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Letter To The Editor

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To The Editor

While there may be some good results from Oregon land use laws and regulations, Oregonians need to know there are some very bad -- and they need to be dealt with!

The highly restrictive "farm dwelling" rules adopted by LCDC (the state Land Conservation and Development Commission) are a glaring example.

To qualify for a farm dwelling, the rules require the "future occupant" of the dwelling to have produced \$80,000 or more gross farm income in each of two preceding years, or three of the last five years. It doesn't matter whether the farm is 5 acres or a 100 acres or more.

My wife and I were lucky enough to have a 200 acre farm which was big enough to produce the required \$80,000 in the two years before we applied for a dwelling. We are career farmers who want to move from another farm across the valley that our children are taking over.

But, when we applied for our dwelling, it was denied because the farm income was "produced" by a lessee -- and the county informed us that, if the lessee got a dwelling and moved out, it would have to be removed. We couldn't live in it.

To make this situation even more outrageous, we could have gotten a dwelling when we bought the farm and we spent over \$10,900 drilling a well, providing utilities and other improvements needed to live there before the new rule went into effect.

I should also add that we wanted to site the dwelling on a two acre area that is impossible to farm. So the dwelling didn't take any land out of farming, and my wife and I need to live there to farm the land that can be farmed.

Yet Governor Kitzhaber threatened to veto a legislative bill to remedy this situation.

Sincerely,
Robert Meyer
Lebanon, OR

Dear Editor:

We appreciate your helping us to help Oregon's youth.

On behalf of the entire staff at Boys & Girls Aid Society of Oregon, I would like to thank you for your recent coverage of the work we do.

We can not accomplish our goals for children without the help of the public.

Your interest in our program helps us to reach the citizens of our community who care.

For this we say thank you. The newsbrief you recently

ran was very helpful at getting the message out that shelter homes are needed for youth. This message resulted in increased awareness and many calls to our agency about shelter parenting.

Again, we appreciate you and your organization for lending a hand in improving the lives of Oregon's children. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Very sincerely,
Jonathan Kipp
Shelter Care Counselor
Shelter Parent Recruiter

perspective



BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

— Purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plan. Metro's urban boundary city's "granny flat" pain. —

Last week we began and examination of those American ideologies and philosophies that evolved into today's discipline (imposition?) known as "Urban Planning." Early on it was established that there was a great dichotomy: Between "a paradise given (Eden)" and "a negative wilderness to be overcome." With the aide of Light Rail, yet?

And we recommended, "Interpreting Environments", Robert Mugeraver (1995), as an excellent point of departure for this type of examination. Though those "early" views "are now concealed and forgotten...they still operate in our understanding of parks and wilderness and in our attitudes to the use and development of land."

This probably means we will have to look beyond our 'cultural incubator' of 'Cowboys and Indians', 'Powells' Report on Arid Lands of West' (document 302), 'Homestead Act (Document 214); Emancipa-

tion proclamation' (Document 222), 'The Origin of Eminent Domain', and the 'National Geographic Index.

And precisely means that by accurately assessing both the past and current urban traumas resulting from such phenomena as the two great war-driven northward migration of African Americans... we may better employ the parameters indicated by author Mugeraver than the discourses and edicts of the 'Urban Planning Establishment:

Certainly, he does not deny the importance and influence of such "planning gods" as the great landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead (1822 - 1903): Olmstead quoted Lord Bacon in describing his plan for the Berkeley Campus, "God almighty first planted a garden... New Yorks Central Park exercises a refining influence upon even the most lawless."

Other prime movers are cited in a developing panorama of an urban American landscape, but we would turn you now to an acclaimed account of a man whose politics "characterize many of the problems of

urban decline that plague us today." This revealing and necessary addition to the library of anyone seriously interested in the field is "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York", Robert a Caro, Vintage 1975.

As the most powerful Park Commissioner and City Planner in the nation's history he directed the construction of billion of dollars in parks, play ground, highways, bridges, tunnels, and housing project -- mostly his own concepts and designs. And with little political or social consultation. His fiefdom reigned from the 1930's to 1970.

There is much here that can be related to by any sharp, if not sanguine observer of the urban scene during these times - whether white or black. Of special interest to African Americans who would wonder what happened to that early "spiritual concept" of American land as a "paradise given", are gages 509 to 514.

A description is given of the merciless manipulation of access and enjoyment of such recreation facilities primarily used by children. A not

uncommon practice across America, the availability of playgrounds and swimming pools is a racially controlled as other real estate by actual or defacto associations of realtors. Much to be learned here concerning unwritten urban social controls.

A century of northward African American migration to the large central cities brings blacks into a strange congruence with an urban "paradise given", shaped by that pantheon of planners, architects, essayists and sociologists who are revered by the urban planning establishment; Lewis Mumford, Frank Lloyd Wright, "American Bungalow Designers."

In a carefully - controlled pattern, blacks moved in where whites moved out. An excellent detailed national picture is given by "African American Historic Places" ed. Beth L. Savage 1994. An equally interesting informative account is given by "Cornerstones of Community: Buildings of Portland's African American History", Cathy Galbraith, Project Coordinator, The Bosco-Milligan Foundation, 1995. Cont'd next week.

When Kids Perform, They Learn!

BY DR. LENORA FULANI

The Development School for Youth, a project I co-direct, employs a new performance-based educational approach that challenges the prevailing view of how young people learn. It is a rigorous three-month leadership training program for young adults between the ages of 16 and 22 that uses performance to enable them to make the transition from school--which is where they are now--to the world of work.

