

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the future — or we will probably see the deciduous trees in the Amazon Headwaters forest die within the next five years. Anyone who doesn't understand the damage gypsy moths can cause should talk to folks from back East who have seen forests defoliated and destroyed.

The OTA might bristle at the comparison, but their entire protest is like the Bushes (senior and junior) arguing that we face no real threat from global warming — a position based more on ideology than science.

Jeff Harrison
Eugene

CONFUSING CHOICES

I am not clear as to the criteria used by the Oregon Legislature in deciding what to fund and what not to fund. For instance, they have chosen NOT to fund Oregon Project Independence which allows seniors to stay in their homes rather than go on Medicaid, which is much more expensive to taxpayers, and less convenient to seniors as well.

Another example I found confusing is cutting funding for Oregon's 17 community colleges in the face of an average of 15 percent increase in enrollment in credit classes. Unemployed people facing the fact that they may need training or upgrading their skills are turning to community colleges to provide their workforce development. Any investment in community has been shown by means of cost/benefit studies to have a return far in excess of investment. I would assume the same to be true of Oregon's universities as well.

The members of the Legislature have been elected to be wise stewards of our tax money.

G. Dennis Shine
Springfield

BEND OVER IN SPRINGFIELD

I'm ashamed that I live in Springfield, ashamed that I ride LTD buses. I'm ashamed of the Eugene "green" community. What a big mistake that I moved here, a place where no one attends council meetings and the government has adopted a "slash and burn," "damn the trees" and "show me the money

and we'll bend over for you" policy when it comes to local development projects. I think the city planners and council must be high on meth. That's the only reason I can find for their crazed mentality.

Now, LTD has jumped on board. Are they sharing the same meth stash? Out of the clear blue, or so it seems, they pull a number of 286 trees out of their asses that "need" to be cut in order for their precious EmX to be built. Just in time so nothing can be done to change it. Bullshit! Most of those trees need not be butchered for the buses to run speedily.

The place that needs dedicated lanes is Gateway Street, but the council shot that down, due to pressure from the flea-bag businesses worried about a drop in profits. They forgot, however, the foot and bus traffic that would increase from the EmX. These cats are totally enslaved by the car!

Scuttlebutt has it the Eugene-based "greens" knew for some time the details of the upcoming butchery in Springfield. They decided to let the slaughter happen. Shame on you! Fuck the Eugene "greens," fuck Springfield and LTD and its EmX boondoggle! Stop LTD's waste of money and all future EmX projects! Time to have the LTD board elected and held responsible!

Lou Andrews
Springfield (agghh!)

ISLAND HOSPITAL NEEDED

Please consider all the people that it takes to take care of those affluent part-time residents (see Slant, 3/5), from yacht-sitters to prep cooks; and the tens of thousands of tourists who are not rich; and all of the children of the service class and their teachers and bus drivers; and the fact that ten \$10 million houses bring the average price way up and counters all of the small homes, organic farms, hippies in buses, and apartments.

My guess is that you haven't been there, or don't have friends who live there and work hard and could use a hospital. Don't be so quick to judge; your slant is getting very predictable.

Bob Tozer
Eugene



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