

# City Council debates proposed parking structure

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A publicly-owned area adjacent to Broadway and Charnelton streets may be used for a parking structure to meet future increased parking demands.

The Eugene City Council, in a Wednesday meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency, focused on a plan for the site submitted by Council President Nancy Nathanson that would turn the southern half into a 600-750 space parking structure and leave the northern half

available for other ideas.

"It allows us to keep our options open and meet our already increasing parking demand," Nathanson said.

Options for the northern half of the site include housing, a new public library, a park or city office facilities.

The site, located between Charnelton and Lincoln streets on the north and south sides of Broadway, is the last large development parcel owned by the city, said Phil Weiler, Eugene public information analyst.

Staff members from the City Manager's Office found a current surplus of 100-200 parking spaces in the area, but reported that future development will cause a deficit of up to 1,000 spaces within 1-3 years.

"We want to be playful, but we want the garage to go ahead," Mayor Ruth Bascom said.

Other Council members recognized the need for a parking structure, but expressed concern that the structure should accommodate parking needs for the general area,

not just for nearby businesses.

"I don't want us to think of this as the Symantec parking garage," Councilman Jim Torrey said, referring to the computer software utility company that is currently expanding near the site.

Councilman Kevin Hornbuckle agreed with Torrey and also stressed the need for housing to be included in the plan.

The Council voted unanimously to authorize Nathanson to refine her proposal and present it again possibly as early as next week.

## Joint committee debates controversial education reform law

SALEM (AP) — When it comes to Oregon's controversial education reform law, key legislators involved in the effort to revise the statute find many points over which to differ.

But to borrow a term in the debate, they are interested in one main "outcome" — keeping the reform act on the books in some form or other.

The amended measure went to a joint conference committee to try to work out a compromise.

Many opponents of the 1991 reform law feel school districts face too many dictates from state and federal governments. Others object to the law's emphasis on outcome-based education, which requires students to demonstrate their knowledge.

The law requires proficiency in 11 areas for the initial certificate, including such areas as critical thinking and working with others.

Currently, students receive a

certificate of initial mastery at about the end of 10th grade and a certificate of advanced mastery at the end of 12th grade.

The House-approved bill would substitute new "certificates of accomplishment" at grades 2, 5, 8 and 10. They would cover four subjects: math, science, reading and writing. School districts would have the option of adding other subjects.

The Senate-passed bill reinstates the certificates of mastery.

The Senate also revised the bill to require knowledge, including work done in projects, in math, history, economics, civics, English, a second language and arts.

Current law requires that students pick one of six broad career paths before obtaining a certificate of advanced mastery.

The Senate-passed bill requires the state Board of Education to draft rules to implement the advanced program. It

would not be implemented until two years after the Legislature approved rules and standards for it.

The House-passed bill would have given the state's school districts veto power over the rules proposed by the Education Department.

The reforms could not take effect if 85 or more of the state's 250 districts rejected the rules. The Senate dropped that provision.

## Kid wins \$10,000 for goblin art

CORVALLIS (AP) — A fifth-grader who created a toothy, pot-bellied "goblin guy with wings" won \$10,000 cash for Adams Elementary School and a paid trip to Universal Studios.

A check for the grand prize in M & M Mars' "Make a Monster Contest," arrived last week at the school.

"It just came in the mail Federal Express like it's no big deal," said school secretary Janet Leek. "But it's a big deal to us."

The drawing was created by Nick Nuth, 11, who has been sketching since he was old enough to pick up a pencil.

## MIGHTY MT. SAINT HELENS

Slide presentation by  
*Katharine Cashman*

Associate Professor of Geological Sciences

Mt. Saint Helens' ballads with  
*Dianne Dugaw*

Associate Professor of English  
and her string band, "Oldtime News"

Thursday, May 18, in the Fir Room  
Erb Memorial Union, University of Oregon  
7:00 p.m.

Children are very welcome to join in this  
observance of the 15th anniversary of the  
May 18, 1980 eruption of Mt. Saint Helens.

Call 346-3013 by May 15 to request  
accommodations for disabilities.

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#### MEETINGS

UO Labor Support Group will meet today at 5 p.m. in the EMU Survival Center, Suite 1. For more information, call 346-3716.

Student Senate will meet tonight at 6:30 in EMU Cedar Room E. For more information, call 346-3749.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Jewish Student Union will sponsor the Jewish Film Festival, beginning tonight at 7:30 and continuing on May 20, 21 — with a 2 p.m. matinee on the 21st — in Room 180 PLC. For more information, call 346-4366.

Outdoor Program will sponsor a sea kayak navigation workshop tonight at 7:30 in the Outdoor Program Room in the EMU basement. For more information, call 346-4365.

Pre-Health Sciences Center will sponsor a representative from the Dr. William Scholl College of Pediatric Medicine who will answer questions about the school's program today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-3211.

Survival Center will sponsor an endangered species video and discussion today at 2 p.m. at the EMU Survival Center, Suite 1. For more information, call 346-3927.

Asian/Pacific-American Student Union will sponsor a movie titled "Pacific Islander Perspectives — Issues of the 90s," as part of Asian Heritage Month tonight at 7 in the Multicultural Center, EMU Room 33. For more information, call 346-4342.

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