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How to Be Happy

by Shannon Wheeler

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RACIST IMAGE

I was horrified by the cover of last week's issue. Initially baffled that *EW* would publish such an openly racist image, I subsequently found myself wondering what sort of cocoon of self-congratulation, insouciance, or just plain ignorance one would have to be swaddled in not to recognize that that image of a black woman, her expression dominated by grotesquely exaggerated lips overshadowing the rest of her features, resonates with a painful history at least as old as minstrelsy, a history rife with white performers in blackface, ceramic statuettes of black folks featuring every exaggerated feature and stereotype in the book and triumphal postcards of lynched "coons" freely circulated in the U.S. mail (check out the book *Without Sanctuary* if you don't believe the latter).

If any of this seems fuzzy, you could watch *Bamboozled*; Spike will break it down for you. Do you folks believe that we live in some sort of post-racist wonderland where we no longer need to be aware of our sad collective history, and to be vigilant lest that history reassert itself? Are you not aware that a scary number of Americans are making jokes that, if Obama is elected, we will no longer be able to call the presidential residence the White House, while others are absolutely convinced that he is a radical Muslim and closet "Islamofascist," all evidence to the contrary be damned?

I've recently heard all these statements; haven't you? Are you folks at the *EW* paying any attention to these issues at all? I've tried to write this without dissing the artist, whose work I would have otherwise felt free to ignore, but I have to wonder why you chose this particular artist, and this particular image, to "celebrate." Shame.

Michael McDonald
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: The musician depicted, Erykah Badu, is currently using the image on her MySpace page.

WHOSE LAW IS IT?

Although it ideally should not be this way, the audit function is typically antithetical to top management in an organization. Much effort goes into pretending otherwise, but managements invariably protect turf by devising ways to ignore, marginalize and even demonize the auditor's role and the auditor's findings.

It is the auditor's direct manager, ideally the board chair or the chair of the audit committee, who has the responsibility to protect the integrity of the audit function. In Eugene city government, that role belongs to the City Council.

I find it outrageous and offensive to Eugene's citizens that the police chief and the city manager find it appropriate to decide which complaints against the police are allowed to come to the police auditor's attention. Given the control issues involved, this was probably bound to happen even though we have settled the matter by ballot. The procedures are in place; they are not in doubt. The council should move immediately to reprimand the police chief for his arrogant misuse of authority.

The city attorney and the city manager may have their input later in the process after the complaint has been confidentially registered and classified by the police auditor. To subvert the audit process shows cynical disregard for the rule of our laws. Mayor Piercy needs to step up and show forceful leadership on this issue and not play footsie with the public in deference to the upcoming elections.

Steve Smith
Eugene

AMAZON LEGACY

A big "thumbs up" and huge thanks from this non-south Eugene resident to our mayor and councilors for arranging the city purchase and protection of the Green (Amazon Headwaters) property for the birds and bees and flowers and trees and current and future citizens of Eugene.