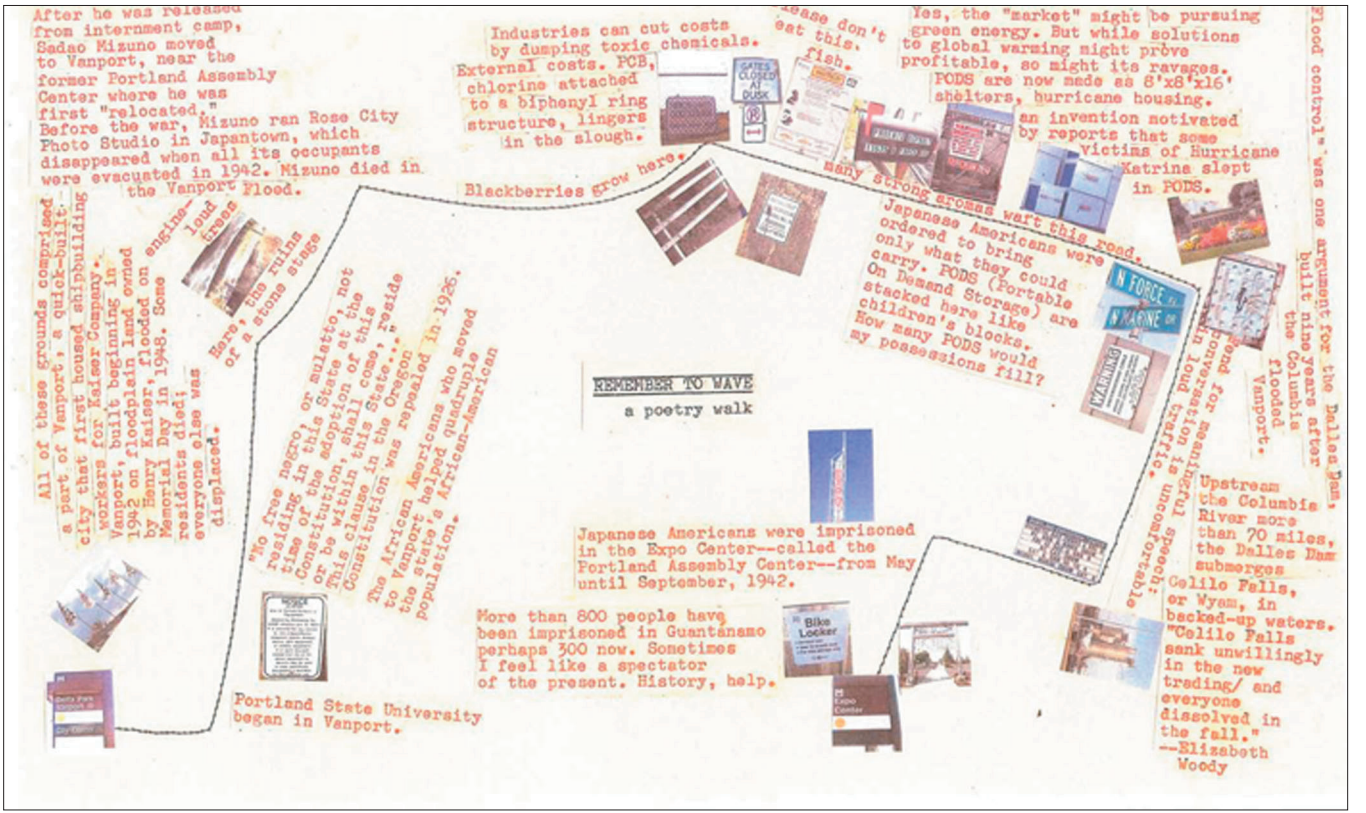
After he was released from internment camp, Sadao Mizuno moved to Vanport, near the former Portland Assembly Center where he was first "relocated." Before the war, Mizuno ran Rose City Photo Studio in Japantown, which disappeared when all its occupants were evacuated in 1942. Mizuno died in the Vanport Flood.
Industries can cut costs by dumping toxic chemicals. External costs. PCB, chlorine attached to a biphenyl ring structure, lingers in the slough.
Yes, the "market" might be pursuing green energy. But while solutions to global warming might prove profitable, so might its ravages. PODS are now made as 8'x8'x16' shelters, hurricane housing.
an invention motivated by reports that some victims of Hurricane Katrina slept in PODS.
Flood control" was one argument for the Dalles Dam, built nine years after the Columbia flooded Vanport.
Blackberries grow here.
many strong aromas waft this road.
Japanese Americans were ordered to bring only what they could carry. PODS (Portable On Demand Storage) are stacked here like children's blocks. How many PODS would my possessions fill?
Here, the ruins of a stone stage
All of these grounds comprised a part of Vanport, a quick-built city that first housed shipbuilding workers for Kaiser Company. Vanport, built beginning in 1942 on floodplain land owned by Henry Kaiser, flooded on Memorial Day in 1948. Some residents died; everyone else was displaced.
"No free negro, or mulatto, not residing in this State at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall come, reside or be within this State..." This clause in the Oregon Constitution was repealed in 1926.
The African Americans who moved to Vanport helped quadruple the state's African-American population.
REMEMBER TO WAVE
a poetry walk
Upstream the Columbia River more than 70 miles, the Dalles Dam submerges Celilo Falls, or Wyam, in backed-up waters. "Celilo Falls sank unwillingly in the new trading/ and everyone dissolved in the fall." --Elizabeth Woody
Japanese Americans were imprisoned in the Expo Center--called the Portland Assembly Center--from May until September, 1942.
More than 800 people have been imprisoned in Guantánamo perhaps 300 now. Sometimes I feel like a spectator of the present. History, help.
Portland State University began in Vanport.
Bike Locker
Expo Center