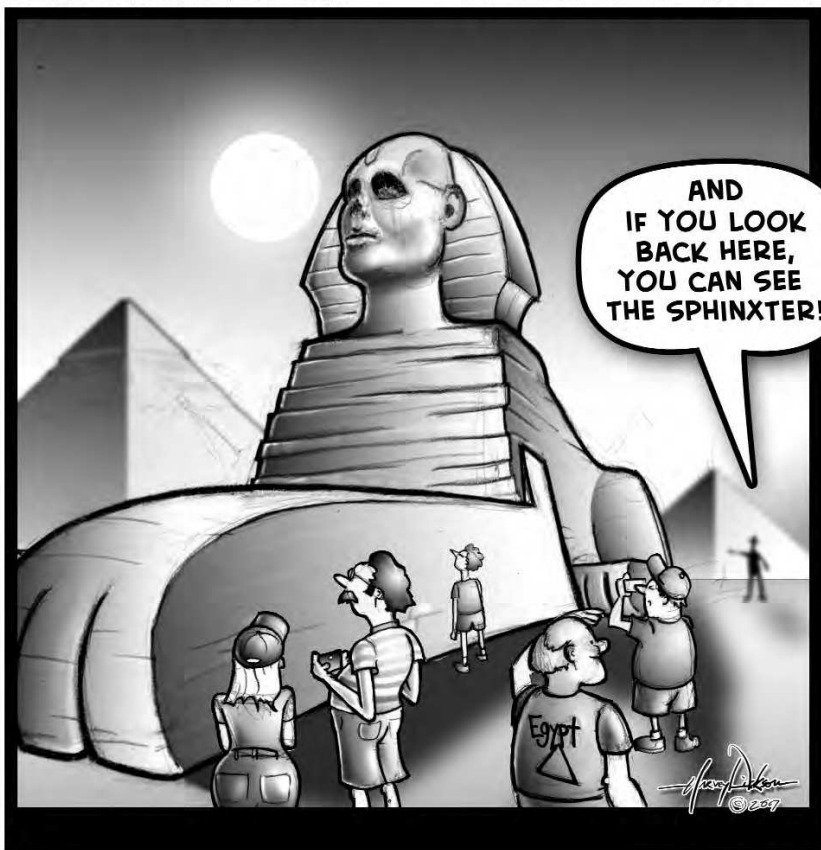




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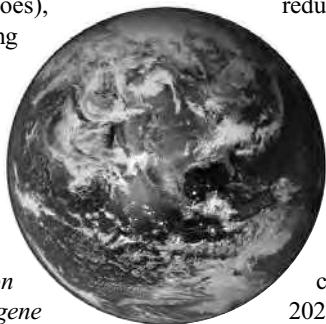


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trap from which it will be hard to escape with dignity and honour. They have been tricked into it by a steady withholding of information ... Things have been far worse than we have been told, our administration more bloody and inefficient than the public knows ...” Ah, but the dream of empire lives on.

Each imperial war, of course, has its own rationale that far too many people fall for: invading Vietnam (dominoes), invading Panama (drug-dealing dictator), invading Grenada (medical students at risk) and invading Iraq (dangerous weapons). As long as we keep glorifying war and militarism, we will keep getting into these bloody messes.

Roscoe Caron
Eugene



SELF COMPOSITION

Nick Chase’s tirade against Brett Campbell is an odd bit of writing to say the least (Viewpoint, 7/5). Brett Campbell writes a fact. Then Chase complains that the fact was “de-emphasized ... to the detriment of clarity.” Confused? Me too. Chase proclaims that “any self-respecting composer doesn’t compose for the hell of it, but because s/he has been asked and, in some form, paid.” Yikes! I called my therapist and scheduled a session to make sure my self-respect was intact.

I’ve been guilty of “self composing” any number of times. Chase didn’t mention Charles Ives, a rather famous composer who became an insurance salesman to pay for his composing habit. Perhaps he wished to “de-emphasize” Ives in pursuit of clarity. The great American composer Lou Harrison wrote continually for himself, in addition to his commissions. Chase could check that fact with Brett Campbell, who is co-authoring Harrison’s authorized biography.

Tom Manoff
Eugene

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CUT POLLUTION NOW

The effects of global warming are so evident in our own backyard that Congress is finally forced to find ways to reduce the pollution. There are good solutions, clean, renewable solutions, like wind, solar, geothermal and biomass power. Development of these resources will provide jobs and save money for consumers as well as reduce pollution.

I hope Representative De Fazio will cosponsor the Federal Renewable Electricity Standard (HR 969), a resolution which will require utility companies to generate 20 percent of their electricity from clean, renewable sources by 2020. This is one very effective step to cut global warming pollution in the next 13 years.

Amy Raven
Eugene

GAY FRIENDLY? NOT.

I was totally disgusted with Ms. Sheklow’s “LGBTQ Quiz” in the 6/28 EW. Not to sound hateful, but I think Ms. Sheklow should not crow too soon because the 2008 November election will decide. I think putting these so-called “Are you gay friendly?” quizzes in EW will have an opposite effect than what she wants.

Why doesn’t Ms. Sheklow admit she is sick and get help? What she does is an abomination according to God. If she doesn’t believe in God, what does she believe in? The Devil? Wiccan theology?

And why does she refer to her partner as “Wifey”? I think this is demeaning and disrespectful. Is Ms. Sheklow afraid if she reveals Wifey’s true identity some bull dyke will mess up the relationship?

Finally, (God help me!) I must ask Ms. Sheklow a final question: Who wears the “organ” (artificial or otherwise) during lovemaking?

Lon Miller
Drain

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