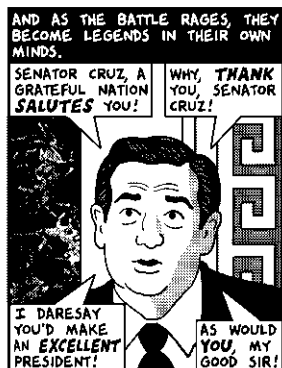
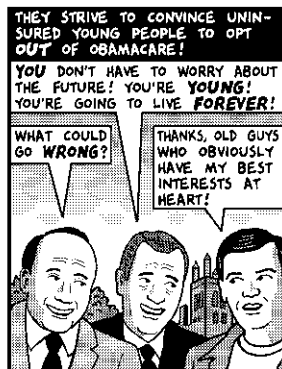


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RIGHT FOR EUGENE

As a longtime reader and supporter of *EW*, it was with great dismay that I read the Viewpoint [9/19] "Goodbye Greenway?" This is perhaps the most misinformed, misleading Viewpoint article I have yet read in *EW*. For a publication that purports to support green and community-oriented projects and activities, the publication of this represents either poor judgment, lazy editorial practices or a deliberate attempt to stir up controversy.

Had the editorial staff bothered to do even a bit of fact checking prior to publishing this article — that is, basic journalism — they would have discovered that Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing (OMC) is a smart, green, community-based infill housing project that represents the sort of housing project that the residents of Eugene have championed in the past, are supporting now and say they want in the future. They would have discovered that the Willamette River Greenway is not, never was and will not be under threat by this project.

OMC will consist of privately owned homes plus extensive common areas. It is co-designed by its residents who have chosen to live in a close-knit neighborhood that features a healthy blend of privacy and community. It is *not* a Trojan horse condo project that "out-of-town developers" will use to set a "chilling precedent" that "threatens our city's space, views and plants" to "open the door" for "further development of privately owned land in the Willamette Greenway."

Are you kidding me?

OMC addresses affordability by enabling residents to significantly downsize their homes due to the extensive common facilities available to them. Cohousing is inherently more sustainable than traditional single-family housing options, lowers each family's footprint and enables and encourages sharing and cooperative behavior. Preservation of existing green spaces, food gardens, construction practices that exceed LEED standards, shared vehicles and other amenities ensure that this project is green today and will be for the long term.

Cohousing is right for Eugene.

Mike van Mantgem

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *EW* tries to avoid running information that is inaccurate not only in the articles we write but also in the letters and viewpoints we run. That said we recognize, and hope our readers do too, that an opposing viewpoint might be frustrating but that doesn't make it factually wrong.

BLIND SPOT

I was headed to the bank earlier this afternoon [Friday, 9/27] and I watched a silver Subaru Legacy nearly kill a bicyclist on Pearl and 11th Alley. If that bicyclist hadn't been aware that this driver would probably not check her blind spot before making a sharp left turn she would have been kaput. Very scary. Alas the bicyclist was not hit.

The driver then headed to the Bank of America parking lot where she sat in her car for almost five minutes. She could have checked her blind spot 250 times during the time she checked her Facebook, pinned something, got her bank deposit together, finished listening to her favorite song or whatever else it was that she was in such a hurry to do.

Since I was headed to the same place as her I waited for her to get out of her car to let her know "Hey! You almost killed a bicyclist!" She responded "Really? They should probably watch out." And then she walked away.

I am very glad that the lady on the bike had the reflexes and good enough brakes to stop that quickly in the rain. I am very disappointed that the driver of this car doesn't really care that she almost ended someone's life. Her silver Legacy has a green sparkly Oregon "O" on the back window. If you are riding a bike behind her, give her some extra space since she clearly doesn't value your life.

Stacy Jo Armstrong

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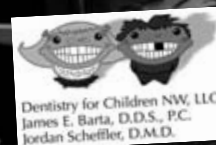
In the Sept. 26 letters, Martin Henner misinterprets Bovilsky's viewpoint, "Goodbye Greenway." As typical when

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