

site. "But the American Institute of Architects (AIA) is setting out to study how all the parts connect. We want to reach beyond the 'usual suspects' to include those whose views and experiences may not overlap any more neatly than the ideas that have begun to emerge for what could happen along this corridor."

The Franklin Corridor Study is a long-range project with a long-range vision spanning the next several decades. More workshops are planned for mid-April and at the Eugene Celebration next fall. The study is initially funded by a \$15,000 grant from the AIA.

Civic activist Don Kahle of the study's steering committee says the group is more interested at this point in asking the right questions than coming up with immediate solutions.

"The issue has something for everyone," says Kahle. "Traffic, mass transit, riverfront, railroads, bike trails, Glenwood development, Walnut Street nodal development, the UO's plans for an arena and a front door, the emerging neighborhood around the federal courthouse. Even larger looms how Eugene and Springfield relate to one another and how both relate to the state's major interstate highway."

— Ted Taylor

JAZZED ON ENERGY

The lights inside Harris Hall were dimmed low, but spirits were high at the first Lane County Energy Forum Tuesday, Jan. 23. By the 7 pm start time, so many people had filled the Public Service Building hall at 8th and Oak, they were spilling out the doors.

The Energy Forum's co-director Kathy Ging estimates there were 300 to 350 community attendees, about half of whom stood in the back, leaned against walls, or sat on the aisle floors for the entire two-hour session.

The panel of 11 speakers included EWEB and EPUD (Emerald People's

Utility District) representatives, longtime energy activists, and experts on climate change studies, biofuels, solar energy and green building.

Other than a few technological hitches involving fussy PowerPoint presentations (a couple of techies from the audience rescued the presenters), the forum covered a lot of ground. The meeting was at once an informational session and a statement — that Lane County is ready for a sustainable future, according to Ging. "We had the top minds in the city there," Ging says, noting that several attendees were energy professionals and activists she has worked with and read about for nearly three decades. The turnout and response "was truly amaz-

ing," Ging says. An email sign-up sheet received 190 signatures. "I've never seen 190 people sign up for anything in Eugene," Ging says.

Ging says the second Energy Forum, scheduled for Feb. 27 at the First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., won't include any PowerPoint presentations. Instead, community members will discuss energy topics in small focus groups (and yes, floating between groups is allowed). Ging and her fellow coordinators hope to find community leaders interested in being group facilitators. Check out oregonenergymodel.org or contact Kathy Ging at 342-8461 or Kathy@kathyging.com for more details. —Nicole Fancher

CIRCUS IN RIVER ROAD?

The River Road Community Organization has an ambitious neighborhood celebration planned for Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Park District Recreation Center in Emerald Park, 1400 Lake Drive. A full day of fun, education and entertainment is scheduled from 1 to 9 pm. The event is being likened to a circus by organizers, with activities and entertainment planned for all ages.

WOMEN SAY PULL OUT NOW

Many of the two dozen or so Oregonians who traveled to Washington, D.C., last weekend to stop the war experienced turbulent landings as they set down in the nation's capital amid a swirl of snow flurries and frigid temperatures. Yet the climate soon warmed for Saturday's peace march, and the estimated half a million people who arrived from at least 47 states calling for peace.

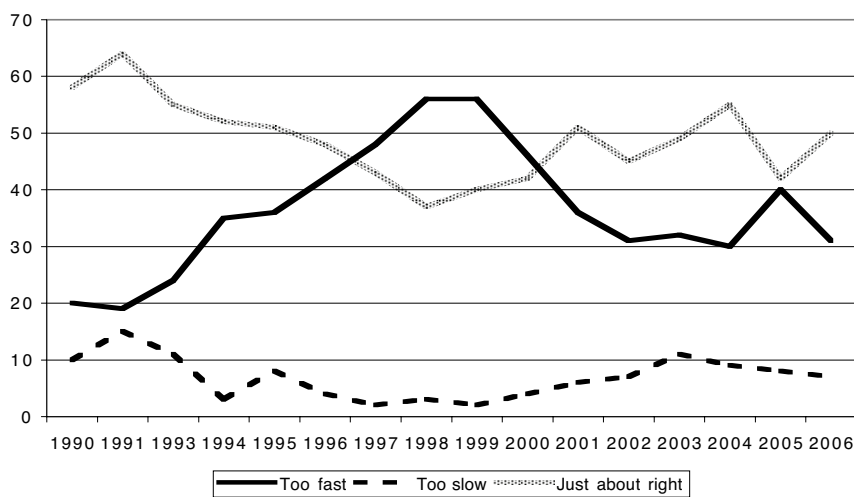
Speakers at Saturday's pre-march rally, organized by United for Peace and Justice, included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who admitted to the crowd, "Peace is controversial," and Rep. Dennis Kucinich, who called for a Department of Peace. Rep. Maxine Waters chastised the administration, drawing huge cheers when she declared "Condi Rice doesn't represent me."

The march, led by Code Pink, a women's peace action group, completely encircled the Capitol building. Code Pink members drummed and chanted, "Women say pull out now," and marchers carried signs declaring, "The rapture is not an exit strategy," and "Impeach Cheney, then Bush."

Next, marchers swarmed past the Supreme Court Building, spontaneously chanting, "Bring back habeus corpus."

On Sunday, UFPJ held a lobby training day, followed by Monday's day on Capitol Hill that saw nearly a thousand Americans visiting their representatives to lobby for an end to the Iraq War.

FEW WANT FASTER GROWTH




Source: Eugene Community Surveys (no data for 1992)

Every year developers and the Chamber of Commerce push for faster growth in Eugene. But for the last 16 years, far more people in Eugene have thought the city population is growing too fast rather than too slowly.

In 1990 about twice as many people thought the city was growing too fast rather than too slowly, according to city surveys. Growth opposition crested in 1999 when 56 percent thought the city was growing too fast compared to only 2 percent who thought the city's growth was too slow. That year, 40 percent said the city's growth rate was just about right.

In 2006, more than four times as many people thought the city was growing too fast rather than too slowly. Half of survey respondents said the city's growth rate was just about right, 31 percent said it was too fast and just 7 percent said it was too slow. — Alan Pittman



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Wednesday, Feb. 7
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