

PROFIT MOTIVE

I find it really messed up how it seems more important to thrust billions of taxpayers dollars to search and destroy our nation's enemies than to thrust those same billions of dollars to search and destroy diseases which take the lives of our loved ones every day.

I watched my wonderful father slowly die from an incurable disease called leukemia at Eugene's very own Sacred Heart Hospital on the night of Dec. 31.

What went through my mind a few days afterward was this: Why are there no cures for diseases and illnesses which have been around for decades? The answer in my minute opinion is that research centers, pharmaceutical companies and insurance companies can do *without* cures! Why? One may ask. There is no profit to be made from remedies or cures. Cures for fatal ailments will never occur until those aforementioned institutions place genuine compassion for human life ahead of corporate greed and astronomical profits.

*Kalin Hlavinka
Junction City*

ANAGRAMIES

In honor of President Bush, I have composed three festive anagrams to be read on Jan. 20 (the letters in the first sentence of each pair can be rearranged to spell the second sentence):

Anagram 1: "Bush wins Ohio to win the presidency" spells out "Who won, idiots? Cheney! Shrub is inept!"

Anagram 2: "Is Karl Rove great? He's worth two men: George W. Bush and Dick Cheney" spells out "Rich, clever honkeys who threw a war to get bucks: greed in God's name."

And, last but by no means, least, Anagram #3: "The fiend Bush is president" spells out "But friends, he's in deep shit!"

Please join me in a moment of silence as this great country passes away.

*John Tietjen
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