

To be fair, these missing trillions started under the Clinton administration; it is not a partisan political problem. The scandal is merely worse now under Cheney and Bush.

Catherine Austin Fitts, assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development during the first Bush administration, has an excellent website about the missing trillions at www.wheresthemoney.org. Please also visit www.oilempire.us/trillions.html for accurate information on a scandal too big for the media to mention.

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PIRATE BEHAVIOR

The world certainly is different after 9/11, and I am having difficulty with the glorification of pirates when we are supposed to be at war with terrorism. While there doesn't appear to be an agreed upon definition of terrorism either legally (especially internationally), politically, or environmentally, pirate behavior has many more similarities than differences with the descriptions given for contemporary international terrorists. For instance, international terrorists, like the 17th and 18th century pirates, prefer to be based in places that tolerate them.

Sea-going piracy is still active today in places like the coasts of Africa, and there is no reason to believe it will ever be eliminated from occurring anywhere in the world. The same can be said about international terrorism.

I don't believe anyone wants to be a fun cop, but some considered thought about terrorism realities is needed.

Unfortunately, we are not in Disneyland anymore, Toto. So, it's hard for me to get all gushy over pirates when we are now living in a world faced with escalating threats of terrorism.

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DEALING WITH ENEMIES

Tom Hinkle's excellent "enemy" letter (9/7) got me to thinking about the definitions and actions appropriate when we are

thinking about how to deal with enemies.

How do we decide who is a friend, acquaintance or enemy? Friend and acquaintance are pretty easy, but enemy can get very complicated. Do we let ideologues like the Bushies make that decision? Do we let a political party make that decision? Do we let friends make that decision? Do we let the media make that decision? Do we let 9/11 make that decision? Do we let facts or lies or propaganda make that decision?

Should we put enemies in jail or shun them or kill them or fight them? Perhaps if we decide not to have enemies and let government or the U.N. deal with the problem using police, courts, negotiation, etc.? Perhaps closing all U.S. foreign bases and bringing all U.S. troops home will eliminate all major U.S. enemies? Perhaps having global disarmament of weapons of mass destruction? Perhaps ending U.S. policies of financial and military aggression, bombing, killing people all over the world without making sure they are really enemies will work? If we did that perhaps the U.S. would have so many friends that enemies would no longer be a serious problem?

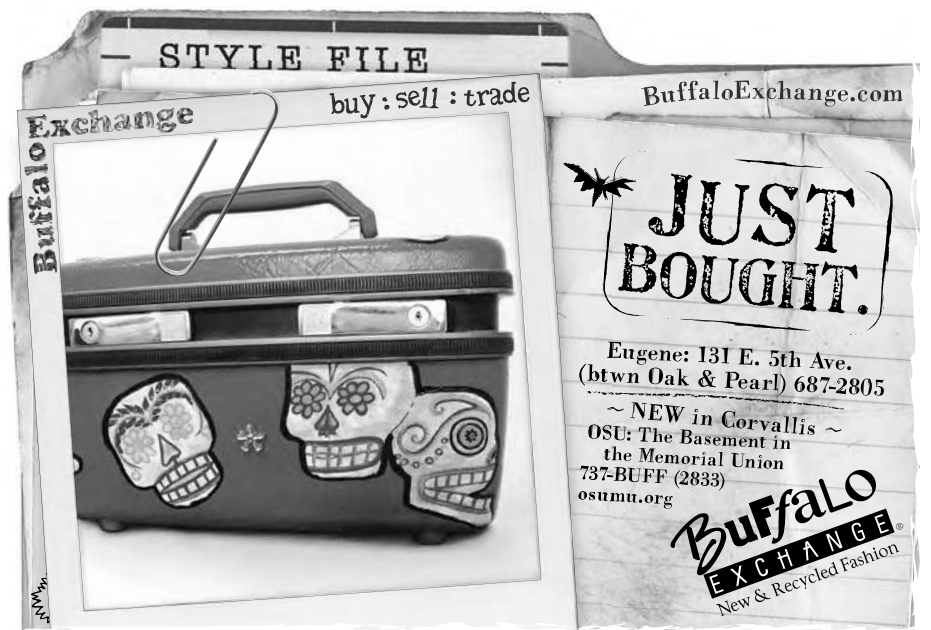
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NORMAL POLICE

I rode in my second Critical Mass the last Friday in August and was pleased that unlike the first I did not experience an intimidating police presence. Maybe the power of the *EW* press convinced the police to moderate their presence.

On this ride the police were where you would normally expect to see them, such as congested accident-prone intersections. At one intersection, one of the riders rode through a red light, impeding traffic with the right of way; he also seemed to be urging the stopped cyclists to follow him. An officer who was watching the intersection ran up, tapped him on the shoulder and appropriately issued a citation in a prompt and courteous fashion.

A little later two other cyclists and I were riding single file in the far right of our



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