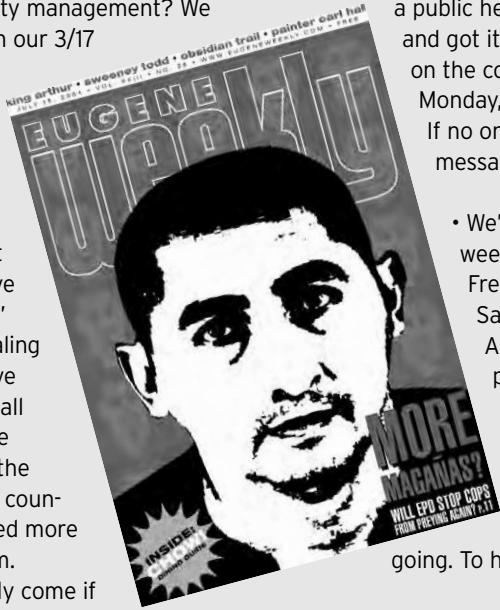


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• So what happens now that the city has had a little time to digest the recent ICMA/PERF report blasting the Eugene Police Department and city management? We wrote about the report in detail in our 3/17 issue, and in Slant 3/24 we wrote that "well-managed cities do not have their cops out raping and abusing women and profiling racial and cultural minorities." Jailing two bad cops does not solve the chronic problems at EPD. Since Magaña and Lara we've had the "Southtowne beat-down," continued complaints of drug-dealing in our city parks, and unresponsive cops. We hear that citizens who call EPD to report criminal activity are often told, "Sorry, we don't have the staffing to respond. Call your city councilors and tell them the police need more money." Money is not the problem. Meaningful reform of EPD will only come if people stand up and demand it, and keep demanding it, despite frustrations at not being heard. For starters, we need independent police review and an inde-



pendent city auditor. An opportunity to speak out is coming soon. Councilor Bonny Bettman asked for a public hearing on the ICMA/PERF report and got it. The hearing will be the main item on the council agenda starting at 7:30 pm Monday, April 25 at the council chambers. If no one shows up, that will also send a message: that no one cares.

• We're pleased to see that for two weeks in a row, the new Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza across from Saturday Market was put to good use. A public address speaker system was plugged in Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm and people young and old were invited to express their opinions to the gathered crowd. The Wayne Morse Youth Program sponsors the open mic time. Let's keep it going. To help out, call 741-0209.

• Who would Jesus spray? The local Forestland Dwellers No-Spray Group has adopted a new tactic to get the attention of local officials, fellow citizens, and maybe the

Big Forest Ranger in the Sky: They are praying to stop the spraying. Regardless of whether or not divine intervention will manifest, the group is raising awareness of a serious problem that needs attention. The herbicides being sprayed on private forestlands are toxic and persistent for years, and prone to drifting onto nearby gardens and groundwater used by residents. Eventually the herbicides make their way downstream, adding to the residual chemical mix found in our waters and our urban and suburban environments. The timber industry calls these herbicides such as Garlon, Imazapyr and Oust "safe," but data collected by the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (www.pesticide.org) tells a different story. But aside from pollution concerns, is it really a good idea to kill 50,000 acres of brush this spring as we face a major drought and critical fire danger? Cities and counties can't legislate state forest practices, but local governments can lobby the Legislature and Oregon Department of Forestry to change the rules. The Forestland Dwellers are calling for a public hearing at the County Commission level – a good place to start.

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