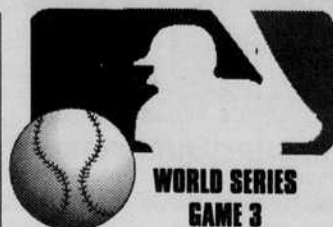


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Candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives will debate tonight from 7:30-9:30 in Harris Hall. The public is welcome.



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Eugene chosen as potential prison site

JAIL: The Mountain View site is one of 12 being considered, due to its proximity to a freeway and city

By Jennifer Schmitt
Community Editor

Eugene was officially selected as a possible prison site in the second round of nominations made by the Oregon Department of Corrections.

The location being considered for the new prison is an area called the Meadow View site located on Hwy 99, just off of Awbrey Lane.

The Eugene site was nominated for two types of prisons: either a women's prison and intake center or a medium security men's prison, said Perrin Damon, public relations spokesman for the State Department of Corrections.

Damon said the men's facility would hold approximately 1,600 prisoners, while the women's facility and intake center would hold 1,570.

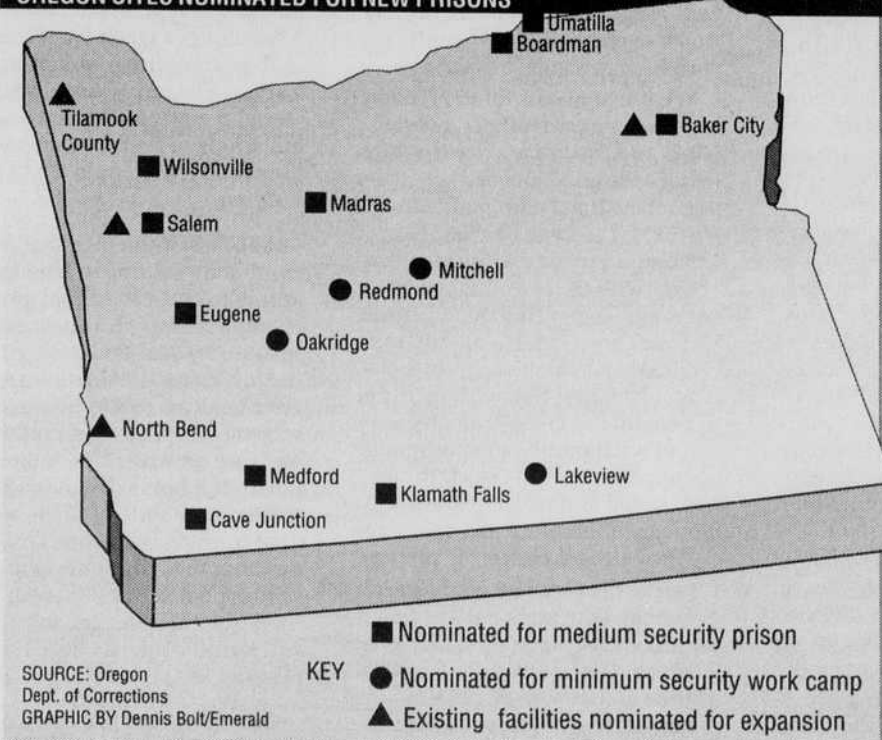
City officials were not surprised by the nomination.

"They gave us plenty of warning that we were being considered," said Jim Johnson, department of corrections director for Eugene. "From their point of view, Eugene is a good place for a prison. The land is flat, near a major freeway and near a major metropolitan area."

A public hearing will be held by the Corrections Facilities Sitings Committee on Nov. 16 to evaluate each of the nominated sites. Conditions and objections to Eugene's nomination have to be submitted 10 days before the hearing, Johnson said.

"We have been working on drafting the conditions," Johnson said. "We presented some conditions to the city council and they gave us some areas to

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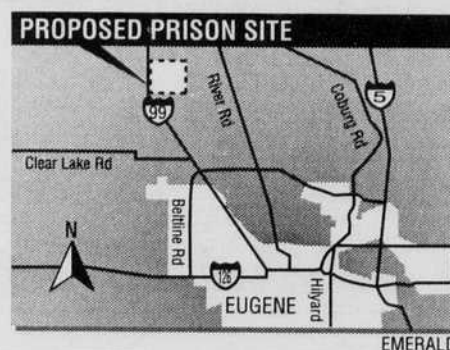
clean up and change."

