

— you don't add to the violence.

It's time for the U.S. and Israel to stop blocking the will of the rest of the Security Council, and even more that of the General Assembly — as it has for years with these vetoes — and allow the U.N. to fulfill its purpose: creating and maintaining a world in which all nations and peoples can live in peace and security and begin to pursue the goal of nuclear disarmament, rather than have to sit helplessly watching a world spinning out of control with violence and destruction.

Margaret Springer
Eugene

WEP ALREADY BUILT

On Wednesday I observed the open-to-the-public board meeting of WREN, the non-profit that leads efforts to sustainably build a wetland education center near West 11th and Danebo. It was great to hear how close the Education Center is to becoming a part of the West Eugene Wetlands! Inspiring kids to become scientists and industry leaders by encouraging their close observation of the natural world.

I decided to head downtown for a bite to eat before another meeting at 7 pm after a short walk around Balboa Loop with a meadowlark chirping and lupine flowers dancing in the breeze. I wondered if I'd have time to drive all that way without the now-defunct West Eugene Parkway. Well, I'll try. I'll time it and just see how long it would actually take.

At 5:58 pm, I left where I was parked near West 11th and Danebo and headed north along Danebo to Roosevelt. I got a green light across the Beltline along the parkway-looking Roosevelt over to Highway 99. Wow, another green light! I'm now at Chambers at 6:02. Over the railroad tracks by going south on Chambers, on to 2nd then 5th. I'm parking near the Steelhead at 6:07. Wow, 9 minutes and we didn't have to spend \$131 million.

Reminded me of Al Gore's movie with the gold bars on one side of the scale and the beautiful blue Earth on the other! A hard choice? I think not.

What was fast for me, an occasional user, is one thing. I do not commute daily at 7:40 am and caught a of couple green lights. But I rediscovered: the parkway is already built.

It's called Roosevelt! Perhaps some additional easy access points when EWEB moves out there would help. But thank you, Eugene, for some common sense. And thanks to WREN and all the volunteers who are working hard on an Education Center at the West Eugene Wetlands.

Tom Schneider
Eugene

NANO THREATS

In the history of the universe, nanoparticles have never existed in our terrestrial environment. These infinitesimally small man-composed elements are already being used in products such as fabrics, make-up and car wax — with absolutely no scientific study on how they affect biological life and the health of the planet itself. Once they are off-gassed, sprayed out, or, in whichever way become disengaged, they will waft through the air, be breathed in, embedded in the soil and water, absorbed by plant and animal tissue or passed through human skin and other membranes such as the blood-brain barrier. It is a gamble what will happen from there.

Like other chemicals, high-frequency digital radiation and GMO's, nanoparticles are the most recent example of profit for the very few at the expense of the environment and ourselves. There is no cleaning up these microscopic rogue agents.

Should not the fact that development [at UO] needs to be underground surrounded by solid rock be cause for question and opposition?

Helen Reilly
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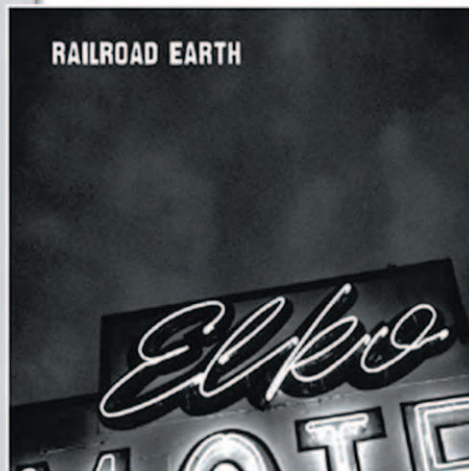
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