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Voice of the People

Unbelievable

North Arlington, N.J.: Now we find that even before he was disseminating lies under the guise of a State of the Union speech, President Bush was leaning on the EPA to sugarcoat the poisons emitted by the collapse of the twin towers. Is there no end to the deceit put forth by his administration?

Bill Catalano

Snow job

Brooklyn: The revelations about the White House's participation in the EPA's lies about the air downtown after 9/11 illustrates two terrible truths: 1) The administration has no regard for long-term consequences; 2) President Bush is concerned above all with image and is willing to sacrifice the lives of others.

Jenna Orkin

Cooties

Raleigh, N.C.: A word for Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears and Madonna: "YUCK."

Kris Christensen

Big turnoff

Brooklyn: About that kiss Christina and Britney shared with Madonna: Fred Durst is the only man I know of who has made two women switch sides. He can't be that bad of a boyfriend, can he?

Bennie Summers

Kudos for columnist

West Chester, Pa.: On behalf of the Philadelphia-area contingent of Amnesty International, I want to commend Karen Hunter for her compassionate and informative Aug. 29 Opinion column about Nigeria's court case involving Anima Lawal. The world needs more journalists like Hunter who have the guts to bypass sensationalism in favor of intelligent, insightful analysis of the darker issues that affect humanity.

Mary T. Shaw

No address, no help

Oceanside, L.I.: On July 31, while I waited to pay a toll at the Throgs Neck Bridge, my vehicle was struck from behind. I would like to thank Sgt. Albano and Officer Lombardi for their assistance. They secured the scene, checked for injuries and supervised the moving of the vehicles. They are professionals and are to be commended. The same cannot be said for 911. After I called the operator and told her three times that I was at the northbound Throgs Neck bridge toll plaza, she kept asking me for an address. I hung up in frustration.

Keith Andoos

Fur = horror

Brooklyn: I am not always a big fan of Mayor Bloomberg. But by buying a fur-free coat for his daughter, he has set a good example for New Yorkers. Animals raised or caught for their fur suffer tremendously from exposure in tiny cages and are killed by horrific means, such as anal electrocution, gas or clubbing.

Nancy Draper

Smooth sailing

Manhattan: Unlike Voicer Dave Pitchon, I was not charged a penny to park in the handicapped lot at the U.S. Open. I was treated with class by the many alert police officers who noticed the handicapped tag and moved cones to allow me into the correct lot. Afterward, a driver of a USTA service vehicle noticed my difficulty walking when the shuttle bus was too full and gave me a ride back to my vehicle. Thanks to these fine people for a great evening, and even more thanks to the Daily News for the contest in which I won the tickets.

Karen Christie

Left vs. right

Manhattan: To Voicer Steve Ramone: I suggest you read Al Franken's new book. He carefully examines Bill O'Reilly's, Ann Coulter's and all the other right-wing blowhards' so-called facts and reveals them for the lies they are. The only whiners are right-wingers who don't know the facts and argue only by repeating lies.

Daniel Rodgers

Deadly announcement

Brooklyn: Your Aug. 29 story on the Port Authority transcripts said "The transcript, released yesterday by the PA, is the first evidence that the agency's workers initially told some of the stranded not to evacuate the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001." Not so. I and thousands of others ignored the public-address announcement and evacuated the building safely, only to lose colleagues who followed the announcement to their demise.

Robert A. Ferryman

Lindenhurst, L.I. On Aug. 28, the transcripts of phone calls made Sept. 11 were released. Your newspaper decided that in addition to printing these transcripts, the public needed to see in graphic detail the planes hitting the towers one more time. Why?

Do you know how many thousands of children who lost a parent on 9/11 were brought back to that moment? Did you think they had forgotten that their families had been shattered?

The First Amendment gives you the right to print these pictures. But your actions have consequences. These kids have been faced with one of the most horrific acts of unspeakable terror one can imagine. And after two years of taking small but steady steps to regain a sense of normalcy, you have seen fit to take away their progress. Have you any idea what it is like to hold a sobbing child in your arms and try to explain why Mom or Dad died that day? For some of us, this is our daily reality, compounded now by your lack of respect for those who died and your complete disregard for those who must carry on.

Charlie Clyne

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