



"After this we're playing dodge ball."

scattered JFK into a thousand pieces.

The military and financial powers which prevented the President from ending endless war are the same who have ignored decades of warnings about ecological, energy and financial overshoot. The political autopsy starts with Nov. 22, 1963, but it is too important to mention in polite conversation.

We need a South African-style Truth and Reconciliation Commission about the National Security State's coup in Dallas.

*Mark Robinowitz
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UNSAFE UNDERPASS

The proposal from ODOT to spend a few million taxpayer dollars on yet another pedestrian bicycle underpass near the I-5 Beltline overpass (news story, 6/16) is about accommodating sprawl on the outskirts of Eugene and Springfield, not promoting safer bicycle routes.

I based this conclusion on the fact that since 2008 both entities have ignored repeated requests to create a safe bicycle route from Eugene and Springfield via Franklin Boulevard. I have made these requests since 2008 after I was sent to the hospital by a head-on collision with another bicycle on a dangerous S curve railroad underpass tunnel along the river path near the Franklin Boulevard overpasses.

I requested that the city of Eugene via the mayor to at the very least place some warning signs to inform users of the path to approach the S curve underpass with caution. To this day, after numerous emails back and forth to ODOT, the mayor and other officials, not one sign has been installed.

I suggest that anyone who has a head-on collision at that S curve tunnel underpass to file suit against the city, mayor or ODOT for injuries because they have known about this danger since October 2008.

*Shannon Wilson
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COP FLAUNTS RULES

At 2:32 pm Friday, June 17, I was sitting in front of the Eugene Public Library eating a sandwich, respecting that institution's rule against bringing food inside, when I saw a police officer riding his bike on the sidewalk. He rode past the sign that says "No Smoking, Carry Skateboards, Walk Bikes" and has the name of the city of Eugene (the officer's employer, being me the taxpayer) without a thought for how his open hypocrisy might be perceived. Well, perhaps he didn't see the sign, I thought. But no, he rode back past the sign yet again. Even going so far as to ride in a circle around the sign. Am I to understand that those who enforce the rules are not subject to them? Or is it that somehow all city employees are above the law? If I can't skateboard or smoke or ride my bike, why can he?

Basic governmental accountability and adherence to the rules it creates are two of the core tenants of our American Democratic system. These concepts have already been abandoned or erased on our national level; let's please not let them ring hollow in our fair city as well.

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