IT TAKES A VILLAGE

As long as the responsibility for preventing global warming is dumped on people who can't afford new hybrid cars, or who already leave the heat off in 40 degree weather because they can't pay the heating bills, there will be no progress.

The fact is, global warming is mostly the fault of the wealthy and the large corporations, but they are telling us it is our fault and that we have to solve it. We may have to solve it, but not because it is our fault. We have to solve it because if we don't, it's going to eat our grandkids.

I am including the middle class, who enjoy pointing their fingers at other people. I would like to include the people who can't afford to pay their utility bills, but they are only going to feel dumped on, not included, unless we stop pointing fingers at them and start pointing at the real criminals, and unless we take upon ourselves the responsibility for helping, rather than dumping on someone else.

Sometimes, helping means being kind to pedestrians. I was recently reminded of this when a driver stopped to let me cross the street, and, unable to let this model go unchallenged, another driver threatened me by speeding through the intersection while I was in the crosswalk. When I turned to wave my cane at the attacker, and then tried to proceed (if you need a cane, you probably shouldn't try to turn around and walk in a straight line backwards at the same time), I fell. The first driver came running over and picked me up as if I were a small child and set me down gently. That's called helping. We can't all lift an adult off the sidewalk, but we can all help. Another young man handed me my package. It takes a community to fight global warming or local idiocy, either one.

I am grateful to these citizens for their help.

Ann Tattersall
Eugene

TWO FOR ONE

Regarding *Chow!*: How about having a separate page for "cheapskates?"

Regarding the police auditor: Perhaps someone could suggest the city of Eugene hire as the new police auditor an ACLU attorney or a retired Oregon State Police officer or a retired FBI agent??

Frank Skipton
Springfield

SECURITY VS. DUE PROCESS

Downtown business owners seem to be having a rough go of it lately. While I can empathize with their plight to some degree, I hardly think that taking on the machinations of the current administration by foregoing due process is the answer.

However, I hear the in other cities one can pay for a little extra protection — with very little coaxing perhaps our local policing force could be persuaded.

Cheryl Rivers Hailey
Eugene

PROVE THEM WRONG

This one goes out to all the young people who hang out (and should hang out) downtown.

Prove them wrong. You're more than just troublemakers. You have more potential for awesomeness than you realize. You deserve respect and the right to use downtown spaces. So prove that you can share the library doorway. Smile at babies and their parents. Wish someone a good afternoon and mean it. Use the element of surprise.

People who have power in this city might have their own poor opinions of young people, but that doesn't mean that you have to accept or fulfill those opinions. I've met young people who take command of their lives and prove their maturity by giving respect even when they don't get it in return, so I know it can happen.

Downtown is for everyone, so let's show that we can share it.

Hannah Froemming
Eugene

FINE CREATIONS

In your article about the First Friday ArtWalk (Calendar 7/31), you failed to give credit to David Thompson, blacksmith artist who was the co-creator of the Four Seasons pillars and some other fine creations around town.

Diane Albino
Marcola

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our omission was based on information provided to us, but we should have known better.

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