

Sloppin' the Hogs

by Alex R. Mayer

Many people already know that I think **George W. Bush** is a radical fascist genocidal maniac. His treachery makes me ashamed to be American – and I'm American to the bone. I love Tabasco™ sauce, Seahawks™ games on TV, *The Simpsons*™ and the First Amendment to the Constitution. Here's another uniquely American concept: I will seriously consider moving to Canada (America, Jr.) if GWB and his devils "win" another sham election come November. I'd really prefer fleeing to the Italian Riviera, but I don't have that kind of money.



“Don't say no bad words cause you ain't no puppet show. Always use good manners when you're eatin' a sloppy joe. Yeah! Go on and on and on and on and on. Peace!”

– **Mr. JiggyFly** of the *Geico* TV Spot



Media monopolies are serving us up some garbage and I lap it up as eagerly as the next jackass. There's no way to avoid catching a few frames of an insulting car commercial while trying to watch *King of the Hill*. No way to avoid seeing generals and presidents spewing obscene untruths in between more plugs for more oil-burning cars. Hummers! Ten miles per gallon highway, zero city!

I'd like to reveal my ongoing investigation of "local" TV station **KCPQ "Q-13" Fox** this month. The Chicago-based Tribune Company (broadcast division) "owns and operates 26 major-market television stations and reaches more than 80 percent of U.S. households," including Q-13, and they air monopolist Rupert Murdoch's right wing programming in between their SUV advertisements.



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For starters, the results of *American Idol* (a Fox show) are given a huge chunk of daily airtime on Q-13, and I mean on their news! In a climate where our high tech troops literally blast away at Iraqis as if it were a video game and people can't seem to see the connection when they squeeze the trigger at the gas pump, do we really need another corny apolitical "reality"



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show clogging our airwaves? The safe, familiar bullshit provided by *Idol* is comforting isn't it? I'll bet the people coming back from Iraq injured or dead aren't comforted at all.



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