

member not in lock-step agreement with him? Seems arrogance runs over the whole spectrum, doesn't it?

Concerning Michael Moore and his manipulation of truth, it truly is annoying when someone quotes him as a source of fact and not humor. That said, I bet there isn't a liberal alive who wouldn't trade him in for a Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter, Oliver North, Gordon Liddy, Jerry Falwell, Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity or Pat Robertson any day. The left hardly owns the market of loud-mouthed, fact-mauling attention hogs.

The laughs keep coming. According to Kolb, lefties would be more embraceable if they made more "right-leaning" friends, gave up on the idea of national health care, and began shopping at Wal-Mart and Starbucks. In essence, Democrats would be more attractive if they'd just shut up already and behave more like Republicans. Right Randy?

He closes, still condescending, with a symbolic pat on the back and the kindly thought that the left shouldn't worry, that everything "will be OK." All in the same tone you'd see just after your 3 year old skinned her knee.

I sometimes complain that the *Weekly* isn't funny enough. Last week, though, it was hilarious.

Mike Sheahan
Eugene

A WORTHY CAUSE

I will be visiting India next week to help with relief efforts from the devastating effects of the Asian tsunamis and wanted to bring to attention the incredible efforts of Mata Amritanandamayi, also known as Amma, world renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader who has initiated relief efforts in Southern India, one of the areas dramatically impacted by the recent earthquake and tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia. Her organization is strictly nonprofit and runs on a volunteer basis. I feel this is a good cause to support because the monies donated go directly to the persons being affected. Her own village was affected by the deadly tsunamis in Kollam, India. Amma responded quickly by providing food, shelter and medical care to over 10,000 evacuees from the local area.

Amma also has responded throughout India by providing life saving measures. In the state of Tamil Nadu, its capital Madras (Chennai), Amma's center fed 50,000 refugees who are currently without the basic necessities for survival. She also provided ambulances to help the critically ill, and has responded to several other areas drastically affected. In addition, Amma pledges to help rebuild 2,500 houses in her local area.

Mata Amritananda Mission Trust (Amma's organization) is strictly nonprofit and this letter is not a solicitation for her, but a personal testimony of my belief in her vast humanitarianism. For more information or to contribute to relief efforts, please go to www.amma.org or www.amritapuri.org

Wendy Hunter
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IMPEACH HIM

Now that the Republican Party has moved so far toward the fascist right that it no longer fits into the democracy category, there is only one major party worthy of being allied with (the Democratic Party) and only one minor party that is right on all major issues (the Green Party), so we need to *impeach Bush* as a start toward democracy.

It is not patriotic to support a fascist invasion of Iraq or any other country, nor is it patriotic to support a fascist occupation of any country. It is patriotic in its best sense to oppose the U.S. trend toward fascism, else the U.S. and the rest of the world will relentlessly march toward an environment so deadly and ruthless that human life will be hardly worth living. Fight the propaganda and liberate the biosphere from fascist slavery.

Bob Saxton
Eugene

WOLF LOGIC

According to Michael Skolnick (1/6), we shouldn't welcome the gray wolf back to its historic range in Oregon because their presence would lead to a backlash from ranchers who would make the wolves "victims of hate crimes."

I think Skolnick's the same guy who told civil rights leaders that a bus boycott was a little too radical (might lead to hate crimes). He told suffragists that the right to vote would lead to a backlash against women that would undermine the cause in the long term. And he told the labor movement that a higher, minimum wage would increase the bosses' costs and cause more unemployment.

I hope the wolves don't listen to him either.
James Johnston
Eugene

IT'S OUR MONEY

President George W. Bush and his Republican administration's first response to the massive disaster in the Pacific is the expected tightfisted conservative budgetary reaction to do things on the cheap, whether it be invading another nation, supplying our troops or responding to a massive and tragic act of nature. Protection of bottom line profits is

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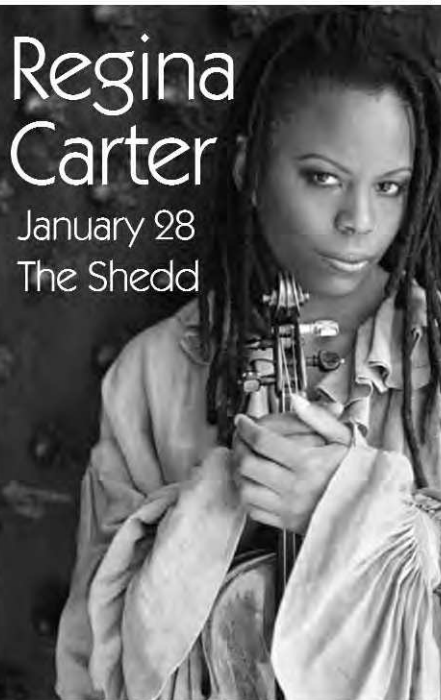


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