

force the producers of indecent or violent programming to fund their own raunch. These raunchy cable networks have been carried on the backs of American consumers long enough. It is time for this extortion to end, and you have the power to stop it.

Frank M. Price
Eugene

PET POLICY

Thank you so much for changing your policy about free pet ads. The announcement you ran in last week's edition was excellent, and I truly appreciate your responsiveness to your readers' concerns about the pet ads. I have always held EW's editorial side in high regard, and now am very impressed by your staff's careful consideration of advertising policies.

Pam Dillehay
Eugene

FINISH THE JOB

If you were on a business trip and the neighbor called to tell you the babysitter was abusing your children, you would not say "I hired her to do a job and I will let her finish." If your contractor or other employee was stealing from you, you would not say "I hired him to do a job and I will let him finish." If a teacher were abusing your child, you would not say, "The teacher started a job; it is best to let them finish."

Then why the heck would you re-elect a liar, thief, and terrorist to lead us for another four years? I heard many people say "I will vote for him because he started a job and has to finish." Think about it, people.

God bless America because George W. Bush sure isn't going to.

Anna DeMarco
Springfield

WE NEED A CHANGE

I'm writing in response to the lady who wrote about not being able to make it on her SSI (Ruth LeBrun, 10/2). I too live on disability and I have a very hard time making ends meet. If it wasn't for help from FOOD for Lane County, I wouldn't make it. If we think it's hard now, wait and see what happens when Bush gets in again. We'll all be on the street. We need a change. Let's all hope we can get a change.

Leslie Swofford
Cheshire

TIME FOR JAIL

I am an old leftist, a leftover from the 1960s, but the Democrats are basically all we have which is viable, and I have a new epistolary friend, Peter DeFazio.

At the Ellsbert-Solomon doings I'm sure it was Ellsberg who said: "Four more years of this administration and some of us may go to jail." Yes, it's damned scary. I'm sure I have a fat FBI file, but I'm mainly a literary scholar and, now, a creative writer, not really in public view, and I can only hope for the best.

Paul Green
Eugene

WON'T BE DUPED

For the first time in my life I am actually afraid to speak out in my own country, after watching the voice of reason being shouted down by the screams of hate. I realize that there can be no democracy in a place where there is no tolerance for dissenting opinions, and when power is placed in the hands of madmen, there can be no freedom.

I am part of the "blue disenfranchised 48 percent" with seemingly no voice to express our rights anymore. Where can we turn in a seemingly sold-out government? It looks as if the terrorists need not plant another bomb amongst us since we seem perfectly willing to destroy ourselves from within.

I can hardly accept the notion that half of my countrymen have so willingly given up certain freedoms with not so much as a stutter and yet are willing to replace perfectly good rights with asinine amendments that create a whole new group of criminals!

I feel as if I can hear the proverbial "boys in the back room" politicians laughing as they toast their own cleverness in placing this moron in the White House for yet another round. Part of their plan must be to make us all accept defeat and forget all the lies and outrages.

Well, you cannot convince me! Only half of this country is duped. I believe that this 48 percent will not be silent! The existence of a silenced, complacent minority is totally false and will not last. You cannot quench the fire of freedom too easily. The voice of freedom-loving people everywhere (even among the Republican Party) will be heard.

There is a new wind blowing and it will bear the stench away of these hate-mongers who are in office.

Don L. Ferrell
Eugene

FOWL ABUSE

There's a scam going on at your local grocery store, and you can find it in the egg aisle. Chances are you've seen or bought a carton labeled "Animal Care Certified," inferring the eggs were laid by hens in some type of benevolent setting. Nothing could be further from the truth.



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