

are analogous to good and evil. Hip Hop aspires to unite the minds and bodies of humankind for communication and enlightenment. The aspirations of "they" are capital gain usually by exploitation, complete economic control and imperialism, the enemy of diversity. Naturally "they" hate Hip Hop unless of course it is being used for their own financial benefit. We should not cower to their demands with hopes that "they," for some mysterious reason, "will have to promote free, legal walls."

*Abel Beck
Eugene*

ART IS ALIVE

What a well-done graceful mural! It's colorful and alive. In these times of great repression people sometimes feel like some color and creativity being expressed might lead to chaos. We're lucky if art leads to change, and breaking of authoritarianism and ridged regimentation is necessary for our survival

*Kari Johnson
Eugene*

TAKE A STAND

A war with Iraq represents the abysmal failure of United States institutions entrusted with voicing our collective opposition to its brutality and origins. The Democratic party and public broadcasting have failed to present the implications of this war fairly. Only the Green Party and a few underfunded media sources are presenting the implications of this war as supporting oil interests, slaughtering innocent people, and stealing our taxes that would otherwise assist our crumbling human services and education.

Democrats missed the lesson of their recent election defeat. The message was clear from voters saying they need to stand for something. That "something" is an increasingly powerless national and world population crying out for peace as more than the absence of war.

When the Democratic party fails to come together and advocate for peace, "public" broadcasting fails to report its implications. Attempting to be impartial, public broadcasting moves further right to give voice to the Republican and Democrat's paradigm of war without checking in with "the public." Educators, researchers, social service workers, and an array of ordinary citizens are virtually ignored by "our" media. Retirement security, health care, drug treatment, education, mental health, and a stable economy as connections to peace have lost the only large societal organizations left to fight for them or speak for them.

*Mike Meyer
Eugene*

READ REALITY

Hopefully some of the 66 percent of American people supporting a pre-emptive attack on Iraq will take a momentary timeout to read some of the alternative news on the Internet.

Before Hitler's pre-emptive attack on Poland he claimed he was doing so in "defense" of Germany. A high percentage of the German people believed he was telling the truth. He wasn't! But back in the 1930-40s the German people didn't have alternative news as it exists in the world today.

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