

Friday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Philip Jenkins [remembers communist Europe](#): "Once upon a time—and not long ago—there was another Europe. The religious story of communist Europe, in which Christians suffered horrific persecutions, is forgotten by most Americans today."
- Laura Olson [reviews Martha Nussbaum](#), whose "perspective cuts to the heart of our tendency to exclude others when they fail to live up to expectations about how 'good people' should be."
- Dora Dueck [recalls the "population pollution" talk](#) of the 1970s: "Many of our friends stopped at two [kids]; some of us braved three. The few couples who had four or even more were considered very courageous indeed — or foolish."
- John Petrakis [reviews the film *Take Shelter*](#), which "deals with the end of the world in a creepier and even more metaphoric manner than von Trier's *Melancholia*."

In the news:

- [Crystal Cathedral is cautionary tale for pastors](#)
- [As Uganda re-considers anti-gay law, former bishop calls for tolerance](#)
- [Students 'do interfaith' through universal language of music](#)