

got ice from Carl's Jr. and helped him limp back just as his bus came. Thank you to the two young women who thought to help! What about the rest of you?

Betsy Ragland
Eugene

VISION OF JUSTICE

Envision a world without nuclear catastrophes and toxic spewing incineration waiting to destroy us, where decentralized electric production is located at every structure with a power line, where each home, office and school is retrofitted with solar thermal capturing heat pumps for space and water heating needs, where the most beneficial technologies are shared with

all people regardless of financial resources to channel us away from the biological holocaust we are committing against all life.

Envision gardens in every yard to help feed us and our neighbors (birds, pollinators and humans), a small decentralized governing body that protects the people from harms via corporations, the elite, psychopaths, as well as manmade and natural disasters. Imagine where people depend on their neighbors, friends, and local farmers for their health and happiness, where the hoarding of money in bank accounts and the stock market is not a necessity for one's future wellbeing.

Why isn't this vision of culture and economic justice a reality to us in this

country? It does exist in various forms around the globe. Why not here? Who is conspiring to stop us from achieving what Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy called our dream of justice?

Shannon Wilson
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ABANDON CAPITALISM?

In the *EW* lately there seem to have been more writers faulting such events as extensive logging, tax cuts for the wealthy, the flight of jobs overseas, the lack of public in-put on property uses, etc. I wondered if these writers understood that they were attacking the basic economic system of our Country, capitalism. Have they explored

what other things would have to change to achieve the goals they so vehemently favor? The drastic curtailing of present economic motivations, for one; the instituting of severe population curbs for another?

It's very satisfying to fulminate. I do it. But economic systems tend to come in packages; i.e., you can't just change one thing. It so happens that I agree with these writers' viewpoints, but we all need to consider carefully what we would give up if we abandoned capitalism, inescapable though such a change may turn out to be. What would replace it, to move us to do the world's work? This needs a lot of serious thought.

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