

marked the 400 years of the colonization of the Southern territories, so the first reaction by the arrogant descendants of those invaders is to once again "celebrate," despite the fact of the legacy of slavery and mass murder that followed. I have decided to celebrate an event that is very humiliating to the Caucasian population.

Sept. 11 will be my holiday, for I have the right to admire "questionable figures and events" as well. Osama bin Laden in reality is a valiant revolutionary who has the courage to stand up to an overwhelmingly violent and ambitious force whose only goal is to seize control of all indigenous resources. Mr. bin Laden is the George Washington, Geronimo and Sitting Bull of the 21st century. He did not start this war; that dubious honor goes to the U.S. This so called terrorist, as he is so commonly referred to by the Western world, has the courage to stand up to this "white entity" with conviction. The 19 brave fighters, like the colonial militia or the many other colorful heroes of Americas past, laid down their lives to strike a punishing blow to the very symbol of American imperialism.

I also must not forget to give a salute to the brave Iraqi resistance who are fighting a life and death struggle against the modern day conquistadors who are trying to plunder their country of its natural resources. All in order to feed the gluttonous appetite of a "mega-consumer society" and force them to assimilate into a foreign system of ideology. Someone who has limited arms and has to resort to using his body as a bomb is a coward to the West, but dropping a bomb from three miles in the sky or firing a cruise missile from a thousand miles out in the ocean is a heroic act. How arrogant this culture is.

Now I'm sure I have infuriated most of the reading audience. Congratulations! You have walked in my shoes.

*Wyona Wolf  
Cottage Grove*

**NEED A NEW JUDGE**

How does federal Judge Ann Aiken explain away a paltry nine year sentence for those found guilty of \$40 million dollars of arson/electrical transmission line damage? This points glaringly to the need for a new

judge, one who can administer sure and swift justice. A life sentence would be too lenient. And what does "eco" have to do with it anyway?

*Joel Douglas  
Bellingham, Wash.*

**EVALUATE GREENHILL**

I am a volunteer dog walker at the Greenhill Humane Society, and I feel very fortunate to work with a group of such dedicated volunteers and staff alike. But I am deeply troubled by a recent spate of euthanasias at this facility. Five dogs that I had spent time with were all euthanized within a period of less than two weeks. And one of these dogs was featured in the May 24 issue of *Eugene Weekly* as Greenhill's Pet of the Week. The dog, "Paws," was described as being cute, well-behaved and well-loved, and the last time I saw this dog he was relaxing in the grass in the arms of a volunteer. Was this a dog that was supposed to have been euthanized? Was he euthanized by mistake? I shudder to think so.

If there is a lack of communication between the people who make these "final" decisions and the Public Relations Department, then this needs to be addressed, and fast. This is a disgrace to the *Eugene Weekly* and to Greenhill. The community needs Greenhill and the animals need Greenhill, but I believe there is a desperate need for a review of the "inner" operations of this facility. Either something is horribly wrong here, or I simply do not understand the concept of a "humane" society. Greenhill has been evaluating dogs for some time now and now I believe it's time for the community to evaluate Greenhill.

*Catherine Mish  
Springfield*

**THE WRONG SIDE**

We in the U.S. make up about 5 percent of the world's people. We few spend more on war, the aftermath of wars and preparing for future wars than the other 95 percent combined, yet we count ourselves among the most insecure. There's gotta be a lesson in there somewhere.

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