

Chapter that if the current administration is not defeated in the upcoming election that even more repressive measures will be added into the already burgeoning impositions of the Bush administration, including the privatization of Social Security and Medicare and the further curtailment of overtime pay for the working person.

*Karl Sorg  
Convenor*

**WHY STAY ALERT**

I have two friends in their 80s who have led good and productive lives. As their lives, like mine, gradually wind down, Bing Bingham and John Saemann refuse to let their concern for democracy to wind down. Both called me within an hour one autumn day to warn: "Be aware. Things could be afoot to take the election process completely out of the hands of the electorate. Dick Cheney and his thugs have gone too far into corruptness the past four years to willingly give up this privilege they trash before our eyes. To prevent any chance of losing the election, they might manipulate voting machines and voter lists wherever they can, or stage a terrorist attack to throw frightened Americans into a panic of unthinking support for the current power structure."

While Bing's and John's mobility has slowed some, their thinking has not. If there is evidence of tampering in the Nov. 2 election, they will join me and millions in the streets demanding justice.

*George Beres  
Eugene*

**GETTING LUBRICATED**

In response to Craig Taliafero's letter (9/16) questioning the West 11th Jiffy Lube's concern for the environment, it appears that he assumes "alternative oils" are not used/sold at this shop. In fact, your West 11th Jiffy Lube offers a full line of alternative oils (a.k.a. synthetics or synthetic blends). Moreover, 42 percent of our sales are comprised of Mobil 1 synthetic or synthetic blend oils, compared to the average of closer to 8 percent for the quick lube industry.

It is our job to educate and inform customers that using synthetics provides engine wear protection allowing the engine to run more efficiently and thereby reducing emissions into the environment, improves fuel economy resulting in better gas mileage, and can extend the interval between oil changes depending upon driving conditions and manufacturer's guidelines.

Extending the oil drain interval can be problematic at best. We recommend referring to your owner's manual in order to maintain warranty and the best running conditions for your car's engine.

Mobil 1 exceeds industry standards and is the leading synthetic motor oil in the world. Until we see the engineering of a non-petroleum (vegetable?) based synthetic that is API certified (in order to not void manufacturer's warranties), we extend to our customers the opportunity to choose between conventional motor oil or the more environmentally friendly synthetic to keep their car running cleaner and to reduce polluting emissions.

*Kathy Arbuckle, owner  
West 11th Jiffy Lube*

**SHAWN'S MY MAN**

Regarding the "Corporate Whores" letter (9/23), I, for one, truly will be asking myself why I wasn't as cool as Shawn Mediaclast upon my corporate judgment day. I have not met another person so supportive of truly indie ventures as Mr. Mediaclast.

"Why did I write metaphor laden letters to the editor rather than venturing downtown for some real conversation? Why did I even care enough to make hipster jokes and name drop Pabst? Oh damn, I'm bleeding on my khakis." Thus will be the dying thoughts of Kris Bluth.

I know no other store in this town that caters to people like me. People seeking new vinyl, needing the seventh bottle of Atomic Pink hair dye of the month, needing someone who's intellectual but not a pompous asshole to talk with. Hell, what if I just want to go somewhere to talk about robots or art or Devo? Shawn's my main man.

Yeah. This is my response. I am one of those purple haired alternababes, I would also probably swill Pabst like none other if I was of legal age, but hell, at least I know where the good people are at.

Ahhhh Kris, you clever son of a gun. You got us hipsters again! Caught in the act wearing Converse and shopping at the best indie record store in town. Does it really matter?

*Amelia Kimball  
Eugene*

**VICE-EMPEROR DICK**

Dick Cheney has announced that if John Kerry wins the election in November, there will be more terrorist attacks in the U.S. We can expect a repeat of 9/11, with Georgie Porgie drooling in a Florida classroom, and Dick directing the attacks from the White House basement. This will take place immediately following the election, and we will be told the results are suspect, and because of the attacks, the transfer of power is cancelled and Dick and George will declare themselves emperor and vice-emperor.

I watch the parade of anti-Bush speakers coming to Eugene and exhorting us to "be nicey-nice" and "pray for peace" and "love your enemy" and I think they are all crazy. Why should I be "nicey-nice" to the people who will take power over a nation of cowering sheep, without jobs or shelter, who try to grow vegetables in backyards and vacant lots with high nitrogen lawn fertilizer loaded with pesticides because they don't know how to grow anything to eat, while sewage runs down the streets and garbage piles up everywhere because the city does not provide services any more.

This is the future when the Nazi Bush-Cheney axis either wins the election or retakes power by *coup d'etat*. We know their plans include turning Oregon into Haiti by logging off the forests and killing all the fish. This will be promoted as "Christianizing nature." Nature will be made safe by killing all the dangerous wild animals and putting roads everywhere. It appears our only hope is that the military will finally get fed up and turn on them rather than on us, but there is little hope of that. Those who have not been to Iraq (and some zombies who have) think Bush/Cheney are the glorious saviors, and will obey.

*Ann Tattersall  
Eugene*

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