The Development School for Youth is structured as a 12-act "play" in which the students, most of them in high school, perform as leaders in a variety of "scenes." These are some of the scenes in which the Exchange, conducted by a retired managing director of Merrill Lynch; a visit to the ABC-TV television

studios in midtown, led by a senior writer on a popular daytime show; a public speaking class taught by a day visit to Washington, D.C., during which the students made presentations to members of congress on issues of concern to youth. All of these workshops are led by adult professionals who are supporters of the program and who volunteer their time. Many of these adults have told me how it has been developmental for them, too!

A scene that was recently added to our development play was directed by one of our supporters, the owner of an advertising agency. This advertising executive and members of his staff met with the young people to develop an advertising campaign for their Development School for Youth as a way to show them something of

how the advertising business works. As part of creating the "campaign," the young people were organized into a "focus group" where they came up with a slogan to describe the leadership training program: School As It Should Be.

In addition to such basic performance requirements as being ready to go on-stage, on time and "in costume" for each scene, the students are expected to do the homework assignments based on the exercises in Let's Develop!--the marvelous book by Dr. Fred Newman is our textbook. They also produce a professional resume, and take part in a mock job interview. All 17 members of the Spring class were placed in paid summer internships. We are enormously proud of the rave reviews our students received, with

several of them being invited to come back next summer or offered permanent part-time jobs after school. The current class consists of 14 young people, who will graduate on December 17. Like the first group of trainees, the class is very heterogeneous. It includes a Muslim young woman, a 15-year-old from John Jay College (at 22 he is our elder statesman), several young people whose parents are recent immigrants from the Caribbean, and African American youngsters.

In the Development School for Youth, young people are performing ahead of themselves, doing more than they are "scheduled" to do, stepping outside the fixed identities that keep them undereducated and unconnected to the world at large.

Take a Stand Against Impaired Driving

Support National 3D Prevention Month

Last December, John Doe didn't make it home for the holidays. He spent December 20 through January 12 in the intensive care unit of a local hospital. His family spent the holidays gathered around his bedside, waiting for some spark of recognition in his eyes, dreading that it might never come. He spent the better part of the year in a rehabilitation facility. He'll make home for the holidays this year, but now that he is in a wheelchair, he can't walk or drive.

All because an impaired driver chose to drive home from a holiday party.

In the news business, we see tragic scenarios like this, and worse, all too often. Because every day, thousands

of people across our country decide to drive after they've been drinking.

So, what can we do about it? Here's what the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police and numerous transportation safety advocacy groups are doing. We are supporting:

* National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month and this year's campaign, "Take a Stand Against Impaired Driving." This year's campaign emphasizes safe communities. Every part of the community--businesses, citizen groups, health care providers, police agencies, schools and government--has a role to play in the fight against impaired driving.

* National Lights On for life Day on Friday, December 19, when motorists are asked to drive with their headlights on all day to remind people about the impaired driving problem and in remembrance of those killed by impaired drivers.

* Our local law enforcement agencies as they participate in the National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend, Friday, December 19, through Sunday, December 21. Law enforcement officers across the nation will step up enforcement efforts against impaired drivers and motorcyclists, speeders, aggressive drivers, and others who make the roads especially dangerous at this time of year.

* Join with us for National Drunk

and Drugged driving Prevention Month. Drive with your headlights on Friday, December 19. Designate a driver for holiday parties. Take the keys from a friend who's had too much to drink. Arrange to store or haul home someone's motorcycle if the operator has been drinking. Support alcohol-free holiday events and encourage your local government and civic leaders to do the same. Participate in the Mothers Against Drunk Driving red-ribbon "Tie One On For Safety" campaign. And request a "Sober Solutions" recipe book of non-alcoholic beverages from your local AAA office.

And above all, don't drink and drive.

This Land Mine Is Our Land

RAINBOW PUSH COALITION

It's a glorious week for non-violence and peace, thanks to Jody Williams, Robert Muller, Canada, and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. 125 nations signed a treaty banning the use or production of land mines, a treaty that the foreign policy establishment viewed as unimaginable only a year ago.

We agree with UN Secretary Kofi Annan, who was quoted in the Washington Post that this "treaty is a landmark step in the history of disarmament...a victory for the weak and vulnerable of the world."

We congratulate those grassroots activists who and in record time successfully found common ground with most of the world.

Unfortunately, that does not yet

include the U.S. however, is not on that list. America, home of the free and land of the brave, finds itself on two other--more shameful--lists:

(1) the list of the leading producers and exporters of anti-personnel land mines; and

(2) the very short list of nations which have not yet signed this treaty, a list including such human rights "models" as Russia, China, Pakistan, Afghanistan & Turkey.

We do applaud the Clinton/Gore

Administration's recent commitment of \$80 million per year for mine clearance operations around the world. This funding is a necessary and valuable step towards ridding the world of its existing mines, which kill or injure a child every 2 hours, and it is good that the U.S. will fund demining.

We find it very sad, however, that a nation which President Jimmy Carter--a fellow Southern Democrat--tried to make synonymous with hu-

man rights, a country which stands as the last, best hope for democracy, says it is too scared of a starving North Korea to ban land mines.

Many of the world's leftover land mines are our land mines. Millions were--and are--born in the USA. We should be leading the world on this issue, not apologizing to the world for being too fearful to say yes to hope.

Mr. President, you can still sign this treaty. Make it a birthday present to Jesus. Announce you will sign it next month, thereby marking the Martin Luther King Holiday celebrations with meaning. After all, both the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Dr. King are Nobel Peace Prize recipients. It would be a fitting gesture.