

throughout our residential neighborhood. Why should my children or myself have to hear the disgusting lyrics blasting in our backyard? That is SO not right. Why should we have to see the bikini-clad ladies pre-tending to make out with each other in our front yard?

It's great that they have come up with a way to make money, but at the same time they should take their neighbors into consideration. We aren't all peeking out our windows at them getting our jollies. Some of us are having to close our windows and pray for rain.

Alice Elliot
Eugene

NAKED VS. NUDE

In response to the West 11th bikini carwash girls, and to Mark Frisbee's penis, who obviously wrote the article about them: There is a difference between "naked" and "nude." While the first implies vulnerability, the latter implies ambivalence and empowerment, given the right context. To take off one's clothes in support of feminism is to command the patriarchal system of sexuality to bend. To see a nude woman as a person with human characteristics and sexual choices is a piece of empowerment.

To gyrate in the street, shake your ass at oncoming traffic, and charge 10 bucks to suds up a car, well, that's not necessarily feminist. That's a display of sexuality that adheres to the idea of women as sex objects.

Let me make it clear that I had no problem until I saw you spilling out into traffic where no one had a choice but to see you. It was just plain trashy and imposing. Don't try to utilize a misguided view of empowerment and feminism to justify your carwash tactics, and please get out of the street so that people can choose if they want to gawk at you while you sell a peek of your body for money.

Also, to Mark's penis: Maybe you should let Mark do some of the reporting from now on. He might actually be able to write an unbiased article some day if you'd just let him think.

Angeline Horlyk
Eugene

FEELS HER PAIN

George Bush needs a grief counselor in the White House more than any other kind of advisor. Such a person, someone who has lost a child, would counsel him not to say to a grieving mother words to the effect that he feels her pain or understands her sorrow. Parents' grief when they lose a child is searing. It is unique to that person. No politics, ceremony or badge of honor can modify it. George must learn to hold his foolish tongue.

Laurel Fisher
Eugene

THE RAW TRUTH

How did raw milk/cream become illegal to sell in America, but not in most other countries? Why is it illegal? Because Big Dairy and the National Dairy Counsel got it outlawed in the mid-20th century. So free trade was stolen, state by state, eliminating the small dairy farm markets by pushing their pasteurized (cooked) milk to "protect" dairy users from "pathogenic" bacteria in the milk of sick cows.

With modern medical science, the dairy industry claims "everybody needs milk." So we must battle Big Dairy head-on to legalize raw-milk products, or simply trade privately locally for it, as we're now doing in cooperating networks. If we legalize raw milk the price of organic store milk may decrease and its healthy quality will improve. Raw milk is the most common natural whole food on earth. Ancient traditions prove processing it is unnecessary and harmful.

Big dairies feed cows chemo-laced grain and steroids to produce more milk, and give antibiotics to huge cows sick with unnatural bovine infections. The sick cows living in pens aren't allowed to freely graze in green pastures. Worse is the feeding of dead animal parts to cows, along with other waste products.

Now we're discovering many healthy (ancient) benefits of raw-dairy products. We need to return to wise traditions of locally grown raw organic milk products.

Before industry took over dairies, certified raw milk was common in the U.S. Legalizing it needs the support of organic dairies, natural food stores and buyers demanding our free-trade civil rights to produce, sell and buy raw milk.

Michael Sunanda
Eugene

BE THE CHANGE

It seems that Brian Bogart ("America Programmed for War" series in *EW*) uses the false premise that conflict is a necessary ingredient for change. His listing of terrifying government actions and prescription for a "superpower of public opinion" is, I believe, based on the obsolete notion of power politics. New thinking in holistic, systemic theories propose that change is inevitable and evolutionary, and the most productive way to cope with unacceptable conditions is to take responsibility for one's own participation in the system, to change oneself, to "be part of the change you want to see."

For example, giving up our addiction to petroleum is an extremely personal act of surrender no different than addicts giving up their drugs in order to ensure their survival. It forces us out of our comfort zone. We cannot blame the oil companies, the car companies or the government, for our addiction.

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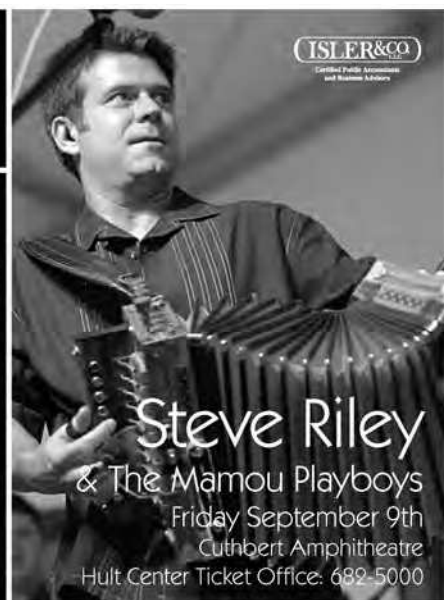


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