

ing materials or acknowledge disastrous effects of logging.

One panelist said, "In an ideal society we'd have enough money to fix global warming." But throwing money at our current predicament won't heal years of planetary neglect. The most obvious solution — consume less — wasn't mentioned by even a single speaker. Instead we were pitched "deliberate forest management" as the only remedy. Changing our lifestyle to consume less isn't a compromise, but a gift that keeps giving.

In the words of Masanobu Fukuoka, "We have come to the point at which there is no other way than to bring about a 'movement' not to bring anything about." In other words, stop the manipulations, and please stop cutting our forests.

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SAVAGE MISOGYNY

Misogyny is a synonym for Dan Savage's column. He tells women (3/15) that they must be "prostitutes" for their husbands in order to keep them. They must give them intercourse, oral sex, all kinds of sex, and pretend that they like it, or their men will stray. Remind you of the 1950s? Either Savage missed the feminist movement of the 1970s, or he's too young to remember it.

"Savage Love" encourages oppression, lying, cheating, using. I know that this is what our government does every day, but is this how we want to treat each other? Good sex is about openness, honesty, imagination, creativity. Add spirituality, and you can shoot to the moon!

How about contracting a real sex therapist who treats people with dignity and respect?! I bet you could even find one here in Eugene! Maybe then we could all learn something and be a little bit closer to the kind of world we long for.

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CONNECT THE DOTS

Four years after the invasion of Iraq, most U.S. citizens now oppose the occupation. However, the violence continues to escalate,

and there is the potential for a much larger regional war. Understanding why the war was triggered and the ultimate goal of the oil empire is important if there is a chance for a cease-fire and shift toward sanity.

Dick Cheney calls the "War on Terror" a war that will not end in our lifetimes because it will take decades to use up the oil in the Middle East. The neo-conservatives call this conflict World War IV — in their view, World War III was the Cold War from 1945 to 2001.

In June 2006, *Armed Forces Journal* published an article by Ralph Peters, a pro-war neo-conservative strategist. Peters drew a map of the Middle East showing a redrawing of the borders of many Middle Eastern countries, especially Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Most of the region's oil would be in a new "Arab Shia State" — since the oil is largely concentrated along the Persian Gulf and the Iraq-Iran border. The Sunni Iraq, Saudi Homeland, Islamic Sacred State (around Mecca and Medina) and the bulk of Iran (which is not Arab) would be left without much oil — which is why Team Bush is exacerbating ethnic and religious tensions throughout the region. A copy of this incriminating map is at www.oilempire.us/new-map.html

If the war on Iraq expands into a war on Iran, the escalation could make the situation far worse. Nearly half of the world's oil supplies float through the narrow Strait of Hormuz, and a U.S. attack on Iran could trigger global economic meltdown as oil shipments are reduced or cut off by naval conflict.

Oil we are saying is give impeachment a chance!

*Mark Robinowitz
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BRING THEM HOME

Rallies to bring the troops home were held all over the nation, including Eugene, on March 17. As usual, the media, the president, and Congress ignored us while America's loved ones are in a death trap in Iraq.

In a few weeks, Congress will vote on an appropriations request from Bush. Calls to my legislators inform me that many are unwilling to vote against the request or set any

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