

bases from laws requiring the cleanup of toxic substances associated with munitions and other explosives, which include perchlorate.

I guess "Babs" never taught "Dubya" he had to clean up his own room before he went out to play.

Michael T. Hinojosa
Drain

AFTERMATH

The aftermath of the war against Iraq raises some questions yet to be addressed.

Let me first say I am extremely grateful that our troops did not have to suffer the horror of chemical or biological weapons. But if Saddam Hussein had them, why didn't he use them on an invading army? Perhaps he did not have any weapons of mass destruction or he did not have the missiles to launch them. If either is true, then Hussein was not a significant threat. That would mean the Bush administration lied to us. A greater insult to us all is that our men and women fought and died in Iraq for Bush's lies, not to mention 2,000 civilians whose lives were shattered from bombs with our names on them.

Why have Bush officials rejected the Chief U.N. Inspector's request to go back into Iraq and verify that there are no weapons of mass destruction? Could they be trying to hide the fallacy of the initial reporting for the attack? *The New York Times* reported: "We see no immediate role for Dr. Blix and his inspection teams," Richard Grenell, spokesman for U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte, said Monday."

Will Bush, like a crooked cop afraid of a court finding out he shot and killed an unarmed criminal, eventually "find" his promised weapons of mass destruction in Iraq by planting them somewhere convincing? I am sorry to say I would not put it past him.

John Jordan-Cascade
Eugene

NUMBER ONE!

The worst enemy of the people and of the planet in today's world is the perversion of governments, corporations and religions by fascism. Do not be brainwashed by the Bush/Fox right wing buzzards circling overhead.

George W. Bush is the #1 peace fucker, environment fucker, liberties fucker, religion fucker, rights fucker, economy fucker, states fucker, union fucker, election fucker, democracy fucker, truth fucker, solvency fucker, compassion fucker, corporate responsibility fucker and weapons treaty fucker; Osama bin Laden or any one of the other decency fuckers

doesn't even come close to causing as much harm as the Bush.

I look forward to the day when our U.S. government becomes too smart and decent to throw exploding rocks at the other peoples of the world.

Bob Saxton
Eugene

SITE SIGHTINGS

Since the world went mad — more specifically, since about the time Bush II was installed as "president" — I have depended on www.buzzflash.com for most of my non-local news. Great website, providing links to legitimate, progressive articles from the media all over the country and around the world. What a pleasant surprise to find the current *EW* article on Clear Channel (4/24) among its offerings this week! Y'all have truly arrived. Congratulations!

Christy Bishop
Eugene

WHEELCHAIR IMAGE

I am saddened by the photograph of "George Bush" in a wheelchair in the 4/10 *EW* issue ("War Correspondence"). It is not the statement I assume the impersonator was trying to make (i.e., Bush is an incapable, incompetent, superhero wannabe, etc.), but the means by which I am led to make these assumptions that is alarmingly inappropriate.

Portraying Bush in a wheelchair should say nothing more than that he lacks the physical means to walk and, hence, uses a chair for mobility. The leap from this hypothetical physical disability to a question of his mental competence or moral standing is ridden with negative stereotypes of people with disabilities. I am disappointed to see these stereotypes endorsed by the *EW*, which typically holds to such progressive standards. As participants in the peace movement, it is our intention to communicate our reverence and respect for life. We need to remain unified in our opposition to the decisions made by the Bush administration by demonstrating the value of the diversity of life — all lives, including those of people with disabilities.

Heather Goldman
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: The photo was taken at The International Day of Protest in San Francisco on Jan. 18. There was no hidden message or political statement intended. In fact the person pictured is a wheel-chair bound protester who happened to be wearing a mask of George W. Bush.

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