

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



grants such as the \$500,000 grant for infrastructure improvements to the Park Blocks mentioned in the article. I need to point out that there is a deadline for the Farmers Market to use the urban renewal funds.

The \$500,000 will not be available to the farmers after the Downtown District expires, which is estimated for June 30, 2018. This may sound far off, but it really isn't. Losing the grant wouldn't be the end of Farmers Market, I'm sure. It would, however, really limit their options.

I hope they find a solution soon.

David Mandelblatt
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HOLLER-WORTHY

Once again the aging citizenry is blamed for whatever is wrong. In "Opera: Not Dead" (EW, March 14) I read, "pandering to an aging core audience with endless recyclings of the same top 10 operatic/

symphonic warhorses." I do not remember myself or anyone I know over 65 being asked. I've been waiting for a production of the Swedish space opera *Aniara*, and, not long ago, relished the Fonz-like Don Giovanni packing a pistol instead of a longsword or épée.

Sitting on my hemorrhoid donut and suckling my Metamucil, I found *Dead Man Walking* uplifting. I wanted to holler out Olé! ... or is it Bravo!? Oh my, the aging memory.

Jim Wood
Eugene

STUDENTS IN NEED

I am deeply troubled by 4J's decision to cut the 3.5 FTE mental health specialist positions at the end of this year. In my opinion it is absolutely essential to maintain this core program for the benefit of the 4J students, their families and the broader Eugene community.

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