

Farmers Market.

So many solutions in one neat little package. Opportunity knocks but once, Eugene.

*Franklin Vandermeer
Eugene*

CALL TO ARMS

Responding to Jerry Diethelm's article, "Inner Rewards" (1/25), was a call to arms for us. We are students in professor Mark Gillem's urban design studio at UO and are engaged in researching, analyzing and developing alternatives for the much deliberated Franklin corridor, stretching from Glenwood at the eastern end to the Park Blocks (i.e. Saturday Market site) on the west end.

The newly constructed U.S. Courthouse stands in an opportunistic position, as Jerry touched upon, located between the downtown core and the Willamette River, with the Millrace canal running adjacent to the property, and several sites that are prime for development (including the recent Whole Foods site). A landmark building, such as the courthouse, in a growing urban environment, such as Eugene, can be utilized as a stepping stone in an inspirational leap towards a bright future.

If development standards are initiated for surrounding properties, if public open space and waterways around the courthouse are designed, and if the public helps direct this process to meet the specific needs of Eugene's unique social and recreational lifestyle, the city can work towards a vision for a more integrated and celebrated community environment for Eugene along the Franklin corridor.

Visit www.franklincorridor.org for more information.

*Carl Liebhardt
and 13 other UO
architecture students*

RUNNING OUT OF LAND

In response to the *EW* article "Teetering on Sprawl" (1/25), sprawl can come from you or toward you. Eugene is simply choosing the latter. Ironically, forcing young families to the outlying areas (Eugene is one of the few school districts with declining enrollment) increases sprawl because larger cities typically develop at higher densities.

Mr. Pittman wrote: "Since 1950, Eugene's population density has declined 29 percent due to urban sprawl." The accuracy of the statement depends upon what is being measured. The number of persons per household has decreased significantly since 1950 — reducing density. Eugene has more open space and setback requirements today — reducing density. However, average lot sizes have decreased significantly and more people are living in multi-family units, which increases density.

The 1993 Legislature required that jurisdictions exit periodic review with a 20-year

supply of residential land. We began period review before that bill took effect, thereby avoiding the state mandate. A periodic review that should have taken seven years took 14. We are now exiting periodic review with less than a nine-year supply of land, a land study that is based upon 1995 data and an inventory that is increasingly constrained. We are scheduled to run out of land about the time we begin our next periodic review. However, it takes about 10 years from beginning a new land study to the creation of building lots.

We have a problem. We can choose to ignore it or we can employ good planning principles and deal with it.

*Roxie Cuellar
Director of Government Affairs
Home Builders Association of Lane County*

UNMENTIONABLES

Yes, over 3,000 Americans have been killed in Iraq and how many Iraqis? How many innocent men, women and children? To me what is even more despicable are the numbers unmentioned, uncounted, the many maimed or almost killed both from this country and in Iraq who will never have a full life or any kind of proper care to speak of. The silent and forgotten many who don't seem to count by those who add up the dead without concern for the horrific numbers of almost dead, the appalling toll climbing on a daily basis.

I weep for these forgotten many and count them by multiplying the dead tenfold.

I hang my head in shame to be from a country with a leader who has too much pride to admit defeat or the possibility of mistake.

*Rheychol Paris
Yachats*

RIM EACH OTHER

Once again you have shown that this paper has gotten away from what it should be. Your paper at times has some good articles, written not well but at least it gave the community something other to read. This last issue (1/18), I am totally disgusted. How can you justify putting a picture of young kids on the front and on the back put in such disgusting writing. I refer to "Savage Love." This idiot who is not qualified to write anything, and for sure is not a professional. A slime ball who can only write porn, and you print it. WHY?

This community deserves better than a piece of garbage. I will do whatever I can to stop this. I am sending a copy of the article to the Attorney General's office and to the prosecutor here in Eugene, and anyone else I can. If this is the type of crap you want to put in your paper and give it away free so every kid has access to it then I believe you should move your paper out of town. At least *The Register-Guard* prints news.

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