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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many people claim they have no time to do political actions. Well, with the average American watching approximately four to six hours of TV a day, I say hogwash. What better way to model to our children than getting involved in a neighborhood group, community garden, city council meeting, etc.? These children are our future. Oh, and another thing, it's fun!

Pamela Driscoll
Eugene

NOTHING FISHY

In rebuttal to *EW* May 29 Morsels on McGrath's: I have been a regular at McGrath's approximately once a month for over eight years. Upon the occasion of being seated in the bar, or at any other area, I have never had drinks pushed on me. Once I had a waitress that was sub-par — an anomaly. She is no longer there. I am still going back. Servers are attentive, courteous and friendly. The food has been up to the standard I require to go back to a place. The clam chowder is very good.

Any delicate organization, such as a restaurant, can have an off day. It is unfortunate there were so many on the day of your reviewer's visit. I offer this to contrast the review by Aria Seligmann in hopes that a differing view will be made available to your readers.

Chris M. Percival
Eugene

SHOW SOME LOVE

I am writing to let you know I am another reader who would like to see better coverage (reviews even) of the excellent acoustic music scene in Eugene. I also am a reggae fan and I believe this form of music suffers significant lack of respect in the U.S. Your writers may be "clever" and "cute" at times, but let's please respect the artists who bring us this socially, politically and spiritually important music. In the past I have seen patronizing and quite idiotic interviews and coverage. I know this can be improved. Thank you.

Michael Madans
Eugene

SORRY, SOLDIER

Most Americans are aware of thanks and appreciation we owe the youth in our Army and Marines sent to Iraq in the belief they were protecting us. We owe them something else, too: regret and apologies for placing them in harm's way when there was no need for it.

When some of our soldiers ask of anti-war demonstrators, "When was the last time you did something for your country?" their military blinders keep them from seeing the truth that efforts of demonstrators are a service to our country. What dissenters did after the invasion of Iraq shows courage, which youthful

soldiers some day may appreciate.

The lying character of the Bush administration and gullibility of its citizens are obvious in the story of the most famous selfless soldier, Pvt. Lynch. She still deserves hero status for putting herself in mortal danger, being injured and captured on what she thought was her nation's behalf.

Now we and she know better. Fictional weapons of mass destruction in Iraq were justification for illegal preemptive war, but we have learned there were no such weapons. If they eventually pop up, they surely will have been planted by a government accustomed to sinking that low. The lying about Lynch continued with the Pentagon's untrue story of how she was "rescued" from the Iraqi hospital where she was treated for injuries.

We have heard nothing from her since her return to the U.S. Embarrassment may discourage her from telling what really happened. More likely, as a soldier still following orders, she has been told by her commando-in-chief to keep her mouth shut.

Our children, like the Pvt. Lynches, suffer when their parents tolerate an unjust and lying "leader."

George Beres
Eugene

RX FOR U.S.

A prescription for human survival: Replace the Bush of CEO payoffs, war, stolen elections, propaganda, environmental calamities and U.N. hating with the Kucinich of real democracy, peace, honest elections, truth, environmental protection and U.N. loving. We cannot expect the rest of the world to want to have a U.S.-style government while the U.S. government remains so pitifully addicted to mass death and environmental suicide.

Bob Saxton
Eugene

U.S. OF IRAQ

Tell me when our new messiah, George W. Bush, will make his triumphal victory march into Baghdad astride a donkey to accept the homage and gratitude of the liberated Iraqi people. Or is Messiah Bush waiting for the regime's Bechtel and Halliburton cronies to rebuild Baghdad at American taxpayers' expense and huge corporate profits? Will there be Golden Arches for Messiah Bush to pass through on his donkey to receive his accolades? Will the shell-shocked Iraqis kiss the victor's feet for liberating Iraqi oil fields to the hands of Shell, Exxon and other oil cronies? And surely the Iraqis will be flying the American flag to celebrate their new favored status as another oppressed country for our

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