

Non-thinking mall busters

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As I read letters from Fresnoans who wax nostalgic about how wonderful downtown Fresno would be without the Fulton Mall, I can only think of Chad and Jeremy singing, "That was yesterday, and yesterday's gone."

The fact that "downtown" is a nebulous term does not enter their minds. Cities have many "downtowns," My downtown happens to be at the corner of Blackstone and Nees avenues. A good friend considers his downtown to be the Tower district. Another friend is certain his downtown is at Willow and Herndon avenues.

The sculptures on our Fulton Mall are a national treasure. I am surprised that the area has not been designated a historical landmark. Destroying the mall to make room for asphalt and pollution is yesterday's thinking.

How in the world will driving more cars downtown have any positive effect on our community? Let's emphasize our city's assets. Our Fulton Mall is our local treasure. I'll bet if we could vote on the issue, our citizenry would not choose to pave Fulton Street.

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