

in no way dampened by the fact that Central Park is filled with children, homeless people, chess players and joggers. I went anyway. The streets, parks and sidewalks belong to all of us and I believe we can share. Walk, bike, drive, shop, eat and experience the city we are working to build and stop unfairly excluding those who live differently on the possibility that they may commit a crime.

*Kori Rodley
Executive Director
Community Alliance of Lane County*

PSYCHOTIC POLICY

Recently the governors of Washington, Rhode Island and Colorado petitioned the Drug Enforcement Agency to reschedule cannabis to Schedule II. So far Gov. Kitzhaber has yet to join this bicoastal effort.

Our governor has drug policy schizophrenia — supporting both the National Governors' Association policy of encouraging federal drug enforcement and the Western Governors' Association resolution that states should make drug policy — not Uncle Sam.

Joining the three governors' petition is a no-brainer!

Oregon's Board of Pharmacy reclassified cannabis to Schedule II in 2010. The nation's largest doctors' group, the American Medical Association (AMA) has called for cannabis rescheduling, and in 2008 the American College of Physicians called for a review of cannabis's Schedule I classification.

If the governor needs help overcoming his reluctance, I'll bet the state's 87,000 medical marijuana cardholders will be glad to help.

As a medical doctor, our governor should be ashamed.

*Jim Greig
Eugene*

TREES VS. SIDEWALKS

Our "Tree City" of Eugene is planning to remove numerous shade trees so they can save money on sidewalk repair. Besides the reduction in livability, this plan does not comport with the city's plans to save energy because the reduced shade also

increases heat during the summer.

The city may also be on the hook for violations of the federal Endangered Species Act since stormwater flows will be higher in temperature due to the lack of shading, and that damages the habitat of protected salmon and other fish.

If the city has failed to consult with federal agencies on this plan, it may be sued.

*Randy Webb
Eugene*

POETIC INJUSTICE

A tumor pressed upon her brain, just 24 years young. She lost her job and health care too, what suffering to come?

What can we tell her infant daughter, that in America we just don't care? The rich can have long life and health, the poor must just despair.

Millionaire CEOs, stock dividends for friends. When health care is for profit, their money never ends.

Let's tell our public servants, we want health care for all! Come to EWEB every first Wednesday at 7 pm and you can join the call!

*Deb McGee
Eugene*

ALCOHOLIC BLOOD

Thank you so much, Caitlin Zemke, for your informative letter ("Bribing with Beer," 2/9) regarding alcoholism being supported by Lane Blood Bank and Hop Valley Brewing. I did not know I was an alcoholic until I read your letter. You see, a few years ago I drank a Pabst and just last weekend I went to the KLCC Microbrew festival, consuming about 2 ounces of beer.

I am now going to focus my energy not on my newfound interest in healthy diet and exercise, but in overcoming my alcoholism. It is good to know that one beer every once in a while, if even for a very good cause, means that the person drinking it is an alcoholic. For more info on alcoholism check out <http://wkly.ws/172>

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