

'CARVIN' PARVIN'

They're carvin' away at Parvin Butte
They want to haul it away to sea.
By the time they get done
with their disruptive fun,
Parvin Butt is all it will be.
McDougal & Demers see bucks
in the Butte,
Laws of nature & man they don't fear.
For all that they care we can all go to hell,
and if we can't go
they'll bring it right here.
I moved out to Dexter
for peace & some quiet,
I see now that wasn't so smart.
For the next 20 years of blasting & dust
Might not be so good for my heart.
I'm told that these folks are religious,
I guess.
So they believe that God
put the butte there,
Just for them, I suppose,
to blast & dispose,
But I think that God meant to share.

*Phil Robbins
Dexter*

PARVIN RAPISTS

Thank you, *EW*, for the Parvin Butte stories. About the headline on the KVAL website "Park ranger fatally shot near Mt. Rainier, gunman still on loose": If only our law enforcement with their guns and wilderness tracking resources had the same concerted effort to hunt down, arrest and convict those defiling our earth as they have hunting the murderer of a young woman

servicing Mount Rainer National Park, all our environmental problems would be solved. On New Year's Day, a 368-square-mile wilderness area was closed to catch one little disturbed man. With that kind of response, it should be no big deal for cops to shut down the rape of Parvin Butte.

Is there really much difference between Lost Creek Rock Products (one of many greedy, perverse, sadistic mining companies) and Benjamin Colton Barnes, who is suspected of shooting park ranger Margaret Anderson? If you shoot someone dead you are murdering a person, mutilating them with bullets. If you mutilate the earth uninhabitable you are murdering people in the future. Think about who criminals really are. What are you brave, bold and heroic, big, strong law enforcement officers waiting for?

*Karl Lehman
Eugene*

ARTS IMPACT

I am thrilled that *EW* regularly includes the Arts Shorts section, highlighting the visual arts in Lane County. As a newspaper with an emphasis on the arts, it is vital that the visual arts get proper coverage.

The Art Shorts in the Dec. 29 edition appropriately focused on the Last Friday Art Walk, which is the backbone of the thriving arts community in the Whiteaker neighborhood. I completely agree with Sterling Wallach that the Last Friday Art Walk provides an opportunity for young and emerging artists to showcase their work. I

also believe that Lane Arts Council's First Friday ArtWalk in downtown Eugene shares this goal and provides such access. With more than 30 participating galleries and venues, the majority feature the work of local and emerging artists, many of whom have never shown their work before.

The arts are a reflection of our community. Artists create art to express their thoughts and emotions, represent an opinion and initiate dialogue. As community members we contribute to this dialogue by attending local galleries and art gatherings while supporting the incredible talent of our local artists. I invite you to participate in all of the art walks in Lane County, including First Friday in downtown Eugene, Last Friday in the Whiteaker and Cottage Grove (April-September), and Second Friday in Springfield. As you open yourself up wholeheartedly to art, you may find its incredible capacity to impact your life.

*Liora Sponko
Executive Director
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MORE LOVE, LESS HATE

We are hoping that our Eugene downtown continues to improve and prosper; that the newfound democracy-uprisings Occupy Wall Street and Occupy Eugene continue to ask the tough questions and push for much-needed changes such as universal health care, the elimination of the idea that corporations are people, and getting money and lobbyists out of elections; that human-

ity evolves to find other ways to solve differences than with violence and wars; that all are fed, have a warm place to sleep and someone who cares about them; that we treat all creatures from the tiniest to the greatest with honor, respect and compassion; that we show ourselves and each other kindness and compassion and help those in need when we can; a Rose Bowl victory for the Ducks; and I know this last one is particularly tough, but a Cubs World Series championship.

More love, less hate; more hope, less fear; more community, less isolation; more friends, fewer perceived enemies; more listening, less judging; more dancing, fewer couch potatoes; more sharing, less greed; more live music, fewer leaf blowers; more caring, less apathy; more beards, fewer razors; more muting, fewer commercials; more storytelling, fewer movies; more trees, less concrete; more compromising, less suing; more joy, less sadness; more gratitude, fewer car alarms; more singing, less yelling; more calm, less rushing; more wildness, less suburbia; more BRING, fewer landfills; more truth, fewer lies (we can handle it); more color, less off-white; more art, less Walmart; more silly, less serious: more health care, less insurance.

What if less is more?

*Tim and Bert Boyden
Eugene*

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