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memory hole to expose a 50-year pattern of government deception and media spin that has dragged the United States into one war after another from Vietnam to Iraq," according to promotional materials. The movie presents a montage of footage from the Vietnam era with footage from the Iraq War. President George Bush's arguments that leaving Iraq would destabilize the Middle East are juxtaposed with former President Richard Nixon's similar "domino theory" argument about leaving Vietnam. "It would not bring peace, it would bring more war," Nixon argued.

The documentary, narrated by Sean Penn, includes footage of Eugene's U.S. Senator Wayne Morse, one of the earliest opponents to the Vietnam War. "I'm pleading that the American people be given the facts," Morse said.

SLIME TIME ONCE AGAIN

Hot August nights are approaching, and one of them will bring a unique Eugene tradition that the straight-laced among us would just as soon see fade into history. Yep, it's the 25th annual coronation of Eugene's new S.L.U.G. Queen, an event viewed by many as one of the most outrageous and unpredictable happenings in town. S.L.U.G. is an acronym for Society for the Legitimization of the Ubiquitous Gastropod.

The new queen will reign (unofficially) over the Eugene Celebration the second weekend in September. The queen-crowning "talent" contest is free and starts at 6 pm Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Broadway Plaza downtown. Dancing music following the coronation will be provided by JC Rico and

Zulu Dragon.

It's not too late for aspiring queens to join the competition. Entry forms can be found at Saturday Market's information booth. And as Queen Irsipira suggests to applicants, "bribe early and bribe often." Donations are also being sought to help cover the costs of the event, says Old Queen Scarlett Slimera.

EW WINS AWARDS

Eugene Weekly won three journalism awards from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association at its July convention. The awards, based on 2006 editorial and design content, fol-

lowed 18 earlier regional awards and one national award from other professional journalism contests.

EW won third place awards from ONPA for writing, design and target audience in the ONPA's 2007 associate member contest.

"Oh, wow. The piece on the police department's hiring practices was great. Very nice work," a judge commented about Alan Pittman's story concerning the EPD officer sex abuse scandals. Judges also praised *EW*'s graphic artist Todd Cooper for "strong" cover design, and said the paper does an "excellent" job of serving its target audience and "delivers on its goals and promises in each edition."

WAR DEAD

Since the U.S. invasion began on March 20, 2003 (last week's numbers in parentheses):

- 3,633 U.S. troops killed* (3,618)
- 26,558 U.S. troops injured* (26,558)
- 292 Coalition troops killed* (287)
- 414 contractors killed** (411)
- 74,336 Iraqi civilians killed*** (73,611)
- \$445.7 billion cost of war (\$444 billion)

* through July 23, 2007; source: icasualties.org

** estimate; source: icasualties.org

*** highest estimate; source: iraqbodycount.org

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