

own jury and wanting to assure your success.

When evaluating those to be included in a study, those least likely to experience negative reactions, the youngest and healthiest, would likely be selected. Unfortunately, that does not represent the general public who would normally be taking the drug if approved. It is often the elderly who are less healthy and already on multiple drugs that are more likely to be placed on additional drugs. They are also more prone to experience serious side effects from their medications.

What is the solution? Restructuring the FDA! All studies should be conducted by the FDA, rather than the company seeking approval. The drug companies often hire FDA employees who can be helpful in assuring and expediting the approval of the drugs they submit. There is currently a perfect environment in the FDA for collusion and corruption, and the risk of approving potentially dangerous drugs. A change is necessary in order for the FDA to regain their credibility.

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NOT SO FREE

In response to Patrick Bronson's letter (10/27), you are completely wrong, and I suggest you and everybody else correct yourselves. We do *not* live under a free market, capitalist system. A "free market" is devoid of laws that protect bad business practices, and we have such. A "free market" is devoid of tax laws that allow sweetheart deals between government and business, and we have such. A "free market" does not allow minimum wage laws that penalize small business, and we have such.

A "free market" does not support unions and their parasitism; we support them. Our market system is entirely unnatural and does not allow healthy competition, which is why 90 percent of the wealth is held by 10 percent of the populace (the gap grows daily). We are basically living under corporate feudalism, which uses government laws, coercion, taxation and force to maintain a monopoly on competitive ventures.

A free market has no laws, no taxation, and is entirely natural, being founded on established, worldly laws (namely survival of the fittest). Under a free market, a company must adapt, provide excellent service or product at competitive prices, maintain a respectable face in the eyes of the community, and face challenges to its monopoly every day. There are no laws that state it has a right to be in business; the market is the ultimate judge. Under a free market, small business can thrive because there are no laws for regulation, taxation, registration, handling of food, minimum wage, union compliance and product safety.

It is up to you, the consumer, to make these choices and determine the suitability of

a product. By making that choice you are also determining the survival of the company and its service under the ultimate law of supply and demand.

Justin Bengston
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BUSH AND BEEF

Like millions of other Americans victimized by outrageous home heating costs this winter, I will be lowering my thermostat, covering my windows with plastic sheeting, and using electric space heaters to keep my personal space temperature tolerable.

The fossil fuel crisis is only likely to get worse, as an exploding global demand confronts the reality of a limited supply and the vagaries of Middle East politics. We can blame the Bush administration and the oil companies for the current crisis. But, for the long run, we must reduce drastically fossil fuel consumption in our cars, our homes, and our diets.

Yes, our diets. According to Cornell University Professor David Pimentel, production of meat and dairy products accounts for approximately 15 percent of our national fossil fuel consumption. Most of that goes to manufacture fertilizers, operate farm machinery and run irrigation equipment for growing animal feed. The rest is used to operate factory farms and slaughterhouses and to process, transport, refrigerate and prepare meat and dairy products.

Anyone who cares about the cost of fuel this winter should consider these impacts of meat and dairy production on their next trip to the supermarket.

Elijah Hennison
Eugene

PRESIDENTIAL LIES

The President bald-face lied to us and he should be indicted for it. Here is exactly what he said when he invaded Iraq:

"Earlier today, I ordered America's armed forces to strike military and security targets in Iraq. They are joined by British forces. Their mission is to attack Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs and its military capacity to threaten its neighbors. Their purpose is to protect the national interest of the United States, and indeed the interests of people throughout the Middle East and around the world. Saddam Hussein must not be allowed to threaten his neighbors or the world with nuclear arms, poison gas or biological weapons."

The President who told this lie to the American people was William Jefferson Clinton in a speech that was broadcast to the world on Dec. 16, 1998, a little over one year prior to George W. Bush being sworn in as 43rd President of the U.S.

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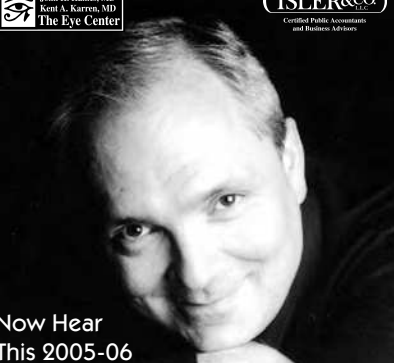
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