

willing to kill more innocent people because "Saddam tried to kill my daddy." Some might think he didn't get his fill of killing people he doesn't know while he was governor of Texas.

What if we are judging him wrongly? If we look at what he has done to bring the people of the world together in a common cause for peace it is hard to find anybody his equal. He has done more in a year to get people to talk about world peace than all the world leaders put together since Biblical times.

Now is the time to step forward George, with your real agenda: peace. I can't wait until you step upon the world platform and announce, "Now that I have your attention ..."

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### "Rights" of Spring

Since the war started in Iraq, I've seen an increase of U.S. flags hanging in my neighbors' manicured lawns (a gesture most of us recognize as showing support for Bush's war on Iraq). Now as spring warms up, I see many of my neighbors outside on their knees to garden, to prime the soil, to look forward (I imagine) to the renewal of life, to yet, another spring. And, I wonder how many of these



"patriots" would give up their spring for this war (like the millions of Iraqi citizens have had to do without giving consent) if they knew that bombs to destabilize Saddam's regime were going to rain down on Eugene instead of on Baghdad this spring? Imagine, we've waited all year for blue skies and warm days, then to have to hole up in our homes under ominous skies, maybe, gasp, throughout the summer! Comfortable homeowners with their mani-

cured lawns would have to exchange compost bags for sandbags and body bags, spades to plant flower bulbs with shovels to bury their dead. The fear that they might be the ones dying in this war might have them joining those "obnoxious" anti-war protesters and shouting, "Bulbs not Bombs!"

Even though we are safe here in Eugene, the flag-hanging "patriots" should ask themselves, "Is this a war I'm willing to die for?" George Bush has tried to convince you that Saddam is a threat to his country, to our lives and to our freedom; but few, I bet, have been convinced enough to answer "yes" to the above question. Why is it then that so many blustering war-wagers accuse anti-war protesters of being sniveling, whining wimps who are afraid to fight? Are they signing up to join the military? Do they believe flag-hang-

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