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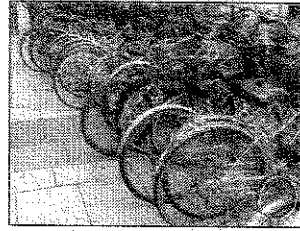
Pedaling to independence

IREAD that the group Stop158 recently gave 50 bikes to O'Fallon. I think that's pedaling in the right direction.

When O'Fallon puts the bikes to use, it'll be another step toward kicking our addiction to oil. And some of us might shed a few pounds besides.

Big oil and big cars threaten in ways we don't like to think about. Environmental destruction, Middle-East wars, health hazards, and economic disaster.

But more and more you read about other towns re-discovering bikes. That makes more sense all the time, and so does public transit including express busses and rail.



I was also excited to read about Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's new policy that aims to give bicycling and walking the same policy and economic consideration as driving. He was quoted in the paper as saying, "This is the end of favoring motorized transportation at the expense of non-motorized." Good for him.

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