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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HUMANITIES 101

Can't we agree that at least a companion solution to the problem of global warming is to stop vitriol emissions because we get hotter when we weep?

Lori Kasprzak
Eugene

RUMORS

Any truth to the rumor that Halliburton's cornered the ski mask market in the Gaza Strip?

Tom Tracey
Eugene

CONSCIENCE FOR COWARDS

First, an admission — United States history was only my minor in college. However, I have been unable to recall one U.S. president who allowed foreign nationals to attack the U.S. land mass without retaliating directly against the government of that foreign nation. Nor can I recall an American administration which sacrificed more of our life, fortune and sacred honor, all for personal enrichment, family vengeance, crony protection and foreign and domestic advancement. Perhaps some UO professor can enlighten me. To the mind of this English major, only Shakespeare's Richard III approximates.

M. Clark Wilde
Blachly

MEETING NOTES

Perhaps your readers would be interested in what the citizens of this area have to say to the various city councils and the county commissioners?

All of the city councils and the county commissioners meetings should be public information. Perhaps the notes of the secretary/recorder could be downloaded to *EW*? And *EW* could summarize the comments.

Even if your presentation was a couple of months late, it still might be interesting. It might even encourage citizens to participate in their government. Your coverage would certainly be a lot more than the citizens are currently receiving from the various local news media.

Frank Skipton
Springfield

RECOVERY POSSIBLE

That a teenager like Kip Kinkel is a victim of mob mentality is understandable. Mob mentality has been with us since humans lived together. So Kip's prison sentence of 120 years for killing his mother, father and two high school students and wounding several others is understandable if psychophrenic personality goes untreated.

Example: When the friend of our son suddenly exhibited periodic bizarre behavior, we and our neighbors informed the teenager's parents, who, like Kinkel's parents, failed to face their son's personality problem.

After a day of surfing with my sons, the teenager heard voices that told him his mother was the epitome of evil and a menace to society. While his parents were watching television, the teen called his mother into the kitchen where he stabbed her; she staggered into the living room and died in her husband's lap.

The teenager, judged insane though he seemed sane to the community, was confined to a state mental hospital for eight years of treatment. Friends and family sup-

ported him, including me, who visited him whenever I returned to southern California.

Today the teenager is a married successful businessman with his kids in college.

Jerry Copeland
Florence

GLOATING OVER DEATH

Front page news says: "Bush wins the battle over timelines." The deadly game leaves Bush gloating while the American people helplessly await a new president.

The commander says August could prove to be a bloody month in Iraq (more names for next Memorial Day). To ward off the death toll, the opportunity for a show-down of congressional power over the president was squandered by the Democratic leadership handing Bush a bill of his liking while he held the troops in a hostage situation. Now it's full speed ahead.

You can put your own meaning on "support the troops," be it "Johnny come marching home" or "Go get 'em, tiger!" But the funding issue is not about the troops; it is about Bush's inner circle's war policy. Sadly, the pro-war crowd and the Republican stronghold are supporting the wasteful death of many good men.

Only peace from withdrawal can relieve the frustration of beating war drums and scrambling for exit strategies at the same time. Saddam might have been a tyrant, but the Iraqis lived in a functioning society, not the mess we handed them.

Floyd Hulegaard
Eugene

INTERNATIONAL EW

I think *EW* did an outstanding job covering the Vice President's trip to Saudi Arabia awhile ago. Who could have possibly imagined that Middle East arms brokering and Lynn Cheney have anything to do with Eugene? The wonders never cease around here!

Thomas R. Estes
Corvallis

REALITY CHECK

Who do these illegal immigrants think they are? Why do they think they should have the right to live and breathe on American soil, as if they were as good as a legal American citizen? Real Americans are born in this country, and if they aren't, they have some fancy paperwork to make up the difference. These illegals might be nice people, hard working, honest, willing to do the work the rest of us are too lazy to do and of some real value to the survival of our economy, but come on, let's face the facts — they don't have the right credentials for us to treat them like real human beings, do they?

Now let's get real. When are we going to stop looking at imaginary boundary lines, bureaucratic nonsense, useless paperwork and our own selfish ignorance as a basis for judging others? It is time to recognize our responsibilities to fellow human beings, if for no other reason than they are fellow human beings.

By the way, if you are worried about people receiving services who don't pay taxes, maybe you should think about the fact that these people probably could have paid taxes if we didn't call them illegals.

Stuart Banister
Eugene

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