

bicycle's metals were extracted, processed, assembled and brought to the showroom? Diesel fuel, that's how. In short, *all* of your activities are integrated with the petroleum industry.

A small but growing community of people all over the world are promoting and developing an alternative to petroleum fuels. As much as you may hate cars, the use of a non-toxic, low pollution, renewable fuel can never be a bad thing. The use of biodiesel is spreading from the private sector into fleets and manufacturing, a reverse of the typical path of new innovations.

Dunning fore-thinking individuals who choose to participate in established patterns of transport using an alternative fuel source is as wrong as making fun of people who ride around in the rain wearing bicycle pants. Everyone does their part in the dance, and it's not up to you to call the steps.

As I have pointed out on this page before, the problem isn't too many cars, it's too many people.

Oh, and yes, my all-electric car *is* powered by solar panels, thank you. If you'll keep your attention on the bike lane, I'll continue to drive it proudly in a responsible manner.

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HALF-BAKED IDEAS

Just a quick response to the two guys (1/6, Jim Johnson and Jerry Harris) who wrote such weak and generic letters after reading

Mark Harris' article (12/23).

Both of your points are obviously devoid of any real thought or reason. In a world without racism, a person like Mark Harris would still be devoting his life's work and passion to creating positive social change in other areas. But racism does exist, and we do need diversity trainers and educators like Mark, so what are your points, exactly? That he should be grateful for hate crimes and racial profiling because it gives him something to talk about or a job in the industry? Get real.

I think it's foolish to call the "race industry" Mark's "livelihood" or imply that when black people start dying in Eugene, then their "self-segregated" community will have a real reason to "cry" about racism.

Mark is an excellent teacher and passionate speaker which obviously threatens some people who can only express half-baked ideas or who can only think of one thing to say. I have many things to say about Mark and his work, but it's really simple: during two years of attending school at LCC, he was the only teacher to ever actually teach me something real about myself and how my choices affect my life and personality. In his class I learned how to become a better person, not about how white I am or how black he is.

To say he can talk about race and nothing beyond is a lame understatement. Do yourselves a favor and go get educated.

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