

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



I am sorry that an editorial decision was not made that demonstrated a similar sensitivity when designing your cover. I think it sends the wrong message and does not adequately reflect the good journalism inside.

Dana Vion
Springfield

BEST IN SHOW

350 Eugene was honored to be chosen Best in Show and to receive the Slug Award at the July 29 Eugene Parade, considering all of the competition. This event shows the community's creativeness and dedication to volunteerism by the variety and number of entrants.

For many curb-sitting parade watchers wondering what 350 means, we would like to share what our organization is about: 350 is the number of parts per million (ppm) of carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere scientists say is the safe upper limit.

The planet is currently at 408 ppm and was at 285 ppm before the Industrial Revolution. The emission of carbon from burning fossil fuels is the main contributor to global rising temperatures, drought, flood and increased intensity of weather events.

350 Eugene is a local grassroots movement found online at world.350.org that focuses on climate warming solutions, changing political dynamics when possible and demonstrating the benefits of moving to a clean energy through renewable sources.

If you would like to learn more or how you can get involved, visit our website at world.350.org/Eugene. As the Raging Grannies sang Sunday along with Our Children's Trust youthful plaintiffs, "Get off the couch, get into the street, we must turn down the planet's heat."

Jim Neu
350 volunteer
Eugene

FUZZBUTT FEEDBACK

As a double adoptee husky parent who now lives in Bend, the "Fuzzbutt" (Pets, July 27) article hit close to home. I adopted

a First Avenue Animal Shelter husky a decade ago, and our family also has adopted a Craigslist husky pupper who is now 6.

I just wanted to share our happiness of reading about the fuzzi-butt and the work those wonderful people are doing to help lil' lost huskies. We often scour Craigslist ads, too, because they are littered with adds for year-old huskies needing re-homing. They are such a difficult breed that has so much love to give.

So cheers to those lovely people helping out huskies, and a reminder not to go out buying pups just because they are adorable without understanding the responsibility.

Maybe Bend can get involved too?

Dana Robles
Bend

COMPANY TOWNS

In his column ("It's The Jobs, Stupid", July 20), Bob Warren crows about how he was instrumental in bringing "two responsible companies" (Entek and Lowes) to Lebanon.

Turns out Entek uses a cancer-causing solvent (trichloroethylene). When the Department of Environment Quality began investigating risk to residents, local pols began to pressure the state to back off, and it has (*The Oregonian*, Jul 22).

Here's a quote from the article: "State lawmakers who represent the area around Entek berated the department during hearings in Salem; one pledged to never fund its budget again."

So when it comes to public health, employers rule, responsibility be damned. So when Warren says he's bringing "the kind of jobs that support and enrich families and communities," what he really means is ignore what the companies do, as long as there's a paycheck in it for you.

They used to call those type of communities "company towns." I guess they still do, but please don't BS us with how "responsible" these employers are.

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