

a difference. Unless you believe that politicians, including the president, should be held accountable for their actions.

Unless you believe that neither major political party has upheld its promises or responsibilities to the American public. Unless you believe that ideals can become reality and that fundamental change can be made by people who are willing to work for it.

Unless you believe that those who hold office should be trusted to say what they mean and mean what they say. Unless you believe that the person is more important than the label.

Unless you believe that Oregon and America deserve more than the same tired promises, made to fit the political necessity of the moment, and that these old promises no longer serve our state and nation.

Unless you believe that honest new voices can do more for us than the cynical words of tired party hacks. Unless you look for yourself (ivotejohn.com) and see that John Frohnmayer has stated several good reasons for his candidacy for the Senate.

Unless you believe that the partisanship that has poisoned American political life for too long can be stopped. Unless, that is, you still have hope that what we do as citizens does matter.

If not, Tony Corcoran is right.

Jim McChesney  
Eugene

## LOGGING PARADISE

Camilla Mortensen did a great community service exposing the BLM's proposal for the Wild Rogue. I've had the chance to float this wonder of a river a number of times. This is a place where salmon still jump waterfalls, bald eagles school blue herons and black bears roam the river bankriverbank. It is hard to believe the Bush administration's BLM is hellbent on logging this paradise. What is next? A mining operation in Three Sisters Wilderness?

Kudos to the local environmental heroes and businesses uniting to preserve this slice of heaven forever. I hope the congresscritters wake up and help save one of my favorite places.

Marilyn Morrow  
Creswell

## LAW OF MARS

Just in case we U.S. residents get any ideas in our diverse heads, the Bush administration has recently activated a plan and protocol for the declaration and enforcement of martial law.

Martial law is the law of Mars, the law of war, pre-empting all local and federal laws. Since one person's freedom fighter is another person's terrorist, and since the covert track record of Bush's CIA spying on peace groups and his FBI's "green scare" campaign demonstrates their intent, it's easy to see who would be on which side of the barbed wire.

I say would, not will, because we, the intended victims, can still work to stop this sociopathic gang in charge of the executive branch of the national government. This bunch of shirkers, who among them have not seen one minute of combat, are contemplating starting World War III by bombing Iran just so they can retain their grip on power.

We could unseat them if we had the concerted will to do so. It's easy to fault congressional Democrats for failing to stop the Iraq war, but where is our resolve to stop it, espe-

cially now that it threatens to morph into a much larger conflagration? It's one thing to fail to stop this monstrosity, but shame on us if we fail to even try.

Paul Prensky  
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## TOSS MY COOKIES

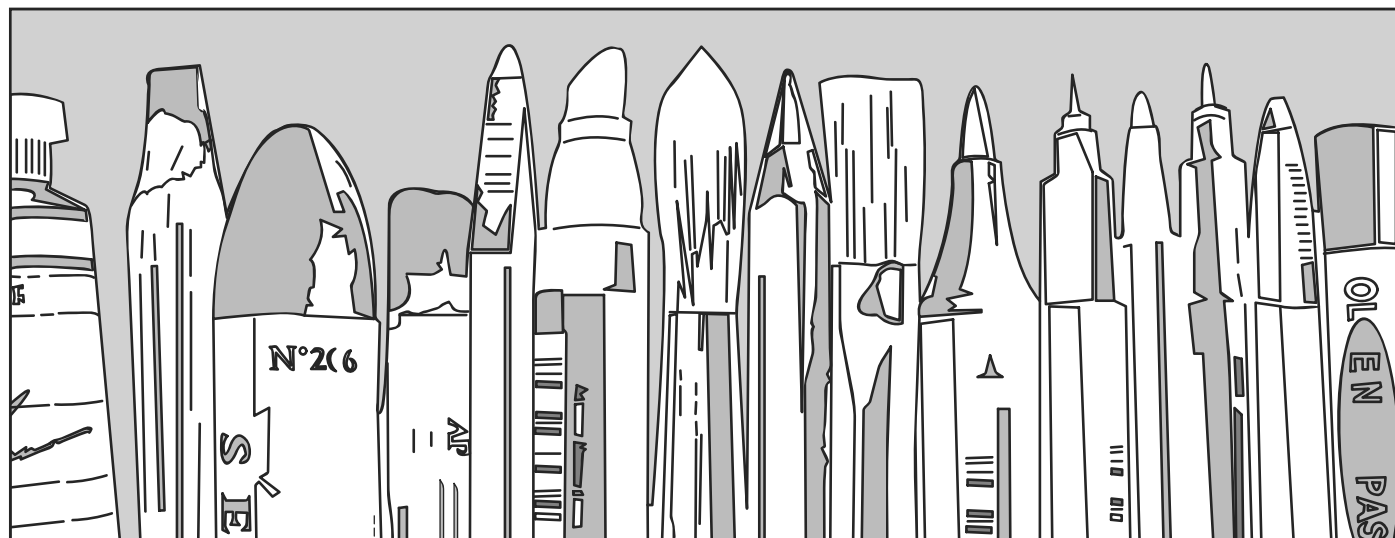
Do you find an image of a decaying, toothless mouth appetizing? How about rash-infested, pockmarked flesh covered in bloody lacerations? Am I the only one who finds the graphic, full-page anti-meth ads running every week in the *EW* disgusting? I'm not really concerned with the fact that the ads are disingenuous and misleading. (It's the

lifestyle fostered by meth-addiction that leads to the poor hygiene and nervous habits that creates those unsightly afflictions commonly associated with "tweakers") What I'm offended by is the fact that 90 percent of the time I'm reading the *EW* is in a local restaurant. Has this happened to you too? You stop in for a quick bite somewhere, grab the *EW* that's conveniently placed near the door of every burrito stand, pizza parlor or burger joint in town and start flipping the pages. Then, just before you're about to enjoy a tasty taco/burger/slice of pie/bowl of noodles or other delicious conveyor of nutrients, you flip a page and see a decrepit semi-corpse woman cowering in a dark corner, carving her skin

with her fingernails. Thanks a lot, drug-prevention groups. I'll sure never try meth now, nor will I be able to finish my lunch. So much for perusing concert lineups and movie times during the noon hour. For shame.

Chris Fanshier  
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