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has contributed to the war is almost \$3 billion. That huge amount, wasted on killing and consumed by corrupt contractors, could have built 1,008 units of public housing, AND hired 1,528 public school teachers, AND provided health insurance for 29,081 children, AND awarded 45,631 college scholarships, AND hired 3,434 public safety officers, AND fitted 249,100 homes with renewable electricity.

The horrendous cost of the lives of almost 3,000 young Americans and tens of thousands of resistance fighters and innocent uninvolved citizens is tragic and devastating. But American elderly, the working poor, mothers and children, schools, medical care as well as promised benefits for veterans and their families have been reduced by government funds diverted to the war.

It is a cruel truth that the cost of this mindless, unnecessary war is shockingly high not only in lives but in the everyday health and well-being of us and our neighbors. Clamoring public resistance to the Vietnam War eventually led us to withdraw from that futile conflict. What has to arouse Americans to bring an end to this scandalous mistake?

Edgar Peara
Eugene

LEFTIE BUFFOONS

The fatal shooting involving a Springfield police officer recently indeed was a sad and tragic event. The officer involved however is very fortunate that he is a Springfield police officer, and the incident occurred in Springfield.

Had the incident occurred in Eugene, it would not have mattered if the victim had possessed an AK-47 and was about to spray

bullets in all directions, the leftist buffoonery of Eugene would have pulled out all the stops to blame the incident entirely on the officer.

Dan Owen
Springfield

FAERIE DANGEROUS

We went to the Faerieworlds Festival on Saturday about 1:15 pm. I wanted to let you know the road conditions are *extremely dangerous*. The small one lane road to enter parking at the Secret House Vineyards meant that cars were lined up on the west-bound side of Highway 126 and backed up for a quarter of a mile and more on the edge of a high-speed highway. People were getting out of their cars and walking around and getting things out of their trunks within inches of cars that roared past at 55 to 65 mph. For 20 minutes or more we crept along waiting our turn to enter the entrance road.

People were making dangerous moves to cross highway traffic from the east-bound lanes in order to try to enter the slowly creeping line of cars heading into park.

It took over 45 minutes for us to park from the time we entered the long line on the highway.

I emailed the owner of Secret House Vineyards last year and she said Lane County refused to allow them to widen the road onto their property.

Sadly, I am afraid it will take one or more people dying before anything is done to avert this extreme danger.

Right now Secret House Vineyard could speed up parking by widening the entrance to their parking area, allowing cars to enter two at a time to speed the flow of cars into parking, and using two sets of parking attendants.

Once inside, we really enjoyed the festival again this year. Good music for the most part, nice booths and an explosion of creative dress and costumes.

Tim Lowenstein
Drain

PERSONAL BETRAYAL

There is a government in the Middle East that has engaged in the continuous oppression and terrorism of ethnic minorities. Recently, it has escalated its actions, and is

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