

Two on the cover

Re "Why aren't we discussing population?" (Cover story, by Alastair Bland, July 11):

Even some of our most vocal and active international environmental organizations seem loath to address the culprit that underlies most of our planetary woes.

In 2009, I was a freshman member of the board of directors for Audubon California. At a meeting to set that group's conservation agenda for coming years, I naively asked the question: "Almost all of the issues we're discussing relate to habitat loss due to human population increase—shouldn't population growth be an issue that Audubon takes a position on?"

The room went silent, board members looked at each other or at the ceiling, the conservation director curtly answered "no," and the meeting moved on. The fear of conservation actions being seen as "too political" or "too radical" is a



reality I've observed at many levels and within many otherwise dedicated green organizations; in fact, I've been guilty of it myself.

Each successive generation inherits a planet less rich and wondrous than the last. Are we going to prioritize having the hard conversations and taking on the difficult actions, or are we satisfied that our children's children will only know monarchs, meadowfoam and white-tailed kites from the images on their iPads?

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I was shocked to read that population control is a "taboo" subject. In fact, it's a loud and constant refrain of racists ("white world" especially) and eugenicists within the plutocratic class.

It is a taboo subject with certain religions (Catholicism comes to mind) and patriarchs whose "preference" for male babies requires that

systemic female infanticide be kept secret. But the biggest taboo (politically incorrect) subject on population issues (witness the article) is the structural maldistribution of resources and income inherent in capitalism.

A significant segment of the earth's 7.6 billion population are starving not because enough food isn't produced, but because the capitalist class system denies them access to food (clothing, affordable and "fire safe" housing, drinkable water, life-sustaining work, etc.) while the privileged class lives in wasteful abundance. It's why thousands of people are at the border.

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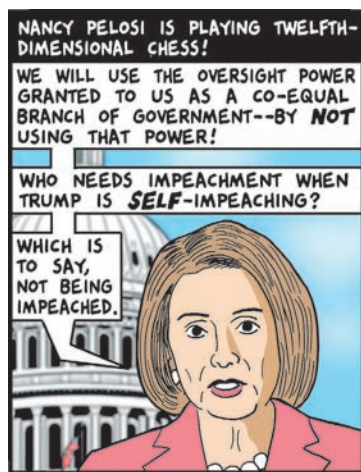
More history

Re "Pay attention" (Letters, by Loretta Ann Torres, July 11):

Loretta Ann Torres' response to an excellent letter from Rich Meyers regarding U.S. (and we can add British) involvement in Iran

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Applicants must be residents of the City of Chico and qualified voters (18 years or older). The Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street. An application and supplemental questionnaire must be completed for this position.

All applications, with required supplementals are due by July 31, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office, City Municipal Building, 411 Main Street. The City Council will make its appointment at a regularly scheduled meeting determined after the closure of the recruitment period.