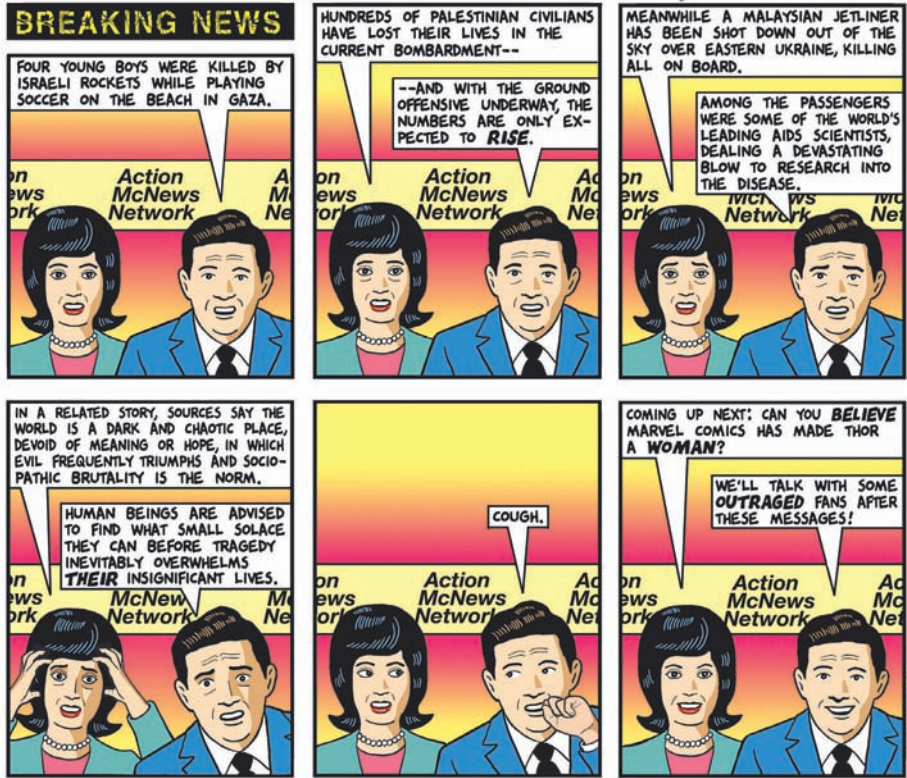


# THIS MODERN WORLD



There's no big, bad developer from out of state trying to make a profit here. OMC members are the developers and the community will be member-managed. We care very much for the River Road area and want to strengthen and contribute to our neighborhood and its ties to the larger community and city.

Come join us. OMC is actively seeking folks to be a part of our growing community. We are a joyful, enthusiastic and caring bunch, excited to welcome others to share in the process. Top five reasons to join now: greater selection of homes; more discounts on purchase price the earlier you join; participation in the creation of community agreements and more; more time for building friendships before move-in; contribution of ideas for any final planning decisions.

*Will Dixon, architect  
OMC Project Manager*

## EVACUATION PLANNING

I had the pleasure of being told to evacuate the Springfield Station at 6 pm July 17 while watching a major fire a half mile away. The black toxic smoke was impressive and I can understand if that smoke came back down on downtown it could have life-threatening consequences. To err on the side of caution is good.

The R-G reported that the sightseers were not removed till 7 pm when the road was closed, which seems a little slow. I was more impressed that as I rode the LTD to Eugene we passed a busload of people heading to Springfield. I know the city and the county have their differences but on this issue they should have tried a little harder to communicate with each other.

*Vince Loving  
Eugene*

## BEER SHORTAGE

Is it just me, or isn't it about time someone opened a decent brewery in this town!

*Peter Tildesley  
Eugene*

## THE NATIONAL INTEREST?

The Pacific Connector pipeline is the chosen route to bring natural gas from the shale oilfields of the mountain west to a not-yet-built natural gas compression plant at Jordan Cove on Coos Bay, just across the channel from the city of North Bend. Private pipeline developers have been granted the power of eminent domain to seize over 300 parcels of private property, which lie in the path of the 230-mile Pacific Connector route.

Jordan Cove developers argue in their application to FERC (the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) that building the plant and the pipeline are in the national interest because unless foreign markets are found for U.S. natural gas, fracking in the Rockies will slow down or stop.

Aside from the obvious one about exactly why it's in our national interest for a Canadian developer to make massive profits selling U.S. gas to China, a more practical question has arisen concerning the Jordan Cove project. Developers are denying property owners along the route the ability to contact each other. Requests by property owners for the names of others along the route have been denied, because of "the threat of terrorism."

A moment's thought makes it clear that a 100-foot-wide scar on the landscape that extends for 230 miles across nearly the entire state of Oregon is not going to be very difficult for bad guys to locate. There must be another reason why the developers don't want the property owners facing eminent domain claims to contact one another. Could it be the insultingly low prices (\$300/acre) being offered for destructive easements and the prospect of having massive amounts of explosive gas running under their properties?

How about it, Jordan Cove? Why are you refusing to release the names of the property owners whose land you plan to seize?

*Fergus Mclean  
Dexter*

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