

mean I don't consume more than I need to stay alive and care for my loved ones. I choose to ride a bike because I believe that I have an obligation to be part of the solution and I view automobiles as part of the problem.

I will be taking part in this Friday's Critical Mass bike ride (17th and Charnelton at 5:30 pm). I do not intend to break any laws. This is not because I believe that the law is set to protect the best interests of the public. I know that it is not. I am simply a careful person and I don't intend to give the EPD any excuses to violate my right to the road.

I have asked friends to keep a close watch on our local law enforcement and I encourage anyone else who intends to participate or wit-

ness the ride to bring video cameras as well. I hope that they will not need to be used, and if they are, I hope that anyone filming will be respectful of individuals who prefer not to be on tape by filming from behind. Gee, wouldn't it be nice to live in a town where you didn't have to worry about being harassed or killed just for riding a bike?

Robert Forest
Eugene

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Chris Jones
Eugene

NO BOIL FOR OIL

I saw something the other day that really made my blood boil. It was a bumper sticker that read "No Blood for Oil." I've heard the slogan used by peaceniks all over this country who like to blame everything on our president. I figure it's probably pretty familiar to readers of your paper here in Eugene, so I figured this would be the place to address it, if you are willing to allow space for an "alternative" viewpoint.

When are people going to wake up to the fact that George Bush is doing exactly what the American public wants? He is securing the resources that we need to maintain our beloved American lifestyle. If you don't want the war, then you better stop using the oil. There are plenty of red-blooded Americans who would be happy to take your share.

Taylor Pierson
Springfield

SMOKING GUNS

I would like to alert you to the introduction in the House of Representatives of HR635. This resolution would create a select committee to investigate the administration's intent to go to war before congressional authorization, manipulation of pre-war intelligence, encouragement and countenance torture, and retaliation against critics, and to make recommendations regarding grounds for possible impeachment.

Please devote some coverage to this piece of legislation and to the evidence found in the Downing Street documents as well as the more recently revealed White House memo. This memo — reported by British scholar Phillippe Sands in his book *Lawless World* — is a smoking gun exposing pre-war lies. It reveals that President Bush and Prime Minister Blair agreed on war in January 2003 — not March 2003, as they have insisted. It also reveals they knew there was no legitimate case for war, that Bush was hoping to assassinate Saddam Hussein, and that Bush was so desperate to provoke a war that he even proposed painting U.S. planes to look like U.N. planes and flying them low over Iraq in hopes of getting shot at — which he thought would be grounds for war.

I understand that the level of corruption that has become apparent over the last few months leads to what I have heard referred to as "smoking gun fatigue." But you are an integral part of this democracy, and an overabundance of facts should not make them irrelevant. These facts and more, updated daily, can be found at www.afterdowningstreet.org

Don Swenson
Coos Bay

NEIGHBORS UPSET?

Regarding the neighbors protesting the proposal to build a new hospital on the site of River Ridge Golf Course: A little bit of research on the Lane County Elections website reveals that the precincts surrounding the golf course voted 59-41 in favor of Measure 37.

Bummer, dudes. Looks like your karma just ran over your dogma.

Doug Hintz
Eugene

WHO IS NEXT?

The current persecution of those who allegedly vandalized and/or burned down buildings in the name of animal rights or ecological defense is the latest attempt by the neo-fascists to marginalize and demonize a group of ideo-



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