

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

go to John Burroughs Middle School. Before that, every member of my carpool went to Wonderland Avenue, one of the highest ranked public elementary schools in the nation.

And, for Missy's information, my brother briefly attended Cheremoya, where my family was told we weren't welcome there by the playground supervisor. We got no support from the (former) principal, so he now attends Wonderland, too.

Next time, Missy may want to check her facts before making assumptions.

—Ethan Metcalfe

Dear Editor,

The members of my carpool and I were amused by Missy Kelly's "Cheremoya News" item lamenting "parents assembl(ing) their carpools to take their children off to private schools" right next to an underutilized (by the

locals) public school, Cheremoya.

How does Missy know that those kids are all headed to private school? I wear a uniform, I meet my carpool across from Cheremoya, and I go to public school. The reason I don't go to Cheremoya is that I

Dear Mr. O'Donovan,

In response to your article in the Beachwood Voice entitled Is it safe?, you do a fairly good job of repeating the regular Republican talking points. But there are some elements that you conveniently leave out.

The Bushies are laboring very hard to find a way to pin the attacks of September 11 on Clinton. They never mention the fact that outgoing Clinton officials specifically warned the incoming Bush administration that Osama bin Laden, Al Qaida and terrorism in general should probably be their number one national security focus. The incoming administration ignored these timely warnings; they also ignored the warning of a possible attack inside the US by Osama that was in the President's daily briefing. They were more interested in taking out Saddam Hussein in order to promote

the Neo-Con agenda of democratizing the Middle East. How's that one working out so far? It doesn't look like elections equal democracy. Seems more like elections equal theocracy in that part of the world. When Bush attacked Afghanistan, he did have the support of many Governments. However, when you say "The world then turned its attention to Saddam Hussein . . .", maybe what you should have said is "The President then focused his attention back on Saddam Hussein..." because as we now know, the President was going to go to war with Iraq no matter what.

The basic question as to whether we are safer now than we were should be looked at in light of reality instead of blind faith. Since Katrina, we have seen that the Federal Government, in the hands of Bush and his many unqualified cronies, is incapable of responding to

a large scale domestic tragedy. This was recently supported by a bi-partisan government assessment of the response to Katrina. Also, the Bush/Cheney regime has turned world opinion against us, turned Iraq into a breeding ground for more terrorists and made Afghanistan a world class producer of heroin. The number of terrorist incidents is up so much that the Bush administration will no longer allow those reports to be published. I know that Fox News wants all Americans to be afraid of terrorism and to trust the Bushies to save them from it, but I just can't feel good about incompetence and deception masquerading as government policy.

So, is it safe?

No, but as soon as we get some honest adult people back in control, it could be a lot safer.

—TF from
Beachwood Drive

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