

human influence or not. I do not even think I need to take a side to believe in a correct course of action. I just think that given even the slightest possible chance that it is happening, we should be doing all we can to prevent it. Period.

The worst case implications of GCC, if it turns out to be true and we do not curb it in time, may be so serious that *all* other causes and concerns pale. Worried about the forests? Forget it! We will be slaughtering the trees for fuel to stay warm and cook our food. Worried about the war in Iraq? Forget it! There will be countless wars over resources. Worried about urban sprawl? Forget it. We will be crowding in on each other due to major flooding and people displacement. You get my point.

So, what if it turns out there is not GCC? Well, then we thank our lucky stars. We tell the disbelievers they were right all along. We realize the preciousness of life. We deal with the economic implications, if any, of having taken action.

If it turns out to be true and we all do everything we can to lessen our impact on this small blue and green globe we call home — then we just might skirt a catastrophic experience. Taking action on an uncertainty is not really a bad thing. It might just save our hides. I personally like my hide. How about you?

Indigo Ronlov
Eugene

IT'S STILL MALIGNANT

Eugene sports a lot of “green and “sustainable” liberals who dream of slightly re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic we’re riding. Mr. Eco-Village Rob Bolman (1/24), for example, whose vision is a light rail system.

Always an industrial solution; never mind that industrialism is steadily snuffing out the natural world and is the basis of the high-tech world with its mounting emptiness and desolation.

More mining, smelting, etc., more of the foundation for all that takes us further and further from reconnecting with the earth and each other. But rail is better than cars! And a slightly slower growing cancer is better than a faster moving one. How about a vision of no industrial cancer instead of promoting it?

John Zerzan
Eugene

SO FAR FROM SHORE

What a great play — thought-provoking, skilled actors, and a fabulous location (Wildish Theater). *So Far From Shore* is an original play by retired psychotherapist Marty Cohen which deals with a very difficult subject — sexual child abuse. It’s a story about victims and survivors, about those who wound us and those who love us, and the mistakes we make as parents. Since approximately 12 percent of us have been abused, usually by an acquaintance or relative, it’s a topic which deserves our attention.

Please make time to see this compelling production. It’s at the Wildish Theater Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees through Feb. 2.

Lana Lindstrom
Eugene

TIME FOR COMPROMISE

A portion of the *EW* Slant column Jan. 17 begs a response. This is the portion referring to [John Kerry saying] Barack Obama can “bring people together.” (“Kumbaya”? Sounds a little African, doesn’t it?)

Really, do we need a “revolution” in this country to affect change? With mass assassinations and heads rolling in the streets?

The U.S. is still a democracy. We do things differently here. We need a president to bring all factions together, even the reprehensible ones, to achieve a consensus and make some progress in a positive direction to right a myriad of wrongs. Compromise is a practical necessity. What is wrong with a leader who can accomplish this?

Karen Ecker
Eugene

BURN, BABY, BURN

Especially to those who oppose the light rail trolley system, how about burning some calories instead of gasoline/liquid fuel for your health, the environment and world peace by riding a two-wheeler? It sounds like an excellent New Year resolution. As I chime in with one of my gym instructors, “Burn, baby, burn!”

Ceila (Starshine) Levine
Eugene

CONSIDER THE HOMELESS

Did you know that according to a national estimate there are 750,000 homeless people on any given night? We need to do more to help the homeless because they have little education, horrible medical needs and no place to stay.

Many don’t go to school, so they can’t get smarter, and that definitely hurts our society. They don’t have insurance or medical help, so they could die if they get badly injured or sick. Most homeless people are forced to live under bridges and in bushes.

Although some people say that the homeless people did this to themselves, I think most of the time they are born into bad situations. We need to help homeless people, and a good start would be instead of spending millions of dollars to build new retail downtown, we should build a homeless shelter.

Mitchell Reese
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DON'T MOVE VILLAGE SCHOOL

I am a seventh and eighth grade teacher at the Village School, where I’ve taught for the past six years. I have been a classroom teacher for over two decades. In that time I have seen several policy decisions that were intended to solve problems actually create more problems than they would solve. With all due respect, Superintendent Russell’s recommendation to displace the Village School from their current site in an attempt to solve the ongoing conflict between Eastside and Parker is one such policy that would create far more harm than good.

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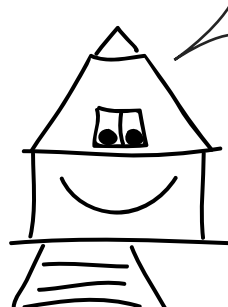
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