

moved the West Eugene Parkway from its highway construction list. OTC Commissioner Randy Papé, one of the main WEP boosters, made the motion to kill the project, which was approved unanimously.

The WEP is not quite dead yet, but it is in hospice. I've put my legal files into boxes but not (yet) into the woodstove.

The money appropriated toward initial construction costs needs to be transferred to other projects, ideally fixing West 11th and Beltline (that intersection was approved in a 1995 environmental assessment).

When Bertelsen Slough, an important but polluted tributary of Amazon Creek, is transferred to the Bureau of Land Management's West Eugene Wetlands project, then and only then will the WEP be 100 percent dead.

It is a shame that the June 2001 promise for "no build" made by ODOT, Federal Highway Administration, BLM, Lane County and the City of Eugene was not implemented — better late than never, but we would have saved millions wasted on more "studies" and kept unnecessary divisiveness from splitting the community.

Thanks to everyone who stayed resolute and refused to compromise away the wetlands over many, many years despite considerable pressure to capitulate. There are many dedicated citizens who worked hard to prevent the so-called Parkway, but if Barbara Kelley had not filed suit against the project (in 1996), it would have been built.

Mark Robinowitz
Eugene

DIRTY SECRET

Regarding Victoria's Secret's recent pledge to start using a whopping 10 percent of PCW paper for their catalogs: While Forest Ethics might consider this a victory, the Cascadia Forest Defenders and UO's Forest Action don't consider 10 percent recycled content in hundreds of millions of wasteful catalogs to be anywhere near enough.

These catalogs are not to enlighten the masses with words of wisdom but to sell a product so they can profit. Is that worth the death of our Earth's life support systems?

Additionally, Victoria's Secret's "commitment to phase out of endangered forests" needs to be a reality now, not in another five years. The boreal forest is going fast, currently being logged at about two acres a minute. Half of that is for paper.

Of course, Victoria's Secret isn't the only one to blame. There are Eddie Bauer, J. Crew, L.L. Bean, REI, Harry & David and Urban

Outfitters, just to name a few. According to Conservatree and the U.S. Forest Service, "more than 100 million trees worth of bulk mail arrive in American mailboxes each year — the equivalent of deforesting all of Rocky Mountain National Park every four months."

Cascadia Forest Defenders & Forest Action aren't giving up on this campaign. We are starting a drop box collection in Eugene where people can donate their Victoria's Secret catalogs, and we will deliver them back to Victoria's Secret all at once. People can contact forestdefenders@riseup.net to donate a catalog in exchange for a free gift.

Julie Anderson
Eugene

FEAR THEM!

The sky is falling!

In 29 days recently, 29 criminal acts, including theft (11), assault and harassment (3), driving violations (10), resisting arrest (1) and criminal mischief (2), were reasons for prosecution, with 28 criminals fined \$21,784 with 64 days, mostly in county jail.

But our county jail is full. Up to 35 prisoners are released daily without trial and simply on their promise to return for their trial. Many of them don't. They're commonly picked up in Florence after committing more crimes.

Fines? Are you kidding? Most these criminals are unemployed and have no money. Recently, one homeless individual answered my question about his fines with, "You can't get money out of a turnip."

Yet Lane County's law-abiding citizens refuse to protect themselves by voting for more taxes. Little do they realize criminals are coming closer to their windows and doors, and soon many more will be in their pockets, their homes and their houses.

Jerry Copeland
Florence

WHINERS, SHUT UP

Almost every week in *EW*, I see at least two or three letters to the editor regarding how bad the police are in Eugene. The criticism that really bothers me is people questioning EPD's use of deadly force in the situation with the mentally ill kid with the knife. I read things like "The cops felt justified because the kid was mentally ill" and "The police shouldn't shoot to kill." That's all crap, and every one of these whining hippies knows it.

I don't care if you are a cop or just a regular citizen, when you feel that your life is in immediate danger, the law, as well as the survival instinct that everyone has, says that you have

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