

The *Weekly* misrepresented its intention in soliciting material for a promotional guide and it should apologize for its irresponsible behavior, which has hurt the reputation of myself and others.

Lou Crist
Fall Creek

WE NEED BIGGER IDEAS

Recently I went to one more sustainability meeting, this one titled "Peak Oil and Global Warming," where we talked instead about personal sustainability on the level of changing to fluorescent lighting, insulation and commercial alternative energy sources. I certainly hope the majority at such meetings know about these and are thinking beyond, but they're apparently afraid to expand the topic. I'm mainly concerned about global warming, and I think we'll need much more than this to stop it.

I used to be confident that an imminent economic collapse, from many possible causes, could save us from the more severe conditions than most people think possible, but now it seems it may come too late, or already be too late.

I don't have a lot of confidence in local grassroots permaculture being the answer. The "tragedy of the commons" suggests that a few of us living sustainably mainly means we can all continue to waste at our own level for a bit longer. I live fairly simply on low income, mainly to have time to experiment with DIY skills of designing and building for a time when gas, electricity and much more are beyond our means, while looking for a community that wants to discuss bigger ideas.

Dan Robinson
Eugene

ABSURD STORY

I live in the deep South and found your article "The Culture of Whiteness" highly offensive. Why should someone who comes

to a different state university, where they *know* they are clearly in the minority, feel unwelcome just because no one has laid out a red carpet for them? Isn't everyone treated exactly the same? And isn't that the way it's supposed to be?

If I were to attend a predominately black college here in Georgia, and I reversed the roles, would you dare write the same article? I can just see it now — sitting in the White Student Union, complaining of being disenfranchised by the university community because of a lack of cultural whiteness.

I know that you up in Oregon must feel it is culturally important to point out the little-known voices of a minority community, but in doing so you isolate blacks above other groups who probably have the same experience, i.e.: Native-Americans, Asians, Jews, gays, etc.

You may assume that I am some outraged white-supremacist because I live in Georgia; this couldn't be further from the truth. I live in a diverse neighborhood where people of all races and family make-up co-exist peacefully and share things. Three of my dear friends who happen to be black read your article and laughed at its absurdity. Please try to see things in all lights before publishing nonsense like this!

Julian Lockmeister
Marietta, Ga.

OOOO, BABY

Thank the Goddess that Sally Sheklow and her wife are determined not to have kids ("Living Out," 5/18). Faithful readers know that Sheklow habitually refers to her wife with the capitalized diminutive: "Wifey." We can only imagine with horror the paroxysms of "Snookie-ookums" and "Poogie-woos" with which she would babble on about actual babies.

Bruce Schennum
Eugene

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