

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

corporate gangsters to plunder and exploit. The conquered people must realize how fortunate they are to have the U.S. regime as their lord and master. Golden Arches on every street and Allah's Christian churches on every corner, with their eventual conversion reward: "Pie in the sky when you die."

Alice Greth
Bend

THIRTEEN QUESTIONS

To Donald Rumsfeld: Where's Osama bin Laden? Where's Saddam? Where are the weapons of mass destruction?

To John Ashcroft: Where is the First Amendment? Where is the patriotism in the Patriot Act? Where are the civil rights for victims of racial profiling?

To Dick Cheney: Where's the oil? Where's the money? Where is the tax relief for minimum wage earners?

To the Democratic Party: Where's your courage? Where is your belief in what's right? Where is your loyal opposition?

To George Bush: Where's Waldo?

To the rest of us: We're in trouble!

David Mandelblatt
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START THE PRESSES

Uncounted stories of magnitude and relevance go untold by a negligent and conflicted U.S. press.

The disgrace runs deep. The U.S. press completely ignored the story of 60,000 valid Florida voters in the last presidential election illegally purged from the voter rolls by Katherine Harris. The press focused almost exclusively on the "hanging chads" issue

while ignoring an outright act of treason. Journalists such as Greg Palast who investigated and reported on the issue had to go to Europe to be published.

Let us not forget Colin Powell's urgency in making the case for war with Iraq, utilizing five-year-old plagiarized and moot information from some grad student's research paper. Frankly, this is also an act of treason, but where is the press follow-up? And of course, this war was supposed to be about those apocalyptic WMDs that have never been found, but that is old news. While Iraq and Afghanistan lay in ruins, news network cheerleaders are already gearing up for Bush's Caligula-like war mongering ambitions for a regime change in Iran.

Continuing, ad nauseam, "Top gun" president G.W. Bush flies onto aircraft carrier for photo-ops while simultaneously cutting veterans' benefits in half. The press completely ignores this act of outrageous hypocrisy, not to mention the deafening silence pertaining to his being AWOL from the National Guard for 18 months.

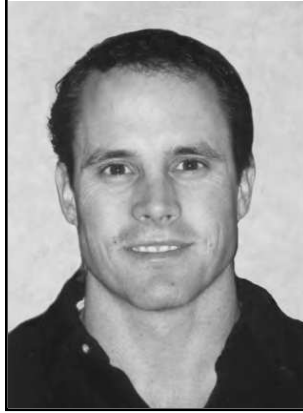
And finally, three cheers for the press falling all over itself to saturate the American public with the touching Jessica Lynch rescue story. Remember the debunked "incubator baby" stories from the first Gulf War? It turns out that the saving of the little white princess from the evil ones is nothing but a big propaganda scam (see BBC documentary *Saving Private Jessica*).

Our democracy is unraveling and it won't stop until an irresponsible and pathetically compromised news media is held accountable.

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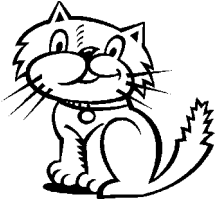
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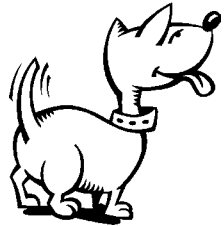
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