The nominated site for the prison is located outside of the Urban Growth Boundary for the city of Eugene, Johnson said. This could cause problems in providing utilities such as water, sewage and electricity.

One of the conditions being submitted is that the state change the nominated site to be located within the Urban Growth Boundary.

The sites were chosen by the Department of Corrections and the nominations were made to the sitings committee.

"Each of the sites was matched with the criteria for a prison site," Damon said. "Basically the reason Eugene has been nominated is because it meets all of our criteria."



The Meadow View site was one of 12 sites nominated in the second round of nominations. The first round of sites was nominated on Oct. 14. The total number of sites nominated for the seven new prisons is up to 22 throughout the state.

The need for new prisons arose after Measure 11 was passed last year, Damon said. The measure created mandatory prison sentences, which means an increase in the number of people in jail and the length of their sentences.

Last summer, letters were sent to cities throughout Oregon looking for communities willing to volunteer their areas for consideration as a new prison site. Eugene did not ask to be considered for a site and when the City Council received a letter informing them that Eugene was being considered, the City Council formally opposed the nomination.

Following the public hearings, the sitings committee will make recommendations to Governor John Kitzhaber, who will choose the official prison sites. Kitzhaber will make the final decisions by Dec. 17.

The public hearings will be held on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

New drug offers more, Speakers say

ABORTION: The experts say RU-486 presents new opportunities to women, although it is not yet readily available in the U.S.

By Tom Potter

Student Activities Reporter

The abortion drug RU-486 will not necessarily be the end of abortion procedures but it will give women one more choice, abortion experts said at a meeting Tuesday in the Ben Linder Forum.

RU-486 is a drug that induces abortion in a process that is similar to a miscarriage. RU-486 consists of two drugs: mifepristone, which stops the cells from developing; and misoprostol, which expels the egg.

A group of women experts on the drug met to discuss the testing and political obstacles it has faced in becoming recognized in the U.S.

"We wanted to bring the experts so I put together a panel of women who knew a lot about it," Events Coordinator Jessica Frahs said. "[I wanted women] who had done chemical studies on RU-486 and women who knew the political obstacles it faced in becoming a recognized drug in the U.S."

Committee members included Dr. Liz Newhall from Every Women's Health in Portland; Kristine Hinsley, who represented All Women's Health Services; Kitty Piercy, State Representative for Lane County; Maria Harvey, who represented the Center for Study of Women in Society; and Nancy Deans, a chemistry professor who represented the National Abortion Reproductive Rights Action League.

The panel said RU-486 has advantages over surgical abortions. It can be taken as soon as a woman knows she is pregnant, as opposed to the surgical procedure which re-



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Protesters demonstrate against police brutality

MARCH: Rally participants spoke about their anger at the drug sweeps and the recent ban of dogs and skateboards from 13th Avenue

By Christian Hill
Community Reporter

Despite the adverse weather conditions, protesters marched down University Street, loudly chanting, "We the people take back the streets," and holding signs reading: "Sweep Trash, not People," and "Way to honor diversity, Eugene."

This was the scene as over 100 protesters gathered in the EMU Courtyard Tuesday, demonstrating against police brutality and the drug sweeps the Eugene police department conducts in the West University area.

The rally was part of National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repressions and the Criminalization of

a Generation. According to a press release, the day will launch the "List of Names Project," which is an effort to collect and document police brutality incidents across the country.

Uhuru Black said he's had first-hand experience with such brutality. He said after finishing work a couple years ago, Eugene police accosted him outside his place of employment on 13th Avenue, thinking he fit the description of a man who committed a crime. When Eugene police brought the victim to identify Black, the person said Black was not the man responsible. The police released him, and when Black asked for an apology, he said the officers didn't offer one.

"This is not an isolated incident," Black said. "Don't think you're beyond it."

He says he has lived throughout the country and ex-

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Eugene resident Uhuru Black, 26, speaks to a group in the EMU courtyard yesterday. The march, which started at the courtyard, gathered to recognize National Day of Action Against Police Brutality.